



OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA WOODS A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California
Board Room/Virtual Meeting**

Directors Present: James Hopkins, Yvonne Horton, Juanita Skillman, Martin Roza, Egon Garthoffner, Joan Milliman, William Cowen, Cush Bhada, Donna Rane-Szostak, Steve Leonard, Gan Mukhopadhyay

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: CEO - Siobhan Foster, Makayla Schwietert, Paul Nguyen, Carlos Rojas, Manuel Gomez, Alison Giglio, Eric Nunez, Dan Lurie

Other Directors Present: Diane Phelps – VMS, Alison Bok - United

1. Call Meeting to Order/ Establish Quorum – President Hopkins

President Hopkins called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acknowledgment of Media

The media via Village Television crew was present remotely by way of cameras.

4. Approval of Agenda

President Hopkins requested an approval of the agenda.

President Hopkins made a motion to move GRF Committee Appointments from the consent calendar to new business as item 12f.

Hearing no further changes or objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a.** July 2, 2024 – GRF Board Regular Open Meeting
- b.** July 8, 2024 – GRF Board Special Open Meeting

c. July 18, 2024 – GRF Board Agenda Prep Meeting

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 2, 2024 – GRF Board Regular Open Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 8, 2024 – GRF Board Special Open Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 18, 2024 – GRF Board Agenda Prep Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

6. Report of the Chair

President Hopkins spoke on the following items:

- There is a lot going on in the community and a lot of it involves GRF
- Made some remarks last month during Report of the Chair pertaining to the recall and there was feedback from legal
- During the Chair Report, referred to the prior president of the United Board and the current President of Third Mutual initiating 2 recall attempts last year
- Does not believe United and its President were involved in this recall
- United and Mutual 50 are steering clear of the recall attempt
- The Recall was initiated by Third Board Leadership
- Clarified confusion of the term of “block voting” when referring to votes at Corporate Members meetings
- Recall efforts may be a result of allowing resident input at the space planning meetings
- Believes the recall isn’t strictly about the two involved, but rather it is about the future integrity of the Laguna Woods Village governance system and the efforts to gut GRF of its experienced leadership
- Concerned about what is going on in the Community
- Join the Board to support and help the community
- Hopes Corporate Members vote with their conscience at the recall meeting.

7. CEO Report

Siobhan Foster-CEO provided a report on the following items:

- Recreation Update - Temporary Gate 12 Closure
- Rain Gutter Cleaning
- Website Transformation Project
- Communications Platforms and Performance
- Digital
- Performance of Each Email Sent Monitored in Detail
- Open Rate Stats: Theirs
- Sample Open Rate Stats: Ours
- Lagunawoodsvillage.com/news
- Facebook.com/lagunawoodsvillage
- The Village Breeze
- Roadblocks to Communication, Reading

- Village Television/TV6/Village YouTube

CEO Foster answered questions from the Board.

8. Open Forum (Three Minutes per Speaker)

At this time members were allowed to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the agenda.

- A member commented on the work of the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village
- A member commented on financial matters pertaining to GRF and the Equestrian Center

9. Responses to Open Forum Speakers

- Director Bhada thanked the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village for their monthly updates
- Director Bhada requested that emails read are also timed for 3 minutes
- Director Horton commented that the email pertaining to the equestrian center is inflammatory and also advised that the CAC will be discussing this at next month's meeting after finance reviews it
- President Hopkins clarified that the Greenbook highlights all the paid amenities
- Director Leonard discussed the insurance as a line item for the Equestrian Center

10. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar were recommended for action by committees and were enacted by the board by one motion. In the event an item was removed from the Consent Calendar by members of the board, such item(s) would be the subject of further discussion and action by the board.

Recommendation from the Finance Committee:

10a. Consistent with its statutory obligations a subcommittee of the board consisting of the Treasurer and at least one other board member reviewed and approved preliminary Golden Rain Foundation financials for the month of June 2024, and by this vote ratified that such review be confirmed in this month's Board Member Open Session Meeting minutes.

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO 12f. IN NEW BUSINESS

10b. Update Committee Appointments

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Milliman seconded.

Hearing no changes, the motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

11. Unfinished Business

11a. Clubhouse 1 Renovation Update (Oral Discussion)

Bart Mejia, Assistant Maintenance & Construction Department Director, provided the following updates:

- The project is on schedule and on budget
- YouTube video has been uploaded showing the progress of CH1 renovation
- Manor Alteration will turn the project over to recreation at the end of month
- Total of 1500 change orders
- \$180,000 of money unspent from contingency, want to spend another \$50,000 of the contingency for new furniture

Discussion ensued, and Mr. Mejia answered questions from the Board.

