



OPEN SESSION

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA WOODS A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT
MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California
Board Room/Virtual Meeting**

Directors Present: Bunny Carpenter, James Hopkins, Gan Mukhopadhyay, Yvonne Horton, Reza Karimi, Juanita Skillman, Elsie Addington, Martin Roza, Egon Garthoffner

Directors Absent: Joan Milliman, Debbie Dotson,

Staff Present: CEO - Siobhan Foster, Makayla Schwietert, Paul Nguyen, Robert Carroll, Eric Nunez, Carlos Rojas, Eileen Paulin, Steve Hormuth,
Other Directors Present: Alison Giglio, Bart Mejia

Cash Achrekar, Deb Allen, S.K. Park, Cynthia Rupert, Diane Casey

1. Call Meeting to Order/ Establish Quorum - President Carpenter

Second Vice President Karimi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Roza led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acknowledgment of Media

The media via Village Television crew were present remotely by way of cameras.

4. Approval of Agenda

Second President Karimi requested an approval of the agenda.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Horton seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. July 5, 2023 – GRF Board Regular Open Meeting
- b. July 10, 2023 – GRF Budget Business Plan Review (Hopkins)
- c. July 20, 2023 – GRF Board Agenda Prep Meeting (Gan, Yvonne)

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Director Horton made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting. Director Roza seconded.

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 5, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Director Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 – Budget Business Plan Review. Director Addington seconded.

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 10, 2023 – Budget Business Plan Review were approved by unanimous consent.

Director Mukhopadhyay made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 – Agenda Prep Meeting. Director Horton seconded.

There being no objections, the meeting minutes of July 20, 2023 – Agenda Prep Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

6. Report of the Chair

President Carpenter commented on the following:

- Is having issues speaking today and has asked Second Vice President Karimi to step in as Chair
- Director Milliman is currently away due to medical issues

7. CEO Report

Siobhan Foster-CEO provided a report on the following items:

- Ways to Reduce Cost
- Use Village Tech Tools
- Cost Reductions/Efficiencies

CEO Foster answered questions from the Board.

8. Open Forum (Three Minutes per Speaker)

At this time members were allowed to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the agenda.

- A member commented on The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village
- Multiple members commented on Building E/Space Planning
- A member commented on the CEO Report pertaining to cost reduction, response to plumbing issues, maintenance of GRF property
- A member commented on 2024 Business Plan
- A member commented on reserve funds
- A member commented on surplus money and illuminated stop signs
- A member commented on golf cart vehicle safety pertaining to pedestrians

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9. Responses to Open Forum Speakers

The following are responses to the open forum speakers:

- Director Mukhopadhyay commented on illuminated stop signs
- CEO Foster commented that the illuminated stop sign is a pilot program
- Director Skillman commented on the work of The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village
- Multiple Directors commented on golf cart/pedestrian safety
- CEO commented on the next GRF Budget Meeting to be held on August 7, 2023
- President Carpenter commented on the clarification of ownership of GRF Property and that the GRF Town Hall Meeting will be held on August 22, 2023
- Multiple Directors commented on Building E/Space Planning
- Multiple Directors commented on the budget
- Director Karimi commented on knowing the facts and not baseless rumors

10. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar were recommended for action by committees and were enacted by the board by one motion. In the event an item was removed from the Consent Calendar by members of the board, such item(s) would be the subject of further discussion and action by the board.

Recommendation from the Finance Committee:

10a. Consistent with its statutory obligations a subcommittee of the board consisting of the Treasurer and at least one other board member reviewed and approved preliminary Golden Rain Foundation financials for the month of June, 2023, and by this vote ratified that such review be confirmed in this month's Board Member Open Session Meeting minutes.

President Carpenter made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Roza seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

11. Unfinished Business

11a. Update Committee Appointments

Director Skillman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-39

GRF Committee Appointments

RESOLVED, August 1, 2023, that the following persons are hereby appointed and ratified to serve on the Committees of this Corporation:

Community Activities Committee

Yvonne Horton, Chair (GRF)

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Elsie Addington (GRF)
Joan Milliman, Alternate (GRF)
Cush Bhada (Third)
Jules Zalon, Alternate (Third)
Mark Laws (Third)
Diane Casey (United)
Pearl Lee (United)
Frank Stern (Mutual 50)
Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Roland Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

Finance Committee

James, Hopkins, Chair (GRF)
Elsie Addington (GRF)
Debbie Dotson, Alternate (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak (Third)
Andy Ginocchio (Third)
Mark Laws, Alternate (Third)
Azar Asgari (United)
Thomas Tuning (United)
Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisor: Rosemarie diLorenzo

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)

James Hopkins, Chair (GRF)
Bunny Carpenter (GRF)
Deborah Dotson (GRF)
Martin Roza (GRF)
Diane Casey (United)
~~Mary Simon (United)~~
Sue Quam (United)
Mark Laws (Third)
SK Park (Third)
Advisor: Sue Margolis

