**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**11/07/2022**

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

KAYDEE TUFF, CHAIRMAN

CECILIA ZENTI, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

LIZZETTE HOMAR-RAMOS, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

WILLIE BRICE III, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:**

ERNIE BRETZMANN, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

OLEMA EDWARDS, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

AARON HOPKINS, REGIONAL MANAGER – PARKS & RECREATION

RAY CORIANO, GGCC SUPERVISOR – PARKS & RECREATION

MARIAH BOSETTI, TRANSCRIPTIONIST – PARKS & RECREATION

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

1. **ATTENDANCE/ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Roll Call was taken, Mr. Bretzmann was not present, a quorum was established.

1. **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.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 14, 2022**

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the Meeting minutes from September 14, 2022, Ms. Homar-Ramos approved, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Zenti.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time. There were no members of the Public present.

Mr. Coriano introduced Ms. Olema Edwards, Interim-Director of Parks & Recreation to the Board. He said that Ms. Edwards would address the Board when they got to the close out of OLD BUSINESS Item regarding Parks & Recreation re-organization.

1. **MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Coriano said that per the Board’s requests, he added the Agenda point to have the Budget report be part of the monthly Meeting Agenda.

What he provided for the Board was the Community Center’s starting budget for Fiscal Year 2023. This is the first month of the Fiscal Year. A couple of the things he wanted to mention was that was an increase in the budget for this year versus last year. Last year the budget was at $414,100 and this year we started with $465,000. So that is almost a $50,000 increase in our budget for this year.

They also decided to increase our revenues for this year. We went from $717,000 last year; this year we are looking at $752,000. We started well in the Fiscal Year, and this is a goal that we, obviously, want to meet.

The Ad Valorem also increased this year. We went from $507,100 last year to $595,100 this year, which is more than an $85,000 increase.

We are looking at an operating expense of $560,000 for this year, and at $576,000 from last year. Operating expenses went a bit lower this year, but we’ll see how we work it out this year.

Mr. Hopkins said that the Monthly Budget Report is something for the Board members to review so that the Board can review. It was added to the Agenda so that the Board could have the opportunity to come back and answer questions or get clarifications on anything that you guys may present to us month to month.

This year we ended up getting $12,000 for Capital Projects. This will likely go towards the tables and chairs that we had been looking at, and also possibly getting the building painted.

Ms. Tuff said that she may even want to see the MSTU Budget as a separate Budget report so that the Board could see that breakdown.

Mr. Hopkins said that that would be something that they could do for the next time.

Ms. Tuff said that it would also be nice to see the year-to-date comparison on spending.

Mr. Hopkins said that they will see that eventually. Ray will be able to get that from SAP, the system we use for Budget tracking. SAP is 14 to 21 days behind. But they will be able to see the comparison month to month.

Ms. Zenti said that she spoke with Jeff from Economic Development. He said that Economic Development can pay for the replacement sign for out front of the Community Center, but it has to be approved by their Board. Economic Development Board hasn’t met in months. Once their Board meets and the replacement of the sign is approved, then we can move forward with it.

Mr. Coriano asked if there was anything else that the Board wanted to see appear on the monthly Budget Report.

Ms. Zenti said she wanted to see quotes for stump removal in the parking lots.

Ms. Tuff said that if Mr. Coriano could amend the Budget Report for what the Board had already talked about, they could move forward.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **PARKS & RECREATION REGION #2 RE-ORGAIZATION**

Ms. Edwards explained how they re-worked the Parks & Recreation Regions by geographical location to make it easier on the managers, so they could better manage their parks. Also, so that the managers only have to work with one Commissioner for each District. This District, Region #2, is Mr. Saunder’s district.

Mr. Hopkins said that he was really excited to have all of the Golden Gate Parks together into one Region as Region #2.

1. **FY2023 GGCC BUDGET**

Mr. Coriano said that there isn’t much to follow up on. We have the Budget and the new monthly Report to continue to help the Board receive updates.

1. **HALLOWEEN FAMILY MONSTER BASH – Friday, October 21st, 2022**

Mr. Coriano said that the Halloween Bash was great! We got a lot of feedback leading up to it. A lot of interest in the event beforehand.

We had closed to 800 attendees, without actually counting the under 3-year-olds. We do plan to do that in the future. We had five (5) vendors, a glow dance party in the Gym, food trucks in the back parking lot, a DJ in the Gym for the dance party.

Mr. Hopkins said that the staff was awesome, the Key Club volunteers were great! Thank you to Rodrigo for help with the Key Club; we had 28 Key Club volunteers.

Mr. Hopkins said that Mr. Coriano had put together a separate report for the Halloween event, talking about attendance, etc. That will be sent out to the Board after the Meeting. They are also working on a report that breaks down all the Collier County Parks’ Halloween events.

