

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Annette Sabol Soule-Chair, Beth Perak, Sue Margolis, Joan Milliman, Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Ryna Rothberg, Jon Pearlstone, Leon St. Hilaire, Shaun Tumpane

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cush Bhada, Diane Phelps, Andre Torng

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dick Rader, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, and Bert Moldow were present in audience

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert, Eileen Paulin

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

#### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Approval of Committee Report for July 11, 2019**

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

#### **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Soule stated this meeting has a substantial amount of business and she is thankful for those attending.

#### **Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director**

Mr. Gruner reported on the highly attended monthly dinners. Twilight Golf is selling out as are the patio concerts at Clubhouse 1. Recreation increased the patio concert entrance fees to \$10 to assist with coverage of costs. Pool 6 hosted Splash Days for children with over 200 participants who enjoyed free ice cream and water slides. Grandparents Fun Day had approximately 230 attendees. The ESL program is doing exceptionally well. The Aquadettes were photographed by Getty Images in an effort to highlight active seniors.

Mr. Gruner stated the following facility enhancements: new pool furniture for all pools has been delivered. The new pool furniture is safer and more comfortable. Approximately 2,000 new banquet chairs for the clubhouses will be delivered the first week of October. The ballroom floors have been waxed and cleaned for general upkeep. Emergency phone lines have been upgraded at Pool 2 and Pool 6. New handrail grips have been added to the pool handrails to ensure safety. Construction on the Performing Arts Center is moving forward. No shows have been booked after May, 2020 to allow for the start of construction. The Clubhouse 4 jewelry floor has been redone for safety. A new ventilation system in the paint room at Clubhouse 4 will be installed to meet OSHA standards. An air ventilation system will be added in the Clubhouse 4 ceramics room. A community gathering area will be completed at Garden Center 1. A volunteer program has been created at the Garden Centers with the first volunteer starting soon. The Garden Center policies will be reviewed for update.

Mr. Gruner stated the following operational improvements: approximately 110 staff attended the Comprehensive Staff Training which was very successful and engaging. The training sessions were titled Emergency Procedures, Customer Interactions 101 and Know Your Community and Recreation Programs. A survey was sent to staff for feedback on future highlights at staff training. Mr. Gruner will be presenting a request to CAC regarding hosting staff training on a consistent basis. Mr. Gruner presented a photo of the staff who attended the training.

Director Perak inquired as to if cross training will be included for staff. Mr. Gruner stated yes, but will be held once staff levels are increased. Director Rothberg stated this is a morale booster. While referencing the staff training photo, Director Skillman inquired as to the standard color of staff shirts for Recreation. Mr. Gruner stated Recreation staff wears light blue staff shirts while golf course maintenance wears gray as they have different standards of safety. Director Skillman inquired as to where the banquet chairs replaced will be sent. Mr. Gruner stated the warehouse will take those in better shape, while the others will be destroyed. Chair Soule stated the Video Club was allotted 75 repurposed banquet chairs. Director Skillman stated the Library received repurposed chairs from the Spruce room at the Community Center.

Ms. Murphy stated September 28 will be the last outdoor concert for 2019 at Clubhouse 2 hosting a car show at 4 p.m. with music starting at 6 p.m. This free concert features a Huey Lewis tribute band with a 80s theme. Martinez catering will be selling food while supplies last. The free Monday night movie at the Performing Arts Center is Vice on September 16 at 7:30 p.m. Timeless Melodies will be hosted on October 1 at Clubhouse 2 at 1:30 p.m.; tickets are \$5. The steak dinner will be on October 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Clubhouse 1. Clubhouse 5 will host the Village Bazaar on October 5 at 10 a.m. The Harvest Hoedown will be held on October 5 at the Equestrian Center beginning at 4 p.m. The Rock N' Roll Legends show will be held on October 5 at the Performing Arts Center as part of the Celebrity Series. Shows are at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Performing Arts Center will host the October 21 free Monday night movie, The Upside, at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday Night Dance will be hosted on October 26 at Clubhouse 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Arts and Crafts Bonanza at Clubhouse 4 will be on November 2 and 3. The monthly dinner on November 6 at Clubhouse 1 will be British themed. Monthly dinners will take a break in December. The Veteran's Day event will be on November 11 at Clubhouse 2 at 10 a.m. Monday Night Football is now hosted at 5 p.m. at the Village Greens in conjunction with the 19 Restaurant. Evening drink and food specials are available. The bus excursions continue to be very successful. The new Yoga for Golfers class will begin on September 20 which will be a 4-week session meeting two times per week, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m. The cost is \$200 per person.

Director Perak inquired as to the stage performance highlighting Frank Sinatra. Ms. Murphy stated the Champagne Pops series includes the stage performance. Chair Soule stated clarification may be needed regarding the story of Frank Sinatra versus the musical history. Ms. Murphy stated Timeless Melodies will highlight the history of Frank Sinatra's music and life while the Champagne Pops series performance will feature a Frank Sinatra tribute band.

