

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Fitzekam-Chair, Andre Torng, Juanita Skillman, Yvonne Horton, Bunny Carpenter, Ryna Rothberg, Annie McCary, Lynn Jarrett, Janey Dorrell, Dennis Boudreau

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Tao

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Parsons, Jon Pearlstone and Doug Gibson were present in audience

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Parker, Siobhan Foster, Brian Gruner, Betty Parker, Eileen Paulin and Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

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

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made, and by consensus, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Committee Report for January 9, 2020

A motion was made, and by consensus, the report was approved.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Fitzekam stated he is pleased to be a part of CAC as he is an advocate for residents and thanked the directors and those in the audience. At this time, Mr. Jeff Parker, CEO addressed the room regarding the COVID-19 virus update.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner reported the following past events: the Lunar New Year event held on January 11 at the Performing Arts Center was a collaboration between the Recreation Department and the Chinese American Club; Oscar Night at Performing Arts Center was hosted on February 8; the Recreation Department hosted the club presidents meeting on February 20 at Clubhouse 5 with approximately 160 in attendance; the Frankie Avalon concert hosted on March 7 at the Performing Arts Center had over 750 attendees including a meet and greet after the show; Thrive and the Recreation

Department are working together to promote the new kindness campaign; the Armed Forces Adoption Club and the Recreation Department are working together to support Marines at Camp Pendleton and have marine assistance days in the development phase; the monthly dinners continue have been well attended.

Mr. Gruner reported the following facility improvements: the Performing Arts Center renovation is anticipated to begin early May; the Garden Center 1 new seating area is being completed; Tesoro High School kids have been assisting residents at the Garden Centers; tree trimming services are underway at the Garden Centers; free standing garden veggie plots have been purchased for those that are unable to garden due to physical restrictions; the tennis center project is being evaluated and is scheduled to start in May; Clubhouse 1 archery improvements include new targets and target platforms for safety; lounge seating, shade canopies and umbrellas will be purchased for pools.

Mr. Gruner reported the following operational changes: Marcia Garcia is the new Performing Arts Center Senior Coordinator; a new ceramics kiln technician has been hired at Clubhouse 4; all future events are canceled at this time; the Health and Wellness Expo will be postponed until the fall.

Advisor Dorrell inquired as to Restaurant 19 remaining open. Restaurant 19 will stay open per Mr. Parker, CEO. Director Skillman inquired as to hosting the monthly dinners. Mr. Gruner stated they will be canceled at this time.

Chair Fitzekam inquired as to hosting Village Games. Mr. Gruner stated they are postponed until the fall.

Member Comments (*Items Not on the Agenda*)

Members spoke on the following topics: Chicago Club entertainment bookings with regards to the Komedy Klub; creating a new policy that doesn't allow club to club restriction; swim stanchions and flags; improvements to facilities with hearing capabilities; Emeritus class size and parking; club fee and club rollover fees; all events being canceled; facilities closures; confirmation of Woodstock event date; an inquiry regarding the Community Center being open March 31 as due date for the club forms nears. Mr. Gruner stated the Baby Boomers club will decide on the event date, but reassessment will be ongoing. Mr. Gruner stated the Community Center remains open at this time.

Mr. Gruner stated Chicago Club and Komedy Klub disagreement is between the clubs as the Recreation Department doesn't usually mediate problems between clubs. He stated a new policy can be added to the Recreation Department policy, but the entertainer is signing the contract from the club directly. Director Carpenter stated she would like the GRF attorney to be contacted regarding this matter as the entertainer is on GRF property. Chair Fitzekam agreed and would like to proceed with attorney inquiry. Director Carpenter will inquire with the GRF attorney. Advisor Dorrell requested a follow up at the next CAC meeting on April 9. Mr. Gruner stated the swim flag issue was voted against at CAC previously, but more swimmers are requesting the stanchions and flags. Director Skillman stated the Emeritus program is facilitated by Saddleback College with minimal intervention by Laguna Woods Village. Parking is still a problem for those not using Emeritus at Clubhouse 1 facilities, such as the Library, and difficulty in enrolling for classes is for Saddleback College to rectify. Advisor Dorrell stated we do not receive monetary compensation from Emeritus. Chair Fitzekam stated we have limited control over Emeritus and need to add new classes to help with resident enrollment in our classes. Director Rothberg stated space availability in clubhouses limits Emeritus as well as clubs and residents have difficulty finding space for their

