

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Andy Ginocchio, Ellen Leonard, Sue Quam, Peter Sanborn, Dennis Boudreau, Elsie Addington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ajit Gidwani

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni, Laura Cooley, Tom McCray, Samantha Kurland, Sabine Bayless

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 March 14, 2024

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton stated the Library is one of the busiest amenities and it would be a sad mistake if closed.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Pool 2 will reopen on April 17; Pool 6 will close until the regularly schedule summer schedule beginning Memorial Day weekend; the Clubhouse 5 St. Patrick's Day buffet reported the largest attendance for this dinner at 208 attendees; although lower attendance than usual due to rain, the Health and Wellness Expo on March 23 brought in over 500 attendees with 25 different sponsors generating almost \$19k in sponsorship money; the Easter Buffet had 212 attendees; approximately 500 people attended the Village Bazaar on April 6 with 34 resident vendors selling their treasures; significant plumbing repairs to the Clubhouse 6 kitchen and bathrooms were completed; stall painting and safety matting projects have begun at the Equestrian Center; a 17-year-old gelding will be purchased in April for Equestrian lessons which accounts for one of two horses that will be replaced to keep the lesson program operational; Fitness continues to average 400+ users during the week and approximately 250 users on the weekends; badminton and volleyball have been using a tennis court during the closure of Clubhouse 1; Library volunteers worked 854 hours in March supporting 2,314 residents; the honor system paperbacks, puzzles and use of the reading area remain very popular with Library patrons.

Ms. Giglio reported the following regarding the Clubhouse 1 renovation project: the project is going well with users and clubs still settling into their new locations; please note the area is closed to residents and security will be called if a resident is found within the gates; the water is off at the facility while they do demolition in the restrooms which has impacted the bocce court sink; a one guest only policy, at all times, for pickleball and the fitness center has been initiated to accommodate additional users; staff is working to find options for volleyball play;

Ms. Giglio reported the following GRF Board update: an appeal was made to consider the exception to continue offering the Champagne Pops series at the Performing Arts Center for one more year in 2025 and after review, the GRF Board approved the exception to policy for 2025 only; the Fitness television schedule changes were approved and is now on 28-day notification.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: a Huey Lewis and the News tribute band, the Heart of Rock N Roll, will be at the Performing Arts Center on April 20 at 7:30 p.m.; an AARP course refresher will be hosted at Clubhouse 2 on April 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Club Expo will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on April 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Clubhouse 2 will host the Kentucky Derby on May 4 at 2 p.m.; tickets for the Mother's Day buffet are on sale today which will be hosted on May 12 at Clubhouse 5 at 1 p.m.; the free Monday movie at the Performing Arts Center on May 20 will be *Flags of our Fathers* with showtimes at 2 and 7 p.m.; the Performing Arts Center will host Yachty by Nature on June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. McCray reported the following: the golf course in great shape as the first week of aerification has begun with course 2 undergoing this process next week; the driving range project is growing grass after the dormant months; a green expansion on course 1 will be completed by in-house staff; the Garden Center staff change will allow for reassessment of outsourced maintenance management.

Discussion ensued.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak on the following: replacement of archery range flooring; music club offerings and request for a dedicated space; importance of the Laguna Woods Village Library; please attend the Club Expo on April 30; formal invitation for committee members to participate in the Men's Golf Club tournament and/or dinner on May 18 and ways to be involved through donations.

CONSENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Review of Community Activities Committee Charter –Director Laws made a motion to recommend the revised Community Activities Committee Charter. No second recorded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Billiards Relocation to Clubhouse 1 Art Room - Director Ginocchio made a motion to recommend the proposed relocation of billiards to the Clubhouse 1 Art Room and recommend the unbudgeted operating expenses associated with relocating the activity. Director Bhada seconded.

Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding in favor of the proposal.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dog Licensing and Vaccination Day – Director Laws made a motion to update policy and procedures to allow for this event to occur without being an exception. Director Leonard seconded.

Ms. Murphy stated the staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding in favor of this program.

Motion was withdrawn.

Director Laws made a motion to grant this event exception for 2025. Seconder stands.

Motion passed unanimously.

Donation of \$1,000 for Installation of a New 30 Amp 2 pole breaker at Clubhouse 4 Woodshop – Director Laws made a motion to deny the donation of \$1,000 for installation of a new 30 Amp 2 pole breaker at Clubhouse 4 Woodshop. Director Sanborn seconded.

Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Director Quam amended the motion to accept the donation of \$1,000 for installation of a new 30 Amp 2 pole breaker at Clubhouse 4 Woodshop. Director Leonard seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 6-1. Director Laws opposed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

Recreation Policy Review – 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 Tennis Center Operating Rules - Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Ginocchio stated a spirit of cooperation was witnessed today as change is evitable. He applauds the billiards group and over time adjustments to balance offerings will require more cooperation and representation to include musicians, theatrical groups and all clubs. Advisor Boudreau stated a review of all annual exceptions is necessary to be done at one time instead of individually and could be included in one list.

Advisor Addington stated annual exception review process is a good idea, but each year should be reviewed carefully as renewals are not guaranteed.

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, May 9, 2024.

Adjournment

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

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair