

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
04/04/2022**

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

MR. AARON HOPKINS, REGIONAL MANAGER, - PARKS AND RECREATION
DIVISION

MS. LARINA THORNTON, TRANSCRIPTIONIST

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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. Brice. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 7th, 2022**

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Mr. Bretzmann approved, with modifications of minutes and Ms. Zenti seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried forward and the following changes were noted.

- a. In VI -Old Business on minutes the second sentence is missing the last word of Renovation. It should read as follows:

Wheels will be having a lot of changes in the near future in regards of their renovations scheduled.

- b. Grammar in VII New Business-Wheels Skate Park Renovations should be past tense.

- c. New Program updates - The center is targeting middle school age groups and operating all current programs at capacity for other age groups***

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **CCSO Outreach Program:** Everything is still operating well and on track, just one exception with the program meeting rooms, the center will not have rooms available for meetings once summer camp begins. Ms. Tuff suggested using the library giving availability to stay in the area with the ease to

transition back into the rooms after summer camp. These are small groups usually around three people, Ray is currently looking into other options for meeting areas in East Naples.

- b. **Wheels Skate Park Renovations:** Renovations are still moving forward as mentioned in prior meetings, however, the start date will now be the third week of April due to some contract changes. The original start date was April 1st, 2022.
- c. **Facility Renovations:** Facility renovations is now completed in room B of the center, as well as the auditorium closet. The roof and sprinkler system are also included in this update, with inspection completed.
- d. **Spring Fling Celebration:** Very nice turn out with approximately 112 paying customers, this only included children being charged for entry. We did anticipate a larger number and we were prepared and ready, however it looks like about 200 people showed up. Several organizations came out to support the community and offer their services.

Some of these organizations included:

- Golden Gate fire department with their fire trucks and giveaways.
- The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County provided information on their group.
- Seagate Baptist church provided waters and games for any participant.
- Curious Babies came out and set up an obstacle course for the infants/toddlers.
- Corona ice and the Golden Gate Public library also provided giveaways and information.
- Face painting and popcorn was provided by Show Peques.

Kiwanis Club provided approximately 10 volunteers for the event which was greatly appreciated. The egg hunt was well ran and the parents were well behaved in the participation this year. With everything going smoothly our only dilemma to investigate next year will be to schedule closer to Easter. We had a survey running for the attendees which included two volunteers going around with an iPad getting the input of opinions. Ms. Tuff asked if we could see this information, and yes, we can gather that info and provide in our future meetings. Mr. Bretzmann had asked; how we advertise? - We use all the marketing resources provided by parks and recs including Facebook, social media, online and relaying to public schools.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Park and Recreation Administration Position Changes:** As previously mentioned, numerous changes are taking place within Parks and Recreation administration team. Several positions are being taken over due to retirement of our current members. Most of these positions are filled from internal applicants. There are positions still open and candidates are being considered both internal and external. Some of those positions filled are as follows:

- Dan Rodriguez - Deputy County Manager
- Tanya Williams - Department Head for Public Services
- Olema Edwards - Director (Interim to Barry Williams, until May 2nd, 2022)
- James Hanrahan - Manager for Region 4
- Randy Hopkins - Manager to Region 3
- Aaron Hopkins - Manager to Region 2
- Annie Alvarez - Operations Analysts
- Mark Isackson - County Manager, will be retiring July 1st, 2022
- Kim Grant - Director Of OVS, Budget and Finance Dept., will be retiring in July 1st, 2022)

Giving all the changes within the administration processing anything moving forward will tend to be a little bit slower than normal. We will need to train and develop new associates in their positions, and work with them as they learn what's new and how the process works. Our region is still on track of moving forward with all of our current plans.

b. **Facility Maintenance Update:** Budget has been approved on the playground for Rita Eaton Neighborhood Park. The Park is being continuously used by different patrons and the use it's very visible on the field. The sod has been redone from the previous football use from the Titans Youth Group, who is currently using Paradise Coast Park. The Titan cheerleading will continue use the open field at the Community Center. External painting will be in the plans at the Community Center. The Advisory Board will be part the color selection input. Generally, the external color of parks remains the same standard across the board. The pavilions will be cleaned up starting with pressure washing that is scheduled this week. New picnic tables will be ordered to replace the existing tables, that are old and ran down. Looking at a 10 year- all weather replacement table, the possibly bolt down and leave in a permanent place. Mr. Coriano is in the process of purchasing new tables and chairs for Room C and Auditorium. We will keep the black tables and chairs look for both rooms. The new FY2023 renovations will consist of the larger

projects such as new flooring and lighting for Auditorium and Gymnasium stage.

- c. **Summer Camp Preparations:** Registration is moving forward. Our numbers are increasing, and we are at a 60% capacity as of beginning of April. Last minute registration is usually a problem and is expected for this year as well. We will be running our basic elementary and middle school summer camps. We are planning to incorporate an acting & director class for our older camper which will be conducted by The Studio Players. We are accepting hires for counselors. Applications are being accepted online at our website. Our rate of pay was increased for this year, and we have received applications for counselors that are interested in this year camp. As we grow, we will need to keep in mind the ratio of kids vs. counselor.


VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Ms. Homar-Ramos asked if we suggest using the auditorium for rentals to the public? Mr. Coriano responded the Center does provide the opportunity for the public to rent the Auditorium as long the amount of people is based on the capacity of people in attendance to avoid any potential insurance issues.
- b. Ms. Zenti completed and provided a wish list for outside repairs to the Community Center to Commissioner Saunders to provide support into getting this center looking good again. She also stated the First Tee (THE JACK NICKLAUS) Program will be coming to the golf course and will like that program to be intertwined with the Community Center. Mr. Coriano stated he would like to support the program and will be available to the folks running the program.
- c. Ms. Tuff is asking to pay attention to the paint used at the Center that gets used in the renovations so we can avoid the type that can peel and wear off easily.
- d. Mr. Brice stated he would like to see a follow-up on the possibilities of building an Airnasium on the open field to alleviate the use of the gym during the summertime. Mr. Hopkins explained he will bring the issue to Mr. Jeff Newman, OVS Director, and research the possibilities to include this request for the upcoming FY major projects.

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 7:21pm.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 5/2/22
as presented, or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, May 2nd, at 6:00p.m.
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL 34116