

OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annette Sabol Soule-Chair, Beth Perak, Jon Pearlstone, Sue Margolis, Joan Milliman, Cush Bhada, Andre Torng, Ryna Rothberg, Leon St. Hilaire, Shaun Tumpane

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Phelps, Bunny Carpenter

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Pat English, Dick Rader, Dick Palmer and Cash Achrekar were present in audience

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert, Tim Moy, Eileen Paulin, Christopher Swanson, Tom McCray, Sean Cincotta

Call to Order

Chair Soule 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 March 14, 2019

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

Chair's Remarks

Chair Soule stated it is imperative that all residents and guests sign in when attending a class. She read the five points of the GRF waiver/release of liability and stated once again the importance of the accuracy of the sign-in sheets. The next CAC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board room.

Member Comments (*Items Not on the Agenda*)

Members spoke on the following topics: woodshop room safety; flyers indicating Recreation Department co-sponsoring club events at the Performing Arts Center; new waiver/release of liability sign-in sheets specific to the Library.

Mr. Gruner stated Recreation will support club events that incur small revenue for the Recreation Department and/or present for the overall good of the community. Mr. Gruner stated Recreation is already beginning safety aspects of woodshop and all spaces at CH4. Director Bhada suggested that the sign-in sheet be added to the original paperwork when becoming a resident. Director Milliman stated the waiver sign-in sheet should not be combined with the photo release. Mr. Gruner stated sign-in sheets have always been present, including fitness which is done on an annual basis; however Risk Management and Legal Counsel requested this to be updated with the current verbiage. Director Torng stated Table Tennis signs a waiver once a year and the sign-in sheets are also used for utilization which allows staff to review needs of the facility fairly. Chair Soule requested for the waiver to be reviewed and presented under Items for Discussion and Consideration.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner reported the Health and Wellness Expo was hosted at Clubhouse 5 on March 21 and 22 with over 1000 attendees over the two days. Special monthly dinners are doing exceptionally well with all selling out. The Village Bazaar held in April was sold out once again. Village Games wrapped up a week ago with 22 unique events, over 381 participants and over 800 medals distributed in total. Easter at Equestrian was well attended. The Kentucky Derby event at Clubhouse 5 hosted a hat contest with over 100 attendees. Cinco de Mayo sold out with approximately 200 attendees. The Monday Night Movie, Bohemian Rhapsody, was a sell out so Recreation booked another showing. The Landscape Department and Public Relations Department, in conjunction with Recreation, hosted Arbor Day at Clubhouse 1 with the planting of a Chinese pistache tree.

Mr. Gruner stated the following operational improvements: many of the Clubhouse 1 gym light covers have been replaced and the remaining uncovered lights will have covers ordered; new chairs are going to be ordered for all facilities; weed abatement has begun at the Garden Centers with an email blast to all gardeners reminding them to help maintain the weeds around their plots; Clubhouse 1 survey for renovation has been completed; implemented a composting program at our dining rooms for caterers only as it is a new state requirement; Clubhouse 6 has a new HVAC unit to better control the temperature; the Community Center will be closed this weekend for installation of a new HVAC system.

Mr. Gruner stated the following facility enhancements: the current ActiveNet program has been updated to allow residents to view room availability online; etiquette signs are being posted at the facilities; the comprehensive staff training will be hosted on August 14 as approved; the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) installment banquet was held at Clubhouse 2 on April 4. Director Perak was in attendance.

Mr. Gruner stated the HVAC units are having difficulty communicating with the current computer system and IT has been made aware. He asked for any problems to be reported and staff will contact IT for assistance.

Mr. Gruner was in attendance of an event in Rancho Mission Viejo and noticed the facilities, including the restrooms, are all swipe-based for convenience.

Ms. Murphy wished Happy Mother's Day to all. She reported the Mother's Day event as sold out, but Restaurant 19 is hosting a brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for those who wish to attend. Memorial Day

will be hosted at the Performing Arts Center with the All American Boys Choir and a special memorial portion. There is also a Memorial Day Run through the Laguna Woods Village hosted by the City of Laguna Hills in which residents get a discount for entering. June 1 at 6 p.m. will be an Elegant Evening Dinner with a new caterer, California Fresh, featuring Chef Jim Douglas from Wolfgang Pucks. June 6 is the first of three patio concerts with Black Market Trust; tickets are \$10 each. On June 16, Clubhouse 2 will host a Father's Day Brunch. The Afternoon Tea will be on June 17 at Clubhouse 7 at 2:30 p.m.; tickets are \$18. On June 18 at Clubhouse 5 at 11:30 a.m., the 90s Luncheon will be hosted. Clubhouse 1 will host an All-American BBQ special dinner on July 3. The July 4 Celebration will be hosted at Clubhouse 2 at 4 p.m. with a DJ, band, and fireworks. Grandparent's Fun Day will be hosted on August 3 at Clubhouse 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Destination Shopping is offered each Tuesday through the Transportation Department. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling 597-4242.

Ms. Murphy responded to the question from Director Rothberg as to the date of the 90s Luncheon and how they make reservations.

Director Perak stated the Recreation Department is doing a wonderful job with the size and frequency of the events.

