

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Ryna Rothberg, Joan Milliman, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Annie McCary

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Mark Laws

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray, Laura Cobarruviaz, Jackie Chioni

Call to Order

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Rothberg made a motion to approve the agenda, no second.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for September 8, 2022

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report, Director Rothberg seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton introduced Ms. Giglio as the Interim Recreation and Special Events Director and welcomed the audience.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio stated the following past events: Grandparents Fun Day was held at Clubhouse 5 with approximately 300 attendees including children and adults; the Italian Buffet held at Clubhouse 5 hosted 140 attendees; the Health and Wellness Expo held at Clubhouse 5 had approximately 500 attendees who were treated to giveaways, raffles, lunch and smoothie samples (this event hosted 26 total sponsors including the presenting sponsor, Memorial Care, who provided screenings and guest speakers).

Ms. Giglio stated the following facility and operational updates: the Garden Center Volunteer Program is thriving with 20 volunteers who help maintain both garden centers' common areas, tools and barns, plot numbering and tool painting; expanded hours at the Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center are now Monday through Friday opening at 7 a.m. and the Community Fitness Center now open Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Clubhouse 1 bocce ball area doors were replaced and painted, shuffleboard room doors were replaced and painted, tile near the Pool 1 entrance and billiard area was re-grouted; billiard table felt was replaced and one cushion was replaced and a second billiard table was re-leveled; Clubhouse 2 has expanded hours to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the addition of one new staff member and the sound system has been repaired; the billiards players have returned to the Performing Arts Center and have been enjoying return to play and a yoga class has been offered on Wednesdays with steady attendance by residents; Clubhouse 5 is fully operational with the addition of two new staff members and staff is currently working with electricians to have additional lighting installed at Pool 5; plants have been replaced and the A/C unit in the dining room has been repaired at Clubhouse 6; Clubhouse 7 is now open on Sunday evenings and taking reservations for Monday through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. all due to the addition of three staff members; Pool 1 is currently closed for approximately 6-8 weeks for maintenance and renovations, including locker room maintenance and new plastering (painting/power washing/tile replacement); Pool 2 will be the next to close with all pool maintenance expected to be completed by May 27; a full schedule of approximate pool closure dates is listed on the Laguna Woods Village website under Amenities/Fitness and Sports/Swimming; the Equestrian Center waitlist has been reduced by approximately 10 this month with adding additional clients to lesson program; two new horses are on trial for the lesson program and one more will be arriving this month; Murphy (horse with degenerative disease that could not work) has retired to Hoofs and Woofs rescue by way of generous donations directly to the rescue for his care; Help the Herd will host the Sound Bath Meditation fundraiser on October 14 and this second phase of the Help the Herd Fund has successfully raised over \$20,000 for the Equestrian Center approved projects this year; the Library held its first Volunteer Appreciation Party in three years showcasing the last 12 months of achievements by 63 volunteers which included greeting 29,845 visitors, checking in/out 26,242 cataloged items; shelving of 39,635 items; purchasing 511 new items; addition of 413 donated items and labeling/shelving of countless paperbacks, magazines, music CDs, puzzles and World Language books.

Mr. McCray stated golf maintenance completed fall maintenance including aerification and planting winter grass; some irrigation issues are being addressed; an email was sent to all

golfers regarding knotweed infestation in areas of the 27-hole course as staff needed to kill off those areas and will be planting new grass once seeds are deemed dead; the driving range project is scheduled to begin in March, 2023 and will include a 5-foot fence to be installed next week which will result in a temporary closure while the fence is being installed; some new staff will need to be hired that have a current spraying license; held short game clinic which was very successful; week two of the Silver Tees program which includes teaching those new golfers how to interact on the golf course, how to book tee times, fit in with pace of play, cart etiquette, etc. hosted approximately 12 attendees.

Ms. Murphy stated the Garden Center team will host a worm farming training class for \$15 each at Clubhouse 7 on October 14, 1 to 3 p.m.; the Equestrian Center free Halloween Hoedown will be hosted on October 22, 4 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Garden Center scarecrow contest from 3 to 5 p.m. and both events will have trick-or-treating for all who attend; the Village Bazaar will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on October 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Clubhouse 5 will host Oktoberfest on October 24 at 5 p.m. and tickets may be purchased for \$25 at the Clubhouse 5 office; the Arts and Crafts Bonanza will be held at Clubhouse 4 on Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Thanksgiving buffet will be held at both Clubhouse 2 and Clubhouse 5 at 1 p.m. and tickets go on sale next Thursday, October 27; the Performing Arts Center will host five individual acts for a festive New Year's Eve event at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale now at the box office.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding the following: lane lines; pool hours at clubhouse 5; Emeritus classes offered at two different pools instead of classes held at one pool, one after another; a club fair to promote clubs.

Ms. Murphy stated the Recreation Department has planned a club expo in May, 2023 and will inform the resident member.

Staff was directed to follow up on the pool comments from the resident member.

CONSENT

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the consent calendar, Director Casey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Saddleback Church Club Request for Exception to Clubhouse Holiday Hours – Ms. Murphy read the recommendation regarding the Saddleback Church Club request for an exception to Clubhouse Holiday Hours, resolution 90-20-19.

Director Casey made a motion to approve Saddleback church exception to Clubhouse Holiday Hours for one service only on January 1, 2023 and to include all additional costs.

Chair Horton amended the motion to state to approve all church exception to Clubhouse Holiday Hours for one service only on January 1, 2023 and to include all additional costs, Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: the church is willing to make it one service for this day and will pay the additional fees; charging the church full cost.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to change policy for future January 1 religious club scheduling conflicts.

Equestrian Center Operating Rules – The staff recommendation of the amended Recreation and Special Events Department Equestrian Center Operating Rules was presented.

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the amended Equestrian Center Operating Rules as presented, Director Rothberg seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: clarification of visiting hours.

Motion passed unanimously.

Equestrian Center Horse Boarding Agreement – The staff recommendation of the Horse Boarding Agreement was presented.

Director Casey made a motion to approve the Horse Boarding Agreement as presented, Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Facility Operating Rules– Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Performing Arts Center Rental Fees – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Poster Policy Review – Staff was directed to bring this item to the Community Activities Committee on November 10, 2022.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Advisor Gidwani thanked Recreation staff for doing a wonderful job of contracts and operating rules for Equestrian Center. Chair Horton thanked President Carpenter and the Equestrian Supervisor for their contribution.

Director Rothberg stated Happy Halloween.

Director Casey stated great meeting.

Director Milliman stated great meeting.

Director Bhada stated great meeting.

Director Addington welcomed Ms. Giglio, thanked President Carpenter for contribution to the Equestrian contract information and thanked staff. She stated great meeting and thanked the audience for being receptive.

Chair Horton stated good meeting and thank you.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held both in the board room and virtually via the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

____Yvonne Horton____

Yvonne Horton, Chair