

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Pearl Lee, Diane Casey, Annie McCary, Mark Laws, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryna Rothberg

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman, Maggie Blackwell

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

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

#### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

Director Laws inquired as to the Poster Policy Review not listed on the agenda. Chair Horton stated staff was directed at a later date to leave the agenda item under Items for Future Agendas.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Committee Report for October 13, 2022**

Director Addington made a motion to approve the report, Director Casey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Horton stated the Recreation Department is working diligently to staff all facilities.

## **Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director**

Ms. Giglio stated the Garden Center operating rules have been approved; the next step is to identify Garden Center compliance priorities and begin a more thorough inventory to build a more accurate data base; in the planning stages for tree trimming at both centers and will be communicating with gardeners about upcoming work when scheduled; there are currently 20 Garden Centers volunteers supporting staff and gardeners with life challenges; a new Fitness membership module has been installed; there are approximately 2,500 to 3,000 cups of coffee self-served per month at the Drop-in lounge at Clubhouse 1 as it is open every day 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. with 13 to 15 room reservations a day; the Performing Arts Center billiards room has expanded hours to include Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. to accommodate men's and women's club nights; over 2,000 people attended the Bonanza at Clubhouse 4 in which over 100 resident artists sold self-created items; the lobby furniture at Clubhouse 5 has been replaced; the Thanksgiving buffet sold out in five days; pool covers have been added to maintain temperatures of the pool water; outside services have been contracted for daily pool maintenance while the pool technician is on medical leave; annual pool maintenance is underway with Pool 2 as the next pool to be closed; there are currently two lesson horses at the Equestrian Center; the Halloween Hoedown hosted approximately 350 attendees; a new Equestrian Center stable lead has been hired; Library volunteers worked 756 hours supporting 2,685 residents in October and 3,243 items circulated through the front desk in October .

Mr. McCray stated carts are restricted to cart paths after rain as protecting the greens is the priority; the driving range suffers after rain as there is no grass; the Par 3 must remain closed after rain if deemed unsafe and will be reopened tomorrow; courses are analyzed each morning after rain to ensure safety and greens protection; tee reseeding is going well; text messaging communication with golfers who opt in has been instituted to allow for alerts or special event announcements that may impede play; first session of the Silver Tees program went very well; the next Silver Tees session starts in three weeks; the fencing at the driving range is completed and the remaining project is scheduled to begin in March; holiday merchandise promotions will be held; Mr. McCray thanked the projects team for their assistance.

Director McCary inquired as to the location of merchandise sales. Mr. McCray stated a small amount of merchandise is located at the Par 3 with most at the Golf pro shop. Director Lee inquired as to the comparison of activity volume today versus pre-COVID. Mr. McCray stated it has nominally increased as there is no room to increase play. Director Lee stated those moving in are younger and they may be more active with regards to golf. Mr. McCray stated staff instructs those individuals wishing to play golf on the use of the foreUP reservation system.

Ms. Murphy stated the Veterans day event will be held at Clubhouse 2, 10 to 11 a.m. with a guest speaker, colors to be presented and light refreshments; the free Monday movie, *Spencer*, will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center on November 21 at 2 p.m.; the

Volunteer Luncheon will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on December 2 for the 2022 volunteers; on December 3 Clubhouse 1 will host the holiday tree lighting at 6 p.m. which will include a toy drive, hot cocoa and cookies; the Christmas buffet will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 at 1 p.m. and tickets will go on sale on November 29 at the Clubhouse 5 office; the Performing Arts Center will host a variety show on New Year's Eve starting at 7:30 p.m. with tickets on sale now at the Performing Arts Center box office; Clubhouse 5 will host Rockin' New Year's Eve at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, live music and a champagne toast.

Chair Horton stated Mr. McCray has done a great job. Director Addington inquired as to distributing Garden Center operating rules to all gardeners. Ms. Giglio stated new gardeners receive a copy when securing a garden or tree plot and the rules may be viewed online. Ms. Giglio stated staff will send a message to all gardeners instructing them how to locate the rules online and anyone may request a hard copy from staff.

### **Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Members were called to speak regarding the following: use of the GRF mobile stage, Laguna Woods Village buses and cocktail tables for a club event; extension of Veterans Day holiday hours to allow for a club dance in 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to follow up with the VMS Risk Manager in regards to insurance carrier response to club use of the GRF mobile stage.

Staff was directed to create a staff report regarding the Veterans Day exception and present at CAC next month.

### **CONSENT**

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

Motion passed 5-1 (Director Laws abstained).

### **REPORTS**

**Clubhouse Expanded Hours** - Ms. Giglio stated Recreation is in the process of hiring more Recreation Leaders to assist with all clubhouse operations during open hours. She stated the top priority is opening more hours at Clubhouse 7, then Clubhouse 2.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: exception of use of Clubhouse 2 outside of current operating hours in April for a wedding; exception of use of Clubhouse 7 outside of current operating hours; staff training of AV equipment.

Discussion ensued.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**2023 Aquadettes Billing** – Ms. Murphy stated the staff report regarding the Aquadettes proposed payment of \$1,250 to GRF for the 2023 Aqua Follies show.

Director Addington made a motion to have the Aquadettes pay GRF the amount of \$2,250 for the 2023 Aqua Follies show, Director Casey seconded.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: Aquadettes thanked CAC and GRF for supporting the 2022 Aqua Follies show; costs for Aqua Follies show; ticket sales; club working with VCF for donations; sponsorship for this event; club to club donations.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1 (Director Laws voted against).

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**GRF Credit Card and Transaction Fee (ActiveNet)** – Staff was directed to bring this item to the Community Activities Committee on December 8, 2022.

**Poster Policy Review** – Staff was directed to bring this item to the Community Activities Committee on December 8, 2022.

**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.

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Member Comments**

Advisor Gidwani stated the Recreation Department makes every effort to assist the community and stated the Aqua Follies show is great.

Director Lee stated she is looking forward to next year's Aqua Follies show.

Director Addington stated she is looking forward to discussing the GRF Credit Card and Transaction Fee through ActiveNet agenda item in the future.

Director McCary stated she loves the Aqua Follies show.

Advisor Boudreau stated the golfers pay the credit card fee at Golf.

### **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, December 8, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

\_\_\_\_*Yvonne Horton*\_\_\_\_

Yvonne Horton, Chair