

OPEN MEETING

REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 10, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Annette Sabol Soule-Chair, Beth Perak, Ryna Rothberg, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman, Cush Bhada, Andre Torng, Leon St. Hilaire, Shaun Tumpane
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Phelps, Sue Margolis, Steve Parsons
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Dick Palmer, Maxine McIntosh, Maggie Blackwell and Dick Rader were present in audience
- STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert, Tom McCray, Sean Cincotta, Siobhan Foster, Eileen Paulin

Call to Order

Chair Sabol Soule called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to add verbiage on #11 to read, “and Glossary and Mandatory Adherence”; to change #17 to Review of CAC Charter; renumber in accordance to #17 addition.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for November 8, 2018

A motion was made, and by consensus, the report was approved.

Chair’s Remarks

Chair Sabol Soule is delighted to be here and welcomes the full house. Responses to emails will be conducted Monday-Friday only. Emergency email responses will be handled as they occur.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner wished everyone a Happy New Year. Recreation was very active beginning with Veteran's Day hosting Col. Patrick Byrne as a guest speaker. The monthly dinners for January are sold out. Recreation will be introducing a Parisian dinner to replace the steak dinner in January with upscale dinner events to come. The Performing Arts Center hosted James Darren on New Year’s

Eve and introduced the Celebrity Series for 2019 which includes such performers as the Nelson twins and the Flamingos. The Holiday Festival was on December 2 and included the Spark of Love toy drive for the fire department. The Christmas Buffet hosted at Clubhouse 5 was well attended. Clubhouse 5 also hosted a well-attended New Year's Eve party with entertainment by Soulicious.

Facility enhancements include Clubhouse 1 testing of structural integrity and potential presence of asbestos in order to proceed with enhancements. Clubhouse 4 had OSHA compliance issues that have been corrected with the paint booth ventilation as the last to be addressed. Pool 5 is being replastered with estimated completion by end of January to early February. All pools will receive new pool furniture in 2019. The Garden Centers will have a common area introduced as plans are being finalized. All chairs at the clubhouses will be replaced. The Library received new lounge chairs.

Operational improvements include a survey conducted in conjunction with Saddleback Emeritus to better improve class needs was mailed to all residents. 500 completed surveys have been received thus far. Staff will be attending the CPRS mini-conference at the Laguna Hills Community Center on January 24. The staff manual is being reviewed for improvements.

Ms. Murphy reported that our bus excursion is full for the Hilbert Museum and the Stressless Mindfulness Meditation class is also full. The Lunar New Year celebration at the Performing Arts Center will be on Sunday, Jan 27 and is almost sold out. This event will also host a multicultural fair (11am-2pm) in addition to the evening performance which begins at 6:30 p.m. Monthly dinners are currently taking place in January. Recreation may host a Mardi Gras dinner and a new caterer may be added to the caterer list. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be hosted at Clubhouse 1 with Close Harmony entertaining us for \$35 (includes dinner, entertainment, beer and wine). Paint class with Penni Rubin will be hosted January 18 in the Clubhouse 6 Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$96 per person. Paint and Pour will be hosted on February 7 at Clubhouse 1. This event has sold out as well. Timeless Melodies will be at Clubhouse 2 and will feature the music of Richard Rodgers. This will be a two-part series: February 5 will feature Early Broadway and March 5 will feature Rogers and Hammerstein compilations.

Mr. McCray reported that golf is a bit quieter as the days are shorter. The range shack at the driving range is nearly complete and will assist with better customer service. Mr. McCray is meeting next week to discuss the scope of driving range landscaping improvements. A shoe fitting day by FootJoy will be hosted soon. A Nine and Wine event will be hosted one Thursday each month at the Par 3 course to encourage usage; appetizers will be provided. Short game and driving clinics will also be hosted. Pickleball and paddle tennis are coming along nicely: court primer has been applied, but five solid days of no rain will be needed to complete the court surface. The courts are scheduled to be open the first part of February. A tennis post broke due to rust and will be repaired tomorrow.

Mr. Cincotta reported the course is doing very well despite the high heat we had over the summer. An irrigation problem has been addressed. Mr. Cincotta thanked CAC and GRF for all the support his staff receives. The maintenance office building will be updated in 2019.

MEMBER COMMENTS (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members spoke on the following topics: Equestrian riding trail safety while crossing roads, physically active clubs given priority on room reservations with wood flooring which would minimize

activity on concrete flooring, staff conducting a survey to assess cost of a shade covering for pool 5, inquiry about the closure of Clubhouse 1 Main Lounge on New Year's Day, club rentals of transportation to take residents to club events, the absence of a hearing loop in Clubhouse 6 and the Clubhouse 4 sewing room inefficiencies for hosting the general election.

Chair Sabol Soule directed staff to review the equestrian trail options. Chair Sabol Soule inquired to number of line dancing reservations on a concrete floor. Mr. Gruner stated the club currently meets 15 times at the Performing Arts Center and staff is trying to find time/space accommodation. Director Milliman directed staff to pursue a sun shade option for pool 5. Mr. Gruner will reconsider keeping the Clubhouse 1 Main Lounge open on New Year's Day. Chair Sabol Soule requested staff to inquire about a hearing loop in the Board Room. Director Perak stated we may be able to revisit the usage of vans for clubs, but not available at this time. Director Skillman stated Recreation will be working with the Registrar of Voters to improve future elections.

CONSENT

A motion was made, and by consensus, the consent calendar was approved.

REPORTS

Proposed Amendments to GRF Recreation and Special Events Department Policies and Procedures and Glossary and Mandatory Adherence – Ms. Murphy recommended the approval of the proposed amendments to the GRF Recreation and Special Events Department Policies and Procedures.

A motion was made to approve amendments to GRF Recreation and Special Events Department Policies and Procedures with insertion of Glossary and Mandatory Adherence.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing Well Expo – Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to deny the Hearing Well Club request to advertise to outside communities for the May 11, 2019 Hearing Well Expo at Clubhouse 7.

A motion was made to deny the Hearing Well Club request to advertise to outside communities for the May 11, 2019 Hearing Well Expo at Clubhouse 7.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Drop-In Lounge TV - Mr. Gruner stated the removal of the Drop-In Lounge TV due to altercations between residents.

Staff was directed to review options for television usage.

New Name for Clubhouse 4 – Mr. Gruner stated Clubhouse 4 may need to be renamed to better reflect current clubhouse activities.

Staff was directed to conduct a survey.

Comprehensive Staff Training Day – Mr. Gruner stated his interest in a comprehensive staff training day that would require the closure of one clubhouse for a portion of one day.

Staff was directed to choose a date and resubmit to CAC as a staff report.

Increase of Tree Plot Fees - Mr. Gruner stated tree plot rates at the Garden Centers may need to be increased due to large tree maintenance needed (for those that need maintenance only).

Staff was directed to produce a staff report to present at next CAC meeting.

Review of the CAC Charter – Chair Sabol Soule requested the CAC review the CAC Charter provided on the dais.

Staff was directed to make noted changes.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Drop-In Lounge TV
New Name for Clubhouse 4
Comprehensive Staff Training Day
Increase of Tree Plot Fees
Shade Sails for Clubhouse 5 Pool

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Bhada stated Recreation staff does a great job.

Director Milliman stated Recreation keeps meeting positive.

Director Perak stated excellent meeting and congratulated Chair Sabol Soule on her first meeting. She also congratulated those on the Ad-Hoc Committee for their hard work on the policies.

Director Skillman stated the Library will have their annual book/dvd sale on Saturday, March 9.

Director Tornj thanked staff for their work.

Director Rothberg enjoys Mr. Cincotta's reports.

Advisor St. Hilaire thanked staff for improved events.

Advisor Tumpane thanked Mr. Gruner for meeting with him prior to the meeting.

Chair Sabol Soule thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee for their hard work on the policies. Chair Sabol Soule thanked staff for all the assistance and appreciates the improved events.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Board Room on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.


Annette Sabol Soule, Chair