



**OPEN MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2023 – 2:00 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, Glenn Miller, Anthony Liberatore, Yvonne Horton

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cush Bhada

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**ADVISORS PRESENT:** Donna Rane-Szostak

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Skillman called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgment of Media**

No formal press was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report for November 8, 2023**

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

**5. Chair Remarks**

Chair Skillman stated that Chair Bhada is still out of town, and she will be chairing this meeting. Director Skillman shared information about AB 1572 and the spotlight article in the El Toro Water District Newsletter Laguna Woods Village received.

## **6. Department Head Update**

Mr. Wiemann provided an update on the completion of the Monkey Puzzle Tree trimming project. While the crews were in the area working they removed some dead wood off the 200-year-old Sycamore tree.

### **6a. Charging Station Update**

An update was provided letting everyone know the project is moving along, albeit slowly. They are currently waiting on the plans to be approved with the city. The landscape department have been testing the batteries life in the field.

### **6b. Sprinkler Update**

Mr. Wiemann notified everyone the new irrigation system is fully functional, and they are working with ETWD on the final rebates.

### **6c. Clubhouse 1**

Clubhouse 1 is going under renovation starting in March. Mr. Wiemann informed the committee that all landscape was removed from the area. This was done so the plants do not get trampled and ruined. The area will be gated in, so there is no way to tend to the plants during the construction. Once, the renovations are complete the staff will come in and renovate the landscaping.

## Items for Discussion and Consideration

### **7. Aliso Creek Update**

Mr. Wiemann gave an informative update on the Aliso Creek clean up. They removed some willows and cattails that were impeding the flow of the creek. He informed the committee they are estimating only needing to perform a major cleanup in the creek three times each year, due to the diligent work that has been done recently.

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

One member voiced concern about the horse trails and the need for plant replacement along them.

### **9. Response to Members Comments**

Mr. Wiemann responded to the member comment.

## Concluding Business:

### **10. Committee Member Comments**

Several comments were made.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**

### **12. Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.**

Juanita Skillman, Chair

Cush Bhada, Chair  
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