

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
12/06/2021

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 6:00p.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. Bretzman. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments at this time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Holiday's Event (SnowFest & Santa's Celebration)

SnowFest -

The SnowFest went well, we had a great turnout with some changes to the setup this year. The parking lot held an ice rink (first time for the festival) and all snow piles. While the one side of the field staged all the blow-up bounce equipment, including a large 50 ft tube slide, everyone seemed to enjoy these extremely well. Another change for this year consisted of the beer tent on the outside of the fence. Due to the rules and regulations, this area needs to be contained. To accomplish the situation, the beer tent was roped-off a small area around itself and allowed the adults to consume the beverage inside of the fence at the Fest. This turned out to be a big hit with the parents/adults of attendees. Overall, everything was well, the only downfall turned out to be the portable lights arriving late and our staff running off middle school children from jumping the gate. Our hours of operation were 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. with approximately 800 to 850 in attendance.

Santa's Celebration -

Our Santa celebration was the first time for us with this program and production company. There was approximately 115 people in attendance at \$3 per person. This year, with a new production company, we didn't know what to expect, but they all did an awesome job. They were an interactive production company and the kids' program was great. They put together both English and Spanish skits with interactive characters based on who was in the audience. It consisted of giveaways with the children and involvement

with the parents as well. The company director would take children from the audience, dress them up, and do skits based on the story line of the program. This year's theme was saving the tree, environment friendly. We also provided Christmas cookie decorating in Room #B along with hot Cocoa for the adults.

Our biggest concern and dilemma turned out to be the parking situation. We had certain parking spots for the celebration with Santa. Those spots became filled up quickly and we recommended parking along Sunshine Bld, in the grass area. More than likely with the possibility of not having the SnowFest next year held at the community center, we should not have parking problems. Next year we will consider having Santa celebration with the carnival that will allow for one large show and less parking dilemma. Ms. Zenti commented on the large Sheriff presents including the tower and was curious if we had to pay extra. * This service is provided with contract between the county and the sheriff office, no extra funds required. Mr. Brice commented on the fact that the church behind the center did not want any parking going to the festival. Some church members had made comments about the parking.

B. New Dance Class

The turnout was not very large for the dance class. It included about five people signing up on the first session provided. We can promote through the our VPK program and after school program. The program offers 6 weeks of class at \$40.

C. Wheels Skate Park renovation

Plans are moving forward to complete the second half of the field. At this time an appointment with Jeff Newman will be scheduled to sit down and discuss the funds and the plans. Otherwise, everything is on schedule.

VII. **New Business**

A. Carnival (February 17th – 20th, 2021)

This was a new Carnival group that performed the operation for the first time at the snow Fest, which is scheduled to return next year. This Carnival had a lot of rides more than expected. The rides were targeted for older children/adults with a very small selection for little kids/toddlers. There were issues with the owner and his son running the carnival as soon as they arrived. I had to show them where to set up and basically run them through the setup and show them the parking lot that was available and not available. I asked them not to move the parking stumps anywhere, but discovered they disobeyed request. I was told they would place them back to their original spot prior to final inspection.

The owners of operation did not have a clear concept on everything that they were responsible for an order to run the carnival. We had to guide them through the contacts of both Fire Department and Risk Management office in order to secure the inspections required to operate the carnival. There seem to be roughly 2000 people in attendance at that time during each evening. The carnival had waste management do an extra pick up

with the abundance of garbage. We are working with Larry on contract payment to confirm the process since changes have been since County contractor, Matt Catoe is being replaced with his last day being Wednesday. All new employees still must get the knowledge of the process in order for things to run smoother in the future. Tomorrow will be the final inspection of the clean-up from the carnival and will determine if I will have them back next year.

B. State BMX Race (December 10th – 12th, 2021)

This weekend event should run pretty smoothly. A difference between this race and the normal race for this sponsorship is that tourism division will not be supporting this race. This will take any funding away that the county may have provided in previous races. They will have practice on Friday December 10. Saturday December 11, at 1PM will be the race, also December 12th, Sunday at 9AM. They have all operations on schedule. We will be collecting Track Funds from this event.

C. New Program Updates

(Ray Coriano speaking), program staffing here at the center are really good. I'm super proud and the staff members. Our VPK and After School has improved immensely, children are excited to come to the program, and Kelsey and Carly have vamped up activities in the programs. Basketball has increase numbers, and a soccer program is in the works. Our flag football is also a lots of fun for the children. We are still missing a Park Assistant and looking to seek a new candidate for the new year.

VIII. Member Comments

- W.Brice was happy to see things went well with the Snowfest. E.Bretzmann was glad to see Ray survived such a hectic event.
- C. Zenti has made a comment about getting the front entrance resurfaced. The sidewalk is stained and looks dingy. It would be nice to have the front shine with the new upgrades of the trees and lights that have been completed. Also, the back doors of Gym look to have a gap in them. The paint is faded, and they appear to be dinged up pretty good.
- K.Tuff also noticed the doors and had the same concern. She wanted to thank Ray for everything he has done, and his effort this past weekend.
- L.Homar-Ramos would like to thank Ray for his dedication to the community and everything he does.

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 7:00pm

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board


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Ms Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 3/7/22 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, January 3rd at 6:00pm
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL 34116