

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)
MEETING MINUTES
03/02/2026

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Willie Brice III, Advisory Board Member

Lizzette Homar-Ramos, Advisory Board Member

Angela Richberg, Advisory Board Member

Constance Bettinger, Advisory Board Member

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kaydee Tuff, Advisory Board Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Said Gomez, Interim-Regional Manager – Parks & Recreation

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

Mr. Brice called the Meeting to order at 6:04pm.

II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum

Mr. Brice took Roll Call. Ms. Tuff was not present due to a home emergency. All other members were present. A quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Coriano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Approval of Minutes – February 2nd, 2026

Mr. Brice called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 2nd, 2026. Ms. Bettinger entered the motion; Ms. Richberg seconded it. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

VI. Public Comments

There were no members of the public present for comment.

VII. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Coriano provided the Budget overview for February.

FY2026 Budget Amended: \$1,023,900.00

A. Revenues:

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$780,500.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: FEBRUARY: \$24,323.23**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$771,255.05**
4. **Available: \$252,644.95**

Revenues included: \$17,000 from Ad Valorem, \$2,000 from Facility Rentals, and \$1,500 from program registrations.

B. Operating Expenses:

1. **FY2026 Amended: \$767,253.00**
2. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: FEBRUARY - \$23,053.58**
3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$277,551.31**
4. **Available: \$114,837.67**

Ms. Bettinger asked whether the costs for any repairs we've had to make to the new bathrooms came out of the renovation budget, or if we charge separately for each flooding incident.

Mr. Coriano stated that it does not come from the budgeted amount for the project. The incidents we have had with flooding, etc., would be a special request and/or a typical maintenance line item.

Mr. Coriano stated that he spoke with Mr. Kevin Brock, Supervisor – Building Maintenance, Facilities Management, about the cover that Ms. Tuff had asked about for the pipes under the sinks. Mr. Brock stated that we can add it in, but it won't be part of the project. It would be a special request, there for would cost more.

Ms. Bettinger commented that if we add something to cover under the sinks, we should ensure it remains ADA-compliant. Mr. Brice stated that the cover could be angled to allow for wheelchairs, etc.

C. Reserve Funds: \$1,577,900.00

There has been no change to the Reserve Fund.

D. Current Upgrades & Future Purchases

1. Countertops (Front Desk & Concession Kitchen)

The gym concession kitchen counter and the front desk countertop had been replaced. Both the kitchen cabinets and the base of the front counter will be sanded down and painted. The gym concession kitchen still needs the sink set properly on the counter and sealed, and the plumbing re-hooked up.

2. Golf Utility Cart

An order was placed for our new utility cart. It will basically look the same – with the two seats and flat bed - but it will be gas-powered. It costs about \$12,500; that will come out of the Capital Outlay line item.

Mr. Brice asked how soon we should receive it. Mr. Coriano stated that it will be delivered to Fleet Management first for inspection and an Asset number assignment before we receive it.

3. Laptop & Monitor Upgrades

He would like to upgrade the staff's old laptops. They are all now out of warranty. We do have a line item in the Budget for that. It will be a total of six laptops being replaced, and probably some monitors also. We will also need to purchase a new smart TV for Summer Camp, because one of ours broke.

4. Center's Floors & Lighting

He spoke to the guy from Mohawk about a quote for the floors throughout the Center. Mr. Coriano told him that we would be interested in the cortex tiles. He is supposed to come out, take some measurements, and get Mr. Coriano a quote.

Ms. Bettinger moved to accept the monthly Budget Report as presented by Mr. Coriano; Ms. Richberg seconded it. All members present 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)

Everything seems to be completed on the second set of bathrooms. The electricians came in today to install the hand dryers. All fixtures and sinks are installed; only minor items remain. They do still need to replace the lighting in those bathrooms. He had previously been told that they would be done by the end of this week, but we will see. The word is, once they are finished with this second set of bathrooms, they will start on the small bathroom backstage in the gym and then, over at Wheels. Our concern at Wheels is that, with both bathrooms under construction, we will need to have some porta-johns brought in. He thinks that one handicap port-a-john and two or three regular ones should work fine.

2. Gym Floor (Open Item)

We had several contractors/vendors come in last week to measure and inspect the gym to see if they wanted to bid on the project. Mr. Coriano believes the pre-bid meeting was scheduled for last week, and that there will be another meeting next week for full-on bidding.

