

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Horton, Chair, Joan Milliman, Maggie Blackwell, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Sue Stephens

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pearl Lee (excused), Elsie Addington (excused), Dennis Boudreau (excused), Ajit Gidwani (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Andy Ginocchio, Alison Bok

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray, Jose Campos, Ada Montesinos, Jackie Chioni

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

#### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Director Laws made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Golf Driving Range Net Donation under Reports. Director Bhada seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Committee Report for September 14, 2023**

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report. Director Milliman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Horton thanked Recreation office staff, William Arceo and Daniel Alcala, for their exceptional customer service.

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

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Clubhouse 1 Pour and Paint classes continue to sell out so an additional class with the same content is now offered each month; on October 8, the Library hosted a volunteer appreciation dinner; Clubhouse 2 hosted a Tom Jones tribute on September 28 with approximately 250 attendees; registration is full for the Clubhouse 4 Arts and Crafts Bonanza and a waitlist has been created; Pool 5 will remain open one extra hour in the evening during the month of October; the Equestrian Center lesson program waitlist is under 85 and will drop to under 50 once new lessons begin in three weeks; Belle retired to Hoofs and Woofs Rescue due to a generous donation from residents for her care; the Equestrian Center security gate project is underway which will protect horses, owners and staff; the Library volunteers greeted 2,570 visitors and logged 783 hours in September.

Ms. Murphy reported the following: Monday night football is offered each Monday at Restaurant 19 and Lounge with food and drink specials; the Equestrian Center Harvest Hoedown will be held Saturday, October 14, 4 to 7 p.m.; Cheryl Russell, Laughter Yoga volunteer instructor, returns October 30 and class will continue each Monday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Clubhouse 1; Ms. Russell has been a volunteer instructor for approximately 20 years; the Halloween Golf Cart Parade will be hosted on October 31 and will begin at Clubhouse 1 at 11 a.m.; the Arts and Crafts Bonanza will be held at Clubhouse 4 on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5; the annual Thanksgiving buffet will be hosted at both Clubhouse 2 and Clubhouse 5; New Year's Eve tickets at the Performing Arts Center are on sale.

Mr. McCray reported the following: the golf course is in great condition after fall aerification; an irrigation issue has been addressed; the Greens Committee suggested a four-club mixer which was hosted today with approximately 100 players; the driving range may open first week of November; the Garden Center advisory group meeting went well with suggested action plan and enhancements to improve volunteer organization.

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

Members were called to speak on the following: billiard room at Clubhouse 1; not enough room at the Performing Arts Center for additional billiards tables; inquiry as to weekend hours at the Performing Arts Center; inquiry as to Clubhouse 1 renovation start date and end date; inquiry as to reinstatement of operational hours at Clubhouse 6; Saddle Club donations include, but are not limited to, the purchase of stall fans, sand, tools, stall guards, wheelbarrow, turnout covers and stethoscope, financial support of GRF horses, finding new homes for those horses that need to retire, assist in the Equestrian Center office, volunteer with Help the Herd and at Equestrian Center events, provides eight Equestrian Center tours

weekly, appears on Village TV to promote programs, hosts BBQs, movie days, bus trips to horse shows for the community, hosts moonshiners concerts with proceeds going to the Equestrian Center, all of which serves the riders, owners, management and the Laguna Woods Village community for free.

President Carpenter stated the Clubhouse 1 project bid package will be reviewed on October 24 during the M&C committee meeting. Chair Horton stated all facilities are being reviewed with no decision made regarding the closure of the billiards room at Clubhouse 1. Ms. Murphy stated Clubhouse 6 is opened, closed and monitored by the neighboring Clubhouse 5 staff. Chair Horton and Director Bhada thanked the Saddle Club.

### **CONSENT**

Mr. Campos attended to update the Community Activities Committee on the Financial Statement.

Discussion ensued.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Blackwell seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

**Golf Driving Range Net Donation** – Mr. McCray stated the driving range nets are not viable for long term use and recommended donation to a local high school.

Director Laws made a motion to accept the recommendation to donate the golf driving range nets to a local high school. Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Donation of Fans for Equestrian Center** - Director Blackwell made a motion to accept the donation of fans for the Equestrian Center. Director Bhada seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1 (Director Laws opposed).

**Golf Pro Shop Sales Promotions** – Mr. McCray stated the staff recommendation to allow Golf operations staff to utilize the resident golf database for merchandise sales promotions.

Director Laws made a motion to allow Golf operations staff to utilize the resident golf database for merchandise sales promotions. Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Recreation and Special Events Department Operating Rules (Final Review)** – Director Milliman made a motion to accept the presented operating rules with suggested edits. Director Bhada seconded.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: suggested edits to tennis operating rules; thanked tennis staff for contribution to tennis community; requested tennis staff to create more group play; court 2 group play harassment and exclusivity.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Reservation System Review** – Staff was directed to place this item under Items for Future Agendas.

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

**Equestrian Center Non-Resident Boarder Fee** – Staff was directed to bring this item to CAC next month.

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Member Comments**

None.

#### **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, November 9, 2023.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair