

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Ryna Rothberg, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Steve Hormuth, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray

Call to Order

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

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the agenda, Director Rothberg seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for July 14, 2022

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report, Director Rothberg seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton welcomed the audience and stated an orderly meeting is expected with respectful behavior.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated staffing and recruiting has become more optimistic as we are receiving more applicants. Approximately six staff have been hired to date and more are scheduled for hire in the coming weeks. Expanded hours of operation started in July with table tennis and the Community Center Fitness Center and additional hours at other facilities is anticipated. The Clubhouse 1 projector screen has been installed. The Performing Arts Center renovation is near completion with installation of the rehearsal room drapes and billiard tables leveling as the remaining projects. Once these are completed, those rooms will be reopened for use. The driving range distance markers have been replaced offering a nice improvement to the previous markers which were difficult to identify distance.

Mr. Gruner reported the Laguna Woods Village Library hosted a Village author event showcasing Brett Haley with 45 attendees. Library volunteers worked 798 hours supporting 2,730 residents in July and assisted with a 30% increase in items circulated, bringing the total number of items circulated to 3,698.

Mr. Gruner stated past events have been selling out including the Clubhouse 1 patio concerts, Kids Splash Days at Pool 2 and the monthly dinners at Clubhouse 5.

Ms. Murphy stated Queen Nation will play on August 20 at Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.; BBQ Buffet will be hosted on August 22 at Clubhouse 5 with tickets on sale at the Clubhouse 5 office for \$25 each; Clubhouse 5 will host the Disco Diva Saturday Night Dance on August 27 at 6:30 p.m.; David Brighton's Space Oddity, the Ultimate David Bowie Experience will perform 4 to 6 p.m. at Clubhouse 2 for the free September 3 outdoor concert; Grandparents Fun Day will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on September 10 with tickets on sale at the Clubhouse 5 office for \$5 per child over the age of 2; Ronstadt Revival, Tribute to a Legend will be at the Performing Arts Center on September 17 at 7 p.m.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding the following: Pool 5 Emeritus water aerobic classes to also be hosted at Pool 1 making it impossible to take both classes in one day as they are one after the other; class offering reductions; representation of all parties (clubs, board/committee members, residents, etc.) to be allowed for discussion on agenda items regarding changes to an amenity; placement of a television in Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center near the treadmills; chat box and Q&A not working on Zoom.

Mr. Gruner stated staff will continue to evaluate the Emeritus pool classes and the location was changed due to resident complaints. Director Addington inquired as to a possibility to a shuttle. Mr. Gruner stated the time of the classes would have to be adjusted.

Mr. Gruner stated television for the Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center will be considered during the renovation project, but only one television may be supported due to wi-fi restrictions.

CONSENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Recreation Capital Projects List - The Recreation Capital Projects List was presented. An error of including the UPS Battery for Power Supplies was recorded as this project will be under Broadband.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to include this list only when requested.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Golf Fees – Mr. Hormuth, Financial Services Director, presented the staff recommendation to approve the proposed Schedule of Golf Fees, inclusive of changes to green fees for members and guests, with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: slide totals referring to revenue; 50/50 shared cost is reasonable/equitable; appreciation for the analysis; golf is not the only amenity that costs the community money; shared costs fluctuations; shared cost will become 0% if reviewed every two years; green fees have increased 81% over five years; reserves plan for 2022 PMPM is \$29; other sports are at 100% shared cost; golf is important part of our community and review does not mean increase; reviewed every two years does not necessarily mean raised; use of this year's revenue and number of rounds which should decrease cost of round of golf; busing is \$15 PMPM and the increase of \$4 is generating too much; golfers help fund assessments when other sports are not being charged; revenue should go back to golf not general fund; GRF transfer went up to \$7500; please review tennis, woodshop, bus system, etc.; bus system should be covered by a nominal fee per rider; raise the rates of other amenities; golf course closures nationwide; raising rates may generate a loss.

Director Bhada made a motion to accept staff recommendation to approve the proposed Schedule of Golf Fees, inclusive of changes to green fees for members and guests, with an effective date of January 1, 2023, Director McCary seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 6-1-0 (Director Blackwell voted no).

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Golf Greens Committee Update – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

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

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Blackwell stated one month of RV storage is one year of storage for GRF.

Director Rothberg stated a revenue surplus from a certain group should be reallocated to that group if possible.

Advisor Gidwani thanked Finance Department for explaining thoroughly and costs are rising exponentially.

Advisor Boudreau stated verbiage in resolution 90-12-22 may need to be rewritten.

Director Bhada inquired as to surplus versus revenue. Mr. Hormuth explained.

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, September 8, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

____*Yvonne Horton*____

Yvonne Horton, Chair