

# **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cush Bhada, Acting Chair, Joan Milliman, Robert Mutchnick, Sue Quam, Ellen Leonard, Moon Yun, Sue Stephens, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Elsie Addington, Peter Sanborn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Reza Karimi, Maggie Blackwell, Mickie Choi, Jeanne Costello, Egon Garthoffner, Charles Prater

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni, Steve Hormuth, William Arceo

### **Call to Order**

Acting Chair Bhada called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Director Mutchnick made a motion to remove item number 11 and approve agenda as edited. Director Leonard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Committee Report for September 12, 2024**

Director Leonard made a motion to approve the report. No second recorded.

Motion passed 4-1. Director Mutchnick abstained.

### **Chair's Remarks**

Acting Chair Bhada stated today is a sad day as the community lost the chairman of India conglomerate, TATA Group. Acting Chair Bhada welcomed the new committee members. Acting Chair Bhada stated Clubhouse 1 is in full operation with striking changes in billiards room including an updated kitchenette and soundproofing with the previous billiards room

updated to be an MPR for rental space. There are many updates to the facility and he thanked staff for the Clubhouse 1 renovation project. Acting Chair Bhada stated he is looking forward to a productive meeting today.

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

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Clubhouse 1 staff is working on unfinished project details and will be ordering new furnishings; the community patience is appreciated as staff works diligently on finishing the minor Clubhouse 1 renovation project items; at Clubhouse 2, the carpet was cleaned in the Grevillea, Los Olivos and card room and the parking lot concrete repairs were completed; Clubhouse 4 staff is preparing for the annual Arts & Crafts Bonanza with over 100 vendors ready to sell their handcrafted wares; the steak dinner at Clubhouse 5 had 126 in attendance and the Village Bazaar sold out in 15 minutes; the HVAC was recently repaired and the floor maintenance was completed at Clubhouse 7; approximately 300 were in attendance at the Equestrian Center Taste of Country event last weekend; there are 410 participants entered for the Village Games sports including archery, basketball, bicycling, billiards, bocce, progressive bridge, equestrian, golf, lawn bowling, volleyball, mahjong, petanque, pickleball, poker, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, target shooting and tennis; Village Games events began on October 7 and the closing ceremony for participants will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on October 31; attendance is increasing at the Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center and circuit classes are either selling out or filling up quickly; Library volunteers worked 729 hours to support 2,160 visitors in September; new resident signups have been consistent month to month with material usage slightly lower except for the puzzles as they are at all-time high; DVD and CD book usage is still provided as a service to those who aren't quite ready to transition to streaming; new changes were implemented this year including going paperless with emailing checkout receipts; additional shelves were installed for puzzles and magazines (including a magazine rack for the patio); removal of the plexiglass was completed; new keyboards and volunteer labeled series books were added; Mr. McCray's report includes the completion of the aerification with courses returning to optimal conditions in a few weeks; a new golfer orientation was held on October 1 with 10 new resident golfers in attendance; tennis court 7 was recently repaired and cleaned after badminton returned to Clubhouse 1; three Garden Center plots are open to date with active tours occurring leading to successful rental of released plots; Garden Center volunteers will be planting a new pollinator garden near the Garden Center 2 entrance.

Ms. Giglio reported the following GRF board meeting update: approval of a share cost percentage of 35/65 percent (35% covering total expense for golf maintenance and operations including depreciation and 65% of total costs to be recovered through golf facility use fees) including a \$10 increase to all guest green fees above the current rate and a new fee schedule will go into effect January, 2025; an additional hour to keep Pool 5 open until 7 p.m. in October was approved; new contracts were approved for outsourcing golf course maintenance and the Performing Arts Center sound system;

Ms. Murphy stated the following: a new class, Dance Moves, with Laura Freeman will begin on Thursdays at Clubhouse 5 in the fitness classroom; the free Monday movie at the Performing Arts Center, *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire*, will be held on October 21 at 2 and 7 p.m.; the fall Village Bazaar will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 in the main lounge on October 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the annual Arts & Crafts Bonanza will be held at Clubhouse 4 on November 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and November 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the annual Thanksgiving Buffet will be hosted at Clubhouse 2 and 5 on November 28 with tickets sales starting on November 4.