3. Shade Panel in Playground (Open Item)

This item will also have to be rebid because the General Contractor's (GC) contract with Procurement has expired. So, the GC would have to submit a new one.

4. Marquee Sign (Open Item)

Mr. Coriano saw the Purchase Order (PO) come through for the cover of the marquee sign. The cost was \$2,625 for the cover and installation.

5. Airnasium

Mr. Coriano wanted to confirm with the Advisory Board that they wanted to keep this as an 'Open Item' on the agenda. They confirmed that they did.

Mr. Gomez stated that he spoke with Ms. Brooke Roxberry from Operations & Regulatory Management (ORM) regarding Airnasium. The project will need to start with engineering. The cost for an engineer would likely be around \$200,000-\$300,000. He is actively working with ORM on it so they can return to the Advisory Board with building & maintenance costs and a possible project timeline.

6. Irrigation System

We do have one. It was struck by lightning a little over a year ago, and the pipes and well pump melted together into the ground and have been out of operation since. The only option we have for our irrigation system is to have them look at a different location to set up the pump, which would likely be right next to the old one. Before that can be done, they must do a ground inspection/assessment. The word is that the assessment was approved, and ORM has established a P.O. for it. The cost of the assessment was \$9,600. He's not sure where the money for the project will come from, though. He will let the Advisory Board know once he finds out.

B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park

1. Skate Park Maintenance (Open Item)

Good news, Mr. Ben Johnson (RD Ramps) is back. Mr. Coriano had the chance to speak with Ms. Roxberry, who gave him the paperwork Mr. Johnson will need to complete to be added back as an approved County vendor. We want to open a P.O. with him so he can start with the maintenance needed, especially on some of the older pieces.

2. BMX Track Turns (Open Item)

Mr. Coriano stated that he would like to close out this Agenda Item with the Advisory Board's approval. He did a walk-through with Mr. George Suarez, Naples BMX, and he thinks that with the patching and the pressure washing that was done, the turns should be alright as they are, as long as the turns don't become a safety hazard.

3. Camera System

Mr. Coriano stated that we had an issue about a week ago. We have a gentleman who is camping out at Wheels. Separately, we had an issue with the building's electricity. The building runs off an internal transformer, and every so often, something goes wrong with it. While working on that, we went out to the Amphitheater, and there were clothes all spread out, drying on the stage floor. The gentleman had pulled out the hose, washed his clothes, and laid them out to dry. Mr. Coriano talked to him, told him he couldn't be back there doing that, etc. He is already aware that during the day, if we don't see him, we can't stop him. They had to have seen him on the cameras.

Mr. Coriano stated that what upset him was that the next morning, his Zumba instructor was going in for her 8 - 9am class. She came up, and the gentleman was relieving himself, right on the corner, near her entrance. Mr. Brice stated that you should let Facilities know that you have had an issue, and if they see him, they should call CCSO. Mr. Coriano stated that Facilities will ask for a time when the guy shows up. He doesn't know when the guy is coming. If this guy is coming in at night, we wouldn't know unless we saw him.

Mr. Gomez stated that he would contact Facilities about the monitoring of our cameras. Mr. Coriano asked the Advisory Board if he could close out this Agenda Item because he doesn't think we should keep it as an 'Open Item'. All members of the Advisory Board who were present agreed on the removal of this Agenda Item.

4. Iguana Issue

Mr. Coriano asked the Advisory Board to close out this Agenda Item. He mentioned in the last meeting that we ordered a spray for the iguanas. We received it last week, and Mr. Nick Luviano, GGCC Program Leader, had taken some out to Wheels. The weather is starting to warm up, so we will have to wait and see how well it works. All members of the Advisory Board who were present agreed on the removal of this Agenda Item.

C. Senior Center Relocation Update

Mr. Coriano didn't have any updates regarding the Senior Center relocation. We are still looking at the fourth quarter of the year for their move.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she had attended the St. Matthew's House food pantry that was held in the GGCC parking lot, "hosted" by the Collier Senior Center on President's Day (February 16th). She spoke with some of the people there from St. Matthew's House. They were under the impression that this entire plaza is the Senior Center. She informed them that they don't have permission/permit from the Community Center to use the parking lot. They told her that the parking lot doesn't really work for them anyway and that they would likely move it to March. She told them to email Mr. Coriano.

Mr. Coriano stated that he did get an email from a lady at St. Matthew's. They also sent him a COI for the food pantry. Then he got a call back saying they wouldn't be back for distribution at our site due to logistics.

