

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Joan Milliman, Reza Karimi, Alison Bok, Sue Quam, Sue Stephens, S.K. Park, Ajit Gidwani, Dennis Boudreau, Elsie Addington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cush Bhada, Ellen Leonard, Peter Sanborn, all excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Steve Leonard

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray, Jackie Chioni, Steve Hormuth, Sean Anthony

Call to Order

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Horton made a motion to approve the agenda with addition under Recreation Request Forms to become agenda item number 9a. Director Quam seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for July 11, 2024

Chair Horton made a motion to approve the report. Director Park seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton stated "trust gives GRF authority to make decisions regarding all of our amenities. At a recent GRF Finance Committee meeting where golf fees were discussed, knowing it is a sensitive subject, a director stated four to five directors board horses at the Equestrian Center. That statement is a fabrication as no directors, nor any personal friends of directors, have horses boarded at the Equestrian Center. I believe the statement was

strategic and inflammatory. Also, at the GRF meeting, directors wrote a letter in the open forum stating that the community has concerns about the operating expenses at the Equestrian Center. I haven't heard this complaint except for the letter writer. I repeat myself that the GRF board makes all the decisions when it comes to the amenities. Another question that was raised was the new vaulting program. This program is like yoga on horseback and it is age appropriate. A volunteer walks the horse around while the rider sits on the horse and does upper body stretches much like chair yoga. The person that gives the lesson has insurance and pays a stipend to the Equestrian Center. This is all GRF business." Chair Horton stated "this explanation was necessary as there is too much misinformation in the Village. The GRF board and our great staff work diligently to provide activities and entertainment at a reasonable price which is shared cost."

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Summer Splash Day at pool 2 sold out on July 19 with 67 grandkids in attendance; all Recreation facilities located within Gate 12, including Clubhouse 2, Golf facilities, the 19 Restaurant, pool 2, lawn bowling and pickleball, will be closed Monday, August 12 for slurry coat seal in the parking lot; the process of hiring a new ceramic technician will occur in the near future; the Clubhouse 5 BBQ buffet in July had 182 in attendance; the hearing loop installation at Clubhouse 6 encountered a few issues and should be officially completed by the end of next week; landscape work will be done in the front of Clubhouse 6 over the next few weeks; Library volunteers worked 826 hours to support 2,374 visitors in July with 37 residents signed up for catalogue access and 2,957 items circulated through the desk; the number of residents using Library services was higher this month than any other month since the winter with usage of all items up, except CD books.

Ms. Giglio stated the parking lot will be closed on August 17 at Clubhouse 1 and the Library/History Center due to necessary slurry seal coat; Bocce will be closed for the day and the library is considering closing as well due to limited street parking; on Monday, August 12 there will be some prep work of asphalt slot patches that may impact the parking, but no full closure of the facilities.

Ms. Giglio reported the following Clubhouse 1 renovation update: the beautification of Clubhouse 1 remains on schedule for assumed completion by August 31, 2024. Recreation staff will plan to start transitioning back into the facility on September 3 after Memorial Day with an estimated soft opening of Monday, September 16. The transition plan includes moving furniture out of storage, hanging signs, flyer holders, rebuilding pool tables, completing minor projects that couldn't be achieved during construction (i.e. painting in areas that weren't included in the project scope), contacting clubs and rentals with move back days, transitioning staff from other clubhouses back to Clubhouse 1 as reservations are still at Clubhouse 6 and transitioning lifeguards to pool 1. Staff will strive to open pool 1 and the mini-gym earlier, but all will be contingent upon project items completion.

Ms. Giglio reported the following GRF board meeting update: The Korean American Association's request to donate cups was denied due to logo inclusion which is against the donation policy and would require an exception to be made; the Pickleball Club was approved to use the pickleball courts and parking lots at the Performing Arts Center and Clubhouse 5 for Laguna Woods Foundation's Good Neighbor Program events which are open to all residents. These events are the result of a contest which awarded funding to five recipients to host such events for community building.

Ms. Murphy stated the following: Clubhouse 2 will host a free patio concert on Saturday, August 24 from 4 to 6 p.m.; the free Monday movies, *What Happens Later* on August 19 and *A Haunting in Venice* on August 26, will be held at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center; Clubhouse 5 will host an Italian buffet on August 26 at 5 p.m.; The Performing Arts Center will host the Bob Newhart Button Down Concert reshowing event on September 5 at 7 p.m.; Grandparents Fun Day will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on September 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; registration starts now at the Community Center Fitness Center for the annual Village Games starting October 7 with the closing ceremony at Clubhouse 5 on October 31; the Performing Arts Center will host Micky Dolenz of the Monkees on October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McCray stated the following: the golf course remains very busy; El Toro Water District (ETWD) shut off the reclaimed water used for watering the greens for 48 hours; staff was able to work with ETWD to rectify the issue and the greens will recover from not being watered; the second new golfer orientation was held which was very successful; the Sunday twilight event hosted about 44 attendees; the fitting event hosted today was well received as usual; Garden Center plot rentals are full and staff is monitoring those which are not in compliance; Garden Center 2 volunteers are overseeing projects to beautify the areas that are neglected; the discussion of Garden Center club access to each center is ongoing.

Discussion ensued.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

No members were present for Member Comments.

CONSENT

Chair Horton made a motion to approve the consent calendar. No second was recorded.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Recreation Committee Request Forms – Members were called to speak regarding use of the multi-purpose room in the Community Center on December 20, 2024 from 5 to 9 p.m. as part of 90th birthday celebration; regarding security of the table tennis room with uninvited non-resident players mostly in evenings and weekends and would like to request a card reader installation for both entries of the table tennis room.

Director Bok made a motion to proceed to GRF board with resident plan to use MPR for birthday celebration in conjunction with the Table Tennis Club for table tennis access and to work with staff regarding suitable financial arrangements. Director Milliman seconded.

Motion passed 6-1. Director Park abstained.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Resident offer to establish card readers at the exit and entrance of the table tennis room. Director Bok seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to create a staff report regarding the installation of card readers at both entries of the table tennis room in the Community Center and present to CAC in September.

Recreation Supervisor Introduction– Sean Anthony, head golf professional, introduced himself while stating his past experience and celebrating five years of being a staff member at Golf Operations.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Golf Fee Recommendation – Mr. Hormuth presented golf fee options and recommendations.

Director Park made a motion to recommend option B revised. Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 6-1. Director Stephens opposed.

Pickleball Facility Request – Jeanne Costello presented the Pickleball Club request for a feasibility study for a dedicated pickleball facility.

Director Quam made a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve a supplemental appropriation from the Facilities Reserve Fund in the amount of \$45,000 for a Pickleball Feasibility Study to develop and review options for building a new pickleball facility and to report back to CAC for action. Director Park seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 6-1. Director Stephens opposed.

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.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Director Park requested the pickleball court lights be turned off when play is completed.

Director Milliman stated good meeting and a lot to think about.

Director Quam inquired as to the addition of a future agenda item regarding clubs having signs in the PAC and would like a system, maybe use of existing marquees, to inform community of club information. Director Milliman inquired as to putting a message board on all marquee devices. Ms. Murphy stated the marquees are used for GRF Recreation activities/classes and staff can inquire with Village TV about adding the message board; she stated all free avenues for clubs to inform community of activities, including flyers, poster at the Performing Arts Center or Clubhouse 5 if event at said facility, website calendar, club website, Village TV, the Globe newspaper.

Director Stephens stated the pickleball facility feasibility study should include a rough cost estimate of each option and staff is to confirm if corporate member approval is necessary.

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, September 12, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

____Yvonne Horton____

Yvonne Horton, Chair