

# **OPEN MEETING**

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

Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.  
Virtual GoToMeeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jon Pearlstone, Chair, Bunny Carpenter, Yvonne Horton, Ryna Rothberg, Andre Torng, Elsie Addington, Debbie Dotson, Reza Karimi, Dennis Boudreau, Juanita Skillman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ed Tao

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bert Moldow, Dick Rader

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Acknowledgement of Media**

There was no press present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made, and by consensus, the agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Committee Report for January 14, 2021**

A motion was made, and by consensus, the report was approved.

### **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Pearlstone stated this committee is completing projects with limited resources at this time. He is working with staff to obtain financial analysis on shared costs which will be presented at future CAC meetings. Chair Pearlstone stated the goal is to find common ground for a recommendation to the board.

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

Mr. Gruner stated vaccination distribution started a few weeks ago with staff working closely with Memorial Care. COVID numbers are trending down however Orange County is still in the purple tier.

Mr. Gruner stated the Garden Center billing will be issued out shortly which will include the Garden Center operating rules. The operating rules will also be emailed. Garden Center tree trimming and weeding will begin and staff will remind gardeners to be attentive to their individual plots. The Garden Center 2 gate reactivation is proceeding. The foreUp tee time reservation system will be implemented soon at the golf course. This system implementation was delayed due to the Malware incident. This new program is expected to save staff time. Golf Maintenance has undergone managerial changes including a new contract service for 90 days. The interim superintendent and interim foreman are working together with Mr. McCray, Golf Operations Manager, to ensure a smooth transition as all tee times are booked each day equating to 400 rounds per day with residents only as guests are not allowed at this time. The Equestrian Ad Hoc committee is meeting bi-monthly which assisted with operations at the Equestrian Center. The following Equestrian Center updates were stated: new trees were planted for shade near the stalls; additional lighting will be added in arena area and near the hot walker; staff received bids for the arena footing project; new boarders are moving in which may fill all the stalls by March. Mr. Gruner stated the Performing Arts Center interior lighting has been reviewed and will be replaced along with a new HVAC system and the refurbishing of the curtains. The driving range project is under review with the M&C Committee with an onsite meeting to occur in the next two weeks. Some of the Recreation facilities are still without computers with IT working diligently on returning them soon. The Performing Arts Center will be prioritized so staff may continue processing refunds for past concerts.

Director Torng inquired as to cost savings at golf maintenance and would like to see the cost efficiency comparison.

Advisor Boudreau stated the golf course looks good and inquired as to M&C meeting discussion regarding all clubhouse filtration systems. Mr. Gruner stated installation of ionic system for safety is being reviewed.

Director Addington stated the Garden Center 2 gate feeds out to Via Campo Verde and when the gate is operational, it may create a traffic hazard. The Garden Center 2 speed bumps have not been addressed. Mr. Gruner stated he will contact Chris Laugenour regarding the speed bumps. Director Horton stated they are bolted in and can be removed, but need a way to ensure drivers are slowed down within Garden Center 2.

Staff was directed to include Garden Center 2 Speed Bumps under Items for Future Agendas.

Director Karimi inquired as to number of vaccines offered to our residents this week. Mr. Gruner stated 600 doses are available for this Friday only. These past weekend allotments conclude the first round for those meeting the criteria set forth. The second round will commence next weekend. Once both rounds are complete, approximately 8500 residents will be fully vaccinated. Director Karimi inquired as to following state and county recommendations versus opening amenities. Mr. Gruner stated Laguna Woods Village must still follow state and county guidelines on reopening as the virus can still be transmitted. Mr.

Gruner stated Media and Communications has done a great job informing the public. Director Torng inquired as to if tennis and the driving range will remain open Saturday. Mr. Gruner stated yes, these amenities will remain open on Saturday. Advisor Skillman stated the Friday eblast this afternoon informed residents regarding vaccines and appointment changes. The information was sent via email through MyChart from Memorial Care.

Director Torng inquired as to volunteering for tee time software testing. Mr. Gruner stated he will contact Director Torng should that need arise.

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

A resident was called to speak regarding safe and prompt reopening of amenities.

Staff was directed to contact the resident.

A resident was called to speak regarding vaccination allotments for both first and second dosage.

Director Carpenter stated she spoke with Ms. Paulin and those that have received the first dose will receive the second dose. Mr. Gruner concurred.

### **CONSENT**

Director Torng inquired as to website posting of the open activities list.

Staff was directed to resend the email to all committee members and include the open activities list in next CAC agenda packet.

A motion was made, and by consensus, the consent calendar was approved.

### **REPORTS**

None.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**Updated Outdoor Activity List** – Mr. Gruner stated no changes to date, but staff will review more offerings once Orange County is downgraded to the red or yellow tier. The Recreation Department will need to hire more staff as we lost approximately 60 staff members due to layoffs.

Director Horton stated many local stables have riding programs open at this time and requested to open with experienced riders only to ensure the GRF horses are exercised. Mr.

Gruner stated 2020 presented many reasons as to why we did not reopen our program, but the riding program is expected to open within the next couple of weeks.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to move item #16 Pickleball Lighting Update to item #13a.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Shared Fee/Financial Analysis Update** - Chair Pearlstone stated those interested will meet after CAC to continue discussions on Recreation analysis. Mr. Gruner stated some areas cannot be analyzed due to accessibility, but staff continues to review what is available.

Director Addington, Director Torng, Director Horton, Advisor Boudreau and Dick Rader would like to join the monthly meetings on a rotational basis.

**July 4, 2021 Alternative Entertainment Committee** – Mr. Gruner stated this is an informal working group to discuss July 4, 2021 and inquired as to moving forward with this group.

Chair Pearlstone inquired with Director Carpenter as to moving forward as an informal committee. Director Carpenter stated to please move forward as an informal committee with the following members: Director Carpenter, Director Karimi, Director Dotson, Advisor Skillman and Director Brown (VMS Board).

Director Horton will be an alternate member.

Mr. Gruner stated next meeting date will be set once new tiers are announced.

**Pickleball Lighting Update** – Mr. Gruner stated quotes were obtained for additional pickleball court lighting. He stated this project will be a fundraising project through Village Community Fund (VCF).

Joan Brown, Pickleball club president, was called to speak regarding the request for additional lighting.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to obtain all necessary signatures for approval.

Motion was made to support the pickleball lighting fundraising project.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Removal of Garden Center 1 Office Building** - Mr. Gruner stated this project would require demolition of building.

**Long Range Plans for Outdoor Activities** – Mr. Gruner stated this project has not moved forward due to cost. Director Horton stated this type of outdoor fitness equipment is not often used and may not be a sound investment. Director Torng concurred. Chair Pearlstone stated the current outdoor fitness area offered is successful.

Chair Pearlstone directed staff to leave this item under Items for Future Agendas.

**Garden Center 2 Access Gate** – Staff was directed to keep this item under Items for Future Agendas.

### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Member Comments**

Director Rothberg wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year.

Director Addington stated good meeting and thanked all in attendance.

Director Horton stated we need to move forward on new arena footing at Equestrian Center and kudos to the nursery for planting new trees at the Equestrian Center.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. via the GoToMeeting platform on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

*Jon Pearlstone*

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Jon Pearlstone, Chair