



## **SPECIAL OPEN MEETING**

### **SPECIAL OPEN MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE\***

**Monday, December 12, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.  
Clubhouse 5, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, CA 92637  
Live via TV6 & Virtual with Zoom**

### **REPORT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reza Karimi – Chair, Gan Mukhopadhyay – Co-Chair, Jim Cook, Ralph Engdahl, Lenny Ross (for R. Bastani/United), Mary Simon, Sue Stephens  
Advisors Ajit Gidwani, Carl Randazzo, Bill Walsh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Reza Bastani

**OTHERS PRESENT:** **GRF:** Bunny Carpenter, James Hopkins, Yvonne Horton, Egon Garthoffner  
**Third:** Cush Bhada

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bart Mejia-Maintenance & Construction Assistant Director, Director, Guy West –Projects Division Manager, Sandra Spencer – Administrative Assistant, Josh Monroy - Manor Alterations Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Karimi called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as written.

#### **3. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Karimi remarked on the number of Electric Vehicles registered in Laguna Woods; the usage of the EV charging station at the Community Center; and that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the applications under the Charge Ready 2 program.

#### **4. Member Comments**

Several members commented on the need for EV charging within the village, lack of EV charging stations outside the community; maintenance of the existing EV charging station at the community center; costs to the members; the potential evolution of EV charging technology; tripping of electrical circuits when multiple cars are plugged in; garage vs. carport charging; convenience of charging at clubhouses; and the cost of electricity.

#### **5. Department Head Update**

Mr. West stated that he would update the committee on other topics at the December 14, 2022 regular meeting of the GRF M&C Committee and then introduced Mr. Mejia.

#### Items for Discussion and Consideration:

#### **6. Electric Vehicle “Charge Ready 2” Program**

Mr. Mejia delivered a PowerPoint presentation detailing the history of the applications for the SCE Charge Ready 2 Program at various clubhouses and prior actions taken by the Board. Included in the presentation was criteria that is required by SCE to approve the applications; the 10-year commitment; the minimum number of ports required (ten) to participate in the program; the loss of parking spaces; and the cost of installing the equipment.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Mejia answered questions from the committee.

- Director Stephens asked about the breakdown of costs for the installation project and the reason for staff’s recommendation to cancel the remaining applications.
- Director Cook commented on the complexity of the issue; and potential return on investment due to inevitable technological innovations.
- Director Engdahl echoed Director Cook’s comments.
- Director Mukhopadhyay commented that GRF should delay installation of EV until more information can be gathered.
- Advisor Randazzo commented that the available power at carports in United are insufficient.
- Director Garthoffner commented on the availability of EV charging options outside the village.
- Director Simon commented that more information is needed before proceeding with installing EV charging in the village.
- Chair Karimi commented that 10% of the cars in the community are using EV charging, 90 have permits; the ChargePoint reports do not show the breakdown of residents vs. public users.

A motion was made by Director Cook and seconded by Director Simon to recommend that the GRF Board of Directors cancel all remaining applications under the SCE Charge Ready 2 Program. The motion passed by majority vote.

Concluding Business:

**7. Committee Member Comments**

No further comments.

**8. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**9. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



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