

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)

MEETING MINUTES

02/06/2023

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KAYDEE TUFF, CHAIRMAN

WILLIE BRICE III, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

ERNIE BRETZMANN, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

CECILIA ZENTI, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

LIZZETTE HOMAR-RAMOS, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

AARON HOPKINS, REGIONAL MANAGER – PARKS & RECREATION

RAY CORIANO, GGCC SUPERVISOR – PARKS & RECREATION

MARIAH BOSETTI, TRANSCRIPTIONIST – PARKS & RECREATION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Roll Call was taken, all members were present, a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, Ms. Zenti approved, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Homar-Ramos. All members that were present were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2022

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the Meeting minutes from December 5, 2022, Ms. Zenti approved with corrections, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. The motion was carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Coriano just wanted to bring up that Mr. Willie Brice was reselected by the Board of County Commissioners to serve for another term on the Advisory Board. No additional comments. There were no members of the Public present.

VI. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Coriano said that for the month of January we had a total revenue of \$28,644.19. He is still trying to find out if Larry Carr from the carnival had actually made his payment from the carnival that was held in December. He hadn't seen the payment entered into our Budget yet, nor had he received notice that it had been paid.

Mr. Coriano pointed out line # 646315, ATHLETIC COURTS was for \$13,000. That was amended into the Budget because the floor needs to be stripped and re-waxed. He was in touch with some companies in Miami to get some quotes.

Mr. Brice asked if the same companies that do the high school gym floors could be used.

Mr. Hopkins said that their floors are wood, and typically the companies that service those, don't service our type (rubber) of floor.

Ms. Tuff asked if the floor was so unusual, why do we have it?

Mr. Hopkins said that it was: (1) a multi-purpose floor, (2) less up-keep than a wood floor, (3) it's not just used for basketball. It's used for Futsal (that doesn't use wood floors), as well as Summer Camp, etc.

Ms. Tuff asked how often that has to be done.

Mr. Coriano said it is supposed to be done once a year, but it hadn't been done in about three years.

Mr. Coriano also wanted to point out line # 646319, TREE TRIMMING. We are in the process of mulching and trimming the trees on the backside of the parking lot, by Wheels. Those trees are getting overgrown to the point where lighting and the view from one of our main cameras is obstructed.

Mr. Coriano lastly wanted to point out was CAPITAL OUTLAY, which is to be used for tables, chairs, big equipment. He just opened a Purchase Order for paint for our interior rooms.

Ms. Tuff asked what line # 311200 DEL AD VALOREM was for.

Mr. Coriano said he didn't know, and that he would check on it for the next meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. WINTER CARNIVAL (DEC 2ND – DEC 4TH, 2022)

Mr. Coriano said that everything went well with the carnival. The only thing left with it is he still hadn't received notification of payment from the carnival.

Ms. Tuff asked if they anticipated the amount to be more or less than last year.

Mr. Coriano said they think it will be a little bit less, but we still did better than the other parks. He said that there wouldn't be another carnival until next Christmas time.

b. SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES & REQUEST PROCESS – DAYNE ATKINSON, SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER

Mr. Coriano said that Mr. Atkinson had been at the last meeting, and he explained the process. He said that he and Mr. Hopkins were meeting again with him on Thursday, February 9th to talk about the whole grounds.

Mr. Hopkins said that Mr. Hopkins is having all the parks make a "wish list". He asked the Board is there was anything specific that they wanted to see to let them know. He said that once they compile that report, they will make sure that the Board gets a copy of it. They can prioritize the list, then they can get it back to Mr. Atkinson to set up a budget plan for the spending for the next 5 years.