Mr. McCray stated that Mr. Cincotta and his staff have done an exceptional job of the aerification and fertilization of the course. He stated minor updates have been completed such as refurbishing and straightening tee signs, yardage markers on the cart path (no signs on the Par 3 holes), new yard markers for the fairway will be installed, ticket window installment to face out of the weather, all of which are being done in house to ensure a cost savings. The Par 3 hosted a wine and nine and other events planned to boost utilization (next event is due on June 6). The Twilight league will start next month on the last Sunday afternoon of each summer month and continues to sell out. The Men's Golf Club Memorial Golf Tournament is May 18 which donates proceeds to the Foundation. The Ladies Trunk Show was very successful and is scheduled on occasional Tuesdays after ladies complete their play. Fitting days are scheduled regularly with Callaway in attendance next Thursday. The Pickleball and Paddle Tennis courts look fantastic and are full continuously. Tennis is at full capacity with the two courts being resurfaced after the temporary use of Pickleball and Paddle Tennis. Lawn Bowling is hosting an open house this Saturday. The strong winds damaged portions of the course, but staff is working with other departments to fix any damage. The weeds by the fencing have been addressed by the Landscaping Department.

Director Bhada inquired as to time of the Lawn Bowling open house. Per Advisor St. Hilaire, the time is 9 a.m. to noon. Director Bhada also inquired as to the Tennis clubhouse renovation. Mr. Gruner stated it is being reviewed by Mr. Munoz's department as more funds are being requested. Chair Soule stated Director Matson would be a good reference for the Tennis update and she is very happy with the status of our golf course.

Mr. Cincotta stated the excessive heat was damaging to the golf course, but the course has recovered nicely with the help of his staff and the amount of rain received. Staff completed the aerification and fertilization of the course which takes about a month to complete with minimal closures.

Director Pearlstone inquired as to the usage vs. guest fees. Mr. Cincotta stated Mr. McCray would better answer this, but usage is back on track at this time.

CONSENT

Advisor Tumpane inquired as to whom he should speak with regards to the vending machine reports. Mr. Gruner instructed Advisor Tumpane to set up an appointment with him.

With regards to the Recreation Dashboard Facility Usage graph, Mr. Gruner stated over 1.3 million users came through our facilities in 2018, however the total would be doubled with reservations.

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

REPORTS

27-Hole Golf Course Summer Closures – Mr. McCray stated the staff recommendation to authorize the closure of nine holes per week, as needed, on the 27-hole golf course when extreme summer weather is negatively affecting the golf course to allow proper maintenance and time for the fairways and greens to recover.

A motion was made to support staff recommendation to authorize the closure of nine holes per week, as needed, on the 27-hole golf course when extreme summer weather is negatively affecting the golf course to allow proper maintenance and time for the fairways and greens to recover.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried unanimously.

Emeritus Parking Pass Fee Increase - Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to approve increasing the Saddleback Emeritus Institute parking fee to \$50 (spring/fall semester) and \$30 (summer semester) for non-resident students entering the community with a vehicle effective for the 2020 Spring Semester.

A motion was made to speak to Saddleback Emeritus Institute prior to making any fee increases.

Discussion ensued.

The motion failed 3-5-0.

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Discussion ensued.

The motion carried 5-3-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Senior Brains Foundation - Member presented the Senior Brains Foundation of Laguna Woods Village.

Discussion ensued.

Member was directed to present at a later date once a product is produced, to start with club status first or further investigate the use of a University for this program if not a club.

Drop-In Lounge TV Update – Mr. Gruner stated the update regarding the drop-in lounge tv. It has been reinstated with Village TV (TV6) and limited closed-captioning when available. There have been no negative comments regarding the lack of sound. Staff will continue to monitor this situation.

Members were called to speak regarding this matter.

Discussion ensued.

Staff was directed to conduct a survey, if possible, using those who signed in for the month of December.

Financial Statement - Mr. Swanson from the Finance Department reported on the financial statement summary included in the agenda packet. Requests for this information may be made as this is available for anyone to review.

Director Pearlstone requested a report of assessment income. Mr. Swanson will send response to all CAC members regarding assessment income.

Emeritus Survey Update – Mr. Gruner stated the results are expected from Emeritus survey of 20-30 questions. Those results will be shared at the July CAC meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

GRF Recreation and Special Events Department Policies and Procedures, Clubs/Groups/Organizations Revisions - Mr. Gruner stated many new clubs are being formed regularly and staff is considering revising rules that may limit number of reservations that a club may have. The current numerous reservations prevent residents from booking personal parties or memorials.

Chair Soule appointed a committee to assist staff in this review: Director Perak, Director Bhada, Director Torng, Chair Soule, Director Milliman as alternate.

Chair Soule requested the following items to be on future agendas: release waiver on future agendas, Clubhouse 4 safety and workshops and revenue fees.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

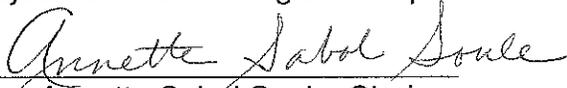
Director Perak stated the committee covered a lot of necessary information in today's meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Board Room on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.


Annette Sabol Soule, Chair