Alison Giglio, Director of Recreation and Special Events, provided the following updates:

- Recreation will begin moving in on September the 3rd
- Soft Openings will start on September 16th
- Would like to open the pool and the mini gym prior to soft opening

Discussion ensued, and Ms. Giglio answered questions from the Board.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the change order of \$50,000 for clubhouse 1 furniture. Director Bhada seconded.

Hearing no changes, the motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

11b. Building E Update (Oral Discussion)

President Hopkins briefly discussed Building E.

12. New Business

12a. Entertain a Motion to Approve the Donation of Cups for Clubhouse 1 Drop-In Lounge

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-24-XX

Donation of Cups for Clubhouse 1 Drop-In Lounge

WHEREAS, The Korean American Association (KAA) proposed to donate cups for Clubhouse 1 drop-in lounge; and

WHEREAS, the Clubhouse 1 drop-in lounge provides coffee to those visiting Clubhouse 1 and staff keeps the cups in the office to monitor usage; and

WHEREAS, the KAA proposed to donate cups for one year at the estimated cost of up to \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the donation would begin from the date of Clubhouse 1 reopening and the cup distribution would be controlled for each day to ensure less waste; and

WHEREAS, the KAA donation verbiage would be displayed on each cup;

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2024, the Community Activities Committee reviewed and recommended the donation of cups for the Clubhouse 1 drop-in lounge from the Korean American Association for one year at the estimated cost of up to \$5,000 in accordance with the Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) Donation Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 6, 2024, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the donation of cups for the Clubhouse 1 drop-in lounge from the Korean American Association; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Cowen made a motion to approve the donation of cups for Clubhouse 1 Drop-In Lounge. Director Rane-Szostak seconded.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

A member commented on the item.

Director Milliman pointed out that the gift violates Section IV. Guidelines, C. Signage, 1. of Golden Rain Donation Policy.

Discussion ensued among the board.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was called to a vote and failed 5-6. Directors Garthoffner, Bhada, Mukhopadhyay, Roza, and Cowen voted in favor.

12b. Entertain a Motion to Approve the Stop Signs and Crosswalks on Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-24-41

Not Pursue Stop Signs and Crosswalks on Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approved for a Traffic Engineer Consultant to conduct a study on the need and impact of converting the intersection of Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza from a 2-way stop sign and crosswalk to a 4-way stop sign and crosswalk with an unbudgeted appropriation of \$7,581 to be funded from the Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer firm determined that the data collected does not meet with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and thus does not recommend an all-way stop at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer firm further cautions that installation of an unwarranted traffic control may cause additional collisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 6, 2024, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby elect to not pursue converting the intersection of Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza from a 2-way stop sign and crosswalk to a 4-way stop sign and crosswalk; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Resolution 90-23-43 is hereby superseded and cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this Corporation are here by authorized on behalf of this Corporation to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

Director Milliman made a motion to not pursue stop signs and crosswalks on Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza. Director Skillman seconded.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Eric Nunez, Director of Security, discussed the item and gave clarification.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was called to a vote and passed 10-0-1. Director Bhada abstained.

12c. Entertain a Motion to Consider the Pickleball Club Good Neighbor Proposal

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-24-42

Pickleball Club Good Neighbor Project Request

WHEREAS the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village approved and funded a total of five Good Neighbor Projects to strengthen community and social interaction reflecting the Foundation's commitment to improving the overall well-being of the Village; and

WHEREAS, all five activities selected will take place during the month of September to celebrate National Good Neighbor Day on September 28, including the Pickleball Club's proposal for pop-up experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Pickleball Club's Good Neighbor project proposal will offer three events:

- A Grandparents' Day themed event at the pickleball courts on Sunday, September 8 from 9 a.m. to noon;
- At the Performing Arts Center (corner of parking lot) on Sunday, September 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.;

- At Clubhouse 5 (side parking lot) on Sunday, September 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Recreation staff identified the suggested times so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled events at the facilities and approximately twenty club members will assist with coordinating event logistics; and

WHEREAS, there are no additional costs to the Golden Rain Foundation and staffing is already available at the clubhouses during the requested event times;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 6, 2024, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the Pickleball Club use of the aforementioned facilities for the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village approved Good Neighbor Project; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the pickleball club good neighbor project request. Director Roza seconded.

Discussion ensued among the board.

A member commented on this item.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was called to a vote and approved unanimously.

