



REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA WOODS
SECURITY AND COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

The Hybrid Model Meeting of the Security and Community Access Committee was held on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. 24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair: Juanita Skillman, Maggie Blackwell, SK Park, Sue Stephens, Gan Mukhopadhyay

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cash Achrekar (No Notice Given)

OTHERS PRESENT: Elsie Addington, Mike Epstein

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Nuñez, Cody DeLeon, Carmen Aguilar

CALL TO ORDER

Juanita Skillman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESS

Media was not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By way of consensus, the Committee approved the agenda without requested changes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING REPORT

By way of consensus, the Committee approved the February 27th, 2023 meeting report.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Skillman shared her condolences regarding the passing of former Chair Don Tibbetts. Skillman stated she has big shoes to fill. Chair Skillman shared expectations of respect and order from audience and members for today's and future SCAC meetings moving forward.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Multiple members made comments and asked questions.

Topics included:

1. Update on camera quality in RV lots to be able to read license plates and identify trespassers.
2. Dangers with lack of or fading crosswalk paint at some intersections throughout the community posing safety hazard, cracked sidewalks and asphalt at intersections also posing a safety risk for residents crossing.

RESPONSE TO MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Skillman directed speakers to the appropriate agenda item number pertaining to their questions/concerns to be addressed.

REPORTS

Disaster Preparedness Task Force Report

Staff Officer Nuñez discussed the meeting report provided in the packet from the DPTF meeting in March. Staff Officer Nuñez announced that the Disaster prep office at the community center is going to be closed down and used by another department. Disaster preparedness information and supplies will now be brought to the people during events either held by Laguna Woods Village or by the Security Department. Currently the DPTF team is still working on scheduling training events with OCFA. The DPTF Coordinator now has an office space at the new security location next to the LWCC.

Members and Chair made comments:

- Backup generator needed at CH3 (Performing Arts Center) where events hold up to 800 people
- Chair Skillman's big concern is that CH3 PAC lights going out would cause safety hazard with people trying to exit, especially having to go down stairs in the dark
- CH coordinator requested water and electrical shut off training for clubhouse coordinators at CH3 for safety in an emergency situation
- Quantity of backup generators

Staff Officer Nuñez response:

There are currently backup generators located at CH1, CH5, LWCC, warehouse, radio tower, broadband building, and Mutual 50 Towers. Currently there is a limited amount of portable backup generators. Staff Officer Nuñez will look into acquiring more.

RV UPDATE

Staff Officer Nuñez noted that there are only nine on the waiting list as one spot was filled this morning (April 26th, 2023) leaving only thirty-six vacancies in the lots to date. Chief Nuñez also responded to members concerns over camera quality by stating that better cameras in key spots would have helped identify suspects and plates in previous RV theft cases. However, this year's budget may not permit those upgrades.

Chair Skillman intervened to explain the lengthy budget process to the members as to urge the members to exercise patience with said requests.

NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

Staff Officer Nuñez shed light on the great job security did collaborating with Station 18 on locating a missing child within an hour of the initial call on April 7th, 2023.

Staff Officer Nuñez also spoke on three traffic collisions that took place:

1. DUI outside the community where subject crossed the median and multiple lanes of traffic before colliding with the GRF exterior wall between Gate #7 and #9 causing a 10ft breach in the wall. Subject was transported to hospital for medical care.
2. Non-resident lost control of their vehicle with a pregnant passenger on Paseo De Valencia/Los Alisos Blvd breaching the GRF perimeter wall. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained.
3. Resident lost control of their vehicle while making a U-turn to exit gate #9 and struck a gate ambassadors' parked vehicle and then hit the gate causing damage to both. No injuries were sustained

Staff Officer Nuñez brought up these traffic accidents to encourage residents and members to always mind their surroundings.

SECURITY STATISTICS

Staff Officer Nuñez explained the statistics provided within the agenda packet. Members made comments and asked questions.

Chair Skillman wanted to know, of the 54 deaths within the community, how many were suicides.

Staff Officer Nuñez responded to a members' comment about an officer bike patrol program GRF used to have. Nuñez agreed that it was and could again be a beneficial program to start back up. Staff Officer Nuñez will look into how the program was conducted back then as it may not be feasible today.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

GATE 12 UPDATE

Staff Officer Nuñez discussed most recent gate 12 updates using his PowerPoint slides, technological updates included:

- Gate 12 kiosk was delivered and prepped for installation
- Gate 12 guest access dropdown menu option has been added
- Hand-held QR reader to scan guest passes
- Increased patrols around gate 12 as a gate running deterring during rush hours

FLASHING STOP SIGN CONCERNS

Staff Officer Nuñez discussed his PowerPoint presentation showing statistics regarding safety concerns over the flashing stop signs. Discussion only, nothing to be voted on. Information involved:

- Benefits they provide to Laguna Woods Village
- Pilot flashing stop sign location reasoning
- Light pollution concerns
- Addressed epileptic seizure concerns

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Gate arms appearance
2. Cross walk damage and repainting assessment
3. Neighborhood watch

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 28th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Skillman adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Juanita Skillman

Chair: Juanita Skillman

Signature: 
Juanita Skillman | May 8, 2023 23:16 PDT

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