

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**07/07/2025**

**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:**

JAMES HANRAHAN, INTERIM DIRECTOR – PARKS & RECREATION & INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF MAINTENANCE

SIDNEY KITTLA, INTERIM REGIONAL MANAGER, REGION 2 – PARKS & RECREATION

RAY CORIANO, GGCC SUPERVISOR – PARKS & RECREATION

MARIAH BOSETTI, GGCC TRANSCRIPTIONIST – PARKS & RECREATION

BROOKE ROXBERRY, MANAGEMENT ANALYST – ORM – GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum**

Roll Call was taken by Ms. Tuff. Ms. Bettinger and Ms. Richberg were present. Ms. Homar-Ramos and Mr Brice were not present. A quorum was established.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Hanrahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Ms. Richberg entered the motion, it was seconded by Ms. Bettinger. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

**V. Approval of Minutes – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Ms. Bettinger called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; it was seconded by Ms. Richberg. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

**VI. Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present.

**VII. Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Coriano gave the Budget overview for the month of April.

**FY2025 Budget Amended: \$553,700.00**

**1. Revenues**

a. **FY2025 Amended: \$954,400.00**

b. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: MAY: \$45,983.09 JUNE: \$27,706.43**

c. **FY2025 Total Actuals: \$908,076.39**

d. **Available: \$46,323.61**

At 95.1% Consumption on Revenue for FY2025.

Mr. Coriano stated that the recreational camp is what helped our May revenues. For June we had a good number of room rentals that helped a lot, along with registrations for summer basketball, volleyball, and judo programs.

**2. Operating Expenses:**

a. **FY2025 Amended: \$749,000.00**

b. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: MAY: \$35,748.29 JUNE: \$20,259.30**

c. **FY2025 Total Actuals: \$476,788.32**

d. **Available: \$176,382.78**

At 76.5% Consumption on Expenses for FY2025.

We are nearing the end of the fiscal year. There are some purchases that he would like to make prior to ending the FY.

**VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates**

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following items:

**A. Community Center:**

**1. Restroom Floors**

Luis Herrera Haro, Project Manager for Parks & Recreation, will be this week with some contractors looking at the bathrooms and answering questions. Ms. Roxberry stated that bids for the project are due at the end of July. They added in the restrooms at Wheels to the scope for work. So, all six restrooms are out to bid for a full renovation.

Ms. Tuff stated that the Advisory Board had already picked out the tile for the flooring. What about colors for paint, the stall partitions, countertops, etc.? Ms. Roxberry stated that once a vendor is selected, they would need to come in with their design specs. before any work begins. The flooring was already in the project's scope; the County reserves the right for final design approval. It will also need to go to the BOCC for approval.

Ms. Bettinger wanted to clarify that the vendor comes in and presents the Advisory Board with the options. We give them our best choice and then it goes off to the BOCC? Ms. Roxberry stated that paint colors must be part of the Facilities approved list of colors. Which will be provided to vendors in the bidding process.

Ms. Bettinger asked if the Advisory Board gets to see the paint colors. Ms. Roxberry stated that she could send over a list of the approved paint colors.

Ms. Tuff stated that it would be nice to see that ahead of time. Ms. Roxberry stated that she will put in the scope of work for the project and that both the GGCC Advisory Board and the BOCC would need to approve of the design before any work begins.

Ms. Bettinger asked if the bathroom renovations would be staggered. Ms. Roxberry replied that except for Wheels, yes, they wouldn't be all under construction all at once.

Ms. Tuff asked what the time frame would be on that. Ms. Roxberry stated that they were hoping at the start of the next fiscal year. But with bringing the final design for approval to both this Advisory Board and then the BOCC. She would be looking at a start date more like November.

## **2. Gym Floor**

Impact Floors came back with an updated quote of \$123,265. Which we knew would be higher than the original amount of about \$83,000.

Ms. Tuff asked if that was the final bidder. Ms. Roxberry stated that because of the price that came back is over Procurement threshold, so this will have to go out for a formal solicitation. What we did because of the time constraints, and to make sure that everything gets done at the same time. We went ahead and had GymDoors come out, and they did a full assessment of all the equipment in the gym. Your bleachers, basketball hoops, the paneling, the painting, and they gave us an additional quote. We put all this into one scope of work for a full gym renovation. This will also include the stage floor and the Auditorium floor. Because the Facilities Department has asked to keep it cohesive across the facility. She stated she received the final scope of work from Mr. Herrera last week. It will go to Procurement this week, after she gets with James for one final signature. Once Procurement has it, it will go out to bid.

