



**OPEN MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.**

**BOARD ROOM / VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Laguna Woods Village Community Center**

**24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair – Cush Bhada, Donna Rane-Szostak, S.K. Park, Reza Karimi, Anthony Liberatore, Glenn Miller, Maggie Blackwell (substitute)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sue Quam

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Juanita Skillman (zoom)

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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Bhada called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgment of Media**

No formal press was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Director Szostak moved to approve the agenda, and Director Liberatore seconded it. The agenda was approved without objection.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report for February 14, 2024**

Director Miller moved to approve the agenda, and Director Liberatore seconded it. The report was approved without objection.

**5. Chair Remarks**

Chair Bhada acknowledged it was a lovely day. He passed his time over to Director Szostak; she updated everyone on the ETWD Community Advisory Group meeting she attended.

**6. Guest Speaker- Matt Davenport, Monarch Environmental Inc.**

Mr. Wiemann introduced Mr. Davenport and explained how the landscape performance review started. Mr. Davenport gave a brief overview of his background and the review he is conducting. Questions were asked and answered.

**7. Department Head Update**

**a. CH 6 Update**

Mr. Wiemann informed the committee that the staff had begun turf reduction on the slope by CH 6. It is a steep slope that the mower slides down when being mowed. This project is being completed for safety, it will be going full force over the next few weeks. Mr. Wiemann let the committee know they are refurbishing the front as well, to present a new look.

**b. Aliso Creek Report**

Mr. Wiemann notified everyone that the creek permit was expiring. The staff has already stated that they are working on a new license, which is pending. The clean-up was completed on Friday, and Mr. Wiemann will bring the report to the next meeting.

**c. Charging Wall Update**

Mr. Wiemann presented a PowerPoint presentation on the finished charging station. Questions were asked and answered.

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

- Member commented about moving the Willow trees by Aliso Creek and meeting report reflecting member comments.
- A member commented about the Willow trees blocking the creek view, the change in the material of the Aliso Creek bridge, and the creek needing heavier clean-up.
- A member commented on east end of the bridge and Weeping Willow, how the grass has become dead, the weeds are overgrowing, and how often the creek is cleaned up.
- A member commented on who is responsible for the landscape at the post office annex in the CH3 parking lot, asked the committee if they check the building, and asked the committee to give the landscape a grade for quality.
- A member commented that the landscape is dying at CH 1 and asked who is feeding the koi fish.
- A member commented, asking questions about Aliso Creek supervision period and the recurrence of the permits.

**9. Response to Member's Comments**

Mr. Wiemann responded to the member's comments.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

**10. Concept Entry Gate Design**

Mr. Wiemann presented the concept drawing to the committee and apologized as some arrived late yesterday. He asked the committee to take them home and review them. If they have any comments or suggestions, please email Mrs. Feliz no later than Monday, August 19, 2024. Mr. Wiemann stated that the staff has already rejected the lantana, and the designer will go with a different plant.

Future Agenda Items:

- Aliso Creek Summary

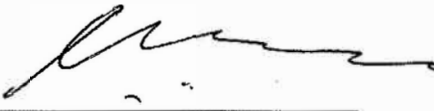
Concluding Business:

**11. Committee Member Comments**

Various committee comments made.

**12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 13 at 2:30 p.m.**

**13. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.**

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