### **Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Members spoke on the following topics: facility use in regards to businesses; policy restricting sales; classes for purchase at clubhouses; church membership status versus club status; constructing an amphitheater; pool cover for one pool; demands met for small groups; partial improvements of projects; shared costs in regards to the resident handbook reference of shared costs.

Chair Soule would like staff to provide the resident an updated resolution regarding shared cost and requested the resident attend the MACC meeting on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Soule deferred to Mr. Gruner regarding the travel company presentations. Per Mr. Gruner, staff will follow up with the Compliance Division regarding the club that is under review and cancel the event. Mr. Gruner is requesting a separate task force regarding church club status and will discuss further on agenda item number 17. Director Perak inquired as to the reference of class revenue at Clubhouse 5. Mr. Gruner stated the Recreation Department repurposed the Billiards room into the Fitness room at Clubhouse 5 and the classes are for residents only. Ms. Murphy clarified the at-cost class income pays the instructors and 20% of that fee is paid to GRF. Director Carpenter stated there is a committee looking for revenue generating ideas due to tight budgets. Director Perak stated the resident submitted good ideas with regards to pool cover, small group demands and partial improvements to projects.

Chair Soule stated residents are not currently happy regarding assessment increases proposed in 2020 budget presentations. Chair Soule suggested the member proposing construction of an amphitheater approach the Community Fund for underwriting via a large donation. Chair Soule directed the resident to present at the next Maintenance and Construction committee (M&C) meeting. Mr. Gruner stated staff is directed by committees and agreed the resident may present at the M&C meeting. Director Margolis stated this amphitheater would be utilized by Recreation and believes CAC should review. Director Pearlstone requested the resident attend the M&C meeting and budget meetings. Director Milliman stated the resident requesting the amphitheater should not do the feasibility study. Bert Moldow stated the resident should not go to M&C directly and requested that CAC make a motion to move this matter to M&C. Chair Soule stated CAC will not motion at this time to send this matter to M&C directly as request is lacking pertinent information; the resident may present as they wish. Advisor Tumpane stated more information will be needed for an amphitheater assessment. Director Milliman would like to see how many people are interested in an amphitheater. Director Perak stated the idea may start in either committee and agreed more data is necessary.

### **CONSENT**

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

### **REPORTS**

**Pool 2 Backstroke Flags and Stanchions** – Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to approve the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to install stanchions and backstroke flags at Pool 2.

A motion was made to postpone until legal counsel is advised.

Discussion ensued.

The motion failed 2-5-1. (Director Perak abstained)

A motion to approve the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to install stanchions and backstroke flags at Pool 2.

Discussion ensued.

The motion failed 3-5.

**GRF Wedding Policy Revision** - Ms. Murphy stated the staff report to approve staff recommendation to amend the current GRF wedding policy to make the:

1. Resident rate applicable to weddings and/or wedding receptions for residents; and
2. Exception rate applicable to weddings and/or wedding receptions reserved by a resident on behalf of a non-resident; limited to only siblings, children, parents and grandchildren.

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Discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Clubhouse 2 Open Space** - Ms. Murphy stated the staff report to authorize the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to add the open space area adjacent to Clubhouse 2 to the rental agreement for the Clubhouse.

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Discussion ensued.

The motion passed 6-2.

**Clubhouse 2 Literature Rack** - Ms. Murphy stated the staff report to approve the Recreation and Special Event Department recommendation not to install literature racks at Clubhouse 2 due to the

facility being a single use destination facility and the administrative time associated with managing the flyers.

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Discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

**GRF Recreation Pricing Policies** - Mr. Gruner stated the staff report to recommend pricing policy updates to reflect fee changes that will take effect January 1, 2020.

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Discussion ensued.

The motion passed 7-1.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**Emeritus Ad Hoc Committee Update** – Mr. Gruner requested the Emeritus ad hoc committee meet within the next couple of weeks. Chair Soule stated Saddleback College Emeritus sent a free ticket to those participating in the classes and OLLI will have classes coming in the future.

**Policy Review and Discussion (Clubs Conducting Business for Profit)** - Mr. Gruner stated there are clubs consistently conducting business for profit. He requested a committee to review policies. The following volunteered to be on this committee: Director Milliman, Dick Rader, Director McCary and Advisor Tumpene as a reserve participant.

**Equestrian Center Update** – Mr. Gruner updated the committee regarding the Equestrian Center. The Equestrian Center is operational with new staff being hired as staff is short-handed with only three staff members. The Equestrian Supervisor was injured and directed by her doctor to remain home. Mr. Gruner assured the program is not being eliminated. Mr. Gruner and Mr. Jeff Parker have been meeting regularly with current boarders. Director Margolis inquired about the feed issue and Mr. Gruner stated it has been rectified.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Perak stated CAC is always interesting.

Director Blackwell stated we should be reviewing shared costs in a different way instead of targeting groups.

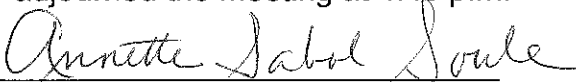
Chair Soule thanked the staff and stated there are always new items for discussion at CAC.

**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, November 14, 2019.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

  
Annette Sabol Soule, Chair