Ms. Tuff said that Christmas is coming up, and we can possibly expect the same people, same families coming in for that event too.

Mr. Brice asked that in the future that we email the Board members flyers for the events so that they can also get the word out on them.

Mr. Coriano also mentioned that GGCC had collaborated with ENCP on the Halloween Monster Bash. Their supervisor Cathy came along with four employees. They really helped out and were able to market the event to the schools over there.

1. **HEALCARE NETWORK PARTNERSHIP**

Mr. Coriano said that they came out at first at the Farmer’s Market on Saturday. That went very well, they were able to network and get their information out. They had been very busy with hurricane storm recovery, so they haven’t had the opportunity to make it back out.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **BOARD MEMBER SELECTION/RE-ELECTION**

Mr. Coriano said that Mr. Brice is up for re-election. No one else has applied for the position. Mr. Brice will still need to submit his application. December 31st is the last day to submit.

Mr. Brice said that he had submitted the application already.

Ms. Zenti moved to have Willie Brice III approved for his next term on the Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Homar-Ramos. All members that were present were in favor. The motion was carried.

1. **POST HURRICANE IAN REPORT**

Mr. Coriano said that there wasn’t much to it. The Center didn’t suffer any major damages, everything was just small stuff. The only thing that was damaged was the shade structure tarps that cover the playground. The County came and removed the tarps, so there is no shade structure over the playground right now. They will be repaired and then put back up.

They are still doing the inspection on Wheels, but on the back side of the building (the back of Room 2) something appears to have hit the facia and tore it. There is just a big tear.

Now the facia was fixed after Hurricane Irma about five years ago (supposedly). When we have our people come out to inspect it, the facia was rotted. The facia wouldn’t be rotted if it was replaced five years ago. Facilities is trying to figure out what company did the repair on that to see what was what with that.

There were some tarps over at the tower at Wheels, half of the tarps flew off. One of the lights on the BMX track got a bit twisted. As of today, Facilities and the inspector came out and all that has been ordered to be fixed.

1. **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENT**

Mr. Coriano said that the Golden Gate area is known for having Breakfast with Santa. On the days that Snow Fest was run we would run the morning event. We would run the event in the morning and be able to transition into Snow Fest. This year because Snow Fest is going to be done at Paradise Coast we’ve been kind of uncertain what we want to do.

We have been in contact with the Kiwanis Club, they had worked with us on the Winter event in the past. The issue that we have is that we don’t have Snow Fest here, We could still do an early event. We have to remember though, that we still have the carnival.

Ms. Tuff asked what time of day the carnival starts.

Mr. Coriano said that they will start on Friday at 5:00pm. On Saturday, they start early, it will run from 1:00pm-10:00pm.

Ms. Tuff said that we didn’t do the breakfast last year.

Mr. Coriano said that last year they didn’t do a breakfast. They did the two shows, decorating of cookies, hot cocoa, etc. That was a morning event.

Ms. Tuff asked about the attendance numbers for last year’s event.

Mr. Coriano said that we had had around 150 people. So, it wasn’t as big as our regular Breakfast with Santa. We had some people ask if we were doing the breakfast, and we said no we are doing the show. We ended up doing two shows. We did it so, once the show was finished, they moved to another room to decorate cookies and snacks while they got ready for the next show. He talked to the group and they have no problem coming back out. Because of what is going on with the carnival, we may have to go with Plan B.

Right now, Plan B is we don’t do anything for that weekend that Snow Fest is being held. We would do one the following weekend. We were thinking of doing a Winter Wonderland.

Ms. Tuff asked when the carnival was going to be here.

Mr. Coriano said that same weekend as Snow Fest. The first weekend in December.

Ms. Tuff asked if we would want to have our Winter Wonderland event the same weekend as Snow Fest.

Mr. Hopkins said that we wouldn’t want to have it the same weekend as Snow Fest, because everyone is going to go to Snow Fest, they wouldn’t come here. If we have the carnival on the first weekend, the second or third weekend is when we would do the event here. They could come to the carnival, and we could tell people there to come back in a week, or two, for our event at the Center.

Mr. Coriano said if we do the Winter Wonderland on the weekend of the carnival, the only issue we are going to have is parking. We can’t do it the day of Snow Fest because there is no way we are going to compete with Snow Fest. So, the other choice we have is we wait for the carnival to be out the following weekend.

Mr. Hopkins said that he wanted to make a point to mention that, even though Snow Fest isn’t going to be here this year, there will be shuttle buses running from GGCC to Paradise Coast. For all those people in the area that don’t drive. There will be shuttle buses to take them to and from Snow Fest.

Ms. Edwards said that they were talking with CAT bus to see if they can have three (3) buses. They will pick up from the bus stop in the back of the building and drop off at the Paradise Coast bus stop.