Mr. Gomez stated that he had done some digging and found that, technically, they have a couple of County Park locations where they distribute food. If you go to their website, you see parks listed, then the Senior Center. We have an MOU with St. Matthew's Food Bank for other park locations. So, they do have an agreement with the County, and they may have thought that it was covered under that. To Ms. Bettinger's point, they don't have a COI with the Golden Gate Community Center.

Ms. Bettinger stated that her fear is that they aren't communicating with Mr. Coriano, and we are kind of operating in the dark. There needs to be better communication regarding their events if they are moving in. She doesn't want them to plan an event, not to tell us about it, and then there is a conflict with something that we are running. Mr. Gomez stated that he would investigate their historical events. Our events should take precedence over theirs because they are our guests.

IX. Old Business

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

A. AARP Tax Aide

We still have them here; they will be making appointments on Mondays and Thursdays until April 13th.

B. Summer Camp Preparations

We are all done with preparations.

X. New Business

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

1. Spring Fling Event

The event will be held in the open field on Saturday, March 28th, from 11am – 1pm. Cost will be \$4 for kids, \$1 for adults. We will have the six egg runs based on age group, inflatables, games, and vendors.

2. Summer Camp Registrations & Hiring

Registration opened today. Our middle school section of camp is already full, and we only have 18 spots left for elementary camp out of 85 total spots. The next thing we will be looking at is getting started with hiring counselors. We are requesting permission to hire eight. We want to have six elementary groups and one or two middle school groups, like we did last year.

XI. Member Comments

Ms. Bettinger stated that the Community Center is at a disadvantage because nothing that is being built on/around the golf course is being taxed. The veterans' nursing home, the veterans' community center, and the golf course aren't paying taxes. She would like to have a workshop (separate from the regular monthly meeting) for the Advisory Board on the MSTU boundaries, mileage rate (historically), and what it would take for the Advisory Board to change the mileage rate. Because the Golden Gate Beautification MSTU charges more than we do (at .5), we charge .18, and we do a whole lot more for the community. Mr. Coriano suggested that the Advisory Board pick a date that's not a regular meeting date for Mr. Chris Johnson, Division Director - Corporate Financial & Management Services, to answer their questions about requesting a change to the mileage rate. Mr. Brice suggested setting the date for the next regular Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Gomez stated that Mr. Coriano will provide the Advisory Board with the MSTU boundary map and the Resolution so the Advisory Board can do its homework on what questions to ask.

Ms. Bettinger also wanted to invite the Advisory Board to her Wednesday evening Kiwanis meeting with special guest speaker Crystal Kinzel, Collier County Clerk of Courts and Comptroller. She will be talking about property taxes and what would happen, at the county level, if the ballot initiative to eliminate homestead property taxes passes. Mr. Gomez wanted to piggyback off one thing. They do this out in Immokalee with RCRA, the Beautification out there. They help fund some of the projects they are doing out there, such as re-turfing the field. He thinks that it is important that the Community Center can work with its counterpart, the Beautification MSTU. He hadn't realized that there even was a Golden Gate Beautification MSTU. They may be able to help the Center out with funding for projects.

Ms. Homar-Ramos stated that she would not be present for the July or August meetings. She will be in Puerto Rico. She also wanted to know what happened to the car show that used to be held at the Community Center. Mr. Coriano stated that a couple of things had happened. The group was called Cool Cruisers; their MOU with us expired, and they moved to a larger site at East Naples Community Park, where they have been since. Mr. Gomez added that they just did a car show at North Collier Regional Park just about two weeks ago.

Ms. Richberg asked whether the far-right door in the Auditorium lobby closes all the way; it doesn't seem to. She noticed when she was here waiting for her taxes to be made. Mr. Coriano stated that, yes, one of the doors does not close all the way. A work order has been established, but the problem is that those doors have a threaded seal that runs right through the edging and is made of cloth. The issue is that the seal cloth is no longer there. So, we would have to either remove the whole thing or replace the door. But you can't just replace one door; you would have to do the whole set of doors. Mr. Gomez added that Max Hasse Community Parks had to replace the door due to user error. They replaced two doors, the same kind, with two glass panels. The cost was \$19,000 per door. Mr. Coriano stated that's why we decided to keep an eye on it for now.

Mr. Brice stated that he had no comments.

XII. Adjournment

With no further topics for discussion, Mr. Brice called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Richberg entered the motion; Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion, and all members agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on _____ as presented,

or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, Monday, April 6th, 2026, at 6:00pm

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