

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Joan Milliman, Mark Laws, Andy Ginocchio, Alison Bok, Sue Quam, Sue Stephens
Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani, Elsie Addington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Leonard, Cush Bhada, both excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Reza Karimi, Georgiana Willis, Martin Roza, Jim Hopkins, Ed Elwell

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Chioni, Laura Cooley, Tom McCray, Peter Quan, Dan Yost

Call to Order

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

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Laws made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Quam seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for February 8, 2024

Director Ginocchio made a motion to approve the report. Director Quam seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton stated Saddleback College Emeritus Institute provided the 2024 summer program of classes to the community and encouraged residents to register for the summer session.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Pool 2 will be closed until April due to annual maintenance; Pool 1 will remain closed during the Clubhouse 1 renovation with Pool 6 open seasonally early to accommodate more swimmers; the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance had 140 attendees; the Equestrian Center safety gate is fully functional; Library volunteers greeted 2,148 visitors while working 833 hours; in February, 35 residents signed up for catalog access and 2,755 items have circulated through the front desk which is a bit lower due to rain and President's Day holiday; the Memorial Day event ticket model strategy will change to a free ticket in lieu of the past donation of \$5.

Ms. Giglio reported the following Clubhouse 1 renovation project update: the project started on March 4 as scheduled with groups and staff settling in to their new spaces; the guest policy for pickleball and tennis will change to one guest during the Clubhouse 1 renovation to accommodate resident play as courts are being shared between racket sports; Clubhouse 6 is fully functional with reservations moved from Clubhouse 1 to this facility; Community Fitness Center is busy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with all residents accommodated however there are not many users after 8 p.m. and hours may be adjusted; Clubhouse 5 has a fitness room available from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ms. Murphy stated the following upcoming events: the sold out St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on March 17 at Clubhouse 5; the free Monday movie at the Performing Arts Center on March 18 will be *Oppenheimer* with showtimes at 2 and 7 p.m.; the Health and Wellness Expo will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Neil Diamond tribute concert will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center on March 23 at 7:30 p.m.; the Easter Eggstravaganza will be hosted at the Equestrian Center on March 30, 9 to 11 a.m.; the Easter Buffet will be held at Clubhouse 5 on March 31 at 1 p.m.; Clubhouse 5 will host the Village Bazaar on April 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mr. McCray reported the following: damage from current weather at the golf course is being addressed; a project to approve receding greens has begun; a work order has been submitted to address the Par 3 flooding issue due to gutters and drains from nearby manors which are flowing onto the course; a Ping demo day is happening today at the golf course; many demo days were able to be scheduled during the rain with an agreement with an offsite vendor; the ProAm tournament will be hosted in May; the Garden Centers recorded minimal damage from today's wind event and will be addressed; many plots continue to be rented and the Garden Center staff is starting a gleaning program to assist those unable to harvest in a timely manner.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak on the following: request to change tennis court time allotment to 1.5 hours; request to change current tennis reservation system; request for green waste receptacles to be enlarged to regular dumpster size at Garden Center 2 and place the same receptacles throughout the community; excessive amount of weeds at resident's neighboring garden plots; thank you to the CAC committee for what they do for the community; apology for miscommunication of protocol; poor condition of Par 3 holes 1 and 2; thank you to staff for Par 3 hole 6 drainage issue resolution; request for Calvary Chapel High School girls tennis team to utilize the Laguna Woods Village tennis courts from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday during their tennis season for \$2600 per month; request for staff to review the resolution regarding no sales of product/service as there was an ad on Village TV for a local financial planning meeting to be held within Laguna Woods Village.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

2023 Utilization Review – Ms. Giglio presented the 2023 utilization chart.

Discussion ensued.

Review of CAC Charter – Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to make redline change of adding “new” before fees to #10 and bring as a staff report for approval at the next CAC meeting on April 11.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Champagne Pops Series Exception Request – Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend Champagne Pops Series request for exception to the GRF Recreation Policy and if opposed, determine if alternative options should be considered. Director Bok seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed 1-6. Director Milliman was in favor.

Director Milliman made a motion to recommend offering a 70/30 split of profits for 2025 only for the PCE Champagne Pops Series.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed 1-6. Director Milliman was in favor.

Resident Request to Construct a Horseshoe Pit - Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Director Laws made a motion to deny the resident request to construct a horseshoe pit. Director Bok seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Fitness Center Television Schedule – Ms. Giglio stated the staff report.

Director Quam made a motion to recommend Community Fitness Center television channels be changed to neutral programming with no news channels. Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Member was called to speak regarding the following: in favor of changing channels in the Community Fitness Center.

Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Aquadettes Show – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

Dog Licensing Event - Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Laws inquired as to adding tennis rules to future agendas.

Staff was directed to add Review of Tennis Center Operating Rules to Items for Future Agendas.

Director Ginocchio inquired as to if Pool 5 is a salt water pool. Ms. Giglio stated the proper machinery to make this possible is not operational, but staff is assessing to have it repaired.

Director Quam acknowledged Millie Brown for her work with Champagne Pops Series, however the committee must vote with regard to the community best interest. She requested more education on how clubs utilize the Performing Arts Center and what compensation is received for its use.

Director Bok inquired as to what standards are applied to the resident requests. Ms. Giglio stated the process.

Director Stephens thanked Recreation staff for doing an excellent job at all times.

Advisor Boudreau stated the Champagne Pops Series agreement was made by Mr. Hudson, a previous CEO. He stated the CEO and VMS do not make decisions for GRF facilities.

Advisor Gidwani thanked the committee for running the show so well and thanked staff for the phenomenal job done with Clubhouse 1 relocations due to the renovation.

Advisor Addington stated Mr. Hudson did not come 16 years ago. Ms. Murphy stated the previous HOA was PCM which became Associa. Laguna Woods Village is now a self-managed community.

Chair Horton invited the Community Activities Committee to attend a special Equestrian Center tour that will be held on Monday, April 15 at 1 p.m. She stated regular tour hours.

Chair Horton instructed committee members to email Ms. Chioni if interested in joining the tour.

A discussion ensued regarding the special open meeting requirement for this tour.

Staff was directed to email the committee with clarification of open meeting parameters.

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 11, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Yvonne Horton

Yvonne Horton, Chair