

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)

MEETING MINUTES

04/07/2025

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KAYDEE TUFF, ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR

ANGELA RICHBERG, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

CONSTANCE BETTINGER, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

WILLIE BRICE, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

LIZETTE HOMAR-RAMOS, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

RAY CORIANO, GGCC SUPERVISOR – PARKS & RECREATION

SIDNEY KITTLA, REGIONAL MANAGER (REGION 2) – PARKS & RECREATION

MARIAH BOSETTI, GGCC TRANSCRIPTIONIST – PARKS & RECREATION

EVELYN TRIMINO, MANAGER, FINANCIAL OPERATIONS – GROWTH MANAGEMENT'S DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS & REGULATORY MANAGEMENT

- I. Call to Order**
Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum**
Roll Call was taken. Mr. Brice and Ms. Homar-Ramos were not present. A quorum was established.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
Ms. Tuff asked Mr. Coriano to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, Ms. Bettinger entered the motion, it was seconded by Ms. Richberg. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes – March 3rd, 2025**
Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 3rd, 2025. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; it was seconded by Ms. Richberg. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Monthly Budget Report**
Mr. Coriano gave the Budget overview for the month of March.
FY2025 Budget Amended: \$553,700.00
Total Actuals: \$235,651.84
Available: \$401,343.72
 - 1. Revenues**
 - a. **FY2025 Amended: \$954,400.00**
 - b. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: MARCH: \$49,993.79**
 - c. **FY2025 Total Actuals: \$774,691.00**
 - d. **Available: \$179,709.00**
At 81.2% Consumption on Revenue for FY2025.
 - 2. Operating Expenses:**
 - a. **FY2025 Amended: \$749,000.00**
 - b. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: MARCH: \$14,629.36**
 - c. **FY2025 Total Actuals: \$206,962.31**
 - d. **Available: \$229,093.57**
At 69.4% Consumption on Expenses for FY2025.

Mr. Coriano introduced Ms. Evelyn Trimino, Manager for Financial Operations from Collier County Growth Management's Department Operations & Regulatory Management Division.

Mr. Trimino stated that Mr. Gomez, Parks & Recreation Regional Manager and Mr. Hanrahan, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director are working on the initial Budget inputs now. Last year they were tasked with keeping the Budget at normal, within 4.25% of an increase throughout the entire fund. This year they are asking for 3%. Ms. Trimino stated it's not that we have to reduce the Budget by 3%, it's that we can't go over more than 3%. They look at the past three fiscal years, and they do an analysis of the average of the last three years and see where we are at, and where we should be. One of the things that we look at is to make sure that what we are spending money on, that we also have enough money to maintain. Golden Gate is actually one of the better-looking cost centers. Right now, we are at 3.1% and that was not by reducing the Budget drastically, like we've had to do with a lot of the Parks.

day the County Manager and the BOCC make the final decision. Ms. Tuff stated that she thinks that a County Commissioner would definitely give the go ahead with using MSTU money if it meant moving forward with some of these projects.

Mr. Coriano and the Board thanked Ms. Trimino for coming in to talk with them.

VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following items:

A. Community Center:

1. Field Gazebo

The gazebo is on Facilities schedule to come and tear it down. Both Ms. Tuff and Ms. Bettinger wanted to ensure that any bricks/plaques with names on them be saved.

Ms. Tuff called for a Motion to move forward with the demolition of the gazebo, while still retaining the dedication plaques and bricks. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; it was seconded by Ms. Richberg. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

2. Restroom Floors

We had some different vendors come out, but the way it's looking right now. We are going to be looking at a full renovation for both sets of bathrooms because it's too much (both in cost and hassle finding contractors & quotes) to be moving partitions, etc. out & back in. Floors, cabinets, partitions, basically everything.

3. Ice Maker

We got in the new ice maker. Facilities came over to set/hook it up. They took the old one out for disposition.

4. A/C Unit in Auditorium

The second air conditioning unit for the Auditorium went out. Now we have to replace that unit as well. We are looking at an estimate of \$17k for the new unit plus installation.

B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park

1. Skate Park

Mr. Johnson, with Ramp Doctors is working with the vendor on ordering the Skate Lite for the ramps at the Skate Park. They just need to figure out how they are going to get it from the east coast to the west coast.

The BMX Gold Cup will be held on April 25th. He highly encouraged the Board members to stop by.

Mr. Coriano informed the Advisory Board that there was, what we thought was a leak in the roof at the Wheels building. It was not just a leak. The entire roof will need to be replaced in its entirety. Contractor will be assigned to replace the roof. No estimate on cost yet.

2. Announcing Tower Tarp Replacement

SunMasters backed out of the job; so, we must go back on the hunt for another company.

IX. Old Business

Mr. Coriano didn't have anything to add.

Ms. Tuff stated that one of the things on the Budget that she had always wondered about was the amount of money that we spend on "Indirect Cost Reimbursement". We've never really been able to get that flushed out, so that we can see exactly what we are paying for. She added that one of the Board's concerns is that if these indirect costs are being already paid as a park for Collier County, we didn't want to be paying them again. It just seems fair that we should be able to see what those fees are. She asked Ms. Trimino if she could make that happen; the Board would really appreciate it. Ms. Trimino stated that she would look into that and give Mr. Coriano or Ms. Kittila the answer to pass on.

