

OPEN MEETING

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

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

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryna Rothberg
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman, Debbie Dotson
- STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Gruner, Steve Hormuth, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni

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

Chair Horton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition under Reports as Donation of Drum Sander for Clubhouse 4 Woodshop and under Items for Discussion and Consideration as Garden Center Operating Rules, no second.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for August 11, 2022

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report, Director Casey 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 staff levels are improving with nine new employees and four additional new employees in the onboarding process. More interviews are scheduled next week. These improvements allow the expansion of services such as extended hours at Clubhouse 5 and 7 and table tennis in the Community Center. Additional services will be announced in the eblast this Friday. Mr. Gruner stated the following facility updates: the Garden Center volunteer program is very successful with a total of 16 volunteers; a worm farming class will be held on October 14; the hours at the Performing Arts Center will be expanded soon; the aerification process for the golf course will begin next week; poolside food delivery service at Pool 2 began in August and has been well received with approximately five deliveries per day; the Library had 3952 items in circulation which is an increase from last month and 811 volunteer hours were reported.

Mr. Gruner presented the Premier Aquatics slide show which reports 42 first aid assists, 13 water rescues and 1 major incident. Mr. Gruner thanked Premier Aquatics for their swift response to the needs of our resident swimmers.

Mr. Gruner reported the following past events: Kids Splash Days at Pool 2; Queen Nation at the Performing Arts Center with 715 attendees; Space Oddity, a tribute to David Bowie was moved inside the Performing Arts Center due to the heat with approximately 400 attendees; the Garden Center hosted a composting event in August at Clubhouse 2.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: 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 perform at the Performing Arts Center on September 17 at 7 p.m.; the free movie at the Performing Arts Center on September 19 at 2 p.m. will be West Side Story; the Italian buffet monthly dinner will be hosted on September 29 at Clubhouse 5 with tickets on sale at the Clubhouse 5 office for \$25 each; Who's Zepplin will perform at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 1 at 7 p.m.

Chair Horton stated kudos were given from those who host the Trading Post on Village TV to the Recreation Department for moving the Space Oddity concert into the Performing Arts Center.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding the following: Village Musicians Studio Music club on wait list for new clubs and the proposed club project; club exclusion of players; clubs bypassing the wait list; reopening of Clubhouse 7; residents allowed to set up rooms with reservations; trail and riding program reinstatement after COVID; request for Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee minutes.

Mr. Gruner stated rollovers take precedence when scheduling rooms as facilities reopen and no club has bypassed the wait list. Chair Horton stated staff is addressing the proposed club project.

Chair Horton stated the riding lesson program is reinstated and the wait list is extensive as only a few horses are compatible with this program. She stated a records request may be made for the Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee minutes.

CONSENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Golf Greens Committee Update - Director Blackwell stated the following updates: the driving range will use the batting cage from the Par 3 course during the construction project; weeds on the golf course are being addressed progressively; merchandise replaced in pro shop has improved sales; new scorecards were created with additional Par 5 options resulting in a better evaluation of the course and better golf play; new staff is doing a great job; the perimeter path is being monitored as it should not allow access for golf carts which damage the greens due to misuse; reservation violations are considerably lower with the new measures implemented; new shotgun rule has provided better safety; threesomes are now allowed during club times; a tournament has been approved; new rules for cancellations have been implemented; the flashing light used for street crossing by the maintenance yard has been fixed to allow for better safety; Golf Genius will not work for 9-hole club at this time. Director Blackwell thanked the Greens Committee as they have been working well together to ensure a safer, better golf experience.

Chair Horton thanked Director Blackwell for this update.

Donation of Drum Sander for Clubhouse 4 Woodshop - Chair Horton stated the recommendation of the donation of a drum sander for Clubhouse 4 woodshop.

Director McCary made a motion to approve the donation, Director Casey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Garden Center Fees – Mr. Hormuth, Financial Services Director, presented the staff recommendation to approve the proposed Schedule of Garden Center Rental Fees with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Member was called to speak regarding the following: fees raised by 25%; generating revenue from missed revenue opportunities.

Director Addington made a motion to accept staff recommendation to approve the proposed Schedule of Garden Center Rental Fees with an effective date of January 1, 2023, Director Blackwell seconded.

Motion passed 4-2-1 (Director Blackwell and Director Casey voted no; Director Rothberg was absent).

African American Heritage Club Request for Rollover Exception - Ms. Murphy stated the request for African American Heritage Club's request for an exception to the Permanent/Rollover Reservation Policy for a Juneteenth automatic annual rollover.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Horton asked if any exceptions from the committee to direct the African American Heritage Club to work with Ms. Murphy and clubs with existing reservations at all clubhouses and to direct the African American Heritage Club to present this exception to CAC in 2023 for the 2024 calendar year.

No exceptions were stated from the CAC committee.

Garden Center Operating Rules - Mr. Gruner stated the change adding the limit of 9 feet under section L.6.

Director Addington inquired as to a reference change under section J.5. which should state D1. Staff was directed to implement the change.

Member was called to speak regarding the following: tree cut by an unknown individual and allowance of a temporary fence to be kept up indefinitely on a tree plot.

Director Addington made a motion to approve the Garden Center operating rules as presented, Director Casey seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Equestrian Center 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.

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

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Casey stated good meeting.

Advisor Gidwani thanked staff for being on top of things within the Village.

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, October 13, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

_____*Yvonne Horton*_____

Yvonne Horton, Chair