

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Fitzekam-Chair, Andre Torng, Juanita Skillman, Yvonne Horton, Bunny Carpenter, Annie McCary, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryna Rothberg, Ed Tao, Janey Dorrell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Annette Soule was present in audience.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Siobhan Foster, Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy and Jackie Kupfert

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Fitzekam called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

#### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to add item Special Accommodation for Reciprocal and Charitable Events as #11 under reports and to add Expense and Revenue for all Recreation Activities for 2020 under Future Agendas.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Committee Report for March 12, 2020**

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

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

Chair Fitzekam thanked everyone for attending today. He stated clubs will want to have opportunity to make their events safe once all are able to return to normal activity. Chair Fitzekam encouraged staff and boards to make every effort to accommodate the needs of both small and large clubs as these clubs are vital to Laguna Woods Village.

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

Mr. Gruner stated residents may go to [lagunawoodsvillage.granicus.com](http://lagunawoodsvillage.granicus.com) to view and listen to today's CAC meeting. He stated due to the COVID-19 pandemic closure, there are no past or upcoming events to report at this time.

Mr. Gruner reported the following facility maintenance updates: the Performing Arts Center bids have come in and the Ad-Hoc committee will be meeting next Monday to review; new screening was installed on the staff tool shed at Garden Center 2; West Coast Arborists will begin tree trimming at both Garden Centers on April 20 which will focus on walkways for safety; weeding at Garden Center 2 will also commence soon; the golf course is being maintained daily; aerification of the golf course has been scheduled to begin early due to the closure; additional fitness classes will start airing on Village TV tomorrow at 10 a.m.; in-home golf skill videos will be emailed to the golfers; the Equestrian Center watering system is being improved with replacing waterers, valves and fixing leaks; Newport Exterminating has added more rodent control measures at the Equestrian Center; staff consolidated horse feed vendors to reduce costs; pools are being maintained daily including the lowering of chlorine levels due to closures; Recreation staff has been working as gate ambassadors assisting Security.

Director Skillman stated the "little library" has been made available on the library front patio and the volunteers are responding to requests on our website to reserve items. Every precaution is being taken to protect residents and supervisors who are working, singularly, for a few hours a day. Both offerings are very well used.

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

As meeting was held via GoToMeeting, Chair Fitzekam read an email from the President of Duplicate Bridge regarding the proposed early closure of 4 p.m. at Clubhouse 7 on specified holidays.

Chair Fitzekam directed staff to research the revenue of duplicate bridge club events and how the closure may affect that revenue.

### **CONSENT**

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

### **REPORTS**

**Pool 2 Backstroke Stanchions and Flags** – Mr. Gruner stated the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to install stanchions and backstroke flags at Pool 2.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to deny the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to install stanchions and backstroke flags at Pool 2.

Motion failed 4-3.

Motion was made to approve the Recreation and Special Events Department recommendation to install stanchions and backstroke flags at Pool 2.

Motion passed 4-3.

**Mandatory Security Presence at Specialty Resident Events** - Ms. Murphy stated the staff recommendation to amend the GRF Recreation and Special Events Department Policy requiring clubs/residents to obtain fee-based security services when hosting specialty events, as deemed necessary by recreation staff.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to deny staff recommendation for mandatory security presence at specialty resident events.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to reword the staff report verbiage, include financial impact and present an updated report at the May 14, 2020 CAC meeting.

**Special Accommodation for Reciprocal and Charitable Club Events** - Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to approve the Men's 18-Hole Golf Club special accommodation request to reduce or waive guest fees when hosting the reciprocal and/or charitable club events listed below which market the community to non-residents and/or fundraise on behalf of the community to apply modified facility usage rates.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to approve special accommodation request to reduce or waive guest fees for the Memorial Golf Tournament, Men's Silver Senior Golf Team Matches and Laguna Woods Men's Club Member/Guest Tournament only.

Motion passed 5-1.

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

**Clubs/Organizations Annual Fee and Rollover Fee** – Mr. Gruner stated a sliding rate review was proposed at the March CAC meeting and introduced Ms. Murphy to report the history of Ad Hoc meetings regarding the annual fee and rollover fee.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to review current fees and readjust them for small clubs with members totaling 20 to 30. A staff report is to be presented at the May 14, 2020 CAC meeting.

**Club President Meeting Survey Results** - Mr. Gruner stated a survey was conducted at the Club President's meeting in February. Ms. Murphy presented the survey report.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to review the room reservation usage regarding clubs.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

**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.

**Expense and Revenue for all Recreation Activities for 2020** - Staff was directed to keep this item under future agendas.

### CONCLUDING BUSINESS

#### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Carpenter stated the meeting went well and thanked staff for assisting.

Director Horton agreed with Director Carpenter and stated all who were involved with the Club President meeting handled it well.

Chair Fitzekam stated only a few club presidents were upset and many clubs thanked all who hosted the meeting. He stated today's CAC meeting went well and thanked all participants for their patience as a new platform is learned.

Director McCary stated this was a great meeting and thanked staff. She recommended future meetings only last a maximum of three hours.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. via the GoToMeeting platform on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

  
Joe Fitzekam, Chair