

# **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cush Bhada, Acting Chair, Joan Milliman, Reza Karimi, Sue Quam, Ellen Leonard, S.K. Park, Dennis Boudreau, Elsie Addington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ajit Gidwani, Peter Sanborn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Juanita Skillman, Martin Roza

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alison Giglio, Jennifer Murphy, Tom McCray, Jackie Chioni, Laura Cooley, Ada Sigler, Jose Campos, Blake Lefante

### **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 Karimi made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Park seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Committee Report for August 8, 2024**

Director Karimi made a motion to approve the report. Director Park seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Chair's Remarks**

Acting Chair Bhada wished all well after the very hot weather and to those experiencing loss from the Airport fire. He acknowledged the previous CAC chair, Yvonne Horton, for her hard work and achievements and would like to keep the wheels in motion. Acting Chair Bhada attended the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and thanked staff for their hard work and Memorial Care for their support of the event both of which made the event very successful.

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

Ms. Giglio stated the request from the Table Tennis Club to donate funding to install id card readers on the third floor was determined not feasible after presenting with the actual amount it would cost to the Table Tennis Club president, thus the Table Tennis Club requested to remove the item from the agenda; the installation of the id card readers for the table tennis room will be added to the 2026 capital reserve items for consideration.

Ms. Giglio reported the following Clubhouse 1 renovation update: staff is excited to announce the opening of Clubhouse 1 on Monday, September 16; Recreation staff has been contacting all rental and user groups to discuss details of transitioning back to Clubhouse 1 but due to the number of groups, please wait to be contacted by staff; the following amenities are expected to be open on September 16: Pool 1, Clubhouse 1 Fitness Center, drop-in lounge and game room; Transportation will move the hub back to the normal location in front of the clubhouse; gymnasium, archery and shuffleboard groups will be contacted directly regarding scheduled hours of use and operating hours; please note that all amenities are subject to intermittent closures and delays as projects are completed and staff works through new technology and equipment.

Ms. Giglio reported the following Recreation Department highlights: Clubhouse 2 hosted the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event with over 500 in attendance visiting many community service tables and included Memorial Care sponsoring with free ice cream, giveaways and free yoga classes; the new ceramic tech at Clubhouse 4 started on September 4; new fitness room signage was posted at Clubhouse 5 to better describe room use; Clubhouse 5 received a fresh coat of paint; the Italian Buffet had 137 attendees; the HVAC at Clubhouse 7 is not operational and staff is working diligently to keep the facility cool while repairs and full replacement are being completed; misters were installed to keep the horse stalls cool and were well appreciated during the extreme heat wave this past week; two equine evacuees from the Airport fire were received on September 9 and were able to return to their homes on September 11; the Equestrian Center may take up to four evacuated horses safely without impacting our resident boarded horses; Library volunteers worked 780 hours to support 2,296 visitors in August which is more visitors expected during the parking lot construction and building painting that did not interfere with patrons' ability to enjoy the library.

Ms. Giglio reported the following GRF board meeting update: approval of a share cost percentage of 65/35 percent for golf costs recovery through an increase of golf fees will go on 28-day hold to be reviewed at GRF next month; the resident request to have a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party in the Community Center third floor room in December was approved.

Ms. Murphy stated the following: the free Monday movie at the Performing Arts Center, *The Boys in the Boat*, will be held on September 16 at 2 and 7 p.m.; the AARP Smart Drivers course refresher will be held at Clubhouse 2 on September 21 at 8:30 a.m.; Clubhouse 5

will host the steak dinner on September 23 at 5 p.m.; the Equestrian Center will host A Taste of Country on October 5, 4 to 7 p.m.; the Performing Arts Center will host Micky Dolenz of the Monkees on October 11 at 7:30 p.m.; the fall Village Bazaar will be hosted at Clubhouse 5 on October 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main lounge; 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.

Mr. McCray stated the following: fall aerification is underway to ensure golf greens remain healthy; rotating closures to minimize interruption of play will occur to complete general maintenance; the golf orientation program is ongoing and is very productive; staff is inquiring with Village TV to record the golf orientation program so those that cannot attend remain informed; fitting days are going well, but sales are slowing so staff is reviewing marketing to boost sales; the Par 3 course will have migratory water fowl returning so staff is looking at innovative ways to mitigate the influx of these birds; the Garden Center compliance system is working well; staff is contacting those on wait list for the three unkept plots available; the Garden Center maintenance vendor is doing well, but the Landscape Department will assist with Garden Center general and emergency maintenance going forward in 2025; staff is discussing the use of feral cats in the Garden Centers; Mr. Quan and Mr. McCray are meeting with Clubhouse 1 mini-gym users to create a balanced schedule.

Discussion ensued.

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

Members were called to speak regarding the following: California Club rollover exception request; id card readers in all facilities to ensure more accurate utilization; change in television programming in the Community Center Fitness Center; inquiry if badminton and volleyball will return to gym on Monday and tennis court resurfacing scheduling; signs stated Laguna Woods Fitness and should be Laguna Woods Village Fitness; tennis facility operations, budget and utilization; staff time allowed for response to resident inquires.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to present the California Club request as a staff report at the next CAC meeting on October 10, 2024.

Staff was directed to review the Community Center Fitness Center television programming. Staff was directed to assist the resident with process of obtaining utilization for tennis.

### **CONSENT**

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

Ms. Sigler stated the quarterly review of the financial statement.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**Recreation Supervisor Introduction**– Laura Cooley, Performing Arts Center Supervisor, introduced herself while stating her Laguna Woods Village work history and celebrating 35 years of being a staff member.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**Review of Pool 5 Extended Operating Hour for October 2024** – Ms. Giglio stated the staff recommendation to review and recommend extending Pool 5 operating hours from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in October.

Director Leonard made a motion to recommend extending Pool 5 operating hours from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in October. Director Milliman seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1-1. Director Quam opposed and Director Karimi abstained.

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Discussion ensued regarding exceptions and Recreation policy review which was directed to be continued when the Recreation Policy Review item will be brought forth.

**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 bring this item to the next CAC meeting.

## **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Leonard stated good job.

Director Quam stated thanked Acting Chair Bhada you for stepping in and doing a good job.

**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, October 10, 2024.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

*Cush Bhada*  
Cush Bhada, Acting Chair