

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING, S.T.A.R.S MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**April 19, 2023**

The S.T.A.R.S. Management Advisory Board of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, met in regular session on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. Board Members present were, Michael Morris, Neale Montgomery, Ross Webb and Ron Inge. Advisory Board Members; Amber Ware and Jazzmen Williams. Board Liaisons Absent: Chauncy Solinger, Dr. Shadrecka McIntosh and Shanell Harleston.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 04:05 P.M. by Neale Montgomery.

(04:06) Roll call was performed.

**NO. 1 MINUTES:** (04:06) Ron Inge moved and seconded by Michael Morris to approve the minutes of the March 15,2023 meeting. The motion carried.

**NO. 2 Public Input:** (04:06) No public input.

**NO. 3 Monthly Report** (04:07) Amber Ware Center Manager stated that our spring break camp was great, the students went on field trips to Manatee and Lakes Park. Mrs. Ware stated that March was STEM month and we ended the month at IMAG with STEM Family night where parents were able to come out with their children and learn about engineering and technology. Mrs. Ware stated that we are entering the fourth quarter, and at the next meeting we will have the third quarter grade report. Mrs. Ware also stated that the kids have a standardized test coming up, so when we receive the results of that we will be able to see where the students are. Mrs. Ware stated that all of the spring athletics are going, and hopefully with the agreement with Career Sources we can begin hiring. Mrs. Ware stated with the Rising STARS Teen program, today they are visiting the Fort Myers Police Department, learning about how important it is, and all the different types of jobs that they have. The month of March was also STEM month for the teens and they spent time at Koreshan State Park. Mrs. Ware stated that all of the teens in the teen program will be hired as apart of the summer camp program.

**NO. 4. Preliminary Budget 2024** Ron Inge motioned to move this item to the May meeting seconded by Michael Morris. The motion carried.

**NO. 5. Fundraisers** (04:21) Mrs. Ware stated that on May 20<sup>th</sup> the Teen Advisory Council will be having a fundraiser at the Caloosa Nature Center and it is a concert to help raise money for STEM Projects, I will be sending out a link for Eventbrite to purchase tickets, and forward the link to anyone that you may know who may want to purchase a ticket. This fundraiser not only helps the Caloosa Nature Center it is also helping the STARS. Mrs. Ware stated that she is tasking the board to assist with fundraising ideas for the 2024 year. Mrs. Ware stated that she thinks we will need assistance next year, and has been to meetings at the Collaboratory and the Community Foundation on major fundraising campaigns, and right now are looking for a goal of ten thousand. Mrs. Ware stated that we do have the Race that we are partnering with the Fort Myers Track club for the River Run. Mrs. Ware stated that this year with River Run, we broke even with the money brought in and what was spent. Mrs. Ware stated that we are not full for summer camp, full for us would be 300 students, and at the moment we have about 220 students registered. Ms. Montgomery stated is there a way to get some of the athletes from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to come over to volunteer. Mrs. Ware stated that the Education coordinator does visit FGCU often, and we get volunteers to come in sometimes for service learning hours, but we can not get employees.

**NO. 6. Update of STARS Expansion** Ron Inge motioned to move this item to the May meeting seconded by Michael Morris. The motion carried.

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**NO. 7. July Meeting** (04:27) Ross Webb motioned to cancel the July 2023 meeting, seconded by Michael Morris. The motion carried.

**NO. 8. Adjourn** (04:36) Ross Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Michael Morris. Motion carried.