Ms. Tuff also stated that park staff leadership, in the past, have had the ability to have their own credit card for purchasing. Now, with their credit cards being taken from them, the way it's set up, it's not efficient. The amount of time that it takes to order things, and then having to go wait on someone else to get to, is not helpful. Ms. Trimino stated that is the way that they do things across Growth Management, anything that has to do with money is centralized with her team. Her team is responsible for ordering, processing, they have the order from beginning to the end. She's not sure what the delays have been.

Ms. Trimino stated that Regional Managers have a P-card. Apart from two areas (for reasons of proximity). That is management that makes that determination on who can have a P-card. She stated that they were trying to clear up some of those small kinks. Especially at the beginning, there was a learning curve on both ends. The big reason that we have it centralized, was a direction that was given to us by upper management, to try to reduce expenses.

Ms. Tuff asked if the Board wanted to request a P-card for our leadership, who would we talk to for that consideration. Ms. Trimino stated that conversation would have to be had with Mr. Hanrahan.

Ms. Tuff asked if there was going to be a change to the threshold amount that would need to go to BOCC for approval. Ms. Trimino stated that she was not sure, but she had also heard that they were looking at raising the threshold up from \$3,000 on P-card purchases and up from \$50,000 on purchases that need to go to the BOCC for approval. She hasn't seen anything definite yet though, so she didn't want to say something that wasn't the truth.

Ms. Bettinger stated that we are an old Center, and we look it. We are now being surrounded by Paradise Coast, Wolf Lodge, etc., and we are still a 1970s building. We need to bring the Center into the 21st century. The overall feeling of the Board is, we have the money in the MSTU, can we use it to enhance the building. It isn't really County Budget money, but we run into the threshold amount, we run into changing of project managers. By the time we get someone who understands what we are trying to do, they leave/get promoted, etc. Ms. Trimino stated that she can only speak to what she knows. Some of the items that have been brought up are things that she wanted to take a look at and talk with Ms. Kittila on. One of the items she had talked to Mr. Hanrahan about was starting to look at the Community Parks. She has a very good understanding that it does take time, but she doesn't want the smaller parks to be overlooked.

Ms. Tuff stated that the Center does have some projects that have been ongoing for some time. Ms. Bettinger stated that she doesn't want to see the Center spend our reserve money for things that are being provided for other parks. Ms. Trimino stated that she hadn't been aware of a project listed for us, but she would like to see it so she can try to see what has been holding it up for so long. She would need to look at the MSTU so that she can see what we can and can't use, and then she would need to have a conversation with Chris Johnson from OMB about it, based on our priorities within the list.

Ms. Bettinger asked if they would come back to the Board to get their approval for any changes on the projects. Ms. Trimino stated that the Board could make a recommendation, but at the end of the

X. New Business

A. Spring Fling Celebration

Our Spring Event will be held this Saturday, April 12th, from 11am – 1pm. It will be similar to last year's even with the different age groups for egg hunts, bounce houses, food trucks, and the Fire and Sherriff Departments.

B. Winter/Spring Programs

Programs are in full swing. The Basketball Spring League is doing well, we were able to make four teams. It's the first time we opened two courts for Volleyball. We doubled our numbers for our Volleyball Skills Clinic.

C. Summer Camp

This is one of those years that we have Camp fill up in two weeks, for both Elementary and Middle School sections.

XI. Member Comments

+Ms. Bettinger asked that the Beautification MSTU be added to the agenda for the next meeting. So that the Advisory Board Members can see where we are at comparatively and take a look at whether the Board wants to possibly increase the rate. She thinks that it is horrible that she only pays \$7 a year in taxes for the Golden Gate Community Center. Ms. Tuff commented that our MSTU is a much bigger taxing district Golden Gate Beautification basically only covers a four-mile square. Ms. Bettinger stated that Beautification gets .5 and we get .018, and she doesn't see why we couldn't go at least to .02. Ms. Tuff stated that we must have a reason to raise it and Ms. Bettinger stated that she does think that we have a reason. If we want to improve the overall look of this property, to be in line with Paradise Coast, etc. So, if we have a specific target, it would be great to go back and say we would like to increase it a little bit so that we have more funds available. We haven't raised it in several years, it's time.

+Ms. Richberg, no comments.

+Mr. Coriano asked the Advisory Board if they had any interest at all in renewing the County's contract with Mr. Larry Carr's carnival, as his contract extension will be expiring in October. Ms. Tuff commented that the months that we had wanted him to come he didn't have availability for. So, with that in mind, she didn't see the point. Ms. Kittila added that the County will totally support the Community Center, whatever their decision, but the County is not real keen on doing business with him again. Ms. Tuff called for a motion for Collier County to not renew Mr. Larry Carr's carnival contract with the County. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; it was seconded by Ms. Richberg. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

XII. Adjournment

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Richberg entered the motion, Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion, and all agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board

Constance Bettinger

Constance Bettinger, Chairman (ACTIN 6)

These minutes approved by the Board on 5/5/2025 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, May 5th, 2025, at 6:00PM

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