Mr. Brice asked the hours of the shuttle and Snow Fest.

Ms. Edwards said that Snow Fest was going to run from 3:00pm-9:00pm, we are asking if we can start shuttling at about 1:30pm.

1. **WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULING**

Mr. Coriano said that as of right now all of the Winter/Spring programs have been entered into ActiveNet.

We are going to be doing two things a little bit differently this year because of the number of attendees that we were having. The basketball program is growing here. Keion is doing a great job on the basketball program. This year for Winter/Spring we are going to run one clinic during the first portion of the Winter. Then after that we are going into our first actual league that we’re going to run from here. We’re going to run two practices during the week and have them play the games on Saturday.

The only issue that he has with that change is that the basketball league might end up cutting into or changing the days that Futsal program can come in and play. We know they have been coming here for years, but we have to be able to run our program. We are going to take priority on that over their program. We’re not asking them to move their game days on Saturdays; we’re just asking Futsal to be a bit flexible with us on scheduling for their practice days.

Same thing with the volleyball, that is another program that is doing good. He has a good group of girls practicing getting ready for varsity team. He is going to give them the opportunity for two special clinics for the Winter/Spring session.

Besides that, Marcia Galle, dance instructor, she is back. She has been working with homeschoolers, and she brought the homeschoolers into a program here. He just finished sending Peg all the information for the Fall and for Winter/Spring dates

Everything else is still the same. We’re doing good with the PeeWee program. Keion is doing a great job with the basketball; he is doing soccer as well. We ended up with a good number of kids there as well. Our biggest concern was getting at that target group, and we did. So, we have a good number of those young kids coming out.

1. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Brice – No Comments

Ms. Tuff said that we have a tropical storm possibly heading this way. It made her think of our own tropical storm that we had in our hallways. By the offices, with the water that was coming in through the pipes. As you recall from our last meeting, you told us a wave was coming down the hall? Mr. Coriano said that was the front desk area which got fixed. As a matter of fact, through no one’s fault, our facility was being used for early voting. Obviously, with early voting, they were using our restrooms. The ladies’ restrooms got clogged twice in one day, and on two days – Tuesday and Thursday. The plumbers were coming out and finding that there were a lot of sanitary products trying to be flushed. Ms. Zenti asked if we had signage up. Mr. Coriano said that we don’t have that signage in the bathrooms. Ms. Edwards said that were going to get the signage, and they will be in English and Spanish.

Ms. Zenti – No Comments

Ms. Homar-Ramos said (addressing Mr. Hopkins) she wanted to go back to the Christmas event. The decorations, the lights, children love it. It works for Christmas and Halloween. Mr. Hopkins said that he was referring to just a dance. He is a huge Christmas fan too, loves the lights. The dance just seemed more appropriate for Halloween. Ms. Homar-Ramos said that we will make it work.

Mr. Brice asked if we had enlightened Olema on the outdoor basketball court. Mr. Coriano explain that a while back, probably about five or six years ago. We had received a grant that we were going to use to set an area out in the open field that was going to be used as an all-purpose court area. Almost like what Max Hasse has, a covered area. Mr. Coriano said that we were looking for something that we could use during the summer, a covered area. We got a grant approved for $75,000, the only issue was back then we couldn’t find anyone that would do it for anything less than $125,000. They couldn’t find who was going to cover the difference. They kept on playing around with it at the end of a fiscal year to the new fiscal year, and by that time we lost the grant. Then they said well, we can’t do anything about it right now. The worst-case scenario you guys are just going to have to put it in a five-year plan or a future capital project or something. So that’s were it was left at. Ms. Edwards asked if Mr. Coriano knew what grant it was. Mr. Coriano said he couldn’t remember which one it was. He wanted to inform Mr. Brice that he spoke with Dane, and he said that we needed to be aware that an engineer would need to be contracted for them to do a survey of the area. So, that person can set up a blueprint and tell us “this is how much this is going to cost.” Then engineer had to be paid, the question is who is paying them? Dane asked if the County was paying or the Advisory Board? Mr. Coriano said that if they could pay that off then maybe we could apply for another grant for it. Mr. Hopkins said that they were going to, by next meeting, might have a better idea to know what this $595,000 line item is used for. And we can be told that it can be used for improvements, advancements, or whatever. Mr. Coriano said that he would try to bring Dane into the next meeting to help explain what we need for it.

Mr. Hopkins added one more comment. He and Mr. Coriano were approached by a County Commissioner and asked to house more than 800 Mormons. The Church of Latter-Day Saints; camping in the large field. They were here helping with recovery. This was a Commissioner request and Ray/we pulled it together. Just wanted to let the Board know about it.

1. **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 7:34PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board

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Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

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Next Meeting, January 9th, 2023, at 6:00PM

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