

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)

MEETING MINUTES

04/03/2023

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KAYDEE TUFF, CHAIRMAN

ERNIE BRETZMANN, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

WILLIE BRICE III, 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 6:02 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, Mr. Brice approved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. All members that were present were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 6TH, 2023

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the Meeting minutes from March 6, 2023, Mr. Brice approved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. The motion was carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments. There were no members of the Public present.

VI. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Coriano said that this report was printed on March 30th. One note that he wanted to make was under AD VALOREM AVAILABILITY is at \$55,000. He said that he had been briefed by Jeff last week. He said that the Ad Valorem is spread out for the items needed when it comes to expenditures. He also reaffirmed to Mr. Coriano that the only person that has access to that money is him, basically. Mr. Coriano said that there were a couple of other things he wanted to highlight out under our REVENUES up to March. Our sports programs are doing very well. We just started our first basketball league; we got a good number of kids.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to point out that this is the first basketball league ever for this age group. This is just the beginning; we have a lot of plans for the future. We are really happy with Keion. It's not only bringing revenue to the Center. It's bringing opportunities to the Center and getting more people in here to show what else we have to offer.

Mr. Coriano said that if they look to the column on the far right of the Budget report that says "% CONSUMPTION." Once again, when it comes down to the athletic programs, we have already surpassed what we actually said that we were going to bring in. If you look, you'll see that we're sitting at 149%. That shows that the staff is doing a great job.

Mr. Coriano said that he and Mr. Hopkins had just finished going over the numbers for the budget for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Hopkins FY24 Budget closed for us today (04/03/2023) at 1:00pm. We entered our budget into GovMax. We had a 4.25% increase from the Office of Management and Budget, which Ray had to calculate and balance the budget. He did a great job. He wanted to point out items # 347400 SPECIAL EVENT. We just had the Easter event, that money hadn't been put into the system yet. Our INSTRUCTIONAL #347990, we're at 68%. We still haven't had summer camp yet, and our Junior Leader program. So, the way we sit right now, Ray and his staff are rocking it.

Mr. Coriano said that we're starting to start ordering in preparation for summer camp. We have a good percentage of money left, so we're going to use it. He spoke to Jeff about the Ad Valorem for the fiscal year coming up. That's already calculated. He thinks there was a 12-15% increase from this year into next year. Mr. Coriano made it a point to remind Jeff that the Advisory Board had to review and approve the Budget.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a.) NAPLES BMX TRACK OFFICIALS

Mr. Coriano said that they all should have a copy of the list of the new Naples BMX Track Officials. He had a chance to meet with the new board members. The old board felt that they weren't being supported by the County, but the never acknowledged or gave credit to the County for any of the services provided. So, the issues seemed to be internal there and the new board seems to see that the previous board had been the issue.

Mr. Bretzmann said that that was the normal process of things. If you don't get new people in there, programs can stagnate.

Mr. Coriano said that was exactly what ended up happening. The new group seems to be motivated; he feels comfortable with the people now. He said that he wanted to invite them to an Advisory Board meeting so they can talk to them. He will meet with them by the end of May to amend/update the M.O.U. with names and policies.

b.) COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES ISSUES

Mr. Coriano said that they all should have a copy of the list of issues that we have had since Ian. We just did a full review on the facility in February. Mr. Hopkins said that they both (he and Mr. Coriano) had been going after these issues really hard. Even though a lot of the items are pending, they have been hammering really hard on them on a weekly basis with emails and phone calls. He said that a good number of the items on the list we have either a contractor or Facilities trying to finish up what's left. We still have the pending issue of no air conditioning unit for the VPK room.

Ms. Tuff said that this is totally unacceptable. This is the fourth month without air conditioning. It's almost a health and safety issue. Mr. Hopkins said that since day one they had been hammering on that. Ms. Tuff said that she was glad that they were, and wanted them to continue to do so, but maybe now it's time for that letter. She asked if she could use the items on the list for the letter that the Board approved her to write to the Commissioners in the last meeting. She also asked if she and Ms. Zenti could take pictures and present them to the BOCC at the next meeting. Mr. Hopkins said that as a Board you have a right to do as you choose.

Mr. Coriano said that a company came out to give us a bid for the observation tower out at Wheels. The bid was outrageous. They are trying to charge us \$14,000 to replace that shade screening that goes onto of that tower. Previously they had done this job and it cost maybe \$800-1,200. Ms. Tuff said that she was concerned with the Skate Park things, that it might be a safety issue. Mr. Coriano said that it was a safety issue, and that was how they can push the issue.

