

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)
MEETING MINUTES
11/03/2025

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kaydee Tuff, Advisory Board Chairperson

Willie Brice, Advisory Board Member

Lizzette Homar-Ramos, Advisory Board Member

Angela Richberg, Advisory Board Member

Constance Bettinger, Advisory Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

James Hanrahan, Division Director – Parks & Recreation

John Dunnuck, Executive Director – Facilities & Redevelopment

Evelyn Trimino, Manager, Financial Operations – Operations & Regulatory Management

Brooke Roxberry, Management Analyst II – Operations & Regulatory Management

Ray Coriano, GGCC Park Supervisor – Parks & Recreation, Advisory Board Facilitator

Mariah Bosetti, GGCC Customer Service Specialist II – Parks & Recreation, Advisory Board Recorder

I. Call to Order

Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum

Roll Call was taken by Ms. Tuff. All members were present. A quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Coriano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Coriano requested the Board to add the following item to the agenda:

Under VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates; B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park; add Item # 4. Security Cameras at Wheels.

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

V. Approval of Minutes – October 6th, 2025

Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the October 6th, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Brice noted a typo: the Minutes stated that the October 6th, 2025, meeting was called to order by Ms. Tuff; however, in Ms. Tuff's absence, Mr. Brice had chaired the October meeting.

Ms. Bettinger entered the motion to approve the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes with that correction. It was seconded by Mr. Brice. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

VI. Public Comments

No members of the Public were present.

VII. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Brice requested that the Advisory Board members, at the end of the Monthly Budget Report, make a motion to accept or deny the report. Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Coriano provided the Budget overview for October.

FY2026 Budget Amended: \$1,023,900.00

A. Revenues

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$1,023,900.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: OCTOBER: \$11,731.91**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$11,731.91**
4. **Available: \$1,012,168.09**

Mr. Coriano stated that most of the Revenues for October came from facility rentals and athletic programs.

B. Operating Expenses:

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$767,253.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: OCTOBER: \$8,188.64**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$8,188.64**
4. **Available: \$146,138.28**

With no further questions, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to accept the Budget Report as presented by Mr. Coriano. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion. Ms. Richberg seconded it. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates

A. Community Center:

1. Restroom Floors (Open Item)

Mr. Coriano stated that a Purchase Order has been established. Some of the materials have already been delivered to Facilities.

Ms. Roxberry added that an open P.O. and requisitions are pending for the purchase of additional materials. The estimated start date is no later than December 1st, but she will have to double-check the date.

2. Gym Floor (Open Item)

Mr. Coriano requested Ms. Roxberry to provide an update. She stated that the project was still out to bid. She wanted to remind everyone that the project isn't just about the flooring; it's about a complete gym renovation. She will discuss at length with the Advisory Board once all quotes come back.

3. Marquee Sign (Open Item)

Mr. Coriano stated that the new sign is out there. He did have some questions; he was sure that there was supposed to be a lockable cover on the letterbox. He didn't see one there. Also, there is a light switch on the base of the sign. He still has to go out and test whether the switch is how we control the sign's lighting.

Ms. Roxberry added that the letterbox cover was within scope; however, it was not included in the quote. She stated that they would have it taken care of as soon as possible.

Mr. Coriano stated that he would keep this Item open on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. Shade Panel in Playground

Mr. Coriano stated that the vendor was contacted by Mr. Arcia (Maintenance Supervisor). We are awaiting a quote from them for the shade panel. FEMA should fund that.

5. Replacement of Air Vents throughout the Center

Mr. Coriano stated that all air vents throughout the main building have been either replaced or cleaned. We can close out this Item on the Agenda.

6. Replacement of Canister Lights in the Main Lobby

Mr. Coriano stated that Facilities would be out this week to replace the canister lights in the main lobby with LED lights.

B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park

1. Announcing Tower Tarp Replacement (Open Item)

The company released the first piece they had been working on. It ended up being a little short, so they will have to adjust the measurements and come back.

