

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual GoToMeeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Fitzekam-Chair, Elsie Addington, Juanita Skillman, Yvonne Horton, Bunny Carpenter, Annie McCary, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau, Janey Dorrell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryna Rothberg, Andre Torng, Ed Tao

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Dan Yost and Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Fitzekam called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 May 14, 2020

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

Chair's Remarks

Chair Fitzekam thanked everyone for being here today. We are going through a difficult time with the pandemic. It is difficult as a Community Activities Committee to have so little going on when you want to have everything open, so I appreciate the patience of the residents as we take a safe path to open as many facilities as we can. It will be slow, but we have to be cautious.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated the Recreation Department is slowly progressing toward opening some amenities. The golf course, Par 3 and driving range opened on May 11 with restrictions. Recreation is opening similar to state mandates: phase 1 was golf and driving range; phase 2 will incorporate tennis opening on Monday, May 18 with pickleball, paddle tennis, bocce, lawn bowling and swimming following with no specific dates of opening yet; phase 3 would include indoor activities such as fitness, arts and crafts, archery, small lectures or small club events; phase 4 would include all facilities and larger events. Staff must monitor federal, state and county mandates closely.

Recreation is modifying opening procedures to follow these guidelines which will require reservations for most activities. All information regarding openings will be presented for approval to the CAC chair and GRF president before implementation.

Mr. Gruner reported on the following facility operations: the Performing Arts Center Ad Hoc committee approved to move forward to the June GRF meeting for approval; the Garden Centers remain open; tree trimming and clearing of pathways were completed by West Coast Arborists; Mr. McCray and his team have done a great job with modifications for safety during the soft opening of golf, Par 3 and the driving range; resident walkers have been using the golf course during the closure, however they are not allowed on course during regular golf play; Ms. Murphy will be overseeing the Equestrian Center; a boarder meeting will be held tomorrow and Mr. Gruner invited Director Horton and Director Carpenter to attend this meeting; the riding program will have to follow strict social distancing protocols if reinstated and may be limited to intermediate or advanced level to limit physical contact; other variables include, but are not limited to, having the leather disinfected; pools have been restricted by county closures at this time, however staff is in direct contact with Premier Aquatics for safety protocols to be followed when they can be opened.

Director Carpenter inquired as to tennis opening without Gate 16 access. Mr. Gruner stated Gate 16 will remain closed with close monitoring. Chair Fitzekam inquired as to opening the gate during tennis time only and opening pickleball. Mr. Gruner stated he will revisit the gate opening for tennis time only. He stated two communities have opened pickleball, but that is not allowed quite yet per county mandates. Director Horton stated LA County has opened almost everything outdoors except swimming. Advisor Boudreau inquired as to when clubhouses are opening. Mr. Gruner stated not at this time due to state and county mandates. Director Addington stated that LA County announced they may be closed for three more months.

Member Comments (*Items Not on the Agenda*)

As meeting was held via GoToMeeting, Ms. Murphy read an email from resident regarding the opening of pickleball.

Director Horton stated she considers all racquet sports equal and inquired as to why tennis is open, but not the others. Chair Fitzekam stated the three racquet sports are similar and will follow up with staff. Director Bhada concurs with Director Horton.

Mr. Gruner stated staff is following state and county guidelines and will open once all racquet sports are approved. Staff is most concerned with safety. Chair Fitzekam stated that Mr. McCray was well prepared for this situation and Mr. Gruner has been working diligently to contact clubs to submit proposals on how they can be safe if able to reopen for meetings.

CONSENT

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

REPORTS

There were no reports presented for this meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Request from resident-George Zilligen - Mr. Gruner stated the request from Mr. George Zilligen regarding allowance of a 1.5' by 100' length of the perimeter fence next to his garden plot to grow roses horizontally for the equal yearly rental fee of \$57 per year.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve the resident request.

Motion passed unanimously.

Club Insurance and COVID-19 Club Insurance - Mr. Gruner introduced Mr. Dan Yost, Risk Manager, to present to the committee. Mr. Yost stated in 2014 a group policy procurement was discussed. This policy included coverage of the use of the meeting rooms (liability only) and clubs could procure a stand-alone policy if desired. Members of multiple clubs would have been charged according to participation in number of clubs. This group GL policy would have needed 5000 members to enter into this policy to make it effective.

Director Carpenter inquired as to club coverage at best economical price. Mr. Yost stated every club can assume their own risk and there are avenues for one-time policies for club excursions. Clubs can research these options online at theeventhelper.com.