He said that he had emailed the supervisor of HVAC on Friday to see what was going on with the unit. The latest update was that the unit was still being requested through Fetch. Ms. Zenti asked who it was. Mr. Coriano said that his name was Mr. Hemantha, he is the Supervisor for the HVAC Department over at Facility Maintenance.

The rest of the items that were listed: the mulching at the playground, was just completed last Thursday. We're still pending with the tree trimmings. He thinks the latest update with that is that the company will trim the trees that we have issues with lighting, cameras, etc., instead of all of them.

Ms. Tuff said that she isn't as concerned about those things as she is about the air conditioning in the pre-school.

c.) WHEELS PARK FACILITY ISSUES

Mr. Coriano said that the issue that we've been having with the skate park is the contract has tied up over at the County Clerk because they were questioning the contractor. Who is supposed to be working at the park. Who is the same contractor that we have been using for years. Who has been identified for over five years as the sole provider for maintenance of skate ramps. Everyone knows who he is, but there are new people and procedures for this type of work at the Clerk's office. It has just been sitting there. Now what they are going to do is go with the latest amendment to his waiver, which included at total contract of \$50,000 to do maintenance. So, what they are going to do is give him the opportunity to use that money in order to fix what you are looking at right now in the pictures. All those old pieces on the left side of the skate park. Which he considers to be unsafe. He said that they were looking at getting CAUTION tape to block kids from skating on those pieces. Mr. Brice asked if the park was still open. Mr. Coriano said that the park was open.

Mr. Brice said that he had seen some kids over by the Tax Collector's building. Mr. Coriano said that there are some kids that will not pay for a membership to skate, it's \$10. They would prefer to sit right by the bus stop and skate. Ms. Tuff asked if we could get a scholarship/voucher for them? To get them into a place where they can skate. Mr. Hopkins said that Parks can't waive any fees, but a membership for the entire year is only \$10. We could talk and try to come up with a solution, but we don't have the authority to waive any fees, we can't just let anyone in there. If we did that and someone came in and got hurt, we'd be in trouble. With a membership there is actual verbiage in the document that would protect the park.

Mr. Coriano said that the contract was held up in Procurement. The Clerk of Court knows what the situation is, but until Procurement waives this guy as a contractor we are stuck. He said that he was talking to Mr. Atkinson and told him that he was concerned that we might end up with the same thing happening with the "airnazium" and the money going away. He said that we should have no trouble transferring that money to the next fiscal year. Mr. Hopkins said that they could talk to the Director to see if they had a representative that could speak with us.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a.) UPDATES FOR COUNTY CREATION & REVIEW OF BOARDS

Mr. Coriano said that he received an email from Wanda Rodriguez saying that there is a new process for Board reviews. He had given all the Board members a copy of the new resolution. That resolution goes towards the standards for creating and reviewing Boards. That includes us here. Ms. Tuff asked if the Board could review it and come back and discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Coriano agreed.

b.) SPRING FLING CELEBRATION EVENT RESULTS

Mr. Coriano said that we had a great turn out on Saturday. Had a bit of concern with the vendors, decided to come in a bit later than normal, but most made it out on time for the start of the event. We estimate we had close to about 725 people there. The egg hunt went well. We were trying to get people to do surveys, one lady said that she wanted to thank us. She had gone to an egg hunt the night before and there were no age groups, and when they said go, everyone went. Little kids were getting stepped over, etc.

We did three age groups with two relays for each age group. We had bales of hay to make it a little bit more challenging for the kids. We had golden eggs and gave an Easter basket for finding those. Zumba did a demonstration for the crowd. We had one of our staff members dressed up as the bunny. We had Shiro the Parks & Rec mascot was there. He was there the whole program. Overall, the event was a success. For revenues, we cleared close to \$2,100. Ms. Edwards was there; she had a great time and met some community vendors. Mr. Willie Brice was there.

Mr. Hopkins said that he just wanted to add two more things.

1. GGCP had their Eggstra Special Easter egg hunt, put on by the AIRs program, they partnered with Galisano's Children's Hospital. It was similar to Mr. Coriano's event. They had a lot of community vendors. There were some Autistic groups, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, there was therapy dogs, all kinds of really cool vendors there. It was broken down into three different age groups and three different categories. We did the golden egg thing there as well. Ms. Edwards came to that event; very successful. Had a similar number of people to the GGCC event. He posted pictures from that even as well as pictures from Mr. Coriano's event on the Collier County Facebook.
2. This Saturday at the Eagle Lakes Community Pool. The Golden Gate Community Park Aquatics staff combined with the Eagle Lakes staff and they're doing an underwater Easter egg hunt. The flyers are all on our Facebook.

