

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryna Rothberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Joan Milliman, Juanita Skillman, Debbie Dotson

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the agenda, Director Addington seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for April 14, 2022 and May 12, 2022

Director Blackwell made a motion to approve the reports, Director Addington seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton thanked the audience for attending the meeting and reminded those in attendance to be orderly and respectful. She stated any outbursts will stop the meeting and Security will be called to escort those who are disruptive to the overflow room. Chair Horton stated those on the dais are volunteers and serve all residents in the community.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated staffing levels remain low and understands there are misconceptions and disbelief, however this is a nationwide problem as all cities are experiencing the same issue. The City of Huntington Beach stated beaches may be closed as fewer people are applying for lifeguard positions. Mr. Gruner stated only three applications have been received to date for the Community Center front desk position to allow the table tennis room to remain open for longer hours. He stated staff will continue to offer services to the best ability. Mr. Gruner stated there has been an increase in internal club disagreements which has become contentious. The Recreation Department is unable to assist as these are internal club issues to be resolved within the club.

Mr. Gruner reported the following facility updates: installation of the screen at Clubhouse 1 is being finalized as there are vendor issues requiring a new contract; the Clubhouse 4 slipcasting room HVAC has an ongoing issue that is being addressed today; Golf Maintenance is doing an outstanding job of maintaining the course for maximum playability; Village Community Fund has raised \$9000 in the last month for the Equestrian Center which allows for all but one shade structure to be purchased; staff met with the City of Laguna Woods to discuss incorporating the grazing area to expand the Equestrian Center; all pools are operational, however no lifeguards at Pool 2 and Pool 6 until possibly the end of June due to lifeguard training; the Performing Arts Center billiard room flooring is installed and the dining room kitchen cabinets painting project is complete.

Mr. Gruner reported the past events as follows: the Renaissance Faire at the Equestrian Center on May 21 had approximately 600 in attendance; the Memorial Day concert at the Performing Arts Center on May 30 had approximately 700 in attendance; the Art Affair at Clubhouse 2 on June 4 had approximately 500 in attendance; the Forever Rod patio concert at Clubhouse 1 has approximately 300 tickets sold.

Director McCary inquired as to delays regarding the Performing Arts Center renovation due to supply chain issues. Mr. Gruner stated there have been some supply chain issues, but many project needs are being delivered and installed.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: a club president meeting will be held on June 23, 10 a.m. to noon at Clubhouse 5; room reservation lottery begins June 15 and cards may be picked up at the Recreation office which are to be returned by July 15; Forever Rod patio concert will be held tonight at Clubhouse 1 at 6:30 p.m.; the first of three Kids Summer Splash days is tomorrow, June 10, at Pool 2, noon to 4 p.m. and tickets are \$5 for 2 and older with infants and adults free; Father's Day brunch will be held June 19 at Clubhouse 5 at 11 a.m. and tickets are available at the Clubhouse 5 office; the July 4 Celebration will host a golf cart parade leaving Clubhouse 5 at 11 a.m. and ending at Clubhouse 2 where music will begin at noon and end at 2 p.m. with resident bands playing from 2 to 6 p.m. (please register golf carts as 22 already have already been registered); the

Performing Arts Center will host Southbound and Company on July 9 at 3 p.m. and tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding lack of village musician representation versus other fine artists and creation of a space including purchase of instruments; friends of bridge allowance of utilizing volunteers on Wednesday evenings; tennis court usage; staff influence over committee decisions; misinformation of tennis membership numbers; perceived skewed Kourts facts/survey results; against the use of Kourts; installation of an outdoor basketball court and donation of a basketball hoop; June 21 Library story time (also in July and August) at 1:30 p.m.; new catalog of series in Library; thank you to committee for tennis rules approval; objections to 50/50 (resident/guest) participation in tennis tournaments/leagues; tennis tournaments/leagues only to be played during non-prime time; only outdoor events during higher COVID numbers; reduced pool hours.

Chair Horton stated the meeting with tennis club board members stated Kourts agreement was until end of June and it will be reviewed at the next CAC meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding tennis tournaments and leagues with regards to allowance of guests.

Staff was directed to present the 50/50 rule at the next CAC meeting and to research the possible donation of mobile equipment such as a basketball hoop.

CONSENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Chicago Club Series Promotion – Members were called to speak in favor of Chicago Club series promotion as it would implement changes to boost membership and ticket sales.

Chair Horton directed staff to research and report at the next CAC meeting.

Operating Rules

Garden Centers – Members were called to speak regarding establishing a garden center committee; no wait list limit; fair distribution of plots; use date of becoming a plot partner as a wait list entry date; allowance of a permanent fence for tree plots; better treatment of

gardeners; improper posting of rule changes; general duties of standing committees; CAC charter; response time of those on wait list when contacted to offer a plot; strong enforcement of Garden Center rules; retroactive enforcement of rules; staff met with many plot lessees for input; rules ensure safety of all residents; manipulation of partner system may require time limitation to ensure partner is established; 75% of plot usage needs to be reviewed.

Director Addington made a motion to change L.6. in the Garden Center Operating Rules to state these planting must not exceed 10 feet in height nor interfere with a neighbor's plot, Director Blackwell seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

Director Bhada made a motion to accept the amended Garden Center Operating Rules, Director Blackwell seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Golf Greens Committee Update – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

Club Insurance – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Bhada stated CAC is the front facing committee for our residents and does a stellar job keeping the community together.

Chair Horton concurred with Director Bhada and stated it would cost approximately \$3 million for an additional garden center.

Director Blackwell stated maintaining a calm demeanor and a higher level of acceptance of other's views facilitates everyone working together.

Director Addington thanked a few speakers for their constructive ideas and thanked all who attended.

Advisor Gidwani thanked all on the committee as they should be appreciated for making decisions for all 18,000 residents.

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, July 14, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair