

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, July 8, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Zoom Webinar

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jon Pearlstone, Chair, Yvonne Horton, Andre Torng, Ryna Rothberg, Reza Karimi, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Elsie Addington, Juanita Skillman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Maggie Blackwell, Bunny Carpenter, Debbie Dotson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, 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 June 10, 2021**

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

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

Chair Pearlstone stated he is pleased with increased communication between residents, staff and committee members and appreciates the prompt responses. The primary item on the agenda is review of the fees for residents to provide highest level of service without asking for additional money. The financials have been documented with fiscal responsibility brought through the research completed in order to try to manage the budget in an intelligent way with respect to the community.

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

Mr. Gruner stated July is Parks Make Life Better month through CPRS. He stated the following operational updates: Recreation opened additional facilities on June 15 as state restrictions were lifted; contacted clubs for rollover reservations; transitioned into private

reservations and expanded facility openings with exception of Clubhouse 6, Performing Arts Center and no reservable rooms in Clubhouse 7; challenges remain with low staffing and shortage of supplies affecting operations locally and nationally; Pool 1 remains closed; the library is fully operational; Seth Jones is the new full-time administrative employee at Garden Centers.

Ms. Murphy stated the Equestrian Center arena and pen project is completed. The center hosts 25 boarded horses (three stalls are on hold until horses arrive) leaving only one open stall. The Help the Herd fundraiser has raised \$9,695 to date and the following items have been purchased with these funds: fly sheets, stall mats, saddles, saddle pads, vet needs, and protective boots. The Help the Herd fundraiser will be extended and a donor event was hosted at the Equestrian Center to thank donors. Ms. Murphy stated three horses have retired to pasture, two new horses have been purchased and one lease horse in process.

Ms. Murphy stated room reservations have begun for Clubhouses 1, 2 and 5 and the Village Greens. Classes are ongoing with 16 instructors currently and another 10 to return soon. Ms. Murphy stated the upcoming events which include the Farmers Market at Garden Center 1, 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 10 (this event will be cash only), free Monday movies at Clubhouse 5 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 4 p.m. (residents must register on ActiveNet for the free movies) and the outdoor concert featuring Dallas and Doll on Thursday, September 23 at Clubhouse 2, 4 to 6 p.m.

Director Horton inquired as to the computers in the Fitness Center being non-operational. Mr. Gruner explained the system used prior to the Malware incident was outdated and not able to be reinstated. ActiveNet will be utilized and staff must input all resident information before cards may be scanned once again.

Director Horton inquired as to having two billiards rooms. Mr. Gruner stated these rooms have been reduced from four previously and review of the community needs for Clubhouse 1 will be completed via the Clubhouse 1 renovation process.

Director Horton stated some rules contradict some resolutions at the Garden Centers and inquired as to which are correct. She stated a bar was built on a Garden Center 2 plot. Mr. Gruner stated staff will review the bar built and the service fee for rototilling that is not in the current policy. The resolution only states it is an available service and does not list a fee.

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

Residents were called to speak on the following items: Golf Greens Committee continues to meet to discuss guest fees, increasing guest allowance to weekdays after noon, safety of walkers on perimeter golf cart paths and two persons are allowed per cart currently; tennis ice machine broken; new ice machine for tennis facility; tree stump removal at tennis facility; new income ideas; low staffing affecting open facilities; resident two-day event on July 4.

Chair Pearlstone stated Greens Committee has been instrumental but wants to ensure fees are presented to CAC. He stated signage is placed to protect GRF against those that walk the golf cart path. Mr. Gruner stated staff will assist with proper signage on the golf cart paths. Advisor Boudreau stated the sign by hole 16 needs to be reinstated. Chair Pearlstone directed staff to research other golf club policies regarding those walking the golf cart paths. Director Dotson would like this item placed on the Security Community Access Committee agenda.

Mr. Gruner stated ice machine at the tennis facility is awaiting several parts and confirmed they are en route. Chair Pearlstone would like staff to research new ice machine costs. Mr. Gruner stated staff will research costs of commercial grade ice machine and will contact landscaping regarding the tree stump.

Chair Pearlstone stated income will be discussed today and Director Bhada is to be invited to subsequent income discussions.

Mr. Gruner stated low staffing levels will affect facility hours and/or amenities. He also stated the resident that proposed the July 4 two-day event declined hosting the event.

### **CONSENT**

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

**Exception for Village Greens Room Usage** - Ms. Murphy stated the request for consideration of an exception to the policy which states the Village Greens rooms are not to be used for club rollovers. This consideration of exception is due to shortage of available rooms and would be two Mondays per month and would only be scheduled in room 2.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to present this item as a staff report to CAC in August.

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

**Proposed Fee Policy Amendment for Recreation and Related Services** - Chair Pearlstone reviewed the fee sharing objectives and phases of strategy. Chair Pearlstone presented the 2022 Recreation Fees chart. He stated the only fees changing to assist with generating revenue are those approved at the July, 2021 GRF meeting and staff will manage a budget that has a potential three percent maximum increase for the next 3 to 5 years.

Mr. Gruner stated the fees we are reviewing are only the chargeable fees. The operating budget will follow the budget process currently (utilities, compensation, etc.) which would require board approval. These are not tied into the operating budget.

Ms. Murphy stated the Equestrian Center fees will be discussed at a special Equestrian Ad Hoc committee meeting.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve 2022 fees (excluding Equestrian Center based on Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee recommendation) with no mention of a cap of three percent increase.

Motion passed 4-1-1.

Staff was directed to add revenue generating objective under Future Agendas.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Laguna Woods Village Pre-reserved Golf Tee Times** - Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

**Saddleback Emeritus Institute Contract Update** – Staff was directed to keep this under Future Agendas.

**Club Insurance** – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Torng suggested board members propose alternatives to material presented.

Chair Pearlstone stated short, intermediate and long-term revenue generating ideas will be prioritized as a starting point for the next discussion.

Director Bhada thanked all and stated this was a good meeting.

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

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center Board Room and via the Zoom Webinar platform on Monday, August 16, 2021.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Jon Pearlstone  
Jon Pearlstone, Chair