We are going to be starting the Budget process at the end of this month, going into March, for FY24. Just as promised, the Board will be involved in that process.

c. AD VALOREM INQUIRIES – JEFF NEWMANN, FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT MANAGER

Mr. Coriano said that the question that was put to Jeff at the last meeting was: "How is the money spent?" He was able to explain how the Ad Valorem plays a role with our Budget. Jeff explained that the money that we get from the Ad Valorem is placed with the money that comes in from the County into our Budget. He wanted the Board to understand that the County understands where the Ad Valorem money is coming from and where it's going, because no one else has/gets that.

Mr. Coriano said that the air conditioning at Wheels had been out since October. They had to replace the whole unit. That was a large amount that they couldn't pull directly out of any line numbers, so they would have to look at the overall Budget. Golden Gate has a certain amount of "ghost" money, for emergency situations.

Now, we have an air conditioning unit out in the VPK room. The unit is out, and it needs to be replaced. They have to get the right size unit, because it has to go up in the mezzanine and install it in parts. That's another one of those emergency situations.

Ms. Tuff asked if we were still doing VPK classes.

Mr. Coriano said that we were. Fortunately, the weather has been cooperative.

Ms. Tuff asked when they will be done.

Mr. Coriano said that the unit was supposed to be sometime this week.

Mr. Brice said that we should take a look at the things that we need, and if we have the money, fix certain things, and not just wait on them to break.

Mr. Hopkins said that they are always allowed; if the Board wants something done, let us know.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **SPRING FLING CELEBRATION EVENT, APRIL 1ST, 2023, 11AM – 1PM**

Mr. Coriano said our Spring Fling is set for Saturday, April 1st from 11am – 1pm. We are going to have an Easter egg hunt, like we did last year. We did have to set up a barricade to corral the crazy parents, but it worked out well, the girls did a great job. This year, to give the kids more of a chance at the egg hunt, they are doing two runs per age group during the two hours. We have community vendors and food trucks coming out as well. Mr. Hopkins said that for the March meeting we will have the Spring Celebrations that will be happening at the other Golden Gate parks. There will likely be something over at the pool again, and AIRS with their own Easter egg hunt, etc.

SHIRO, our Parks & Recreation mascot will probably be there. He said it was part of their marketing plan this year to have SHIRO at all the special events. We'll have a bunny and a gator there. *(There was an informational flyer provided to the Board members.)*

b. **SENIOR EXPO, FEBRUARY 15, 2023, 10AM – 12:30PM @ NCRP**

Mr. Coriano said that the Senior Expo used to be run out of the Golden Gate Community Center, it was moved over to North Collier. Just wanted to get the Board the information on that. *(There was an informational flyer provided to the Board members.)*

c. **SUMMER CAMP PREPARATIONS**

Mr. Coriano said that his biggest concern is hiring. This year we are losing a Key Staffer to a full-time job. We gained another Key Staffer; they are working over at Wheels right now. Another Key Staffer is graduating this year and is leaving for Georgetown this summer. He will normally ask Mr. Hopkins for 6 or 7 counselors. He still wants to run 5 Elementary and 1 Middle School groups. He would like to run another group, but again there is the problem of counselors/hiring. He wants to get 7 counselors maybe 8.

Mr. Hopkins said that Summer Camp will start June 5th and run until August 4th, with kids going back to school Thursday, August 10th. There is 9 weeks of camp, with Before and After Care. The price has not changed for anything, so it's the same as last year. We are developing the theme for the Summer; we should have that for next meeting. We are prepping for hiring as well as crafts, sports, games to go with the theme.

Our Junior Leader Program will have TWO separate programs. One of them will be the Junior Leader Training that will take place on April 29th, May 6th, May 13th, May 20th at North Collier from 9am-11:30am. The other, the Junior Leader Internship will be for the volunteers for the 9 weeks. We will be going on field trips again: the Zoo, Sun'N'Fun, the movies, and bowling. We will also offer the specialty camps, the Skateboarding and BMX Camps. We just wanted to get that information to the Board in case you knew someone that wants to be a counselor. Please have them apply.

