

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Diane Casey, Pearl Lee, Cush Bhada, Mark Laws, Frank Stern, Ajit Gidwani, Dennis Boudreau

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Juanita Skillman, Joan Milliman, S. K. Park, Andy Ginocchio

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

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 Addington requested to amend the agenda to include Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Update under Reports. Chair Horton stated this item is to be added as 11b.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for January 12, 2023

Director Laws made a motion to approve the report. Director Casey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton stated she will make her remarks at the conclusion of the meeting.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio stated all CAC Directors are invited to attend a special joint meeting for the Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee next Wednesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. to provide feedback about color palettes and materials that are proposed for the Clubhouse 1 renovation project. Meeting details are being confirmed.

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Recreation staff recently partnered with the Maintenance and Construction and the General Services Departments to perform walk-throughs of all facilities to address maintenance items that need attention; the PC club received an IRS grant for 21 new computers in the learning center which is a welcome asset in order to continue assisting many residents with taxes and other educational services; Laura Cooley, longtime Recreation Supervisor, has transferred to the Performing Arts Center and will continue to supervise Clubhouses 2 and 7 during the recruitment process for a replacement; ushers are still needed at the Performing Arts Center; Clubhouse 1 improvements include paint refreshment at the bocce ball courts, new drought resistant plants at the front lawn and a door replacement at the drop-in lounge which is in progress; the Senior Pool Technician is back to work after medical leave; Clubhouse 5 hosted the Valentine's Dinner Dance and the Saturday Night Dance with 132 attendees at both events; maintenance at Pool 4 is almost completed and is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, March 13; Pool 5 will close when Pool 4 reopens; all pool maintenance is scheduled to be completed by May 27; patience during pool maintenance period is appreciated; pool schedules are located at the pools or on the Laguna Woods Village website; the Equestrian Center hosted a well-received clinic with visiting trainer, Matney Cook last weekend which focused on building better partnerships with horses addressing human and horse brain activity and neuro responses, responsibilities of horses and humans when working in partnership, body language and a groundwork demonstration and individual work on how to apply what was learned with horses; Equestrian staff recently finished the beautiful and long-awaited cross ties for grooming horses; two replacement Fitness Assistants were hired; Village Games sign-ups have begun and forms may be obtained at the Fitness Centers; Library volunteers worked 727 hours to support 2,962 visitors which include those who attended the two day backroom clearance event.

Ms. Murphy stated an AARP Smart Driver course refresher will be held at Clubhouse 2 on Saturday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the Performing Arts Center free movie on March 20 at 2 p.m. will be *Amsterdam*; Clubhouse 5 will host the Health and Wellness Expo on March 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring a sponsor expo with lots of free goodies, screenings, lecture and free lunch until supplies last; the Village Bazaar will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on April 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Equestrian Center will host the Easter Eggstravaganza on April 8 at 9 to 11 a.m.; Clubhouse 5 will host the Easter Buffet on April 9 at 1 p.m.; the annual Village Games will begin on April 10 and continue until May 4 with registration closing March 24; Tony Orlando will be performing on Saturday, May 6 at the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McCray stated the golf greens committee meets monthly to discuss all golf topics including the most recent discussion of perimeter path traffic safety in regards to recent resident concerns; signs are posted along the path indicating walkers may utilize the perimeter path only, not those within the golf course, and the VMS Risk Manager is addressing the concerned resident; the driving range project will start on March 27; the driving range was closed after the rains due to unsafe conditions; Garden Centers are now under his supervision and staff is proactively addressing all concerns and the use of a long-term handyman as he does not have a contractor's license.

Discussion ensued.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding opposition of pool enclosure of Pool 1; agreement of the use of the tennis reservation system; review of tennis operating rules. Members who were called to speak regarding volleyball were informed that this cannot be discussed in open forum due to litigation.

Director Skillman reported that the library clearance giveaway hosted in February collected \$373 in donations with 375 attendees. The library depends upon donations to cover subscriptions. An opportunity drawing will be held for a quilt created by the Crazy Quilters which is in on display in the library through March. The Village Reads event will be held on April 22 which includes group discussions.

Staff was directed to ensure the piano has been tuned at Clubhouse 5 and to ensure the lights at the Performing Arts Center are off when illumination is not necessary.

CONSENT

Director Laws stated his requested review of the financial statement has not been completed.

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

Motion passed 6-1. Director Laws opposed.

REPORTS

Golf Greens Committee Update – This item was discussed within Mr. McCray's report.

Events and Activities Cost Recovery - Ms. Murphy presented the list of the 2023 Recreation events separated by free or fee based.

Discussion ensued.

Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Update - Director Addington stated the meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. will be held to discuss choices of materials and colors for clubhouse renovations. This will be a joint meeting of select committees for voting purposes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Donation of Baby Grand Piano for Clubhouse 7 - Director Bhada made a motion to decline the donation of a baby grand piano for Clubhouse 7 due to cost of moving and repairs/tuning. Director Casey seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Donation of Lathe Machine for Clubhouse 4 Woodshop – Director Addington made a motion to recommend the donation of the lathe machine for Clubhouse 4 woodshop. Director Casey seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed by a vote of 7-1. Director Laws opposed.

Equestrian Care Services Fees – Director Casey made a motion to recommend additional Equestrian care service fees. Director Addington seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Facility Operating Rules/Poster Policy Review - 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.

Garden Center Visiting Hours - Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Reservation System Review – Staff was directed to place this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Laws stated he loves being on this committee.

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, April 13, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair