

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)
MEETING MINUTES
12/01/2025**

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Kaydee Tuff, Advisory Board Chairperson

Willie Brice III, Advisory Board Member

Lizzette Homar-Ramos, Advisory Board Member

Angela Richberg, Advisory Board Member

Constance Bettinger, Advisory Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Cecilia Zenti, former GGCC Advisory Board Member

I. Call to Order

Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum

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

Ms. Homar-Ramos had to leave the meeting before it was called to order, but returned at 6:35PM..

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Coriano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; Mr. Brice seconded it. All members present were in favor. The motion was carried.

V. Approval of Minutes – November 3rd, 2025

Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 3rd, 2025. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Bettinger seconded it. All members present were in favor. The motion was carried.

VI. Public Comments

* Ms. Cecilia Zenti, former GGCC Advisory Board member, would like to invite the Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board members & GGCC Staff to attend a future event scheduled for the end of February/the beginning of March 2026 to raise funds for youth scholarships for the First Tee - Naples Collier Academy. Other organizations to be involved include the Golden Gate Civic Association, Arthrex, the Gate Golf Club Board of Directors, First Tee Golf, and Collier County Commissioner Burt Saunders. They currently have 1,000 kids enrolled in the First Tee after-school program, offering homework tutoring, use of golf clubs, member jackets, and rides home. They hope to add another 1,000 attendees when the Golden Gate Golf Course is complete, with marketing to the area schools.

VII. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Coriano provided the Budget overview for November.

FY2026 Budget Amended: \$1,023,900.00

A. Revenues

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$1,023,900.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: NOVEMBER: \$255,693.03**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$272,884.94**
4. **Available: \$751,015.06**

Mr. Coriano wanted to note that we received \$252,442 from the Ad Valorem for November.

B. Operating Expenses:

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$767,253.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: NOVEMBER: \$46,529.28**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$54,873.28**
4. **Available: \$134,448.94**

Mr. Coriano wanted to note to the Advisory Board the significant difference between the Amended Operating Expenses (Item B1) and the Available amount (Item B4). The difference is \$577,930.78, and that amount is shown as committed to purchase orders in his SAP system. He didn't get the chance to review each one because he only noticed this today, but he believes the purchase orders are for all the construction for the bathrooms and for all the other projects happening around here. He was not notified of the creation of these purchase orders and has no information on them. Mr. Richberg asked if any paperwork had been sent to him about any

of it. Mr. Coriano stated that he can log into the SAP system to view purchase orders, but he hasn't received any notifications.

Ms. Tuff asked if Mr. Coriano could check and come back to the Advisory Board's next meeting with, hopefully, a better explanation. Mr. Coriano stated that he had a supervisor's budget meeting later in the week with Melinda Paltep from Operations & Regulatory Management, and he would be able to ask her about it. He knows that if Ms. Roxberry, Management Analyst – Growth Management Department (GMD)- Operations & Regulatory Management, were present, she could explain how/where the money is being committed. It may be that they pulled out about \$580,000 for the various projects that we have, and they don't end up needing that amount. Any money not used is put right back into Operating Expenses.

Ms. Bettinger stated that, to her, Operating Expenses are costs incurred during the Center's normal operations. So, shouldn't the money for the bathroom renovations be kept separate from that? What if there is an overrun?

Ms. Tuff instructed Mr. Coriano to return to the next meeting with some answers on that. She would prefer it to be sent as a group email to the Advisory Board. She also suggested that, in his meeting with Melinda, he tells her you would like to be notified sooner about these Budget changes, because he must come and explain them to the Advisory Board. She would be glad, along with Mr. Coriano, if need be, to meet with our Commissioner, Mr. French, and whoever is necessary to start developing a better communication plan.

Mr. Brice asked how much money there was in the Reserve. Mr. Coriano stated that there was \$1,577,900. Mr. Brice and Ms. Tuff asked if that number could be reported to the Advisory Board monthly. Mr. Coriano noted that the amount of the Reserves doesn't change unless we use money or, at the end of the fiscal year, there are rollover funds. Ms. Bettinger asked if it accrued interest. Mr. Coriano stated that he didn't think so, but he would investigate it and report back.

Mr. Brice asked if we could move more money into our Capital Outlay account. Mr. Coriano stated that the Advisory Board would have to file a motion; we would notify our director, and then he would notify GMD that we want to move this amount of money into Operating Expenses for X reason. Then the request would go on to the County Commissioners for approval.

Mr. Brice called for a motion to add Item C, under VII. Monthly Budget Report, to report on the current total of the GGCC Reserve account. Ms. Richberg entered the motion, which Ms. Homar-Ramos seconded. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. Tuff called for a motion to accept the Budget Report as presented by Mr. Coriano. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion. Ms. Homar-Ramos seconded it. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities projects:

A. Community Center:

1. Restroom Floors (Open Item)

Twelve pallets of materials are scheduled to be delivered; seven pallets are set to arrive on Thursday, December 4th, for us to store for the renovations. The partitions should come last and will be on large pallets. We should be able to store those over on the back side of Wheels. We will move the tables & chairs out of the Auditorium closet and store the other pallets there. Tables & chairs will be stored in the corner of the Auditorium or in the hallway, trying to make it look as presentable as possible. Demolition is scheduled to start this coming weekend.

2. Gym Floor (Open Item)

There has been no change in status; we are still awaiting updated information from Growth Management (GMD).

3. Marquee Sign (Open Item)

We had been concerned about getting our old letters back from Lykin Signtek, but they eventually returned them. Then someone from Growth Management (GMD) brought over a set of new letters, numbers, & symbols that were of much lower quality than our old sets. So, the latest set will not be interchangeable with the old set.

No update on when we can expect the cover/door for the marquee sign. He decided to test out the new letters without the cover and see if they stay.

We also determined that the marquee lights come on with the parking lot lights on a timer. The switch on the side of the sign is an override switch.

4. Shade Panel in Playground

He is having Mr. Rob Franco, Crew Leader – Facilities, try to see whether the same company will be working on this as is working on the Observation Tower cover at Wheels. The shade is still missing the hem and is waiting to get fixed.

5. Replacement of Canister Lights in the Main Lobby

This item is complete and can be removed from the list. The lights have been replaced, and the Lobby is now very bright. He was going to try to see if they could come and turn off the ample square panel light over the front desk, as it is a little too bright with the other new canister lights in the Lobby.

B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park

1. Announcing Tower Tarp Replacement (Open Item)

Shade cover is completed and installed. It looks good; he likes the material. The only thing left for them to do is come and install the grommets and tie rods.

2. Skate Park Maintenance (Open Item)

There has been no change in status; we are still awaiting updated information from GMD.

3. BMX Track Turns

There has been no change in status; we are still awaiting updated information from GMD. We're supposed to be getting a Project Manager for the project. We can't get anything done on the track without a Project Manager.

4. Camera System

Mr. Hanrahan, Director – Parks & Recreation, had to follow up with Mr. French, Department Head – GMD, because Mr. French thought we were ordering additional cameras. Still, we were only replacing the old ones. As of right now, nothing has been approved. We don't get access to the camera feeds until the request is approved.

C. Senior Center Relocation Update

There has been no change in status; we are still awaiting updated information from GMD.

IX. Old Business

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following Old Business Agenda items:

A. Board Member Position Availability (Willie Brice III)

Mr. Brice's application has been sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval. He should be receiving a letter from the Commissioners accepting his application soon.

B. Request to Name the Gymnasium
No additional information on this item.

X. New Business

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

A. Christmas Event – Cookies with Santa (December 19, 2025)

The event will be held on Friday, December 19th, from 6PM – 8PM. The cost will be the same as for our Halloween event: \$4/kids and \$1/adults. The courtyard will be decorated with Christmas lights and will have our vendors, CCSO, food trucks, and some bounce houses. The Auditorium will be decorated, and we will have Santa there for pictures, along with cookies to decorate and hot chocolate available.

B. Winter/Spring Programs Update

He still has a concern about the Senior Center's move. Most of our sports programs will be fine, because they are run out of the gym. But some of our other programs, like graduation for VPK, camps, etc. We'll have to adjust our numbers and try to work out of the rooms that we do have available.

Registration is open for Winter/Spring programs. We adjusted the age for the Basketball League to cover the older elementary/middle school age bracket. Mr. Coriano asked the Advisory Board to spread the word to the community that we need volunteers as referees and coaches for the League. Volleyball is also doing well.

XI. Member Comments

Mr. Richberg asked if the church people had removed all of their stuff from the Gym. Mr. Coriano stated that we did get the Certificates of Liability Insurance for the food banks that come in and distribute in our parking lots, and for Naples Futsal. Pastor Paul had asked for a status update; Mr. Coriano informed him it was unchanged. They need to remove everything that they have stored here. Ms. Bettinger asked if he needed a letter from the Advisory Board to get them moving. Mr. Coriano stated that the letter should come from the County, as it is their policy. Ms. Tuff noted that if the County wants it done, they need to give us a day, and then we can provide the renters with a date. Then it will be out of our hands.

Ms. Tuff wanted to invite everyone from the Advisory Board and GGCC Staff to the Golden Gate Civic Association's Christmas party, Monday, December 8th, starting at 6PM. She wanted to thank Ms. Bettinger for providing the Advisory Board with name badges.

She also wanted to express her disappointment that no one from County leadership appeared at the meeting to provide any updates.

Ms. Homar-Ramos stated that she would PASS.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she would PASS.

XII. Adjournment

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion, and all members agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board


Kaydee Tuff

Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on 1/6/2026 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, Monday, January 5th, 2026, at 6:00PM
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