

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Pearl Lee, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Sue Stephens, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Boudreau, excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman, Maggie Blackwell, Cash Achrekar

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni

Call to Order

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

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Laws made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Bhada seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for November 10, 2022

Director Casey made a motion to approve the report. Director Laws seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton stated the Volunteer Luncheon sponsored by the Recreation Department was enjoyed by over 400 resident volunteers. These volunteers are the lifeblood of the community. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Recreation office.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio stated the following operational and facility updates: the Garden Center volunteers have gleaned tangerines and apples from the GRF tree plots which was dropped off at Clubhouse 1 drop-in lounge for the enjoyment of those who visit; Pool 1 has reopened and Pool 2 is now closed for annual maintenance; the Village Tree Lighting was held at Clubhouse 1 including a local high school choir and band, hot cocoa and cookies and a toy drive with 175 toys donated to Spark of Love which will be dropped off at fire station 22; the Clubhouse 4 ceramic lab technician position has been filled; the annual Christmas Buffet at Clubhouse 5 sold out in two hours; rain gutters were added outside the Clubhouse 5 multi-purpose room; a new horse has been acquired at the Equestrian Center; Equestrian Center boarding revenue is up over 40% and care service fees have generated revenue of approximately \$1,100 to \$1,500 each month; two new staff have been hired at the Equestrian Center; 709 volunteer hours have been reported at the Library; 2,369 residents have been helped at the Library; a special article will be featured in the December Globe issue highlighting Village authors; the Men's 18 Hole Golf club is hosting a member/member tournament on December 14; Clubhouse 2 and 7 weekend room reservations for 2023 will be taken starting December 19 as more staff has been hired.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: Help the Herd is sponsoring Santa Paws, an event hosting pet photos with Santa at the Equestrian Center on December 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; AARP Smart Driver class will be held December 14 and 15 at Clubhouse 1, Dining Room 2, noon to 5:30 p.m. for new students only; New Year's Eve at the Performing Arts Center will host five different acts including music, magic and comedy all starting at 7:30 p.m. with tickets available at the box office; New Year's Eve at Clubhouse 5 will host dinner and dancing starting at 7:15 p.m. with complimentary champagne 9 p.m. to midnight and tickets are available for purchase at the Clubhouse 5 office; Kickboxing/self-defense class is held at Clubhouse 5, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 :30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Tennis, paddle tennis and pickleball lessons are available from Coach Alan, please call the Recreation office for details; Zumba Gold is held at Clubhouse 2 on Mondays at 10 a.m., Clubhouse 5 on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Clubhouse 2 on Fridays at 9 a.m. with punch cards available for purchase at both the Recreation office or Clubhouse 5 office.

Director Lee inquired as to Performing Arts Center reservations. Ms. Giglio confirmed only Clubhouse 2 and 7 will be reopening for room reservations with the Performing Arts Center expected to reopen next.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

None.

CONSENT

Director Laws made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Addington seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Rock 'N Rollers Club Exception Request to Clubhouse Holiday Hours - Chair Horton stated the exception request to clubhouse holiday hours and this is the regular dance time for this club.

Member was called to speak regarding a club date taken away due to Grandparents Fun Day and the club wants to have this date in order to not lose two dates; the club hosts a big Veterans day program with no A/V needed, only need staff to ensure facility is secured; Rock 'N Rollers club hosts a golf event once a month that would like to use Clubhouse 2.

Discussion ensued.

Director Casey made a motion to accept the request for exception to extend the holiday hours on November 11, 2023 and extra fees to be paid by the Rock 'N Rollers club. Director Laws seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

GRF Credit Card and Transaction Fee (ActiveNet) - Ms. Murphy stated the staff report regarding the GRF Credit Card and Transaction Fee within ActiveNet.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: consideration of all online reservation systems, including Golf and the Performing Arts Center; if costs are the same for employees to process each type of payment, then all members are paying the same rate which is not fair to those coming in person or paying by cash or check; charge a fee for online or credit card only; this report must go to the GRF board however other fees may be increased and all fees need to be reviewed; staff should review and report findings of all fees before going to the GRF board, not just ActiveNet; golf fees may be paid directly from a personal bank account which is cheaper; inquiry regarding the difference between all online systems used for purchasing within the Recreation Department.

Discussion ensued.

Director Addington made a motion to approve GRF Credit Card and Transaction Fees within ActiveNet to be allocated to the user whether online or in person. Director Casey seconded.

Director Bhada amended the motion to state one price for each activity purchase to include the transaction fees and credit card fees. No second.

Motion amendment failed.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Director Bhada opposed.

Staff was directed to place Activity Fees under Items for Future Agendas and to add verbiage that transaction and credit card fees apply on each flyer for events.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Poster Policy Review – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Facility Operating Rules – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Performing Arts Center Rental Fees – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Addington stated it was fun to exchange ideas at this meeting.

Director Casey appreciates the information gathered.

Director Lee stated this was a very important meeting and good starting point for reviewing fees.

Director Stephens stated she is the current president of the Mutual 50 board and Director Stern will be the appointed CAC representative from Mutual 50. The new members to the Mutual 50 board will be a great addition.

Advisor Gidwani thanked everyone and wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held both in the board room and virtually via the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair