

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Ryna Rothberg, Cush Bhada, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Pearl Lee, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Joan Milliman, Juanita Skillman, Diane Casey, Debbie Dotson

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Horton 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 to add Performing Arts Center Overutilization under Items for Future Agendas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for December 9, 2021

A motion was made to amend to show Director Addington as present at the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton reminded all who use Recreation facilities must wear a mask and stated those being rude or abrasive to employees when asked to wear a mask is not acceptable.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated the operational updates as follows: staff levels are still low with recruitment ongoing in all avenues, but existing staff has done an outstanding job shifting locations and adjusting to new job responsibilities; as of January 15, the state mandates attendees of mega events of 500 or more must provide vaccination proof; Saddleback College Emeritus Institute classes have been postponed until February 7.

Mr. Gruner stated the facility and program updates as follows: the Garden Center 2 gate will be operational soon; an offer for the position of Garden Center Coordinator was made and anticipate this new person starting in approximately two weeks; the pickleball lighting project is currently underway, but incorrect footings were installed and must be removed before the project may be completed; the Fitness Centers have COVID case numbers rising which may impact classes, but at this time, all is moving forward as planned; the Equestrian Center riding program has been suspended due to increase of COVID cases reported; a dressage court has been donated and rat abatement has been successful at the Equestrian Center; the success of the New Year's Eve event at the Performing Arts Center was attributed to the clear sound system which our tech team has worked tirelessly to repair.

Advisor Boudreau inquired about volunteers assisting at the clubhouses. Mr. Gruner stated staff is researching this option.

Director Dotson inquired as to lawn bowling policy regarding usage by those not guests of residents. Mr. Gruner stated Recreation policy states a club may have 20% non-residents in attendance and must be a guest of a member.

A member was called to speak regarding an existing club event that may need to be canceled due to COVID concerns. This member requested direction from the Recreation Department or GRF. It was explained that this is a club event so direction must come from within the club.

A member inquired as to which entity will pay for the correction of the pickleball footing. Mr. Gruner responded the contractor will pay for the correction as they did not follow procedure.

A member inquired as to contracting more caterers. Mr. Gruner stated a current approved caterer list is available. The difficulty of contracting new caterers is the cost for services that are significantly higher than previous caterers.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak on the following: Duplicate Bridge club request of resident rate versus exception rate for an upcoming tournament (Feb 12 and 13), in opposition of Kourts reservation system and in favor of Kourts reservation system.

Ms. Murphy addressed the Duplicate Bridge club request and discussion ensued.

Director Milliman suggested a new resolution be presented to CAC next month for this bridge tournament to be operated as a regular tournament using the lounge at the resident rate in the future.

The committee concurred that the Duplicate Bridge club request to use the Clubhouse 7 bridge room for the upcoming tournament on February 12 and 13 be allowed to proceed with use of the bridge room only at no fee while collecting guest fees and no Clubhouse 7 lounge use for the 2022 tournament.

CONSENT

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Revenue Resources Ad Hoc Update - Chair Horton stated first meeting was yesterday and many ideas were presented. A tour of a possible bistro area at Clubhouse 7 will be arranged for the Ad Hoc committee members.

Garden Centers Operating Rules - Chair Horton inquired as to why approval has not been requested previously for those fences that are not in compliance. Mr. Gruner stated approval is stated in the operating rules however those that are not in compliance may have been erected prior to the statement. Director Blackwell stated the compliance may be used to enforce garden center violations. Mr. Gruner stated over 70 compliance letters have been sent by the Garden Center staff person. Mr. Gruner stated a volunteer program is in place to assist with reporting of compliance issues.

Director Addington inquired as to the creation of a wait list. Chair Horton stated this is being instated.

Director Lee inquired as to how long the wait is to get a garden plot and if a current plot lease can be transferred to another who is not on a wait list. Mr. Gruner stated the wait is three to four months currently and a single gardener may not transfer their plot to someone not on the list. Mr. Gruner stated a plot partner may have first choice to accept or decline.

Staff was directed to add Garden Center Operating Rules under Items for Future Agendas next month.

Online Reservations System Analysis - Mr. Gruner stated the following change for Kourts reservation system regarding tennis: three courts will be reserved using the Kourts online reservation system and seven courts will be reserved using the previous white board system; all reservations are to be 1.5 hours; this will be re-evaluated in six months. He stated the

disciplinary process for those that abuse the system as follows: first offense is a verbal warning; second offense is a written warning and final notice; third offense will be referred to the Compliance Division to initiate the disciplinary process. The committee concurred as to staff recommendation for the modification of the Kourts online system at tennis.

Members were called to speak in opposition of and in favor of Kourts.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to remove pickleball from the Kourts reservation system and review in three months.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Event Cancellation Guidelines - Mr. Gruner stated COVID numbers have increased exponentially and several upcoming events will need review of when cancellation is required due to low attendance that will affect revenue. Mr. Gruner recommended a minimum of two weeks to postpone any event. Chair Horton inquired as to the inclusion of a clause for force majeure within each event contract. Mr. Gruner stated it is included in each contract.

Ms. Murphy inquired as to Recreation continuing events that do not generate revenue. Chair Horton stated yes, please continue with these events.

A motion was made that if ticket sales are 50% or less within 2 weeks of any event that is planned at the Performing Arts Center or any other planned event, it may be canceled or postponed during the time of COVID.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Supplemental Funding to Purchase a Toro ProCore 648 Aerator - Mr. Gruner stated the staff report recommendation of a sole-source supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$34,869.03, for the purchase of a new ProCore 648 Aerator for the 27-hole golf course, to be funded from the Equipment Fund.

Chair Horton inquired as to renting one in the interim. Mr. Gruner stated there is a 9 to 12 month lead time to receive this type of machinery and will inquire with vendor regarding long-term rental.

A motion was made to accept staff recommendation of supplemental funding of \$34,869.03 in order to purchase a Toro ProCore 648 Aerator.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Golf Greens Committee Update – Director Blackwell will present an update next month.

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 virtually via the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

___Yvonne Horton___

Yvonne Horton, Chair