

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Joan Milliman, Mark Laws, Andy Ginocchio, Ellen Leonard, Sue Quam, Peter Sanborn, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani, Elsie Addington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cush Bhada, excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Mickie Choi Hoe, Egon Garthoffner, Reza Karimi

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni, Laura Cooley, Ada Montesinos, Jose Campos, Blake Lefante

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 Ginocchio made a motion to approve the agenda with change of moving item number 12 before item number 10. Director Laws seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for December 14, 2023

Director Laws made a motion to approve the report. Director Leonard seconded.

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 water heater at Pool 4 is currently not working and replacement is scheduled for tomorrow; the Pool 5 pump room was flooded during the heavy rains and is expected to reopen on February 19; Pool 1 will remain open during this necessary closure and will close the week of February 19 for critical repairs maintenance; the Christmas Buffet hosted 292 attendees which broke the record in 2019 of 246 attendees; the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance hosted at Clubhouse 5 had 346 attendees; the Village Bazaar on January 27 sold out vendor tables in four minutes which attracted approximately 450 attendees; the Village Bazaar wait list will be called for the future event to maximize opportunities for all to participate; a free showing of the College Championship football game hosted 55 attendees; the Equestrian Center security gate installation is almost complete; lessons and riding have been interrupted by the heavy rains and will resume once the facility and trails dry out; the golf course has reduced play due to the heavy rains in order to maintain course health; the driving range will be closed until it dries after the heavy rain; a club fitting day was held at a local indoor studio allowing more than \$5,000 in sales for custom clubs to our members; the Library greeted 2,488 visitors with volunteers working 757 hours and 3,043 items circulated through the front desk in January which was at the highest level since last summer; 43 new residents signed up for catalogue access in January.

Ms. Giglio stated the following GRF Board approvals: the Clubhouse 1 Drop-In lounge television schedule met the 28-day notification and will resume scheduled programming when the facility is reopened in September; temporary flexibility to adjust facility and amenity operating procedures during the Clubhouse 1 renovation as unforeseen factors may require the need for urgent and immediate decisions; these adjustments will be discussed with impacted departments, the General Manager's office, the Community Activities Committee (CAC) Chair and the GRF Board President and updates will be reported to CAC and GRF.

Ms. Giglio stated the following Clubhouse 1 renovation update: staff has been extremely busy preparing to for the Clubhouse 1 renovation by relocation of all 110 rental groups to other facilities; safety fencing adjustments have been made to allow play for bocce and petanque; more parking has been made available to support the open facilities; contractor insurance prevents us from opening the remaining facilities and amenities during the project because they are in the middle of the construction zone; the Community Center Fitness Center will expand hours to accommodate the Clubhouse 1 Fitness closure and Fitness staff has informed patrons to investigate insurance coverage for use of outside fitness providers; the Transportation hub will move to the parking lot behind the Library and History Center; pool schedules may change often, so please check the hours prior to visiting a pool.

Ms. Giglio stated staff appreciates the cooperation and flexibility from clubs and classes as some had to downsize and adjust their activities.

Ms. Giglio stated the Village 60th Anniversary event will be hosted Monday, September 9 from 4 to 10 p.m. at Clubhouse 2. Event details will be forthcoming once confirmed in all Laguna Woods Village publicity outlets.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: the Big Game will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 with kick-off at 3 p.m.; the free Monday movie at the Performing Arts Center on February 12 will be *Sliding Doors* with showtimes at 2 and 7 p.m.; the annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 at 5 p.m.; the St. Patrick's Day Buffet will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on March 17 at 5 p.m.; a Neil Diamond tribute concert will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center on March 23 at 7:30 p.m.; the annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be hosted at the Equestrian Center on March 30, 9 to 11 a.m.; the Easter Buffet at Clubhouse 5 on March 31 at 1 p.m.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak on the following: in favor of purchase of wooden fiber bales; Clubhouse 1 renovation publicity; Library maintenance and attendance recording concerns which require more staff support; thank you to staff for billiards support; inquiries regarding creation of staff report and change approval process; inquiry regarding number of horses at the Equestrian Center and of those, how many are non-resident owners; in opposition of purchase of wooden fiber bales.

The committee suggested that members attend GRF Board meetings for an update on the Clubhouse 1 renovation and Ms. Giglio stated the scope of work documents may be viewed at both Clubhouse 1 and the Recreation office.

CONSENT

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

Ms. Montesinos presented information regarding the Financial Statement.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 5-1-1. Director Laws opposed; Director Sanborn abstained.

REPORTS

Garden Center Advisory Group Update – Ms. Giglio reported the advisory group is made up of six members and meets once a month. This group has addressed issues including

the following: operating rules (which were reviewed during the current revisions), tool hoarding, misuse of trash bins, plot appearance and tree trimming. It has been reported that complaints are minimal due to a wonderful combination of staff walkthroughs and issues being dealt with immediately once reported. This group is key in identifying some issues and staff are able to get ahead of problems before they become a nuisance.

Staff recommends this advisory group should be continued.

2023 Event Recap/2024 Scheduled Events – Ms. Murphy presented the 2023 event recap and the 2024 scheduled events.

Discussion ensued.

Presentation from Pickleball Club for Additional Courts – Pickleball club president, Miranda McPhee, presented the request for a collaborative effort to review available space to create additional pickleball courts for community use due to the continued rise in popularity of the sport.

Discussion ensued.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend the creation of an ad hoc committee including Community Activities Committee and Maintenance and Construction to assist with pickleball request for additional courts. Director Laws seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-1. Director Ginocchio was not present for the vote.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

California Club Request for Exceptions to GRF Recreation Flyer and Poster Policy and the Performing Arts Center Operating Rules

Director Laws made a motion to deny the California Club request for exceptions to GRF Recreation Flyer and Poster Policy and the Performing Arts Center Operating Rules. Director Sanborn seconded.

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.

Redistribution of Equestrian Arena Lighting Funds – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Aquadettes Show – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Review of CAC Charter - Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Advisor Gidwani stated Recreation Department did phenomenal job of relocating those in Clubhouse 1 and thanked this committee for taking their time to ensure that things run well.

Director Sanborn stated communication to a large community is quite difficult and the Towers has televisions that display community news and upcoming events.

Director Quam stated kudos to staff regarding the Clubhouse 1 renovation and ad committee is good idea, but many are busy with committee meetings. She thanked the committed for the extensive discussion as she is new.

Director Leonard stated member requesting wooden fiber archery bales presented very well, but these may be a fire hazard. She stated the Library card swipe is an excellent idea and should be in a lot of our facilities. She stated this should be a future agenda item.

Director Milliman stated thank you to everyone for good discussion and to the Recreation staff for working hard. She stated she would like to be part of the any further discussion or official ad hoc committee regarding the club flyer/poster advertising.

Advisor Boudreau stated the Library lights should be replaced quickly.

Chair Horton thanked staff for a great job and stated better communication is a goal of president of GRF.

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, March 14, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair