

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual GoToMeeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter-Acting Chair, Ryna Rothberg, Juanita Skillman, Andre Torng, Yvonne Horton, Annie McCary, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Fitzekam, Ed Tao

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, and Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Acting Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1:36 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 May 14, 2020

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

Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Carpenter thanked everyone for attending. Chair Fitzekam is out due to surgery and we wish him well.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated the reopening process will be done in four phases: phase one included opening the golf course which was completed; phase two includes tennis, pickleball, paddle tennis, lawn bowling and swimming and we are waiting for Orange County mandates to be lifted; phase three will be some of the indoor activities and programs such as fitness, archery, small club events possibly, and arts and crafts; phase four will include possible large events. Recreation is following state and county mandates closely and staff makes adjustments as necessary.

Mr. Gruner reported the following facility updates: Garden Centers continue to remain open with active gardening; Staff has returned at the Garden Centers; installed new pergolas for shade in the outside areas and encourage social distancing while seated under the pergolas; golf course and driving range operations are going exceptionally well as residents have adjusted to the new tee times and procedures; the golf software program will be updated which will enhance customer service, reduce costs and increase revenue; the Equestrian Center is running smoothly although the riding program is not operational at the moment, but staff is closely monitoring guidelines so as to open within the next 6-8 weeks; pools will reopen when Orange County mandates are lifted and will include a reservation system (45 minutes per person), lane lines and reduced touch points; the Tennis Center renovation has begun and looks to be finished on schedule; the Fitness Centers may not open until Orange County lifts the mandates and staff is working to facilitate a smooth opening with protocols in place.

Mr. Gruner suggested to the committee a proposed 4th of July parade with resident golf carts decorated in a celebratory fashion. The procession would be led by a staff automobile, staff golf cart and followed by Security. The routes are designated through all three mutuals and each would begin at 9:30 a.m. from both Clubhouse 1 and Clubhouse 5. The golf carts would be spaced 10 feet apart and participants must remain in the carts at all times. Gathering would be discouraged as residents would be asked to view from patios or front lawns. The committee requested discussion later in the agenda.

Director Skillman inquired as to the opening of the Library. Mr. Gruner stated staff will follow Orange County guidelines for libraries regarding sanitization and protocols. Director Skillman stated outside library is tremendously popular. Mr. Gruner would like to keep this service available. Acting Chair Carpenter stated board members will be meeting with executive staff to review facility openings to remain safe while following mandates.

Member Comments (*Items Not on the Agenda*)

There were no resident comments.

Director Torng stated his concern of the music concert event at Aliso Creek regarding improper use of masks and social distancing. Director Torng inquired as to if any monitoring could be instituted. Acting Chair Carpenter stated this matter was discussed with executive staff and it was decided that the concert would be allowed as the community has been placed in a difficult situation with quarantine. Mr. Gruner stated staff is aware of the concerts occurring and they are not allowed per Orange County mandates nor has Recreation given a permit to musicians to perform. Staff is not involved at this time as the park area is an open space with no ordinances posted. Security posted signs and Recreation painted circles on the grass for social distancing. Security is monitoring the event.

CONSENT

Director Torng inquired as to an expense report showing lack of revenue versus cost savings within GRF. Acting Chair Carpenter stated this information may be presented in the next Village Breeze as United Board and Director English are working with Eileen Paulin for publication. Acting Chair Carpenter suggested this discussion be addressed within the Finance Committee.

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

REPORTS

GRF Recreation Department Policy: Small Clubs Fee Amendment - Ms. Murphy stated the staff recommendation that the board of directors approve the proposal to amend the GRF Recreation Department Policy for Clubs/Groups/Organizations to reduce the annual fee for clubs with less than 50 members ("small clubs") from \$50 to \$25.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to approve the recommendation that the board of directors approve the proposal to amend the GRF Recreation Department Policy for Clubs/Groups/Organizations to reduce the annual fee for clubs with less than 50 members ("small clubs") from \$50 to \$25.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Alternative Entertainment for 2021 4th of July Celebration - Mr. Gruner stated an informal committee was formed at the May 14, 2020 CAC meeting and will include the following: Director Carpenter, Director McCary, Director Skillman, Director Bhada, Director Addington and Stefanie Brown and meet in August. Ms. Kupfert will schedule meeting. Acting Chair Carpenter would like to meet on the patio instead of virtually.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment Presentation - Mr. Sam Mendelsohn from Greenfields Outdoor Fitness presented an informal proposal of outdoor fitness equipment.

Discussion ensued.

An informal sub-committee was created to include Director Bhada and Director Torng.

Staff was directed to meet with sub-committee members Director Bhada and Director Torng, send a survey to the community and present the survey results at the next CAC meeting in July. Staff was also directed to present answers to Acting Chair inquiries at the next CAC meeting in July. This item will remain under Items for Discussion and Consideration on the July CAC agenda. Ms. Kupfert will schedule a time and date for the committee to visit Norman P. Murray Senior Center equipment site in Mission Viejo.

Proposed Outdoor Activity List - Mr. Gruner reported on the proposed outdoor activity list.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to approve the golf cart parade for July 4, 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to direct staff to proceed with proposed outdoor activities with the exception of the drive-up movie pending GRF Board approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

Court Reservation System Review - Mr. Gruner stated the information on the proposed court reservation system and requested staff direction from CAC.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to have CourtReserve do a presentation at the July CAC meeting.

Enclosed Swimming Pool Discussion - Discussion ensued as to the correct committee to consult regarding an enclosed swimming pool project and approaching Goldfish Swim School to use their facility in the morning hours. Mr. Gruner has approached Goldfish Swim School and was directed to continue an open dialogue with them.

Staff was directed to place this item under future agendas for the July CAC meeting and keep it under future agendas for CAC as the conversation is evolving.

Review Proposed Amendments of Existing GRF Recreation Policy - Acting Chair Carpenter stated the recommended changes to the existing GRF Recreation Policy.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to make the edits to the existing GRF Recreation Policy and staff will present as a staff report at the July CAC meeting for review.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bridge Club Budget Request - Mr. Gruner stated the history of club requests and the bridge club request for staff support, provision of snacks and drinks, free printing and insurance costs.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to deny the Bridge Club request.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Tornig stated successful meeting and he is distributing free face masks.

Director Horton stated her laptop battery went dead as the meeting went very long, but it was a good meeting. Thank you to everyone.

Director Skillman also stated long meeting, but we got a lot done. The packet came today and implores everyone to read each packet in its entirety.

Director Bhada stated this was a good meeting, thank you to all of the committee and maybe we can do these meetings via conference call due to technological difficulties. Please stay safe.

Advisor Boudreau stated small speaker comment was to be humorous.

Mr. Gruner stated he appreciates everyone's time and input and it was a very productive meeting. He is looking forward to the future ones.

Director Rothberg stated she did not receive the link to the GoToMeeting. Ms. Kupfert will verify her email address and contact Director Rothberg prior to the meeting to assure she has the link.

Director Rothberg stated the Bridge club asks for things because they can get it. Director Skillman stated she misses sitting next to Director Rothberg and catching up. Acting Chair Carpenter misses everyone, too.

Director McCary stated good meeting.

Acting Chair Carpenter thanked everyone for their support and hopes to meet in the board room soon. She stated we did get a lot accomplished today.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. via the GoToMeeting platform on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.



Bunny Carpenter, Acting Chair