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

None.

### **CONSENT**

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Mutchnick seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

**Recreation Supervisor Introduction**— William Arceo, Recreation Generalist, introduced himself while stating his Laguna Woods Village work history.

Discussion ensued.

**Garden Center Access Discussion** —Ms. Giglio stated the Garden Center access discussion regarding unrestricted access to Garden Club officers and requested input from CAC.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee does not recommend unrestricted access to the Garden Centers and directed staff to comply with current policy.

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

**California Club Rollover Exception Request** – This item was rescinded by the requestor.

**Aquadettes Request for Exception to GRF Poster Policy, Pool Closure and Staff Support for the 2025 Aqua Follies Show**— Ms. Murphy stated the staff report.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend the poster policy exception to post an 11x17 poster at all Clubhouses and as an annual exception. Director Leonard seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 5-1-1. Director Quam was absent. Director Yun abstained.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend Pool 1 closure from August 11 to 18, 2025. Director Leonard seconded.

Member was called to speak regarding changing the rules so no exceptions are necessary. Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1-2. Director Quam opposed. Director Mutchnick and Director Yun abstained.

Director Milliman made a motion to provide staff support including ticket sales, setup (marquis and curtains), operation of lighting during rehearsals and shows and coordination of outsourced lifeguard services. Director Mutchnick seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 5-1-1. Director Leonard opposed. Director Yun abstained.

Director Milliman made a motion to have poster policy exception, staff support and pool 1 closure for 8 days annually for the Aquadette Follies. Director Stephens seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-2-1. Director Leonard and Director Mutchnick opposed. Director Yun abstained.

**Equestrian Fee Recommendation** – Mr. Hormuth stated the staff report.

Director Leonard made a motion to recommend 70/30% shared cost for 2025 and use Option 2 proposed fees and provide a monthly budget analysis to GRF Finance Committee. Director Stephens seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: in support of the Equestrian Center; support of fair costs for all amenities; raise lesson fees; not in support of comparing the Laguna Woods Village Equestrian Center to other centers; good attendance of club BBQs at the Equestrian Center; support of equine therapy; many volunteers at the Equestrian

Center; nominal rate increase; consider input from current Equestrian Senior Supervisor with regards to raising revenue; evaluate negative consequences to any changes to an amenity as all must be considered equally; regarding affordability of the EQ center; all members agreed to shared cost when moving into Laguna Woods Village; all amenities increase at the same rate.

Motion failed 2-5. Acting Chair Bhada, Director Milliman, Director Quam, Director Mutchnick, Director Yun opposed.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend option 1 for Equestrian Fees with bi-monthly budget review to be presented at CAC. Director Mutchnick seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Recreation and Special Events Department Operating Rules Review** – The committee stated all edits.

Director Mutchnick made a motion to accept the Recreation and Special Events operating rules. Director Stephens seconded.

Discussion ensued.

No vote occurred.

Director Leonard made a motion to keep the minimum of 10 years of age for guests at the Equestrian Center. Director Milliman seconded.

Motion passed 5-1-1. Director Quam opposed. Director Mutchnick abstained.

Director Mutchnick exited the meeting at 4:30 p.m.  
Director Stephens exited the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Director Leonard made a motion to recommend Recreation and Special Events operating rules with corrections. Director Milliman seconded.

Motion passed 4-3. Director Quam, Director Mutchnick and Director Stephens absent.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Reservation System Review** – Staff was directed to keep 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 Yun stated the discussion at the beginning of the meeting did not include information on the screens or hardcopy and the information did not correspond to the information in the agenda packet. Staff confirmed the information discussed did correspond with the agenda packet.

Advisor Gidwani thanked staff for putting the packet together and thanked committee members for volunteering time to make the community better.


Director Bhada thanked all in attendance.

### **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 14, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

  
Cush Bhada, Acting Chair