

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, April 13, 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, Jim Hopkins, Maggie Blackwell, Andy Ginocchio, Debbie Dotson, Cris Prince, Jim Cook

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Steve Hormuth, Jose Campos, William Arceo, 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 Bhada made a motion to approve the agenda with amendment. Director Addington seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for March 9, 2023

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the report. Director Addington seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton thanked all in attendance. The committee appreciates an orderly meeting which includes no applause, cheering or shouting. The board room acoustics are sensitive to all sound, so please keep private conversations to a minimum. Many are here today to

speak regarding the room reservation fees and only resident owners may address the committee. The agenda must be adhered so please bear with the process until it is your time to speak.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: St. Patrick's Day buffet at Clubhouse 5 had 181 in attendance; 350 attendees shopped 60 booths at the Village Bazaar hosted at Clubhouse 5; the Easter buffet at Clubhouse 5 hosted 231 attendees; maintenance at Pool 5 is underway and annual pool maintenance will be completed by May 27; Easter at the Equestrian Center hosted over 450 attendees; Equestrian staff is preparing a new indoor vet exam area and grooming space room in the former storage area of the barn; 481 participants enrolled for Village Games which is occurring now through April 29; the golf course is in great shape after the rain; spring aerification is in progress; the driving range project is underway; Garden Center staff continues to make good progress with updating the database and movement off the waiting list; Library volunteers worked 776 hours to support 3,036 visitors in March and the Library has averaged 120 people per weekday and 74 people on Saturdays.

Ms. Giglio reported the following upcoming events: the Club Expo will be held on May 18 and Mr. Arceo will send the registration information next week; the free movie on Monday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center will be *Ticket to Paradise*; the real Tony Orlando will perform live at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale at the box office or online; the Mother's Day Buffet will be held Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. at Clubhouse 5 and will include tri-tip, baked salmon, chicken marsala and a variety of other delicious sides; tickets for this event are available until they sell out and are \$34 for adults and \$17 for children.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding the following: music club room use; new music club approved; lack of availability of rooms for resident use; restoration of weekend hours of Clubhouse 4 rooms; longer daily hours of studio rooms at Clubhouse 4.

CONSENT

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

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Update - Director Addington stated the designer for the renovation presented at the March 15 meeting with earth tones being selected. The next meeting will be announced soon.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Aquadettes Request for Exception to GRF Poster Policy- Director Addington made a motion to recommend an exception to the GRF poster policy for the Aquadettes fundraiser event at Clubhouse 1 and the Aqua Follies show at Pool 1. Director Bhada seconded.

Member was called to speak regarding in support of this exception.

Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing Well Club Request for Hearing Loop Installation in Community Center Elm Room – Director Addington made a motion to recommend the Hearing Well Club request for the installation of a hearing loop in the Community Center Elm Room. Director Bhada seconded.

Member was called to speak in favor of the hearing loop in Elm room.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resident Room Reservation Fees – Director Casey made a motion to recommend the following proposed Recreation room rental fees:

- Schedule of Room Rental Fees – Resident Rates 10% shared cost recovery – effective January 1, 2024
- Estimated Schedule of Room Rental Fees – Resident Rates 15% shared cost recovery – effective January 1, 2025
- Estimated Schedule of Room Rental Fees – Resident Rates 20% shared cost recovery – effective January 1, 2026

Director Hopkins presented the room rental fees.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: against the proposed room rental fees; members in 3-story building should be allowed to reserve recreation rooms in those buildings for events; charge craft clubs in Clubhouse 4 instead of subsidizing; incremental fee increases; fiduciary responsibility to the community; completing a poll to report the number of residents denied room access; a new resolution regarding shared cost should be passed; facility closures affected room availability; club dues will need to increase; better technical support at our facilities; hosting a town hall meeting to discuss room rental rate

increase; sociability as longevity of life; not charging clubs for use of rooms, only charge those that use rooms for private use; allowance of a lower minimum of some rooms to reduce club costs; one rate increase is not good for all; raise golf fees; section off rooms; disclose all calculations used for methodology; protection of shared costs; increase should be consistent with national cost of living.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed 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.

Recreation Policy Review – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Lee stated she is pleased this motion has not passed and looks forward to future discussions.

Director Casey stated many room rental rates were very low and we need to make them affordable.

Director Addington thanked all who came.

Chair Horton announced the next CAC meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

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, May 11, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair

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