12d. Entertain a Motion to Approve Pricing Rates for Electric Charging Stations (August initial notification – 28-day notification for member review and comments to comply with Civil Code §4360)

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-24-XX

Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

WHEREAS, the GRF Board recognizes the need to amend the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of these rates are impacted by the electric rates adopted by Southern California Edison (SCE);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, September 3, 2024, that the Board hereby approves the following pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations effective upon adoption of this resolution:

| | GRF Fleet Vehicles | LWV Members and Employees /kWh | Other Users/kWh | Parking Rates |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Level 2 Chargers | \$0.00 | \$0.31 | \$0.34 \$.45 | \$2/hr after 4 hrs |
| Level 3 Chargers | \$0.00 | \$0.31 | \$0.65 | \$2/hr after 1 hr |

RESOLVED FURTHER, that future revisions to the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations be based on the percent change adopted by SCE effective June 1 of the particular year and implemented by the Finance Department with an update to the Finance Committee and GRF board after the adoption of the new rates; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Corporation, to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the resolution for pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations for discussion purposes and to postpone the final vote for 28-days per Civil Code §4360. Director Roza seconded.

Director Leonard moved to amend the motion to raise other user level 2 rate to \$.45. Director Milliman seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the amended motion was called to a vote and passed 9-2. Director Roza and Mukhopadhyay opposed.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Bart Mejia answered questions from the Board.

Hearing no changes or objections, the amended original motion was called to a vote and approved unanimously.

12e. Registrar of Voters: Pop-up Location at Clubhouse 7 (Oral Discussion)

Alison Giglio, Recreation and Events Department Director provided an overview of the Registrar of voters pop-up location at Clubhouse 7.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the registrar of voter's pop-up location at Clubhouse 7 pending legal review. Director Skillman seconded.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Ms. Giglio answered questions from the Board.

A member commented on this item.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was called to a vote and approved unanimously.

THIS ITEM WAS ADDED DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

12f. Update Committee Appointments

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-24-43

GRF Committee Appointments

RESOLVED, August 6, 2024, that the following persons are hereby appointed and ratified to serve on the Committees of this Corporation:

Community Activities Committee

Yvonne Horton, Chair (GRF)
Joan Milliman, Alternate (GRF)
Cush Bhada (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
~~Andy Ginocchio (Third)~~
Reza Karimi, ~~Alternate~~ (Third)
~~Moon Yun, Alternate (Third)~~
Sue Quam (United)
Ellen Leonard (United)
Peter Sanborn (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Roland Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani, Elsie Addington

Finance Committee

Martin Roza, Alternate (GRF)
William Cowen, Chair (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak (GRF)
~~Andy Ginocchio (Third)~~
~~Nathaniel Ira Lewis (Third)~~
Moon Yun (Third)
Brad Rinehart, Alternate (Third)
Thomas Tuning (United)
Mickie Choi Hoe (United)
Peter Sanborn (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)

James Hopkins, Chair (GRF)
Martin Roza (GRF)
Sue Quam (United)
Tom Tuning (United)
Mark Laws (Third)
S.K. Park (Third)
Advisors: Sue Margolis, Debbie Dotson

Landscape Committee

Cush Bhada, Chair (GRF)
Juanita Skillman, Alternate (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak, (GRF)
Sue Quam (United)
Anthony Liberatore (United)
~~Nathaniel Ira Lewis (Third)~~
S.K. Park (Third)
Reza Karimi, ~~Alternate~~ (Third)
Glenn Miller (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisor: Catherine Brians

Maintenance & Construction Committee

Yvonne Horton, Chair (GRF)
Gan Mukhopadhyay (GRF)
Egon Garthoffner, Alternate (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
Brad Rinehart, Alternate (Third)
Jim Cook, Alternate (Third)
Alison Bok (United)
Pearl Lee (United)
Mickie Choi Hoe, Alternate (United)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Reza Karimi, Bill Walsh, Ajit Gidwani

Media and Communications

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF)
Juanita Skillman, Alternate (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak (GRF)
~~Jim Cook (Third)~~
Cris Prince (Third)
Moon Yun, Alternate (Third)
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Georgiana Willis (United)
Peter Sanborn (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Carmen Pacella, Tom Nash, Lucy Parker, Theresa Frost, Catherine Brians

Broadband Ad Hoc Committee

Martin Roza, Chair (GRF)
William Cowen (GRF)

Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (GRF)
Cris Prince (Third)
Jim Cook (Third)
Reza Karimi, Alternate (Third)
Alison Bok, non-voting (United)
Sue Quam (United)
Tom Tuning (United)
Peter Sanborn (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: John Cornell, Debbie Dotson, **Bunny
Carpenter**

Mobility& Vehicles Committee

Steve Leonard, Chair (GRF)
~~Ryna Rothberg, (GRF)~~
Juanita Skillman, ~~Chair~~ (GRF)
Cush Bhada, Alternate (GRF)
Moon Yun (Third)
S.K. Park (Third)
Reza Karimi, Alternate (Third)
Alison Bok (United)
Nancy Carlson (United)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Vashi Williams, Elsie Addington

