

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Pearlstone, Chair, Bunny Carpenter, Yvonne Horton, Andre Torng, Elsie Addington, Debbie Dotson, Reza Karimi, Dennis Boudreau, Juanita Skillman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryna Rothberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Rader

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Pearlstone 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 March 11, 2021

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

Chair's Remarks

Chair Pearlstone stated he will present a shared fee analysis and input is encouraged, but more meetings will be necessary to complete this analysis. This analysis is being completed in order to establish a framework of fees, revenues and budgets that are fair to all residents in today's financial situation and challenges.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated he will give a complete COVID update under agenda item #10 and encouraged the community to remain vigilant with COVID recommended precautions. He stated the following Orange County statistics: 95 new cases yesterday; adjusted daily case rate is 3 per 100,000; test positivity rate is at 1.6%; health equity quartile positivity rate is at

2.1%; administering 300 tests per day per 100,000 county residents. Orange County is currently in the orange tier with a state target date of reopening on June 15.

Mr. Gruner reported golf operations has implemented the foreUp tee time reservation system and the point of sale system in which both are working well. The golf operations team has done a tremendous job inputting resident information allowing our residents to book online reservations. The Equestrian Center arena footing project has been approved and modifications to the existing trail ramp where slippage has been an ongoing issue are being reviewed by staff. The Library plexiglass has been ordered with installation to happen within the next couple of weeks allowing this amenity to be open to residents on a limited basis.

Director Tornng inquired as to hiring a consultant in regards to the foreUp reservation system to save money as there are four staff working overtime which equated to over \$7200 this month. Chair Pearlstone stated this will be discussed during the shared fee analysis portion of the meeting.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Member was called to speak on reservations for singles golf players within the new online reservation system. Mr. Gruner stated due to the volume of current tee times booked, we are not able to accommodate single player reservations at this time. Staff is grouping these single players into a threesome to maximize golf play and this has been communicated to the resident. Staff will continue to review for modifications and follow up with the resident.

Director Tornng inquired as to hosting golf twosome or threesomes to assist in accommodating singles golf play. Director Karimi inquired as to the new system for reservations being permanent. Mr. Gruner stated this is permanent. He stated any new system presents difficulties and we must allow users time to adjust to the new system.

Advisor Boudreau stated Mr. McCray is fielding all resident inquiries regarding the new reservation system. Director Dotson inquired as to user instructions on the website. Mr. Gruner stated a tutorial video is being created.

Director Blackwell stated she was able to use the new system through practicing prior to the reservation time and also stated the first Greens Committee meeting went well today.

Staff was directed to update the committee via email on golf reservations.

CONSENT

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

Chair Pearlstone requested a financial report showing a full quarter as this month includes only February.

REPORTS

COVID Tier Presentation – Mr. Gruner presented current COVID tier information including what amenities are currently offered and what the community can expect once Orange County moves to the yellow tier and beyond. Mr. Gruner stated more amenities will be introduced once allowed by state and county guidelines and we have appropriate staffing levels in the Recreation Department.

Director Torng inquired as to golf fivesomes needing ten versus eight minutes in between tee times. Mr. Gruner stated the eight-minute tee time is appropriate at this time to keep tee times punctual.

Director Karimi inquired as to enforcing the indoor requirements of COVID safety. Mr. Gruner stated reservable clubhouse rooms may not be open until June 15 and tier guidance states no more than three households while indoors. Chair Pearlstone stated we are following state and county guidelines and addressing the staffing issue.

Shared Fee/Financial Analysis Update – Chair Pearlstone presented the financial analysis completed to date. Chair Pearlstone stated a proposal will be presented when complete, but does not propose any fee sharing changes at this time. Director Carpenter inquired as to the due date of newly proposed fees and as to limiting amount of increase due to lack of offerings with closures. Mr. Gruner stated staff is currently working on capitals for 2022 and then will transition to operating budget for 2022. The General Manager's office will review prior to entering the GRF board approval process beginning in June. Fee changes are not feasible until 2023 due to approved resolutions. Director Carpenter stated golf fees are not based on shared cost fees and increases for any fees are based on a formula that may be reviewed at future CAC meetings as done with Equestrian fees.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to change weekly utilization to monthly; change to 3% each year over the next 5 years in the header; include fitness when available.

Chair Pearlstone would like to present a framework that ties in the fee schedule and what it generates at next CAC meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Garden Center 2 Speed Bumps – Mr. Gruner stated the recommendation to review and provide staff direction as to whether to seek supplemental funding for the removal and replacement of the existing Garden Center 2 speed bumps with less intrusive bumps at a cost of \$14,180.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to meet with Director Horton and Director Addington at Garden Center 2 to research removal of a section of the speed bumps or total removal of the speed bumps and to inquire the use of asphalt to minimize the impact of the speed bumps.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Laguna Woods Village Pre-reserved Golf Tee Times - Mr. Gruner stated the Greens Committee met today and will continue to meet to ensure an equitable resolution is presented.

Removal of Garden Center 1 Office Building – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Long Range Plans for Outdoor Activities – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Garden Center 2 Access Gate – Mr. Gruner met with Security Department and IT Department to review the gates at Garden Center 2. The vendor determined the motors are not operable due to non-use and compromised wires. Staff will continue to work on making the gates operable.

2021 Recreation Department Financial Forecast - Mr. Gruner stated staff will review the financial forecast with consideration of the COVID closure impact regarding potential revenue sources and anticipated expenditures for this year.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Advisor Skillman inquired as to opening the Community Center Fitness Center. Mr. Gruner stated the Community Center is only accessible on a limited basis and reopening of the Fitness Center is being reviewed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. via the Zoom Webinar platform on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Jon Pearlstone

Jon Pearlstone, Chair