Ms. Zenti asked how the Junior Leader Program was publicized. Mr. Hopkins said it will be publicized on the website, put on Facebook and other social media outlets, we have flyers and brochures that we're creating, and we can talk to High School Guidance Counselors (because it is a Leadership Program). For the Counselor's position it will be posted on Collier County jobs website, social media outlets, etc. The first date is April 29th, so we have a bit of time to put our marketing plan together.

We could maybe even do a recruitment night for the positions.

d. **GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Mr. Coriano said that just before the holidays he wasn't happy with how the garden looked. Back in November he got an email from the Florida Extension, the one that deals with the farming. It said that starting in 2023 they were going to be pulling out of the program. This all started with the Blue Zone. Blue Zone did their thing, then they passed it over to the Extension, and then the Extension found this lady. Basically, the support for the Garden is no longer going to be there. The only way the Extension might be able to help, is if we create a program for the little kids (VPK or After School). If we were interested, we would have to create and start the program, and then we could ask for support via a grant.

There were a couple of beds being used by people from the community, but interest just kind of petered out. We had been concerned about it, even before the hurricane, and we had talked about flattening it before. He spoke to Yvette Crawford (the lady that had been maintaining the garden), and she got very apprehensive about. She had a bunch of excuses: we had storm, we had a freeze, do you know how many people I feed in the community, etc. She said that she knew a lot of higher ups. He said that was fine. She could talk to them, and he said he would talk to his boss and his Advisory Board and show them pictures.

The thing right now, that's big in a lot of the parks is creating a butterfly gardens. It just happens to be, that there is an organization that provides the community hours in order to maintain these.

Ms. Tuff said that sometimes there are good intentions, and sometimes you just have to cut ties. If you feel that's merited and there are other alternatives. She said she liked the idea of the butterfly garden.

Mr. Hopkins said that there is a butterfly garden at Sugden and at North Collier. The Botanical Gardens has been really big with providing stuff. They actually tend to and pay attention to it. This would be a great addition here.

Ms. Tuff said that it would be a nice addition to the events we have. She asked if they needed a vote from the Board, or just direction.

Mr. Coriano said he wasn't sure what Ms. Yvette wanted to do, he just wanted to give the Board an update on that.

Mr. Bretzmann said that the record can reflect that we discussed the topic, and all Board members were in favor of a butterfly garden.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Homar-Ramos said that she just wanted to mention that we can reach out to CCPS, they have new members now and they do want to work with the community.

Mr. Coriano said that if she had any of their contact information they could reach out. The girls have a contact over at the Golden Gate Middle School, the principal. Rodrigo is our volunteer helper for the high school for the last few events.

Ms. Zenti said that she would find out who the principal at St John Newmann is so that she can pass that information along unless they wanted her to call.

Mr. Hopkins said that she could call if she wanted and tell them to call Ray.

Mr. Bretzmann said he would pass.

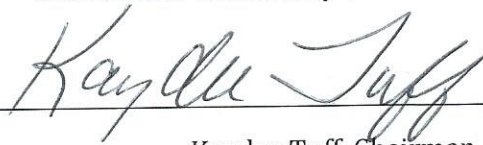
Mr. Brice said that he would pass.

Ms. Tuff said that the last meeting was a bad one for her to miss. It seemed like we discussed everything that she had questions about. One thing that she noticed from the previous meeting's minutes was that Jeff said he was trying to find the original MSTU Agreement. She said that she doesn't think people know what the agreement was, what it is. Ms. Tuff also pointed out from the previous minutes that it was said that it was cheaper to do the painting through a third-party company, than through Facilities. We had paid \$40,000 to be first in line to get the paint job done by Facilities before. When we do get the building repainted. We have to make sure that whatever paint that they use, that it's not going to be peeling in just a couple of months like we are seeing throughout the facility.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff entered a motion to adjourn the Meeting, Ms. Zenti approved, Mr. Brice seconded the motion, and all agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on 3/6/2023 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, March 6, 2023, at 6:00PM

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