Landscape Committee

Juanita Skillman, Chair (GRF)
Yvonne Horton, (GRF)
Diane Casey (United)
Sue Quam (United)
Jules Zalon (Third)
Nathaniel Ira Lewis (Third)
Andy Ginocchio, Alternate (Third)
Glenn Miller (Mutual 50)
Advisor: Catherine Brians

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Maintenance & Construction Committee

Reza Karimi, Chair (GRF)

Gan Mukhopadhyay, Co-Chair (GRF)

Egon Garthoffner, Alternate (GRF)

James Cook (Third)

Ralph Engdahl (Third)

Andy Ginocchio, Alternate (Third)

Lenny Ross (United)

~~Mary Simon (United)~~

Cash Achrekar (United)

Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)

Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Advisors: Bill Walsh, Carl Randazzo, Ajit Gidwani

Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee

Egon Garthoffner, Chair (GRF)

Gan Mukhopadhyay, Co-Chair (GRF)

Deborah Dotson (GRF)

Reza Karimi (GRF)

Andy Ginocchio (Third)

Moon Yun, Alternate (Third)

Ralph Engdahl (Third)

~~Mary Simon (United)~~

Alison Bok (United)

Anthony Liberatore (United)

Advisors: Ajit Gidwani, Carl Randazzo, Bill Walsh

Media and Communications

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF)

Elsie Addington (GRF)

Deborah Dotson, Alternate (GRF)

Jim Cook (Third)

Cris Prince, (Third)

Moon Yun, Alternate (Third)

Maggie Blackwell (United)

Sue Quam (United)

Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50)

Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Advisors: Carmen Pacella, Tom Nash, Lucy Parker, Theresa Frost, Catherine Brians

Website Ad Hoc Committee

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF)

Debbie Dotson (GRF)

Anthony Liberatore (United)

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Azar Asgari (United)
Mark Laws (Third)
Donna Rane-Szostak (Third)
Advisors: Lucy Parker, Diane Phelps

Broadband Ad Hoc Committee

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF)
Jim Hopkins (GRF)
Debbie Dotson (GRF)
Martin Roza (GRF)
Cris Prince (Third)
Jim Cook (Third)
Diane Casey (United)
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Alison Bok (United)
Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Mobility & Vehicles Committee

Vacant (GRF)
Egon Garthoffner (GRF)
Elsie Addington, Chair (GRF)
James Cook, Alternate (Third)
Cush Bhada (Third)
Moon Yun (Third)
Azar Asgari (United)
Alison Bok (United)
Frank Stern (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisor: Vashi Williams

Security and Community Access

Juanita Skillman, Chair (GRF)
Martin Roza (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (Third)
~~Cash Achrekar (United)~~
~~Vidya Kale (United)~~
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Sue Stephens (Mutual 50)
Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Disaster Preparedness Task Force

Eric Nunez, Chair

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Juanita Skillman (GRF)
Gan Mukhapadhyay (GRF)
S.K. Park (Third)
Moon Yun (Third)
Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (Third)
Anthony Liberatore (United)
Rick Kopps, Resident (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)
Advisors: Tom Soule, Bruce Bonbright

Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings (Chair will alternate between Boards)

Elsie Addington (GRF)
Deborah Dotson, Alternate (GRF)
S.K. Park, (Third)
Cash Achrekar, Alternate (United)
~~Pearl Lee (United)~~
Vidya Kale (United)
Mark Laws, Alternate (Third)
Margaret Bennet (Mutual 50)
Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF)
Jim Hopkins (GRF)
Donna Rane-Szostak (Third)
Andy Ginocchio (Third)
Ralph Engdahl, Alternate (Third)
Thomas Tuning (United)
Lenny Ross (United)
Advisor: Carl Randazzo

Select Audit Task Force

James Hopkins (GRF)
Diane Phelps (VMS)
Cynthia Rupert (United)
Peggy Moore (Third)

Compliance Ad Hoc Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF)
Maggie Blackwell (United)
Pearl Lee (United)
SK Park (Third)
Andy Ginocchio (Third)
Joan Milliman (GRF)
Juanita Skillman (GRF)

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Reza Karimi (GRF)

Executive Hearings Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF)
Yvonne Horton (GRF)
Elsie Addington (GRF)
Joan Milliman, Alternate (GRF)

Finance Advisory Group

Jim Hopkins, Chair (GRF)
Tom Tuning (United)
Donna Rane-Szostak (Third)
Sue Stephens (Mutual Fifty)

Correspondent – Elsie Addington (GRF)
El Toro Water District – Juanita Skillman (GRF)

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Resolution 90-23-31 adopted July 05, 2023, is hereby superseded and cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation to carry out this resolution.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the update to the GRF Committee Appointments Resolution. Director Karimi seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

11b. Entertain a Motion to Approve Garden Center Vegepods Rental Fee (July initial notification – 28-day notification for member review and comments to comply with Civil Code §4360 has been satisfied)

Director Skillman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-40

Garden Center 2 Vegepods Rental Fee

WHEREAS, resolutions 90-12-132, 90-18-03, 90-12-12 and 90-16-18 established guidelines for shared costs and fees; certain fees can be imposed upon users of various recreational facilities to control crowding, mitigate over-usage, and recover operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Center fees administered by the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods Board of Directors adhere to the Shared Cost Guidelines established in Resolution 90-12-132, whereby certain fees can be imposed upon users of various recreation facilities in order to control crowding and minimize over-usage, and to recover operating

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costs; and

WHEREAS, five Vegepods were purchased in order to serve those who wish to garden but are unable to manage the physicality of tending to a larger garden plot; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2; and

WHEREAS, at the June 8, 2023 CAC meeting, the committee recommended the proposed staff recommendation of \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2; and

WHEREAS, at the June 21, 2023 Finance Committee meeting, the committee affirmed the CAC recommendation of \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 1, 2023 the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the proposed \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the Resolution for Garden Center Vegepods Rental Fee. Director Horton seconded.

