

May 5, 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, May 5, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Committee, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:00 PM in a REGULAR SESSION in Conference Room "C" of the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Jim Klug (excused)
VICE CHAIR: Ernie Bretzmann
Vicki Clavelo
Kaydee Tuff
Bill Arthur

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director
Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager/Region II
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manager/Region II
Vickie Wilson, Community Center Supervisor
Khara Tardio, Program Leader
Ray Cobiano, Program Leader

A. **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Vice Chair, Ernie Bretzmann.

B. **Approval of Agenda**

*Bill Arthur moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Vicki Clavelo.
Carried unanimously, 3-0*

C. **Approval of April 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

*Bill Arthur moved to approve the Minutes for April 7, 2008 as submitted.
Second by Vicki Clavelo. Carried unanimously 3-0.*

Approval of April 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Vicki Clavelo requested to change the motion on approval of Minutes on the April 22, 2008 to the member who seconded this motion.

Bill Arthur moved to approve the Minutes for April 22, 2008 with the correction to "Second by Jim Klug." Carried unanimously 3-0.

(Kaydee Tuff arrived at 6:05 PM)

D. **New Business**

1) Introduction of Community Center Supervisor

Shari Ferguson introduced Vickie Wilson to the Advisory Board.

Vickie Wilson gave the Committee a summarization on her background and experience.

Kaydee Tuff inquired on the transition period.

Vickie Wilson responded that she will be going back and forth, between the Vineyards and Golden Gate, until all the paperwork for the transfer is completed.

Shari Ferguson announced that the department was going through some internal reorganization due to shortage of staff and introduced Annie Alvarez. She will be replacing Shari Ferguson as the new Regional II Manager for Golden Gate Community Center.

Annie Alvarez spoke to the committee on her background and future plans for the Center.

Shari Ferguson announced that Christina Apkarian will be filling a vacancy for the Center as a new Program Leader.

Ernie Bretzmann asked if Vickie Wilson's non-residency issue had been resolved.

Shari Ferguson responded that the exception had been approved.

2) Presentation on Wheels

Ray Coriano, program leader gave a slide presentation on the Wheels Program, the accomplishments of program and highlights of up and coming events as follows:

- State Competition Qualifier to be held in October. The event will bring estimated 200 - 600 participants.
- BMX Open House to be held on May 30, 2008. 2 Pros will be holding a Clinic.
- Only track in Collier County
- Track was Sanctioned by the National Bicycling League
- BMX is introducing the sport in the Summer Olympics in Beijing. 4 Riders in the USA will be represented at the event.
- Volunteers have been maintaining and working regularly on the track.
- Collier County has 42 Sanctioned riders. 8 of the riders have already been qualified to ride in the State Competitions.

3) Recreation Highlights

Khara Tardio, Program Leader gave a slide presentation on Youth Programs and a report on Center Activities. Some of the highlights were:

- Spring Wing Ding Event had 350 participants
- Latin Festival held on April 26 had 800 participants
- Lil Gators has a graduation on May 22, 2008
- The Youth Program has a Leader Training Program that is 6 weeks long. 100 participants meet on Saturdays. The cost to the participants is \$100.00 each.

Ernie Bretzmann asked how the Summer Camp enrollment was progressing and how it compared to other years.

Khara Tardio responded that the enrollment was steady but not full. The enrollment for Summer Programs and Camp generally pick up the last couple of weeks before school closes for the summer.

Shari Ferguson said they had compared the enrollment to last year and it was in line with last years' enrollment.

E. Monthly Budget Report

Shari Ferguson presented and reviewed the Monthly Budget Report and interjected that it was on track. Bottom line is that \$373,386 has been spent and the budget has a balance of \$183,000

Shari Ferguson recommended utilizing some of these funds on the following:

- Landscaping
- Tree Trimming around Wheels
- Some pavers are sinking by Wheels and lifting in the Court Yard
- Bumpers broken in the parking lots
- Chemicals (Ants)
- Fertilizing and Mulch

Shari Ferguson recommended the Center purchase cameras to be installed in the playroom and in the gym. Now that the Center is on Fibre, they can be installed, plus they can be monitored downtown.

Shari Ferguson reviewed the Budget reflecting that a few Committee members recommended items be cut and that the Budget is now at – 2.01 in line with 2007 numbers.

Barry Williams stated that May 14, 2008 was the deadline for submitting the budget before presenting to the County Manager at the June Budget Hearing.

Shari Ferguson recommended adding a new playground on the Capital Project list in the amount of \$125,000. This would mean that 40% of this amount would be provided from the MSTU Budget and 60% by the County Budget. The playground equipment is deteriorating and in need of repair. The company that manufactured this equipment, no longer manufactures the parts needed to repair them.

Shari Ferguson stated the equipment was not unsafe at this time.

Annie Alvarez recommended applying for Grant Funding. As long as the playground is handicap accessible, matching funds would be available for the cost of building the new playground if requirements were met.

Barry Williams stated that the new playground was not included in the budget and added that with the use of a Grant, it would be a favorable concept with the Board. The Committee is still able to submit this Capital Project if a decision is made.

Bill Arthur asked if the playground could last another year.

Shari Ferguson responded that the playground equipment could last but not the surface.

Annie Alvarez volunteered to look into the funding of a paving project that was completed at the Immokalee facility where Grant Funding completely covered the costs.

F. Members Additions and Comments

Kaydee Tuff inquired about an incident that happened at Wheels, concerning a Park Ranger going into the women's restroom and startled a woman who was already in the restroom.

Shari Ferguson spoke with Barry Williams and Ray Cariano and they believe it was an accident. Ray Cariano was at the site and spoke with the Park Ranger. He apparently was in a hurry and thought he was in the men's restroom. They are investigating this internally. This Ranger has been with the County for one year and no other incidents have been reported.

Bill Arthur asked if there was a reason the County was using the parking area for a parking lot for County vehicles.

Shari Ferguson suggested directing them to park in a location in the parking lot more acceptable. County Vehicles are allowed to park overnight on any County facility as long as it doesn't interfere with business.

G. Informational Items

1) Attendance Report

None.

2) Meeting Schedule

Vicki Clavelo stated the Committee had decided not to meet in June. The next meeting will be July 7, 2008.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by order of the Vice Chair at 7:25 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ernie Bretzmann, Vice Chair

These Minutes were approved by the Committee Chair on _____,
as presented _____ or as amended _____.