



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, April 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California
Virtual Meeting

Directors Present: Egon Garthoffner, Joan Milliman, Sue Stephens, Yvonne Horton, James Hopkins, Don Tibbetts, Gan Mukhopadhyay, Maggie Blackwell, Jon Pearlstone

Directors Absent: Bunny Carpenter, Bert Moldow

Staff Present: Jeff Parker-CEO, Siobhan Foster-COO, Eileen Paulin, Brian Gruner, Cheryl Silva, and Grant Schultz

Others Present: **Third:** John Frankel
United: Elsie Addington
Mutual 50: John Carter
VMS: Judith Troutman

1. Call Meeting to Order / Establish Quorum – Vice President Garthoffner, Chair

Vice President Garthoffner called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Hopkins led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acknowledgment of Media

The media and the Village Television crew are present remotely by way of cameras.

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice President Garthoffner asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Blackwell make a motion to approve the agenda. Director Horton seconded the motion.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 18, 2021—Agenda Prep Open Meeting
- b. March 2, 2021 – Regular Open Meeting

Vice President Garthoffner asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021, Agenda Prep Open Meeting and March 2, 2021, Regular Open Meeting. Director Blackwell seconded the motion.

Hearing no corrections, the minutes of February 18, 2021, Agenda Prep Open Meeting and March 2, 2021, Regular Open Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

6. Report of the Chair

Vice President Garthoffner commented he has no special report for today.

7. VMS Recognition of Excellence Awards

Siobhan Foster, COO introduced the video showing the VMS Recognition of Excellence Awards.

8. CEO Report

Jeff Parker-CEO and Siobhan Foster-COO gave a report on the following items:

Jeff Parker-CEO thanked the boards for participating in the Budget Workshops last week. He thanked Vice President Garthoffner and the board for allowing VMS to show the VMS Recognition of Excellence Awards recognizing our outstanding employees.

- a. According to the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) the COVID-19 cases continue to decline. There are 250,683 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Orange County—146 cases reported. The City of Laguna Woods reports 407 confirmed cases. The seven-day testing positivity rate in Orange County is 1.7%. The State of California has vaccinated 18,023,603 individuals so far. Orange County has moved to the less restrictive orange tier.

Brian Gruner, Director of Recreation and Special Events, gave a presentation to show what activities and facilities can reopen now that we have moved down to the COVID-19 orange tier.

- Activity and Business Tiers as of March 5, 2021
- Outdoor Recreational Facilities based on the Current Tier Level
- Gym and Fitness Center based on the Current Tier Level
- Movie Theaters based on the Current Tier Level
- Card Rooms (Bridge) based on the Current Tier Level
- Restaurants based on the Current Tier Level
- All Retail based on the Current Tier Level
- Limitations on Expectations

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Brian Gruner answered questions from the board.

9. Open Forum (Three Minutes per Speaker)

Vice President Garthoffner asked staff to read member comments:

Eileen Paulin, Director of Media and Communications, read the following Member's comments:

- a. A Member stated that, according to Next Door, small venues can start opening without masks and social distancing. When is this happening here?
- b. A Member commented that the coronavirus can mutate and feels those who are unvaccinated should not be allowed to attend events.

10. Responses to Open Forum Speakers

The following are responses to the open forum speakers:

- a. Vice President Garthoffner asked Brian Gruner to give a response regarding small venue gatherings.
- b. Brian Gruner, Director of Recreation and Special Events, responded that the Village is following the state and county guidelines that discourages indoor gatherings at this time.
- c. Director Milliman responded that the information on "Next Door" is not reliable and should be checked.

11. Consent Calendar

Recommendation from the Finance Committee:

- 11a.** 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 February 2021 and by this vote ratified that such review be confirmed in this month's board member open session meeting minutes.

Vice President Garthoffner asked for approval of the Consent Calendar.