2. Skate Park Maintenance

Mr. Coriano stated that he has not received any updates on the skatepark maintenance contract. Ms. Roxberry added that a new service contract for American Ramp Company was approved, effective December 2nd. They recommended replacing the Skate Park in its entirety.

Ms. Tuff stated that we had just had the Skate Park redone. Mr. Coriano stated that the Skate Lite was the last phase in Mr. Johnson's contract, but it was never completed.

Ms. Bettinger asked how much the complete replacement would cost. Ms. Roxberry stated they had quoted close to \$1 million. Ms. Bettinger asked Mr. Coriano whether he was aware of this situation, to which he replied that he was aware that the initial section completed needed improvements, but not the entire park. Ms. Bettinger stated that it appears Mr. Coriano is not receiving updates on these projects and is being blindsided by reports from GMD personnel. Mr. James explained that he usually meets with GMD personnel, who discuss these issues with the respective Regional Managers, and then passes them on to the park supervisor. Mr. Brice stated that this information is passed to the Board, but apparently, it is not reaching the park supervisor. Ms. Trimino stated that contractors

and/or project managers have completed walkthroughs for various projects at Wheels, and the results have been disseminated to the appropriate personnel. Ms. Tuff stated she is sure these walkthroughs have been completed, but the question is why the Park Supervisor has not been involved. She also stated that she would like an open line of communication with the Park Supervisor and that new updates be provided as well. Ms. Tuff noted that she would like more information with an itemized list of what is wrong and what's needed for the Skate Park.

3. BMX Track Turns

Mr. Coriano stated that the turns on the BMX track are the original 2008 turns, which are now degrading. Naples BMX has done a good job of maintaining the track, but we will have to start looking at resurfacing the turns. He is also in contact with Ray the Trapper for the elimination of iguanas that have been nesting by the track.

Ms. Bettinger asked if the surface would last until after the races in January. Mr. Coriano stated that the season ends in May; he hopes it will last until then.

4. Security Cameras at Wheels

Mr. Coriano stated that the camera system has been replaced. They could not use the same spots where we had the cameras before, but they did use the spots as feed areas for wiring. Cameras are positioned to view: the Amphitheatre, the Open Field, Wheels entrance, the back side of the building, the back side of the Skate Park, the Back and front sides of the BMX track, and up to the staging area.

IX. Old Business

A. Special Events Planning – Halloween Event

Mr. Coriano showed the Advisory Board the video presentation of the GGCC Halloween Family Bash created by GGCC Program Leader Carly DelPozo. We had two Advisory Board members (Ms. Richberg and Ms. Bettinger) attend the event; they acted as the judges for the costume contest. We had a DJ for our glow dance party, some inflatables, and we ended up with about 400 attendees. Community Vendors included: CCSO, Greater Naples Fire Rescue, CC Public Library, Florida Department of Health, Advance America, Neighborhood Health Clinic, Amberton Townhomes, Ripple Fiber, the Experts, Estrella Insurance, BridgePrep Academy, and Betty's Zumba.

B. FY2026 Amended Budget

Nothing additional to add for this item.

C. Wheels/Naples BMX Events

Mr. Coriano stated that the two events are still scheduled:

- 1. Naples BMX "Banging Bars" Race (Friday, December 12th)**
- 2. Naples BMX State Qualifier (Thursday, January 8th – Sunday, January 11th)**

X. New Business

A. Board Member Position Availability

Mr. Brice's paperwork for renewal of his position with the GGCC Advisory Board was received and processed. Ms. Tuff made a motion to the board members to accept a new term for Willie Brice III. Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion, and all members agreed. Mr. Coriano will send the form back to the County Clerk's Office for submission to the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

B. Request to Name the Gymnasium

Mr. Coriano stated that Mr. John Dunnuck is requesting approval from the Advisory Board to name the GGCC Gymnasium in memory of Janice Elliott, former Program Leader II. Ms. Elliott worked at the Golden Gate Community Center from 1993 – 2008. She was the heart and soul of the building while she served here, and she created the midnight basketball program with the

Sheriff's office and many other great programs. With the Advisory Board's approval, he will take the request for the memorial plaque to be placed outside the gym to the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners).

