



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION  
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.  
BOARD ROOM / VIRTUAL MEETING  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center  
24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair – Juanita Skillman, Ira Lewis, S.K. Park, Sue Quam, Maggie Blackwell (Alternate)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Glenn Miller, Anthony Liberatore, Yvonne Horton

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**ADVISORS PRESENT:** Catherine Brians

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Merget, Megan Feliz

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Skillman called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgment of Media**

No formal press was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Director Park made the motion to approve the agenda. Director Lewis seconded the motion. The agenda was approved without objections.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report for August 22, 2023**

Director Park made the motion to approve the agenda. Director Quam seconded the motion. The report was approved without objections.

**5. Committee Chair Remarks**

Chair Skillman acknowledged Robert Merget retiring at the end of the year and thanked him for all he has done. Chair Skillman acknowledged the two landscaping employees who earned the Employee Excellence Award and thanked them for their hard work.

**6. Department Head Update**

Mr. Merget discussed Aliso Creek schedule for clean-up and Willow Trees that will be removed. He discussed the Aliso Creek asphalt replacement schedule.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

**7. 4005-1G Tree Removal**

Discussion commenced among the committee. Director Lewis made the motion to approve the tree removal. Director Park seconded the motion. The request was approved without objections.

**8. Monkey Puzzle Tree Trimming Proposal**

Discussion commenced among the committee. Director Quam made the motion to approve the tree removal. Director Lewis seconded the motion. The proposal was approved without objections.

**9. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Three members voiced a complaint about the removed benches around Aliso Creek. Director Lewis made a motion that this item was M&C department and to send it to their committee. Director Blackwell agreed and seconded the motion. Aliso Creek benches will be directed to GRF M&C Committee meeting. No objections were made. One-member commented asking status of stop on Aliso Creek Bridge.

**10. Response to Members Comments**

Members of the Committee responded to the member comment.

Concluding Business:

**11. Committee Member Comments**

Several comments were made.

**12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**

**13. Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

  

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Juanita Skillman (Nov 14, 2023 13:14 PST)  
Juanita Skillman, Chair