

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
03/07/2022**

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. KAYDEE TUFF, CHAIRMAN

MR. ERNIE BRETZMANN, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

MR. WILLIE BRICE III, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

MS. CECELIA ZENTI, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

MS. LIZZETTE HOMAR-RAMOS, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. RAY CORIANO, CENTER SUPERVISOR, PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

MS. LARINA THORNTON, TRANSCRIPTIONIST

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Roll call was taken, all members present, with a quorum established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Ms. Zenti approved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzman. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 6, 2022

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Mr. Bretzman approved, and Ms. Zenti seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments at this time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **GGCC Carnival - (Feb 17-20, 2022):** The carnival went well, we had a good attendance for the weekend even if the numbers were not as big as the snow fest. The turnout was better than the Snowfest, in regard to the toddlers and the smaller children. Having access to a variety of rides, and availability to meet the needs of the younger crowd. Set up went smoother with the fact of our previous event just closing down. We did not have any issues with crowd control, and they were able to really maximize the area of use. The only problems that occurred during the event was in reference to the Ferris wheel. The Ferris wheel did not pass inspection during the days of operation except for Saturday. The only day that the Ferris wheel was open, was Saturday. This left a problem with transmission fluid spilling and a diesel spill. Pollution control was called out and the areas are still barricaded on the West side until further notice. There is a company scheduled to come and clean again and check the lawn to be sure there's no future damages in the soil. They also had to leave behind two trailers which had broken down when they were closing down and leaving site.

Ms. Tuff had asked if we had problems like this before and who pays for these issues with this carnival company? Are we allowed to choose our own company, and also if we were able to pick our own times during the year to use for events?

Mr. Coriano had replied with the fact that the carnival is in charge of paying for the damages and committed to the county as a contract serving all of the county of Collier events. We also have not had any previous problems like this from them in the past, however, we will have an operation's meeting very soon and this will allow for

discussions to take place. All would need to agree to change companies in the future of events to take place.

- b. **State BMX Race (Dec. 10-12, 2021):** About 800 riders showed up for the race of the weekend. Wheels will be having a lot of changes in the near future in regards of their . Parents showed up with their support as well and that turned out spectacular. It appears there's a better understanding and support going forward and beginning in January they will have all new board members for the year at Wheels. The main difference with this race was the fact that Naples BMX did not get reimbursed by the county.

Ms. Homar-Ramos asked if any complaints came in about the parking area of the event? Mr. Coriano advised that there were no big complaints for this year's event. Then normal small talk takes place about the parking, but all visitors are informed where they need to park and they will be given a ticket citation for parking in the wrong areas.

- c. **New Programs Update:** The center has no new programs to offer the children, but we are looking for something to stimulate the elementary crowd. The number of participants continue to increase in our programs, such as Flag Football and Jr. Soccer. We have a waiting list for our volleyball program as well. There is a garden that our VPK and afterschool harvest two (2) beds throughout the year. They take their harvest to needy families in the area. It is open to the public for around \$50.00/yr. with some rules and regulations. The garden has about two (2) beds currently available. Currently the University of Florida Extension is using around nine (9) beds and another four (4) beds are utilized by other members of our community.

VII. New Business

- a. **CCSO OUTREACH PROGRAM:** The Collier County Sheriff's Office decided to have a more comfortable place to meet with children who have already been incarcerated. On February 2, 2022 the CCSO had a soft opening with these children and their families here at the center. There was quite a bit of media and organizations that showed up to support this event. We now have a partnership with the CCSO, that is the first and only one known of at this time.
- b. **Wheels Skate Park Renovations:** Wheels skate park was funded \$242,000.00 for renovations. Renovations are scheduled to begin April 1, 2022 and we'll have a full remodel renovation of the park including lights and fencing. This fencing will not be climbable considering we have the most number of calls of the kids jumping the fence using the facility when we are closed.

- c. **Facility Renovations (RM B & Auditorium closet):** It appears contractors will start renovations for Room B and Auditorium Closet very soon. Notifications were made by facility maintenance in order to get the job accomplished. Bathrooms draining pipes are being filled with cleansing detergents to alleviate/eliminate the smells in the closet rooms.

- d. **Spring Fling Celebration:** Our Easter celebration with an egg hunt will be March 26th. We will charge \$5.00/ kid with adults free. There are games and the DJ with vendors scheduled to show from 10:00 a.m. till noon. We are looking for some food trucks to bring in and entertainment for the parents. The games are longer this year with arts and crafts area as well.

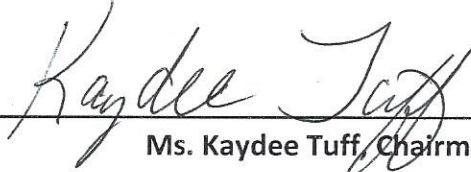
VIII. Member Comments

- Mr. Brice inquired of any upgrades to the basketball court involving the pavilion?
- Ms. Zenti has made concerns of cleaning up the front of the center in the past. Ms. Zenti had the opportunity to speak with Krystal Kinzel from the county, who also shares her same concerns.
- Ms. Tuff mentioned the fact of touch ups in the rooms go a long way. Looking forward for Room C to be touched up.
- Ms. Homar-Ramos was also interested in seeing the pavilion come together as well.
- Mr. Bretzmann would like to acknowledge the Center has been in good hands and likes the fact that Mr. Coriano is always on top of things. Mr. Coriano mentioned a new maintenance staff started recently and is doing a great job. Mr. Coriano also explained, they will be having a new fiscal year budget meeting soon and this will allow him a chance to speak of more of needed renovations to the Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion, Ms. Zenti motioned to end the meeting, Ms. Tuff approved, Mr. Brice second the motion, and All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 4/4/2022 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, April 4, 2022 at 6:00PM
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL.