He just wanted to say that as a manager that oversees Golden Gate, he was very pleased with Mr. Coriano's event, with Monica's (AIRs) event, and he is sure the other event is going to be cool with the underwater egg hunt.

Ms. Tuff said maybe next year the Eagles Lakes staff come over and we can have the underwater egg hunt.

Mr. Hopkins said that we're going to flip-flop them. We want to offer it at both locations.

Mr. Hopkins also wanted to point out that the five Regional Managers now have access to the County social media and Facebook pages so, that's why you have been seeing a lot most postings. If the Board ever has any pictures that should be posted, to please send them to him.

c.) SUMMER CAMP HIRING & ASSISTANCE

Mr. Coriano said that the job hiring is in progress. The job posting went up on March 10th, so people are actively applying now. He has six candidates that he was currently looking at. He starts doing interviews this coming week on Thursday and Friday. He wanted to get that taken care of early, because last year we learned that if we wait, it makes it harder for HR to get them in in time to start camp. Mr. Hopkins said that April 29th is when the Junior Leaders start their training. Their training is broken down into four weeks. The first three weeks are different training modules, and then the fourth week is when they get CPR and AED certified.

For the trainings we did it a little different this year. We took all the parks that have the Junior Leader program and had them come up with a 20-25 minute presentation on leadership skills with different topics. Mr. Brice asked what the age group for the Junior Leaders was. Mr. Hopkins said that typically they are from 13-16 years old. The trainings are all done at NCRP from 9:00am-11:30am. If you are a brand-new Junior Leader the program costs \$100, and if you have done it before it costs \$40.

Mr. Coriano just wanted to add a thank you to Ms. Zenti the information that she gathered on St. John Newmann. We created a flyer to had out to the schools so that we could target our counselors and junior leaders.

d.) GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Mr. Coriano said that the garden is still there, nothing has been done to it. Ms. Tuff asked if we had heard from Ms. Yvette. Mr. Coriano said no. Last week he spoke with Rick Garby about the Board's approval to clean up the area. What options/ideas that he might have for what we should do with the garden. He asked Rick if we had the resources to maintain the garden if we decided to do the butterfly garden. Is it ok for us to go through that whole process? Mr. Garby said it's up to you. Mr. Coriano suggested that Mr. Garby come for the next board meeting so that they can discuss what choices we have.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

-Ms. Homar-Ramos had no comments.

-Ms. Zenti said that since she and Ms. Tuff can't talk, other than when they are in a Board meeting. When should they go to the Commission meeting? Ms. Tuff said that there is one this Tuesday and every other week. Ms. Zenti said that there was a Civic Association meeting next week and asked if Ms. Tuff wanted to go that night. Ms. Tuff agreed. She said that it was okay for them to talk about things that had already been discussed, because they need to plan their comments. Ms. Zenti said that they were going to talk about the air conditioning in the VPK Room, and the safety of the skate park. Ms. Tuff said that we should mention the other things too, but they are not as big of a concern. Ms. Zenti said that those were in progress though. We should also mention the guy with the Procurement issue for the skate park.

-Mr. Coriano said he just wanted to be clear on who he was inviting to the next meeting. We are inviting Mr. Atkinson, the principal Project Manager and Mr. Garby, Manager, P&R Maintenance. Ms. Tuff said that they wanted to meet the new Naples BMX people, but that didn't need to be the next meeting.

-Ms. Tuff had no comments.

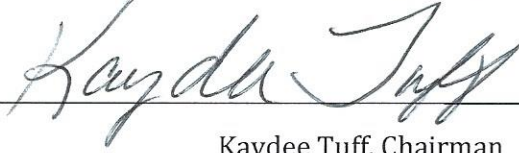
-Mr. Bretzmann had no comments.

-Mr. Brice just wanted to say that he was out in Ave Maria, and he saw that they had the outdoor covered basketball courts with maybe seven or eight basketball courts. Mr. Hopkins said that it was called an "airnasium". He asked if it was Ave Maria the community or the college that had it. The Ave Maria law school has a two court airnasium.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff entered a motion to adjourn the Meeting, Ms. Zenti approved, Mr. Bretzmann seconded the motion, and all agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kaydee Tuff", is written over a horizontal line.

Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on 5/1/2023 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, May 1st, 2023, at 6:00PM

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