Security and Community Access

Juanita Skillman, Chair (GRF)
Steve Leonard (GRF)
~~Donna Rane-Szostak (GRF)~~
Cush Bhada, Alternate (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
Reza Karimi (Third)
Nancy Carlson (United)
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Disaster Preparedness Task Force

Eric Nunez, Co-Chair
Juanita Skillman, Co-Chair (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)

Moon Yun (Third)
Anthony Liberatore (United) Georgiana
Willis (United)
Rick Kopps, Alternate Resident (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Tom Soule, Bruce Bonbright

Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings (Chair will alternate between Boards)

Juanita Skillman (GRF)
Cush Bhada, Alternate (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
Mark Laws, Alternate (Third)
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Vidya Kale, Alternate (United)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Glenn Miller, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Select Audit Task Force

William Cowen, Chair (GRF)
Diane Phelps (GRF)
Mickie Choi Ho (United)
David Veeneman (Third)

Executive Hearings Committee

Yvonne Horton, Chair (GRF)
Juanita Skillman (GRF)
Joan Milliman (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (GRF)
~~James Hopkins, Alternate (GRF)~~

Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee

James Hopkins, Chair (GRF)
Yvonne Horton (GRF)
Cush Bhada (GRF)
Alison Bok (United)
Tom Tuning (United)
Nancy Carlson (United)
~~Andy Ginocchio (Third)~~
S.K. Park (Third)
Reza Karimi (Third)
Sue Stephens (Mutual Fifty)
Peter Sanborn (Mutual Fifty)
Glenn Miller (Mutual Fifty)

Correspondent - James Hopkins (GRF)

El Toro Water District – Juanita Skillman, Alternate (GRF)/Donna Rane-Szostak, (GRF)

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Resolution 90-24-26 adopted June 4, 2024, is hereby superseded and cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation to carry out this resolution.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the updated committee appointments. Director Skillman seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was called to a vote and approved unanimously.

13. The Board took a 5-minute break

The board took a break at 11:31 a.m. and reconvened at 11:43 a.m.

14. Committee Reports

- a. Report of the Finance Committee/Financial Reports – Director Cowen. The committee met on June 19, 2023; next meeting August 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) GRF Treasurer’s Report – Director Cowen
 - (2) GRF Finance Committee Report – Director Skillman
- b. Report of the Community Activities Committee – Director Horton. The committee met on July 11, 2024; next meeting August 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- c. Report of the Landscape Committee – Director Bhada. The committee met on May 8, 2024; next meeting August 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Report of the Water Conservation Committee – Director Rane-Szostak
- d. Report of the Maintenance & Construction Committee – Director Horton. The committee met on June 12, 2024; next meeting August 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee – President Hopkins. The Ad-Hoc committee met on May 1, 2024. Next meeting is TBA.
- e. Report of the Media and Communications Committee—Director Milliman. The committee met on July 15, 2024; next meeting October 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- f. Report of the Broadband Ad Hoc – Director Roza. The closed committee met on July 24, 2024; next meeting TBA.
- g. Report of the Mobility & Vehicles Committee – Director Skillman. The committee met on May 15, 2024; next meeting August 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

- h. Report of the Security & Community Access Committee – Director Skillman. The committee met on June 26, 2024; next meeting August 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- (1) Report of the Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings – Director Skillman. The Traffic Hearings were held on July 17, 2024; next hearings on August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. as a virtual meeting.
- i. Report of the Disaster Preparedness Task Force – Director Skillman. The Task Force met on July 30, 2024; next meeting September 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- j. Information Technology Advisory Committee – President Hopkins. The committee met on July 26, 2024; next meeting August 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

15. Future Agenda Items - *All matters listed under Future Agenda Items are Resolutions on 28-day public review or items for a future Board Meeting. No action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items at this meeting. The Board will take action on these items at a future Board Meeting.*

- Pricing Rates for Electric Charging Stations
- Discussion of Smart Cards
- Updated Traffic Fine Fees

16. Director's Comments

- Multiple directors commented that this was a good meeting
- Director Horton commented on dues collected, only a portion goes to GRF
- Director Skillman commented that GRF is amenities and services

17. Recess – 12:30 p.m. - *At this time, the Meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened to Executive Session to discuss the following matters per California Civil Code §4935: Member Disciplinary Matters; Personnel Matters; Contractual Matters; and Litigation Matters.*

Closed Session Agenda

VMS Board Update

Approve the Agenda

Approve the Minutes of:

(a) July 2, 2024 – Regular Closed Session

Discuss and Consider Personnel Matters

Discuss and Consider Contractual Matters

Discuss Legal/Legislation Matters

Discuss Member Disciplinary Matters

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Signed by:

Joan Milliman

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Joan Milliman, Secretary of the Board
Golden Rain Foundation