



OPEN SESSION

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA
WOODS A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT
CORPORATION**

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California
BOARD ROOM/COMMUNITY CENTER

Directors Present: Bunny Carpenter, Egon Garthoffner, Joan Milliman, Debbie Dotson, Yvonne Horton, Gan Mukhopadhyay, Elsie Addington, Don Tibbetts, Juanita Skillman, Reza Karimi

Directors Absent: James Hopkins

Staff Present: Siobhan Foster-CEO, Michelle Estrada, Manuel Gomez, Bart Mejia, Brian Gruner, Carlos Rojas, Steve Hormuth, Carrie Weldon

Others Present: **Third:** John Frankel, Jim Cook
United: Diane Casey
Mutual 50: None
VMS: None

1. Call to Meeting to Order / Establish Quorum

President Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. State Purpose of Meeting – President Carpenter

President Carpenter stated that the purpose of this meeting was to tour the Community Center and discuss comprehensive space planning.

3. Approval of the Agenda

President Carpenter made a motion to add Garden Center 1 – Possible Re-designation/Rezoning to item 7. Director Skillman seconded.

Hearing no objections, the amended agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Community Center Tour

Manuel Gomez gave a brief overview of the tour and asked that all questions and discussion be held until the group reconvenes in the Board Room. The directors were led on a tour of the Community Center in two groups.

5. Presentation: Maintenance and Construction Department – Manuel Gomez

Manuel Gomez provided a slide show presentation outlining comprehensive space planning. Recommendations included:

Building E – Direct staff to continue with approved Feasibility Study scope of services to determine building square footage and construction costs.

Community Center 3rd Floor – Direct staff to present design consultant cost proposal to relocate HR to the 3rd floor for consideration by the GRF Board in closed session on April 5, 2022.

Manuel Gomez answered questions from the board.

6. Discuss Space Planning and Provide Direction to Staff

Several directors provided input on comprehensive space planning.

A member from the audience commented on the need for separating administration from resident community activities.

President Carpenter called for a motion regarding Building E.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve staff recommendation regarding Building E. Director Skillman seconded.

Discussion ensued among the board.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

President Carpenter called for a motion regarding the Community Center 3rd floor.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve staff recommendation regarding work space planning for the Community Center. Director Horton seconded.

Manuel Gomez answered questions from the board.

Director Dotson made an amendment to have the design consultant study include relocation of other departments to the 3rd floor, not only HR. Director Karimi seconded.

The amendment to the motion was called to a vote and failed 4 – 6. Director's Carpenter, Milliman, Skillman, Horton, Tibbetts and Addington opposed, Director Hopkins was absent.

The original motion made by Director Milliman to approve staff recommendation regarding the Community Center work space planning was called to a vote and failed in a tie vote 5-5. Director's Dotson, Karimi, Tibbetts, Mukopadohay, and Garthoffner opposed, Director Hopkins was absent.

After some discussion, a new motion was made by Director Milliman to direct staff to present a design consultant cost proposal to relocate HR to the 3rd floor for consideration by the GRF Board in closed session on April 5, 2022. Director Horton seconded.

There being no debate, the vote was called and the motion passed, unanimously. Director Hopkins was absent.

7. Discuss Garden Center 1 – Possible Re-designation/Rezoning

CEO Foster provided a slide show presentation outlining possible rezoning. The recommendation to the board is to consider re-designating/rezoning Garden Center 1 (GC1) parcel from High Density Residential/Residential multifamily to open space/open space-recreation as part of reopening of City of Laguna Wood's land use element.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Director Karimi seconded.

Discussion ensued among the board.

Hearing no changes, the motion was called to a vote and passed 9 – 1. Director Dotson abstained, Director Hopkins was absent.

8. Director Comments

- President Carpenter thanked staff for their effort in the presentations.
- Director Karimi thanked staff and the board for their work and participation.
- Director Dotson commented on why she abstained from voting on item 7.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



Joan Milliman, Secretary of the Board