Ms. Tuff asked what the time frame for that would be. Ms. Roxberry stated that it would take Procurement solicitation approximately seven months, but with delays at the Procurement Department, we would be looking at more like eight to nine months.

Ms. Bettinger asked if the money just stays in the fund until we get the contract and it gets approved. Mr. Hanrahan stated that the good thing about GGCC's funding is that it stays with your cost center. Any other location, money not spent goes back to the general fund.

Ms. Tuff stated that the North Collier Regional Park got their gym redone with money from the County general fund. Will our gym be funded by the County too? Mr. Hanrahan stated that they would have to look at it with Ms. Trimino and the team. North Collier is different in the sense that it is a regional park. That project had been on the list of capital projects for a very long time. We will work with Ms. Trimino and Mr. French to see what that might look like; it could be a combination of funding. He knows that this location has money set aside for capital projects for here, but that's not to say that we can't look at it being funded from several areas.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she agreed with Ms. Tuff's point. She thinks that if the County is doing the same thing somewhere else, then some should be covered by the County general fund. The MSTU money shouldn't be paying for what the County should be paying for and does pay for at other parks. Mr. Hanrahan stated that he understood.



Mr. Coriano stated that Mr. Brice has mentioned the same thing, we know we have money set to use for things that we need, but we want to make we spend the money wisely.

### **3. Marquee Sign**

Ms. Roxberry stated a Purchase Order has been approved and provided the Advisory Board with two proofs options provided by the vendor of the new potential marquee sign.

Ms. Bettinger asked if the height was being lowered, with the letterbox being able to lock.

Mr. Coriano stated that yes, the sign would be lowered, and yes, the letterbox would lock.

He stated that in terms of what we want on the sign, we have "Golden Gate Community Center" with the County logo and one without the logo. He knew the Advisory Board would want to have a say in what goes on the sign. Ms. Tuff stated that she appreciated that, and she preferred the one with the logo, and asked Ms. Bettinger and Ms. Richberg their opinions.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she doesn't want to lose the Golden Gate identity along with being part of Parks and Recreation and try to keep more of a Golden Gate identity than the other parks, given our history.

Ms. Tuff stated the sample makes it look like we are just County. That said, she thinks it looks nice, and the colors may need to be revised. We don't have a specific brand; we have always used an egret for Golden Gate City and perhaps we could send a photo of our signs to see if that is something they could do. She stated that she likes the font, she likes the sizing. She liked that "Golden Gate" is big, and that "Community Center" is smaller so that the "Golden Gate" part stands out.

Ms. Bettinger stated that if we are trying to tie the Community Center together with the community, we should have a more uniqueness for the sign than the rest of the parks in the County. She stated that she liked the colors.

Ms. Richberg asked if the sign was going to be blue and Mr. Coriano stated he had the same concern. He stated his concern is the base color blue around the marquee does not match any colors of the facility. He likes the logo, could we maybe change the color of the font to represent some colors from the city and the base colors to match the facility colors of beige and/or green. Mr. Hanrahan stated that any additional logos/pictures on the sign would have to be reviewed by the Communications Office under the County Manager.

Ms. Bettinger asked if there was, anyway, we could have the County logo on one side and maybe an egret on the other side? Ms. Tuff stated her concern about that would be how much it would set us back in time.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that he and Mr. Coriano will get with Facilities Management and see what they are doing at other County locations with new signs. We'll get some input from them and see if there is a way we can marry Golden Gate's identity with what the standard is for Collier County facilities overall. Mr. Hanrahan also stated that for the next meeting he and Ms. Roxberry will have the approved colors list for the Advisory Board to review.

Ms. Roxberry stated that she would get back with Lykins Signs and the County Communications Office to get some new proof for review as well.

### **4. Other Improvement Request**

Ms. Roxberry stated that she had an update on the status of the Center being painted and that Facilities Management is not willing to cover the cost of painting this facility at this time, because they have other facilities in more need. She went ahead and got quotes from SES Painting contractor for both interior and exterior of the building. She is reviewing those with our internal maintenance team next week to see if there is any portion of the painting that can be quoted for each section of the building differently, so that we can do it one at a time if need be. She also had the gym quoted separately, because there is the potential that she could add the painting into the gym renovations. Ms. Tuff stated that her biggest concern is what type of paint they use, hopefully not the same type of paint that is on there now.



**B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park**

**1. Skate Park Maintenance & Skate Lite**

Ben Johnson of Ramp Doctors is closing down his business and now the hard part is we must find another contractor for wood maintenance.

Ms. Tuff asked if the County could contract a new company and Ms. Roxberry stated that he was a sole source vendor (as to the City of Naples as well) so she couldn't guarantee that we would still be able to use him as a sole source vendor, she would have to see the paperwork.

**2. Announcing Tower Tarp Replacement**

Sunmaster's had come out and took the last piece of cover we had and disposed of it without our consent. Mr. Coriano stated they sent pictures from the sample to assist other vendors in showing the dimensions of the cover. Ms. Roxberry stated that the last she heard, Facilities were working on a Purchase Order to move ahead with some F.E.M.A. funding to replace that.

**IX. Old Business**

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following Old Business Items.

**A. Summer Program Additions**

Mr. Coriano stated that he ended up doing two volleyball clinics: an intermediate and an advanced level. We lost a few participants for the Wheels Extreme Sports Camps because some parents didn't realize that they had to provide their own skateboards, BMX bike, etc.

**B. Fall Programs Planning**

All Fall programs are entered into ActiveNet. We will be doing our basketball and volleyball skills clinics with two different skill levels for both. Elementary and middle school level clinics for basketball and beginner and intermediate/advanced levels for volleyball.

**X. New Business**

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following New Business items:

**A. Consideration of Senior Center moving into Community Center**

The Golden Gate Senior Center is getting their facility renovated and they are looking for a place to move while their facility is being renovated. They're considering moving their daily operations to the Golden Gate Community Center. Mr. Coriano met with John Dunnuck, Executive Director of Facilities, and Brian DeLony, Division Director of Facilities, and explain there are too many activities, programs, room rentals, and agreements in place along with all staff offices' being full to consider adding a different operation and staff into the Center. This addition will impact our operation here at the Center.

Ms. Bettinger stated that we have just been talking about projects, gym floors like painting, etc. here. If they are looking at, conceivably two years, to be out of their building. She believes that they should look somewhere totally different than here. She does not support sharing this facility with the Senior Center. They also need to look at shuttle buses to take them to wherever their location is, because all these people walk here. There is not a way you are going to easily make space for them here. Mr. Hanrahan stated that Mr. Coriano and Ms. Kittila did a great job of explaining what we have going on here. The Community Center is one of our busiest facilities whether it's structured programs or just the flow of kids coming to the park and playground. He stated that he had a good conversation with Brian DeLony, Division Director for Facilities and he just wanted us to kind of just see if there were some ways for it to work. He said that he was working on another location that might make sense; he just has to have a conversation with Ms. Kittila and that supervisor. The A.I.R. building at Golden Gate Community Park, which is not open to the public, but we do our special need programs out of there. They have asked us to take a deeper look at it, but if the Advisory Board is set against it, he would explain the situation to them and recommend that the Senior Center tries to find someplace else.

Mr. Hanrahan asked if the Director of Community & Human Services, Kristi Sonntag, can be invited to the next meeting to answer any questions concerning the move consideration.

Ms. Bettinger stated that it was a shame that the other half of the Kmart center isn't viable, even just the garden center. You would have the same space and physical location that people can get to. She stated that she was adamant that they do not move in here. Ms. Tuff stated there was opportunity at the old high school in Immokalee right by there. How about that? Mr. Hanrahan stated that he wasn't sure which Facilities had been looked at. He just knows that they have asked about Parks' locations.

Mr. Hanrahan asked if the Advisory Board was comfortable with him saying that they had said to look for other options, but if they want to have a conversation, we can put them on the Agenda for August. Ms. Bettinger stated that they are going to delay deciding for now but will provide them with more time for them to discuss their plans with the Board. Ms. Tuff mentioned that renovations will be needed in the kitchen if they are planning to use it. Mr. Hanrahan had contacted the Director today to ask if she wanted to come to the meeting and answer any questions they might have, but she couldn't make it tonight, but she stated that she would be available for the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Bettinger stated the reason she made a motion was because she wanted to show that the Advisory Board said no. She stated Catherine Cowser, Director of the Library Division, has been meeting with them for the last five years to get all this information in place. This isn't a brand-new problem. Ms. Bettinger stated that she had asked years ago, when she heard that they were going to be doing renovations, where they were going to be putting the people? They stated they were looking at some properties in East Naples. She asked if they were going to bus the people in? Because one of the reasons the Senior Center is here, is because there are CAT buses, it's easy for families to drop them off. Does that mean your Thursday afternoon food bank moves if they move? Does the new facility know that they must do a food bank line because they are part of the Senior Center? Have they added that into the projection of the people?