Hearing no changes, the motion was approved unanimously.

11c. Entertain a Motion to Approve Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (July initial notification – Revised August – 28-day notification for member review and comments to comply with Civil Code §4360)

Director Skillman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-XX

Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to amend the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of these rates are impacted by the electric rates adopted by Southern California Edison (SCE);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, September 5, 2023, that the Board hereby approves the following pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations effective upon adoption of this resolution for the period between September 2023 and September 2024:

	GRF Fleet	Members and Employees /kWh	Other Users/kWh	Parking Rates
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	Vehicles			
Level 2 Chargers	\$0.00	\$0.31	\$0.34	\$2/hr after 4 hrs
Level 3 Chargers	\$0.00	\$0.31	\$0.44	\$2/hr after 1 hr

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the next revision to the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations is to be approved by the Board in August 2024; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Corporation, to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Skillman made a motion to approve the Resolution Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for discussion purposes and to postpone the final vote for 28-days per Civil Code §4360. Director Addington seconded the motion.

There being no changes, the motion was approved unanimously.

12. New Business – None

13. The Board took a 5-minute break

14. Committee Reports

- a. Report of the Finance Committee/Financial Reports – Director Hopkins. The Committee met on June 21, 2023; next meeting August 16, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) GRF Treasurer’s Report – Director Hopkins
 - (2) GRF Finance Committee Report – Director Hopkins
- b. Report of the Community Activities Committee – Director Horton. The Committee met on July 17, 2023; next meeting August 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- c. Report of the Landscape Committee – Director Skillman. The Committee met on May 10, 2023; next meeting August 22, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- d. Report of the Maintenance & Construction Committee – Director Karimi. The Committee met on June 14, 2023; next meeting August 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Report of the Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee – Directors Garthoffner and Dotson. The Committee met on March 6, 2023 and March 15, 2023; next meeting TBA.

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- e. Report of the Media and Communications Committee—Director Milliman. The Committee met on July 17, 2023; next meeting September 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Website Ad-Hoc Committee – Director Milliman. The committee met on June 21, 2023; next meeting TBA.
 - (2) Broadband Ad Hoc – Director Milliman. The Committee met on July 25, 2023; next meeting TBA.
- f. Report of the Mobility & Vehicles Committee – Director Addington. The Committee met on June 7, 2023; next meeting August 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
- g. Report of the Security & Community Access Committee – Director Skillman. The Committee met on June 28, 2023; next meeting August 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Report of the Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings – Director Addington. The Traffic Hearings were held on July 19, 2023; next hearings on August 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. as a virtual meeting.
 - (2) Compliance Ad Hoc Committee – President Carpenter. The Committee met on July 14, 2023; next meeting TBA.
 - (3) Executive Member Hearings Committee - President Carpenter. The Committee met on July 6, 2023; next meeting August 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Willow Room.
- h. Report of the Disaster Preparedness Task Force – Director Skillman. The Task Force met on July 25, 2023; next meeting September 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- i. Information Technology Advisory Committee – Director Hopkins. The Committee met on July 28, 2023; next meeting August 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.
- j. Purchasing Ad-Hoc Committee – Director Carpenter. The Committee last met on July 24, 2023; next meeting TBA.
- k. Laguna Woods City Council Update – Director Skillman.

15. Future Agenda Items - *All matters listed under Future Agenda Items are Resolutions on 28-day public review or items for future Board Meetings. No action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items at this meeting. The Board will take action on these items at a future Board Meeting.*

- Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Hiring a Traffic Engineer Consultant to Study the Intersection of Avenida Sevilla and Via Mendoza for the Request of adding Stop Signs and Crosswalks

16. Director's Comments

- Director Roza commented on the finance report
- Director Mukhopadhyay commented on a Future Agenda Item

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- Director Horton commented on involvement in Clubs

17. Recess - 11:54 a.m. - *At this time, the Meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened to Executive Session to discuss the following matters per California Civil Code §4935: Member Disciplinary Matters; Personnel Matters; Contractual Matters; and Litigation Matters.*

Closed Session Agenda

VMS Board Update

Approved the Agenda

Approve the Minutes of:

(a) July 5, 2023 – Regular Closed Session

Discuss and Consider Personnel Matters

Discuss and Consider Contractual Matters


Discuss Legal/Legislation Matters

Discuss Member Disciplinary Matters

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Juanita Skillman, Director of the Board
Golden Rain Foundation