

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

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

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Sue Stephens, Ajit Gidwani, Dennis Boudreau
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pearl Lee (excused), Diane Casey
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Andy Ginocchio, S.K. Park, Joan Milliman, Diane Phelps
- STAFF PRESENT:** Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni, Tom McCray, Peter Quan, Laura Cooley, Laura Cobarruviaz

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Committee Report for August 10, 2023**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Horton stated she will comment at the end of the meeting to save time for operating rules discussion.

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

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Clubhouse 1 floor maintenance is completed and the main lounge HVAC is repaired; the final summer splash day at pool 2 was held on August 18 all three events selling out; weekend hours at Clubhouse 4 have been expanded from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the workshop volunteers are making efforts to get all workshops open; volunteer supervisors, Emeritus instructors, Emeritus staff and Recreation staff recently had a meeting to build cooperation between all involved; the Art studio floor was recently stripped and waxed for the first time since before Covid; the first training of the longarm quilting machine was held and will be repeated every Friday; the Clubhouse 5 Italian Buffet had 122 people in attendance; Grandparents Fun Day was hosted at Clubhouse 5 with an estimated attendance of 350 to 400 which includes 114 grandchildren; the Clubhouse 7 main lounge floor has been replaced and we appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience during this project; the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension concert at the Performing Arts Center was sold out at 814 attendees; the Equestrian Center security gate project is progressing with finalizing of the plans and permits; the Equestrian Center door and trim maintenance project is complete and new lesson session has begun with increased volume; on average, over 300 users three days per week visit the Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center and close to 300 users in the same time period at the Community Fitness Center; the Library continues to be a great service to the residents as they have greeted 2,744 visitors with volunteers working 762 hours which is only three less people compared to July.

Ms. Giglio stated staff was in the process of coordinating a new event, the International Peace Festival, which was an effort to bring together different clubs and cultures with entertainment and food. Unfortunately, staff must cancel this event due to not enough interest and participation from the clubs. This event will be reevaluated to determine if it can be offered in the future.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: the AARP sponsored Smart Driver class will be hosted this weekend at Clubhouse 2, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. which focuses on a course refresher and reservations must be made through the Recreation office; the Performing Arts Center will host the Monday free movie on September 18 at 2 p.m. featuring *Till*; Monday night football has resumed at Restaurant 19 with food and drink specials available; Clubhouse 5 will host a steak dinner on Monday, September 18 at 5 p.m.; Clubhouse 2 will host the free outdoor concert on Saturday, September 30, 4 to 6 p.m. featuring Tino Sings Tom Jones; Clubhouse 5 will host the fall Village Bazaar on Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Drum Circle, a new, free, drop-in class, will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center on Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Mr. McCray stated the golf course is in the first stages of three-week fall maintenance which is going well; the foreUP online registration staff changes have created some issues, but IT staff is working with vendor to rectify; the driving range project is ongoing with sod being added by the vendor which prevents an opening date from being secured; Mr. McCray thanked Guy West and his team for remaining responsive during the driving range

project issues; the second Garden Center Advisory Group meeting was held and each meeting has been very successful.

Chair Horton inquired as to both Garden Centers being represented within the Garden Center Advisory Group. Mr. McCray affirmed both are equally represented. Chair Horton inquired as to the Garden Center Vegepods rental. Mr. McCray stated five inquiries have been noted and staff is purchasing the proper dirt in order to secure rentals. Director Bhada inquired as to backlog of Garden Center renters not using the plots properly. Mr. McCray stated those needing assistance will always be present, but staff reviews each consistently on an individual basis. Director Bhada inquired as to what show was sold out at the Performing Arts Center. Ms. Giglio confirmed the show as the 5th Dimension.

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

Members were called to speak on the following: extended hours of Pool 5 to 7 p.m. in October; update on court date regarding volleyball in the mini-gym.

Chair Horton directed staff to request Pool 5 hours extension to be added to the GRF agenda in October. Ms. Giglio stated the cost for Pool 5 hours extension will be approximately \$1300.

Chair Horton stated there is no court date for volleyball in the mini-gym and the schedule in the mini-gym includes all levels of volleyball play.

### **CONSENT**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

**None.**

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

**Drop-In Lounge Television** - Ms. Murphy stated the staff proposed changes to the drop-in lounge television.

Director Laws made a motion to remove the drop-in lounge television. Director Bhada seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Donation of Step Ladder for Slipcasting Room** – Director Bhada made a motion to accept the donation of the step ladder for the Clubhouse 4 Ceramics room. Director Stephens seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Members were called to speak regarding the following: tracking of facility usage; against the allowance of pets in the Garden Center; prohibition of shading a garden plot; pickleball court overcrowding, guest policy and prime-time versus non-prime time; removal of one hour tennis court restricts play; adding 10 minutes to prime time year round takes the pressure off; challenge court being viable; prime-time should be consistent; singles is viable; residents should be able to vote, not just tennis board members; support of proposed tennis operating rules; group play on reservation system at 9 a.m.; agrees with 1.5 hours set time for all courts, agrees with eliminating challenge court; addition of one court for reservations.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to implement the suggested committee edits and bring the operating rules back to the Community Activities Committee for review.

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 keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

### **Committee Member Comments**

Advisor Boudreau stated the operating rules may be restated to seem more positive in lieu of prohibitive and gate 12 changes are helping with guest admittance.

Advisor Gidwani thanked staff for streamlining the operating rules.

Chair Horton thanked staff for making the operating rule review process easier.

Director Addington thanked committee for being congenial and thanked staff for the operating rule rewrites.

Chair Horton stated miscommunication of guest percentages is occurring publicly and directed any of those with inquiries must go to the proper staff for correct information before quoting numbers.

### **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 12, 2023.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

\_\_\_\_Yvonne Horton\_\_\_\_

Yvonne Horton, Chair