



OPEN MEETING

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.

**BOARD ROOM/ VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair – Juanita Skillman, Lynn Jarrett, Maggie Blackwell (via Zoom); Substitutes: Donna Rane-Szostak and Yvonne Horton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ira Lewis, Reza Karimi, Diane Casey

OTHERS PRESENT: Elsie Addington

ADVISORS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton, Bob Merget

1. Call to Order

Chair Skillman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No press was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Director Rane-Szostak made a motion to approve the agenda. The committee was in unanimous support.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for December 8, 2021

The Report was approved without objections.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Skillman made a recommendation that all those interested in the proposed thinning out of Canary Pines attend the United Landscape Meeting on March 10th to get the real story, not just rumors.

6. Department Head Update

6a. Update on Master Control Irrigation System

Mr. Wiemann stated that the MCIS is almost ready to go out to bid. We are taking our time putting this out, we want to make sure we won't miss anything, It's a huge system with little documentation.

We expect to have it out to bid in mid-April. With the documentation ready for the Committee's review at the next meeting in June.

6b. Information on Different Colored Notification Flags on Ground and What They Mean

Mr. Wiemann reviewed a chart indicating the different colored notification flags in the ground and what each indicates.

The flags seen most often in the Village are the yellow ones which are used after herbicide is sprayed. The herbicide dries in a couple of hours, however, staff will keep the yellow flags there for two days.

Blue flags mean an irrigator is working on the system and will be coming back to complete the repairs.

Purple flags indicate reclaimed water.

Director Jarrett requested that Mr. Wiemann bring examples of the flags to the next meeting.

Reports

7. Update on the Creek

Mr. Wiemann is filing the final paperwork to request an amended agreement which would allow the use of a herbicide to create a channel of free flowing water down the length of the creek to create areas for turtles and fish to grow.

Staff works at the creek in April and August and November/December.

The Village is only allowed to cut cattails to a foot above the water line.

A member inquired as to whether the area down by the bridge be wider? Or will there be minimal channel there? Mr. Wiemann reported that they are focusing upstream from the bridge. Additional areas will be selected by the biologist. Native plants cannot be disturbed. There will be water there you can see flowing.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

8. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

None.

9. Response to Member Comments

None.

10. Bob Merget; Tree Arborist and Support Landscape Manager

Mr. Merget shared a PowerPoint with the committee to illustrate what he looks at when inspecting trees.

Director Jarrett commented that the Village residents would like to see these slides. Perhaps Mr. Merget could narrate over the slides with Village Television to record for YouTube video for residents.

11. Third Board Director Donna Rane-Szostak; Water Conservation

Director Rane-Szostak presented a PowerPoint to the committee regarding water use and conservation.

Concluding Business:

12. Committee Member Comments

Director Jarrett stated that it was an excellent meeting..

Chair Skillman thanked Director Rane-Szostak for sitting in and for her water use presentation

Director Horton stated that she will bring Director Rane-Szostak's idea to install timers on the showers at the swimming pools to a future GRF Community Activities Committee meeting.

Director Blackwell stated that the photo in the presentation of a very low aquifer should be on a cover of any water report.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Skillman stated that the work which Grounds Maintenance performs will be highlighted at the next meeting.

14. Adjournment at 2:58 p.m.



Juanita Skillman (Mar 22, 2022 15:45 PDT)

Juanita Skillman, Chair