Ms. Tuff stated that she thought it was an excellent idea; she had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Elliott. It would be like the dedication of the Joan Jenks Auditorium, or Mr. Arthur's plaque outside Room B.

Mr. Dunnuck also presented several of Ms. Elliott's family members who came in support of the proposed name, including Tracy Paxman (daughter), Jude Sannicandro (son), Angela Alfonso (granddaughter), LeShaye Miller (grandson), Jacob Miller (son), and his wife.

Ms. Tuff asked the Advisory Board for a vote to approve of a memorial plaque for Ms. Janice Elliott to be placed outside the GGCC Gymnasium. All members approved.

Ms. Bettinger asked if we could wait on the plaque until the renovations were complete. Mr. Coriano also agreed that once the gym renovation is completed, it would be a great time to dedicate the memorial.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that he will work with Mr. Dunnuck to get this matter to the BOCC. He will also put it on the agenda for the next PARAB (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) meeting to show the BOCC that there is overwhelming support for this.

XI. Member Comments

+Mr. Brice stated that he fondly remembered the Friday night/midnight basketball at the Center, and it kept kids occupied and out of trouble.

+Ms. Homar-Ramos asked that Growth Management improve communication with Mr. Coriano.

+Ms. Bettinger stated that the Senior Center should remain an Open Item on the Agenda so the Advisory Board can stay up to date on the project. She also doesn't think Senior Center staff should be given building keys. The Community Center opens at 9am, and the library opens at 10am. The Senior Center can come into the building when it's open, just like any other renter.

+Ms. Bettinger stated she also heard that there wasn't any money in the grants for the rent that the Senior Center is supposed to pay the Golden Gate Community Center. She would like that investigated. Mr. Dunnuck stated that she was right. There have been two issues with the Senior Center right now. One of the grants said they wouldn't pay for relocation because they thought we could renovate with the seniors in place. The third grant wants a schedule of values for the project now. Regardless, the County Manager is aware of the rent agreement, and the County WILL pay the rent regardless of what happens with the grants.

+Ms. Bettinger went on to say that she understood that Growth Management oversees the money, but she is uncomfortable with all the changes in the building. There are things that have changed since they took over that the Advisory Board didn't get the chance to say yes or no about. She would like to know whether Growth Management will incorporate the Advisory Board into those decisions, or whether they aren't the ones to make that decision. She used two examples specifically. The chairs in the east lobby hallway were replaced. Yes, they were old, but the Advisory Board didn't get the opportunity to choose something nicer. Instead, we got "new" chairs that were left over from some other department. We also have a large community without internet access. So, when we have newspapers that people come in to get, that is really important to them. We, again, as an Advisory Board, make that decision. She is uncomfortable with that.

+Ms. Richberg asked whether the Advisory Board should vote on the issues Ms. Bettinger raised. Ms. Tuff stated that it should, at a minimum, be a courtesy.

+Ms. Bettinger stated that they could at least involve the Advisory Board in the decision-making. Mr. Hanrahan stated that he meets with Ms. Trimino regarding Parks frequently, as well as the Regional Managers. He will work to increase communication.

+Ms. Bettinger stated that her last point was to ask whether we hold-harmless agreements with any of the food banks, the church, the farmers' market, etc. Mr. Hanrahan stated that if it is organized and a permit is in place, the Center will receive a Certificate of Insurance from the organizer. We do have protocols for that.

+Ms. Richberg asked Mr. Coriano if he could ask about the building's Wi-Fi. Mr. Coriano stated that he did, and that IT is coming in to check both modem units. They informed him that if there isn't anything wrong with the modem we have, we will need to request an upgrade with justification, and then IT will let us know what they can do for us.

XII. Adjournment

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Homar-Ramos seconded the motion, and all members agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on 12/01/2025 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, Monday, December 1st, 2025, at 6:00PM
Golden Gate Community Center • 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Rm. C, Naples, FL 34116