Director Bhada inquired as to cost for an umbrella policy. Mr. Yost stated each policy is different and would not be associated with GRF; each club would be listed as additional insured under that policy. This would cost thousands of dollars. Director Bhada inquired as to extra insurance offered when renting a room (ie. car rental insurance) to help cover the cost and added an example of charging \$1 per event registration. Mr. Yost stated at that point it would be considered a mandate for clubs to procure insurance which is not currently required. Director Carpenter stated the governing documents state clubs are not required to have insurance. Advisor Boudreau inquired as to a rider on GRF insurance policy. Mr. Yost stated GRF policy covers any incident at a facility, thus we do not have the additional rider in place at this time. Advisor Boudreau inquired as to if a club can acquire a rider. Mr. Yost stated it would not be purchased as a rider, but a stand-alone policy. Chair Fitzekam inquired as to an advantage to having an umbrella insurance policy versus using a policy such as auto or homeowners insurance and if club officers have umbrella policies, is that as good as other policies. Mr. Yost stated every situation is unique and should be reviewed by each club for each event by verifying with their insurance company. Chair Fitzekam inquired is there a difference in liability if something happens when not an organized club. Mr. Yost stated it does as they are not under one name and that club would have to be named in a lawsuit. Lawsuits are filed under one name which is usually GRF.

Mr. Gruner addressed the COVID-19 insurance inquiries stating it would be very difficult to prove that the virus was contracted at an event. Mr. Yost stated the GL policy applies to illness or injury and concurred with proving proximity of infection would be very unlikely. Director Carpenter stated legal counsel is reviewing the addition of this verbiage to our waivers within the hold harmless portion.

Ms. Murphy read resident comments regarding the following: what would be covered in a group general liability policy to involve the use of a meeting room; would policy cover suit to the club or the

individual and would it cover the suit of a member of the club if from another member or board member; would a trip waiver be legally binding and can this be applied to club events; being named as additionally insured on company policies for which a person was an outside consultant; resident not sure why GRF can't add clubs as additionally insured.

Mr. Yost stated GL policy covers board members/active members under general liability actions at the event itself and liable slander. A waiver sets forth on paper that a participant accepts inherent risks, but debate still ensues about legally binding as each situation is different, thus it is better to have a waiver than not at all. Mr. Yost stated premiums would go through the roof if clubs were added on the GRF policy.

Chair Fitzekam stated we will not be changing status quo and will not require club insurance. Director Carpenter stated it may be more economical for clubs to purchase insurance per event.

Clubs/Organizations Annual Fee and Rollover Fee - Mr. Gruner restated the current club annual fee and rollover fees.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to change the club fee to reflect the size of the club: \$25 for groups under 50 members and \$50 for those over 50 members and to keep the rollover fees as is.

Motion passed unanimously.

Exclusive Use of Club Entertainment - Chair Fitzekam stated the history of the disagreement between two clubs regarding exclusive use of entertainment.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made stating no allowance of exclusive contracts for events within the Village pending amendment to GRF policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to present as a report at the June 11, 2020 CAC meeting.

Director Carpenter will consult with legal counsel on validity of exclusivity of entertainment contracts within GRF policy.

Alternative Entertainment for 2021 4th of July Celebration - Mr. Gruner stated July 4 is canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic. Staff was directed to cancel the 3-year fireworks contract using force majeure.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to gather ideas from Ms. Stefanie Brown and research other options.

Mr. Gruner recommended an unofficial advisory group to assist with planning. This group will begin meeting in August and present to CAC in November. The group will be Director Carpenter, Director McCary, Director Skillman and Director Addington.

Additional Emeritus Classes Review for 2021 - Mr. Gruner stated rooms were reassessed according to size as Emeritus classes were becoming overcrowded. He has met with Mr. Dan Predoehl from Emeritus to discuss additional classes and they are amenable. All Emeritus classes are online at this time until 2021. Mr. Gruner stated Recreation will be working to reinstate the OLLI program as well.

Discussion ensued.

Security for Specialty Events Discussion - Chair Fitzekam stated Recreation would refer events to Security if it was requested by the event or determined by Security it is needed. The Security Department will be presenting this report to SCAC for fees to be established and then will be presented to GRF for resolution.

Staff was directed to assist the Security Department with this presentation and if approved, work in conjunction with Security should it be necessary at an event.

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. This item may be postponed due to COVID-19 closures.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Mr. Gruner stated resident request was to move indoor fitness equipment outdoor however indoor equipment is not viable for outdoor use. The Fitness supervisor is working on options to incorporate outdoor fitness once mandates are lifted. Mr. Gruner stated incorporating outdoor fitness equipment by the Aliso Creek area may cost about \$75,000-\$100,000.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to obtain equipment costs of all outdoor options (small to large) to present at next meeting.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director McCary stated Recreation needs to inform the club presidents and would like this on a future agenda discussion prior to opening.

Director Horton stated she enjoyed the meeting.

Director Addington stated this was a really good meeting and thank you for having me.

Director Skillman stated the little library on the patio has paperbacks, puzzles and etc. that are available for pick up. The items may be dropped off and are cleaned before the next rental. The main problem is people who don't respect the rules with newspapers being the biggest problem as they try to take them home. Signs are posted stating the rules, but they not being adhered.

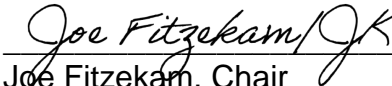
Ms. Murphy stated a notice was received today by the OC Health Department that libraries were not to be opened. Director Skillman stated all items are being sanitized. The table of items is open 24 hours a day with exception of reserved items.

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, June 11, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.



Joe Fitzekam, Chair