

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Dotson, Acting Chair, Ryna Rothberg, James Hopkins, Maggie Blackwell, Joan Milliman, Juanita Skillman, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Yvonne Horton, Bunny Carpenter, Andre Torng, Cush Bhada

OTHERS PRESENT: Annie McCary

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Acting Chair Dotson called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 September 9, 2021

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

Acting Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Dotson stated thank you to the Pickleball club, staff and donors who were involved with raising funds for additional pickleball lights.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated staffing remains challenging at this time as only a few applicants have submitted applications and management is searching for quality staff. COVID numbers are trending down with 200 cases today with ICU admittance dropping as well. Clubhouse 1 outdoor fitness equipment has been moved back indoors. The Garden Center 2 gate is fully operational however we are losing our full-time staff which will postpone the implementation.

The Aquadettes have returned to practice at Pool 1 as of October 1. They are preparing for their show which will be hosted in 2022. Staff met with the new club officers to begin the planning process. Rat abatement with the use of glue traps and manger removal is underway at the Equestrian Center. The Equestrian Center arena irrigation project has begun with the use of inhouse staff.

The Recreation Department has hosted the following events in 2021: Village Bazaar at Clubhouse 5 on October 2 which was sold out and the Dallas and Doll outdoor concert at Clubhouse 2 with approximately 350 attendees. Upcoming events include monthly Monday night movies at Clubhouse 5, Arts and Crafts Bonanza at Clubhouse 4 on November 6 and 7, the holiday buffet dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's Eve events at Clubhouse 5 and the Performing Arts Center.

Acting Chair Dotson inquired as to the distribution of a flyer for holiday dinners and where to make reservations. Ms. Murphy stated reservations can be taken at Clubhouse 5 for Thanksgiving due to seating requirements and the flyer for Christmas is not distributed as it is a bit early. Acting Chair Dotson inquired as to adding additional Village Bazaar events. Ms. Murphy stated another Village Bazaar will be added the fourth Saturday in January and will be indoors due to weather concerns.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Director Skillman stated a new neighbor would like to have information on renting a garden plot. Mr. Gruner stated those interested are to visit the Garden Center 2 office to inquire with staff who is there three days per week, four hours per day. He will ensure this is announced in the Friday eblast tomorrow.

Members were called to speak regarding the following: VMS hosts events for all residents, but clubs have not had proper representation for all involved leaving some feeling unrecognized; providing accurate information; status update of the security system at the Tennis Center.

Mr. Gruner stated not all event changes were accepted in the past and an approved capital improvement to install security cameras in several areas will need coordination with the IT Department.

Ms. Murphy read the Lawn Bowling group request for room reservations during the upcoming tournament which could displace two club practices. Ms. Murphy stated there is no financial impact and rollovers have not been secured for 2022 yet so the displacement would require only a club notification.

Acting Chair Dotson stated her concern would be the displacement of the two clubs, but staff has provided an alternate location for these clubs for those dates.

Director Hopkins inquired as to any cost to GRF for the tournament. Mr. Gruner stated there is no cost to GRF.

Staff was directed to move forward with securing the rooms for the Lawn Bowling group during the tournament.

CONSENT

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Golf Greens Committee Report Update - Director Blackwell reported all welcomed restoration of greens advisory group to ensure fairness for all groups and the committee meetings have been going very well. She stated the following committee update: improvements made to the foreUP tee time reservation system with the option of adding a fifth player; reinstated the "on the rail" system to allow for fill in players; approved the weekly time blocks (men's and women's 9 and 18 hole clubs); suggested solutions of safety while on the course; welcomed Korean tournaments; reinstated the pre-COVID guest times and fees; voted that guest fees will remain the same during tournaments; voted down blocked tee times for skins games.

Advisor Boudreau stated the skins groups are not displacing others. Director Blackwell stated she will confirm with Mr. McCray, Golf Operations Manager.

Clubhouse 2 Open Space Operating Rules - Mr. Gruner presented the Clubhouse 2 Open Space Operating Rules for review. They include hours of operation, capacity limits and reminders of general guidelines. Those who reserve the ballroom have priority of using the Open Space.

Acting Chair Dotson stated we are not opposed to those using the space, but there must be no imposition on those already reserving the Clubhouse 2 rooms. These operating rules were created as guidelines noting the change of contacting staff prior to the event.

Staff was directed to enact the Clubhouse 2 Open Space Operating Rules and to add a sign incorporating the rules for public notice.

Kourts Survey - Mr. Gruner presented the proposed Kourts survey.

Acting Chair Dotson inquired as to those that will be surveyed.

Discussion ensued.

Members spoke to the following: Kourts restricts tennis players from open play; reinstatement of tennis challenge court; resident texted unofficial survey to tennis members with results showing some would like Kourts discontinued; pickleball players are “gaming” the system; request to have hybrid use of Kourts at tennis remain.

Staff was directed to contact resident for a copy of the survey and results to be disseminated to the CAC committee members. Staff was also directed to modify the Kourts survey, send to the entire community within 60 days and report the results once gathered.

Revenue Resources Ad Hoc Committee - Mr. Gruner stated members have not been selected yet and will be done once Chair Horton and Director Carpenter return.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Bridge Club Room Renovation - Ms. Murphy stated the staff recommendation of approval of the Duplicate Bridge club’s request to repaint the interior north and south facing walls of the Clubhouse 7 bridge room request.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the Duplicate Bridge club’s request to repaint the interior north and south facing walls of the Clubhouse 7 bridge room.

Motion passed unanimously.

Equestrian Arena Rental Pricing - Ms. Murphy stated the staff recommendation of board approval of the proposed outside vendor rental rates for the Equestrian Center to host event horse shows, clinics and individual rentals beginning January 1, 2022. She stated this recommendation was approved by the Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Murphy stated these costs are a bit lower due to this being the first time and may be raised for 2023 if well received in horse community.

Motion was made to recommend board approval of the proposed outside vendor rental rates for the Equestrian Center to host event horse shows, clinics and individual rentals beginning January 1, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Saddleback Emeritus Institute Contract Update – Mr. Gruner received the redlined contract and will review for presentation to CAC next month.

Club Insurance – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

Advisor Gidwani inquired as to the status of the pickleball lighting project. Mr. Gruner stated monies have been received and this will be a few months out due to necessary coordination with contractor and M&C Department. Acting Chair Dotson stated the pickleball group did a great job in raising funds quickly.

Director Hopkins stated the M&C committee will be overseeing the pickleball lighting project. Advisor Skillman complimented Acting Chair Dotson on a very smooth and effective meeting with this complicated agenda.

Acting Chair Dotson thanked the committee for their attendance and thanked all those who had member comments. The CAC committee is listening to all member comments while trying to make informed decisions regarding the agenda items.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. via the Zoom Webinar platform on Monday, November 8, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Debbie Dotson

Debbie Dotson, Acting Chair