

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Diane Casey, Ryna Rothberg, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cush Bhada

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Milliman, Debbie Dotson, Lynn Jarrett, Juanita Skillman

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, William Arceo, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Horton 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 March 10, 2022

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

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton thanked the audience for attending the meeting which shows interest in activities within this great community.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated the following operational updates: staffing and recruiting is making progress with some positions filled; budget preparation is the primary focus at this time; staff will be contacting those clubs that require budget proposals.

Mr. Gruner stated the following facility updates: the Garden Center volunteer program is underway; camera installation and new signage to state the Garden Centers are under surveillance are being completed to deter theft; aerification of the golf course started this week; a Silver Tee program for proper golf etiquette will be introduced for new players; the Clubhouse 2 sewer smell has been identified and is being rectified; 375 participants have registered for the Village Games which are underway; the Equestrian Center has a new horse, Giuseppe, who will allow us to accommodate riders over 200 pounds; the Clubhouse 6 volunteer program has allowed us to open Clubhouse 6 on a limited basis, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, starting this week; Pool 2 has reopened and Pool 1 is undergoing annual maintenance; the Children's Swim Program will be reintroduced on May 28 at Pool 6; Library staff has been very attentive to the needs of the community and sent a thank you letter to staff for their assistance in keeping the Library maintained; the Performing Arts Center kitchens and rehearsal room are undergoing renovation after the successful removal of asbestos.

Mr. Gruner announced the following upcoming Recreation events: Easter at the Equestrian Center will be hosted on April 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. with many family activities; the Easter Buffet at Clubhouse 5 has sold out; the Monday movie on April 18 will be Respect and will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center; the Health and Wellness Expo will be at Clubhouse 5 on April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with 26 sponsors, including Memorial Care as the Presenting sponsor and Anthem as the Title sponsor, raffle prizes, free chicken wraps from Chick-fil-A and free smoothie samples. Memorial Care will be hosting guest speakers.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding changing pool operating hours and lifeguard costs.

CONSENT

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Clubhouse 4 Chair Samples - Mr. Gruner updated the committee stating Clubhouse 4 banquet chairs have been ordered and staff is researching the purchase of the workshop chairs as the current chairs are dilapidated.

Staff was directed to request sample chairs and to include this as a capital project in 2023.

Operating Rules

Garden Centers – Members were called to speak regarding opposition to the proposed Garden Center Operating Rules; length of wait list; addition of another garden center; email

update of wait list placement; Garden Center fencing; Garden Center operating rules sections B5, O7, G12, G2, L2, L4 (omissions); working in conjunction with the Landscape Department for tree pruning; allowance of others to assist with garden plots; nominal fee to remove gravel from plots; timers for watering.

Mr. Gruner stated current policy states no smoking allowed within 25 feet of a GRF facility therefore that rule was omitted from the Garden Center operating rules. Mr. Gruner stated that tree pruning at no charge is already in place which occurs in late fall/early winter. Mr. Gruner stated no trees are allowed in garden plots due to shading other plots and fences would need to be approved prior to installation. Mr. Gruner stated the volunteer program will assist with theft.

Director Blackwell inquired as to adding 12b to G12 to state any structure may cover no more than 1/4 plot or to state conversely 3/4 of a plot must be used for planting.

Chair Horton suggested to extend the wait list to 100. Chair Horton stated compliance letters have been effective in regards to individual plot maintenance. She stated theft incidents were reported as fewer and the gate code will be changed more than every six months. Director McCary would like a chargeable service considered for the gravel removal and clarification of fencing needing approval. Director Addington stated plot owners were reassigning their plot to others without staff notification and this formalization of partners section has always been in the operating rules, however it was unable to be enforced.

Chair Horton stated gravel within the garden plots should be the responsibility of the plot lessee and the restrictions of watering timers were added to the operating rules as many timers use batteries which can malfunction causing overwatering. Mr. Gruner stated staff met with the Garden Center club for input regarding the Garden Center operating rules and their input was considered.

Staff was directed to review the operating rules and present at CAC next month.

Tennis Center – Members were called to speak regarding postponement of the approval of the tennis operating rules; sections A.7.c. and A.6; reservations 50/50 instead of 70/30; omission of the challenge court during prime-time; addition of another court for advance reservations; limitation of lessons during prime-time; additional league play after 10:30 a.m.

Director Blackwell stated the rock used to prop the tennis gate open should be reported as a compliance issue and the tennis facility is a GRF facility for all to enjoy. Director Milliman stated in the chat box on ZOOM to possibly post the basic rules for usage of the tennis courts.

Mr. Gruner stated staff met with a tennis board member for operating rules input; unfortunately, that person is no longer on the tennis board.

Staff was directed to review the tennis operating rules and present at the next CAC meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Duplicate Bridge July 4 Annual Rollover Exception – Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation for the Duplicate Bridge club request for an exception to the Permanent/Rollover Reservation Policy for a July 4 automatic annual rollover.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: using this exception for 2023 not current year 2022.

This item was withdrawn.

Duplicate Bridge Tournament Room Reservation Rental Rate - Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to cancel and supersede Resolution 90-11-28 to show the cancellation of the exception rate during the annual February Duplicate Bridge tournament.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve staff recommendation to cancel and supersede Resolution 90-11-28 to show the cancellation of the exception rate during the annual February Duplicate Bridge tournament.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Golf Greens Committee Update – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

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

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

None

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held both in the board room and virtually via the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair