

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Horton, Chair, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Andy Ginocchio, Ellen Leonard, Sue Quam, Sue Stephens, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani, Elsie Addington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Peter Sanborn, excused

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Juanita Skillman, S. K. Park, Mickie Choi Hoe

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray, Samantha Kurland, Jackie Chioni, Ada Montesinos, Steve Hormuth, Andrew Anastasio, Blake Lefante

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Committee Report for November 9, 2023**

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report. No second was recorded.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Horton opted to state remarks during Committee Member Comments.

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

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: the Veterans Day event at Clubhouse 2 was a success with almost 200 people in attendance; the annual Thanksgiving Buffet at Clubhouses 2 and 5 sold out in less than 3 days with 124 attendees at Clubhouse 2 and 243 attendees at Clubhouse 5; Pool 4 reopened today after several weeks of being closed for annual maintenance; new air filters were installed in the Slipcasting room and carpet cleaning was completed; the Volunteer Luncheon was held on December 1 at Clubhouse 5 with over 400 attendees; the Clubhouse 5 New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance sold out in 1.5 days with 360 tickets sold; a new employee was hired at the Fitness Centers; over 4000 bar codes have been processed for resident users at the Fitness Centers; the Equestrian Center security gate is scheduled to be completed by the end of January; Library volunteers have greeted 2,325 visitors in the past month with volunteers working 771 hours; Recreation operating rules were officially approved by GRF in November and will be reviewed on an as needed basis; staff met with 25-30 tennis players to get feedback on the operating rules; a tennis survey will be developed to further poll all users; the Clubhouse 1 renovation project will begin March 4, 2024 which will entail a total facility closure for approximately six months; the Library and History Center will remain open.

Ms. Murphy reported the following: the annual Santa Paws event will be held at the Equestrian Center on Saturday, December 16, 1 to 3 p.m.; both Clubhouse 5 Christmas Buffet and New Year's Eve Dinner Dance are sold out; tickets are still available for the Performing Arts Center New Year's Eve variety show which begins at 7:30 p.m.; Restaurant 19 will be closed on Christmas Day, but will be open Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day; Clubhouse 5 will host the college football national championship game at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 8; the free Monday movie on January 15 at the Performing Arts Center will be *Barbie* with showtimes at 2 and 7 p.m.; Clubhouse 5 will host a Village Bazaar on January 27 with registration opening on January 3 through ActiveNet.

Mr. McCray reported the following: the driving range grass is yellowing due to winter coldness, but staff was able to paint the targets which look great; the new driving range drainage system is working very well; driving range mats may be replaced in 2024; some Course 3 tee boxes have been redone; the Southern California Golf Association has allowed shorter courses in the rating system so staff began the rating process for the Par 3 course; a computer will be added to the Par 3 course to post scores for ratings; twilight events will be hosted in 2024 on one Sunday afternoon per month; all Garden Center plots and Veggie Pods are rented.

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

None.

## **CONSENT**

Director Ginocchio made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Bhada seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 5-1. Director Laws opposed.

## **REPORTS**

None.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**Drop-In Lounge Television** – Ms. Murphy stated the staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Director Bhada made a motion to accept the recommendation of changes to the Clubhouse 1 Drop-In Lounge television programming. Director Ginocchio seconded.

Motion passed 6-1. Director Laws opposed.

**Request from Chicago Club for Clubhouse 5 Back Screen Purchase** – Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Director Ginocchio made a motion to accept the request from Chicago Club for Clubhouse 5 back screen purchase to cost approximately \$8,700. Director Leonard seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed 5-2. Chair Horton and Director Bhada voted yea.

## **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.

## **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Ginocchio inquired as to if the 26-week phase was chosen for CH1 renovation and when does it start. Chair Horton stated yes and it will begin on March 4, 2024.

Chair Horton stated Clubhouse 1 will be closed in March for 6 months due mostly for safety and also due to cost savings. She commended the Recreation Department for managing the room reassignments. She stated she is hopeful the users of Clubhouse 1 will be patient and wait to be called by staff to ease Recreation office traffic.

Director Quam stated it is reasonable to do the Clubhouse 1 renovation in 26 weeks which will be much improved and safer for the community.

Advisor Boudreau inquired as to if the contract states a firm completion date of within six months. Ms. Giglio stated Recreation is not made aware of contractual details.

Advisor Gidwani thanked all the board members and staff for doing these projects and for managing them smoothly.

Advisor Addington inquired if Fitness will be impacted during the Clubhouse 1 renovation. Ms. Giglio stated yes.

Director Bhada inquired as to the type of equipment referenced as this was to be a light makeover and if an early completion bonus was included in the contract. Ms. Giglio stated replacements of flooring, doors and windows will require other construction equipment and Recreation is not made aware of contractual details.

### **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 11, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

\_\_\_\_ *Yvonne Horton* \_\_\_\_

Yvonne Horton, Chair