Mr. Hanrahan asked if it would be fair for him to ask the Advisory Board to give Mr. Coriano a list of all their concerns that he could take to Facilities Management. These concerns may not have been taken into consideration. Ms. Bettinger apologized to the group but explains she has worked here in Golden Gate, and she lives here, and she sees the stuff that no one puts the big picture together. They could find a church that needs extra income and see if you can move it there. Churches usually have a big fellowship hall and the facilities for 70 people to sit down and have lunch. Currently, in Golden Gate City we do not have a county property that is available.

Ms. Tuff stated that there was still a motion on the floor and asked if there was a second for the motion and Mr. Coriano asked if we still wanted to allow them to come out to the next meeting for questions. Ms. Tuff asked Ms. Bettinger if she would be willing to rescind her motion. She wanted to add that in all fairness, the Advisory Board did have two members missing that night, and it would be good to get their input. She does believe, knowing them, that they would agree with the Board, but they aren't here. Ms. Bettinger stated that in that regard, she would withdraw her motion. She would ask that the Advisory Board officially invite them to come to the next meeting and present their case, understanding that she will have pointed out questions for them. But she doesn't want them to get the idea from this that we are going to consider them, and they don't have to look anywhere else. Mr. Hanrahan stated that he would make sure that is clear. This is only to hear out. He stated that if the Advisory Board was alright with it, he will say, "As of right now, the Advisory Board is strongly opposed but are willing to listen". What he would like to do is get the Advisory Board as much information for them to review and give them a week and a half to put together something for the Advisory Board to review.



Ms. Tuff also wanted to point out that we would lose revenue, we would lose rooms that we would be able to rent. Mr. Hanrahan stated that was a good point, he will ask them to put in there how much they would be willing to pay.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that he doesn't take this as the Advisory Board being mean, you all are the one's representing – beyond the staff – the community and what happens here. He doesn't take it as a negative. He takes it as, let's look at this from a wider lens and then also from a lens of people who are here every day. Ms. Tuff stated we do appreciate having a senior center in our community. It's not like we don't understand the value of the program. We just don't see *this* as a viable option. She stated that maybe we could do some of the things for them, but not all of it. Ms. Bettinger stated that we really would have to be either 0% or 100%. You can't be sending these seniors to four different places for their programs/services. Mr. Hanrahan stated she was right; these are senior citizens. You can't tell them there is four locations that you might have to get to. He did show Mr. DeLony the other location at Golden Gate Park, but we also to be mindful of that is where we do 99% of our special need's programs. Now that can be a little bit different, because that building isn't open to the public. So, we can get creative and say for these 12 months you might operate out of North Collier Park. Because that is not community driven programming, it is special needs driven programming. That is a particular group of people that you are servicing. Then he will have to have a conversation with that supervisor, because they have gotten used to going to that location. And that population doesn't do well with change, much like seniors.

#### **B. New FY Budget Preparations**

Mr. Coriano stated we are just working on getting together our last-minute purchases before the new fiscal year, and Ms. Tuff asked if the Board will be seeing the Budget this year before it goes on to the BOCC. Mr. Coriano stated that we will need to talk to Ms. Trimino to see if we can get a preview. Mr. Hanrahan stated that it's still a work in progress, but he would get with them (Ms. Trimino at Growth Management) and at what point, what they can show the Advisory Board.

Ms. Tuff also asked about the raise of the milage rate. The Board has not seen a raise for the milage. Ms. Bettinger stated that the Golden Gate Beautification MSTU charges more than we do, so she would rather pay more money for the Community Center than Beautification. Can we put it on the Agenda to see? Mr. Hanrahan stated that he would get with Chris Johnson, Director – Corporate Financial & Management Services, on that.

Ms. Bettinger asked if an Ad Valorem rate increase would have to be put on the ballot for the public to vote on and Mr. Hanrahan responded that he would talk with Chris Johnson to get a bit of the history of the Ad Valorem. Has the milage changed? For it to remain neutral/lowered/raised – what is that process?

#### **C. Special Event Planning (Halloween & Winterfest)**

Ms. Tuff asked Mr. Coriano if we could move this Agenda item to the next meeting.

### **XI. Member Comments**

Ms. Bettinger stated that it would be good to invite the Clerk of Courts, Crystal Kinzel, and County Commissioner, Burt Saunders, to an Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Tuff agreed that it would be a good idea to invite them to a meeting. Maybe invite Ms. Kinzel to the September meeting and Mr. Saunders to the August meeting?

Ms. Richberg, no additional comments.

Ms. Tuff, no additional comments.



**XII. Adjournment**

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion, Ms. Richberg seconded the motion, and all agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board

  
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Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on 8/4/2025 as presented,  
or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.

Next Meeting, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00PM  
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