

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
07/01/2019**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member

Mr. Bill Arthur – Advisory Board Member

Absent/Excused:

Ms. Ernie Bretzmann - Advisory Board Member

Also Present:

Ms. Vickie Wilson, Supervisor, Golden Gate Community Center

Mr. Pietro Ricci, Program Leader, Wheels BMX Skate Park, Golden Gate Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum

Roll call was taken, with a quorum established.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Zenti entered a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2019

Mr. Arthur entered a motion to approve the June 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Zenti seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

V. Public Comments

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Teen Center Update – Mr. Pietro Ricci

Purpose: To create and engage in a sense of social environment, safety, and interaction, where teens feel comfortable amongst others, to prepare and sustain learning opportunities for higher education, and to promote and establish a healthy lifestyle.

What will be offered? Game room, programs, tutoring, meetings, social events, guest speakers, and much more. Park Staff and/or outside professionals will be utilized for tutoring, program presentation, and as guest speakers.

- 1. Programs:** SAT/ACT exam prep, how to apply for college, financial aid, and scholarships, bullying awareness, financial planning, identify theft crisis, how to interview for a job.
- 2. Events and Meetings:** Establishment of a Teen Leadership Board, with monthly Teen Meetings, as well as Career Day, college fairs, college visits, monthly social, and community outreach (assist with Food Drives, beach cleanup events, Collier County cleanup events). The Teen Leadership Board members would be appointed and would meet to discuss Teen Center rules and regulations, collaborate thoughts and ideas with members and County staff for future Teen Center events, and hold monthly Board meetings with Teen Center members.
- 3. Guest Speakers:** High school alumni, college alumni, public safety, athletes, and teachers.

4. **After school tutoring:** Example: Mondays and Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., exact time to be determined, with possible local high school teens assisting with tutoring sessions

5. **Socials:** Three-hour socials, with refreshments and possibly a DJ are planned. Dates and times are subject to change.
 - +Kick off party – September 27
 - +Howl-O-Scream – October 25
 - +Jingle Bell Gala – December 20
 - +Be My Valentine – February 14
 - +Spring Fling – March 6
 - +End of School Year – May 22

Where will this be offered?

The Teen Center will be located within the Wheels Skate and BMX Park. The building exterior has been freshly painted, and with 2 new recreational pool tables, 40” LED TV, PS4 gaming console, board games, and six 6’ round tables and 40 folding chairs purchased to date. The installation of Wifi is anticipated within the next month.

Paper surveys were collected from GGHS, GGMS, and St. John Neumann students at the end of the school year, with feedback from surveyors expressing a desire for a Teen Center that is a fun, comfortable place to hang out. 77% of surveyors agreed to pay a fee for a social event, if it were not free to attend. 63% of surveyors expressed an interest in taking on a leadership role. Approximately 60 surveys were completed and returned. Mr. Ricci stated that the name of the school was not included in the survey information. Ms. Tuff noted that the name of the school is important information to gather in order to gauge which age group expressed interest in Teen Center membership, as well as interest in leadership roles.

Next Steps:

- +Planning a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting event in September.
- +Build strong relationships with local vendors and the CCSO for donations and sponsorship of upcoming events and activities.
- +Continue to keep schools informed as to current events and/or news. Mr. Ricci and Mr. Aaron Hopkins will revisit local schools in the first few weeks of the new school year to update students on the Teen Center.
- +Reach out to Local District 3 County Commissioner Burt Saunders for participation in the Teen Center ribbon cutting ceremony.

One-year Plan:

- +Continue school visits to promote the Teen Center to grow interest and membership.
- +Establish relationships with new local vendors.

- +Establishment of Teen Advisory/Leadership Committee within the first two months of opening the Teen Center, who will assist with the rules, regulations and possible fees.
- +Partner with FSW and FGCU for potential speakers.
- +Host fundraisers to raise money for future Teen Center events.
- +Foster and improve relationships between middle and high school students through programs, monthly meetings and socials.
- +Partner with NCH to develop and initiate healthy lifestyle habits. Ms. Zenti suggested a possible partnership with First Tee of Naples, a youth and development organization that introduces children to the sport of golf. Ms. Cindy Darland was identified as a local speaker from the organization.