activities. Director Horton stated class sizes are smaller due to fire codes. Mr. Gruner stated the size limit of classes was enacted for safety as Emeritus only reviews number of students. They receive monies per person enrolled. The fire codes are set for lecture style, not exercise. Staff will review adding additional classes. Advisor Dorrell inquired as to classes under 10 attendees. Mr. Gruner stated there are none currently as those classes were eliminated as well as classes with larger number of non-resident attendees. Chair Fitzekam stated Emeritus capacity is based on seating, not movement, and staff will be researching wood floor rooms for use. Director Horton inquired as to why potters are not meeting at Clubhouse 4. Mr. Gruner stated the times available were not conducive to the potter's schedule. Staff may be brought in if warranted. Director Torng inquired as to clubs sharing room rental space. Chair Fitzekam stated Pickleball and Paddle Tennis share the courts and invites indoor players to join outdoor players. He also stated the \$50 club fee allows those that do not use the staff services to disband the club but still meet. Director Carpenter stated both the club fee and rollover fees are affecting small clubs. She would like to review the fees as a sliding scale. Chair Fitzekam thanked the speakers from the audience and will follow up with staff. Director Torng inquired as to adding swim flags to next CAC meeting. Chair Fitzekam agreed.

CONSENT

A motion was made, and by consensus, the consent calendar was approved.

REPORTS

Clubhouse Holiday Hours – Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to authorize the Recreation and Special Events Department to adjust clubhouse holiday operating hours on certain holidays beginning January 2021.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to authorize the Recreation and Special Events Department to adjust clubhouse holiday operating hours on certain holidays beginning January 2021.

Motion passed unanimously.

Off Season Children's Swim Hours Adjustment - Mr. Gruner stated the recommendation to authorize the Recreation and Special Events Department to adjust the off-season Children's Swim program hours from noon to 2 p.m. to 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Pool 2 during the off-season swim hours, October 1 to Memorial Day weekend.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to authorize the Recreation and Special Events Department to adjust the off-season Children's Swim program hours from noon to 2 p.m. to 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Pool 2 during the off-season swim hours, October 1 to Memorial Day weekend.

Motion passed unanimously.

Equestrian Fees - Mr. Gruner introduced Ms. Betty Parker, CFO. Ms. Parker presented the current Equestrian fees and proposed Equestrian fees.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to change Equestrian Center pricing policy from 65% shared cost to 70% shared cost effective June 1, 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Fireworks Show at Clubhouse 2 – Mr. Gruner stated staff reviewed the option of lasers in lieu of fireworks. Per the research, the environment within Laguna Woods Village is not conducive to lasers as there is not enough moisture in the air. Mr. Gruner stated he contacted the company regarding reducing sound effect and the potential movement of launch site of fireworks on golf course. Earplugs may be purchased for the horses and sprinklers may be engaged at the Equestrian to create the illusion of a storm.

Motion was made to direct staff to research viable solutions, research charging a ticket fee for the event and present at future CAC meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Special Accommodation Policy for Reciprocal and Charitable Club Events- Mr. Gruner stated the accommodations made for charitable events using Men's Golf Club events example. Mr. Gruner stated a policy will be drafted to be presented at future CAC meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to have staff present a policy for special accommodation for reciprocal and charitable club events at future CAC meeting.

Motion failed unanimously.

Motion was made to present special accommodation policy for reciprocal and charitable club events at April GRF meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Peace Pole - Latifah Taormina was called to speak regarding the peace pole.

Motion was made to support this project.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Car Club Auto Inspection and Maintenance - Randy Scott was called to speak regarding an update on the successful car club auto inspection and maintenance event.

Review of Existing Recreation Department Rules and Policies - Staff was directed to keep this item under future agendas.

Review of Community Facilities Utilization - Staff was directed to keep this item under future agendas.

Recreation Policy Amendment: Mandatory Security Presence at Specialty Resident Events - Staff was directed to keep this item under future agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Advisor Dorrell stated concerns on loss of revenue with entertainers for the Recreation Department and club events. Mr. Gruner stated management is still discussing refund status with Recreation Department events.

Advisor Dorrell stated concerns on fees for room reservations. Mr. Gruner stated that decision is being discussed with boards and management.

Director Rothberg stated Mutual 50 is already making concessions for the COVID-19 virus.

Director Skillman stated the biggest challenge is getting the word out about club cancellations. She stated please tune into Village TV and eblasts for sufficient information. If you feel the information is insufficient, please contact the Marketing and Public Relations Department.

Chair Fitzekam stated CAC will be meeting monthly starting in April and thanked everyone for attending.

Director Jarret stated this was a good meeting.

Director McCary stated kudos to Mr. Gruner and staff for a job well done and thank you in advance for working with CEO and accommodating clubs regarding receipt of consistent information.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Board Room on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.


Joe Fitzekam, Chair