Director Milliman made a motion, seconded by Director Blackwell to approve the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objection, the Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

12. Unfinished Business

- 12a.** Entertain a Motion to Adopt a Resolution Pertaining to the Distribution of Publications by Non-Residents of Laguna Woods

Director Milliman, Secretary of the Board, read the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION 90-21-XX
**Distribution of Publications by Non-Residents of
Laguna Woods Village**

WHEREAS, the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods (“GRF”) adopted a policy applicable to the distribution of all First Amendment publications within Laguna Woods Village by non-residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to revise Distribution of Publications by Non-Residents of Laguna Woods Village Resolution to reflect **current insurance requirements**;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, April 6, 2021, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the revised Distribution of Publications by Non-Residents of Laguna Woods Policy, as attached to the official minutes of this meeting; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Resolution 90-15-17, adopted March 3, 2015, is hereby suspended in its entirety and canceled; and

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

MARCH Initial Notification--28-day notification for member review and comment to comply with Civil Code Section 4360 has been satisfied.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the resolution pertaining to the Distribution of Publications by Non-Residents of Laguna Woods. The motion was seconded by Director Horton.

Discussion ensued among the directors and members.

Vice Present Garthoffner called for the vote on the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Director Blackwell made a motion to reconsider approval of this resolution until next month for revisions to the resolution. Director Horton seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued among the directors and members.

Vice Present Garthoffner called for the vote on the motion to reconsider approval of the resolution. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Director Milliman made a motion to send the resolution back to committee to make the appropriate changes. Director Horton seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued among the directors.

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Vice President Garthoffner called for the vote and the motion passed by majority vote of 8-0-1 (Director Pearlstone abstained).

13. New Business--None

14. The Board took a 5-minute break.

15. Committee Reports

15a. Report of the Finance Committee/Financial Reports – Director Hopkins gave an update from the committee and showed a presentation on the GRF Treasurer's Report. The committee met on February 17, 2021; next meeting April 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

(1) GRF Treasurer's Report – Director Hopkins

15b. Strategic Planning Committee—Director Pearlstone gave an update from the committee. The committee met on March 17, 2021; next meeting TBA.

15c. Report of the Community Activity Committee – Director Pearlstone gave an update from the committee. The committee met on March 11, 2021; next meeting April 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

(1) Equestrian Center Ad Hoc Committee – Director Horton gave an update on the committee. The committee met on March 4, 2021; next meeting TBA.

15d. Report of the Landscape Committee – Director Horton gave an update from the committee. The committee met on March 10, 2021; next meeting May 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

15e. Report of the Maintenance & Construction Committee – Director Garthoffner gave an update from the committee. The committee met on February 10, 2021; next meeting April 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. as a virtual meeting.

(1) Report of the Clubhouse 1 Renovation Ad Hoc Committee – Director Garthoffner gave an update from the committee. The next meeting TBA.

(2) Energy Solutions Ad Hoc Committee – Director Stephens gave an update from the committee. The next meeting TBA.

15f. Report of the Media and Communications Committee—Director Milliman gave an update on the committee. The Committee met on February 22, 2021; next meeting will be held on April 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

15g. Report of the Mobility & Vehicles Committee – Director Tibbetts gave an update on the committee. The Committee met on February 3, 2021; next meeting April 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

15h. Report of the Security & Community Access Committee – Director Tibbetts gave

an update on the committee. The Committee meeting on February 22, 2021; next meeting April 26, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

- (1) Report of the Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings – Director Horton gave an update on the hearings. The Traffic Hearings were held on March 17, 2021; next hearings will be held on April 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. as virtual meetings.

15i. Report of the Disaster Preparedness Task Force – Director Stephens gave an update on the task force. The Task Force met on March 30, 2021; next meeting will be May 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. as a virtual meeting.

15j. Software Research Group – Director Hopkins gave an update from the research group. The Research Group met on October 2, 2020; next meeting TBA.

- 16. Future Agenda Items** - *All matters listed below are items for a future Board Meeting. No action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items at this meeting.*

- None

- 17. Directors' Comments**

- Directors Milliman and Hopkins commented on a good meeting.

- 18. Recess** - *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.*

The meeting was recessed at 11:37 a.m.

Summary of Previous Closed Session Meetings per Civil Code §4935.

During the February 24, 2021, Special Closed Meeting, the Board:

Approved the Agenda

Discussed Code of Conduct and Discipline Matters

Discussed Legal Matters

During the March 2, 2021, Closed Session, the Board:

Heard VMS Board Update

Approved the Agenda

Approved the Minutes of:

(a) February 5 – Regular Closed Session

Discussed Member Disciplinary Matters

Discussed and Considered Personnel Matters

Discussed and Considered Contractual Matters

Discussed Legal/Legislation Matters

Discussed COVID-19 Emergency Issues

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19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Joan Milliman

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Joan Milliman, Secretary of the Board
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