Questions/Comments:

- +The new paint color for the Wheels facility was favorably reviewed by the Advisory Board.
- +The Teen Center hours of operation are planned to be 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Risk Management has approved extended hours to 10:00-11:00 p.m. for special events.
- +Teen Board meetings or special events, such as the ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled after the end of the school day (4:30).
- +Ms. Tuff suggested local civic organizations be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony to lend their support for the local youth. Ms. Tuff will forward a list of organizations to Ms. Wilson. Local school principals will be invited to attend the event as well.
- +Mr. Ricci stated a second survey regarding the Teen Center will be done with the start of the new school year. Ms. Tuff suggested that parents be surveyed as well in order to gauge support.
- +Mr. Ricci stated that local vendors will be solicited and offered sponsorship levels at different price points, with the opportunity to host events; for example, Winn-Dixie, Papa Johns, New York Pizza and Pasta, Chik-Fil-A, and the CCSO.
- +Mr. Ricci confirmed that the tables and folding chairs that were ordered for the Wheels facility are black.

- B. **Painting of Wheels Facility:** Ms. Wilson reported that the interior painting of the Wheels facility is complete, the exterior painting is underway, and with work on the amphitheater just beginning.
- C. **Summer Camp Update:** Ms. Wilson stated that summer camp attendance is over maximum, with at least 20 children in each of the 7 groups on a weekly basis, with children wait-listed to join.

VII. New Business

- a. **Construction of Restrooms:** Ms. Wilson stated that color swatches have been forwarded to all Advisory Board members for their input.

Purchase orders have been generated for this project, which needs to be initiated before the end of the current budget cycle in September. The bathroom floors were stripped and deep pressure cleaned last year, which Ms. Wilson stated will be budgeted for every year.

- b. **Parking Lot Repaving:** Parking lot repaving will begin later this year. \$225K has been budgeted for the project, which will consist of new asphalt in the more worn areas in the main parking lot and possible resurfacing in lesser worn areas. An additional \$75K is budgeted for landscaping, which will include a new pump and irrigation, and replacement of existing landscaping. Ms. Wilson stated that she will be on leave for knee surgery; however, will notify Parks Senior Staff to provide a list of shrubs and trees under consideration to the Community Center Advisory Board for approval prior to installation. A suggestion was made by the contractor to replace all of the pavers; however, clarification was requested as to whether pavers could be patched or leveled as a cost savings measure. Ms. Wilson stated she would have basic information to bring back at the August meeting.

VIII. Member Comments

+Ms. Tuff stated that Regional Manager, Mr. Aaron Hopkins, will provide the Advisory Board an update on plans for the Golden Gate Golf Course, as well as an update on capital funds to be used for the shade structure and parking lot improvements at the Community Center. Ms. Tuff suggested inviting the Golden Gate Beautification Committee to an Advisory Board meeting to discuss ideas on appropriate landscaping option choices.

+Ms. Tuff stated she had received a phone call from the owner of a local skateboard shop that was closing, who wished to donate goods to a non-profit organization. Ms. Tuff noted that the Civic Association is a non-profit group, who may then donate the items to the Community Center. Ms. Tuff will provide an update if any further information is received.

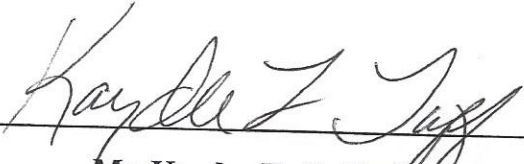
+Ms. Zenti expressed her support for the Teen Center, as well as the positive changes occurring at the Community Center.

+The August 2019 Advisory Board meeting was rescheduled for August 26th to accommodate Ms. Wilson's return from knee replacement surgery.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was entered by Mr. Arthur. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenti. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented, or as amended _____.

**Next meeting, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL**