



SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA WOODS
A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION**

**Monday, July 08, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California
Board Room/Virtual Meeting**

Directors Present: James Hopkins, Gan Mukhopadhyay, Yvonne Horton,
Juanita Skillman, Martin Roza, Joan Milliman, William
Cowen, Cush Bhada, Steve Leonard

Directors Absent: Donna Rane-Szostak, Egon Garthoffner

Staff Present: Makayla Schwietert, Paul Nguyen, Manuel Gomez, Carlos
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Others Present: None

1. Call Meeting to Order / Establish Quorum

First Vice President Skillman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. State Purpose of Meeting – First Vice President Skillman

First Vice President Skillman stated the purpose of the meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

First Vice President Skillman asked if there were any objections to the Agenda.

Director Milliman requested to add 6d., Audience Comments on Presentation and 6e., Directors Vote on Presentation to the agenda.

Hearing no further changes, the amended Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Chair Remarks

First Vice President Skillman commented on the following:

- Each member has up to 3 minutes to speak during open forum
- Staff Analysis will be given by Manuel Gomez

5. Open Forum

- A member requested that a meeting as important as this, should always be televised in the future
- A member commented on the 2011 cost analysis of Building E

6. Consideration of Recommendations from the Building E Space Planning Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

a. Option Presented by Nancy Carlson/Andy Ginocchio

Nancy Carlson and Andy Ginocchio presented Option 1 plan to the Board.

b. Option Presented by Jim Hopkins

President Hopkins presented his Option 2 plan to the Board.

c. Staff Analysis

Manuel Gomez, Maintenance and Construction Manager, discussed Rough Order Magnitude Construction Cost Summary and spoke on both options and answered questions from the Board.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

d. Audience Comments on Presentation

- A member commented on the disruption of the table tennis room and PC Club if the option of relocation of the 3rd floor is selected
- A member commented on the flawed design studies and requested to have a Third Option
- Multiple members commented on the potential reduction of computer room space and the other negatives Option 1 will cause
- A member commented on the value of the community rising with the addition of building space
- A member commented on behalf of the PC Club and the interlining of how the club is supported and functions and how the reduction of space will make things challenging
- A member commented on the misleading slides presented today and gave clarification
- A member commented on thanking the committee's work on both proposals and also indicated that clubs were not consulted which has led to skewed misleading information
- A member commented on the working on the PC Club check in process
- A member commented on the volunteer tax program
- A member commented on the archery club and the countless zoning and background checks taken to get a permit to exist at its current location and the impending complication in having it relocated to another space
- Multiple members commented on their support of option 2
- A member commented on the issues of allowing and getting city approval for having archery located outdoors
- Multiple members commented on enjoying the current location of the table tennis club
- A member commented on the importance of the housing on the security department in a proper location with appropriate traffic flow for their vehicles
- A member commented on the difficulties of moving clubs, the lag in the community of which it takes to approve projects, and installing a prefab in the current foundation of building E

- A member commented on rebuilding Building E on the land that GRF Owns in its current space
- A member commented on the lack of communication from the Space Planning Committee to the Clubs
- A member commented on their volunteer work for the free tax service the importance of their work and how it's important to the members
- A member commented on speaking against Option 1
- A member commented on being an advocate of having security in Building E
- A member commented on the Bylaws of the Golden Rain Foundation
- A member commented on the importance of members staying involved and also reminded members that this will be going to a Corporate Members meeting

e. Directors Vote on Presentation

In a secret ballot vote, the Board selected Option B (2)


- a. Option A (1) Presented by Nancy Carlson/Andy Ginocchio - 0**
- b. Option B (2) Presented by Jim Hopkins - 7**
- c. None of the Above - 2**

7. Directors' Comments

- Director Skillman commented on the incorrect name of a previous Director during member comment portion
- Director Leonard commented on his concerns of not having a research and development program
- Director Horton commented on the upcoming CAC meeting
- Director Skillman commented on members attending the upcoming mutual board meetings to speak up and to add their voice

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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Joan Milliman, Secretary of the Board
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