MINUTES
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014, AT 9:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) of Walnut Creek was convened by the President, Donald J. Liddle, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, California.


Excused: Barbara S. Jordan

There being no corrections, the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board held on December 5, 2013, and January 14, 2014, were approved as written by unanimous consent.

Mr. Haley gave the Treasurer’s report, summarizing GRF’s preliminary financial results for the year 2013. Discussion followed.

The CEO reviewed his written report dated January 23, 2014.

During the Residents’ Forum, Sally S. Lowry reiterated her concerns about the dog park surface and requested that it be replaced. She also requested that the Board consider building another dog park.

Lorraine R. Grawoig spoke in favor of resurfacing the dog park and emphasized the dusty and dirty conditions.

Mary E. Moreau asked the Board to consider having a circuit training room in the Fitness Center with equipment designed for female bodies.

Clair S. Weenig thanked the CEO, the CFO, and current and past GRF Boards for what he described as “prudent money management” in handling the loans for the Event Center and Table Tennis projects.

George L. Ramas, speaking to the issue of cost overruns on the Buckeye Tennis Complex Expansion Project, said that the contractors should be held responsible and pick up the extra costs of the project.

Douglas Hipsley, Director of Project 44 of Third Walnut Creek Mutual, referred to damage caused by errant golf balls to two buildings on Rossmoor Parkway.
adjacent to the 5th Fairway on the Dollar Ranch Golf Course and potential danger to residents and requested the Board to take action to mitigate this hazard.

Fabienne D. Alexander, Donald B. Pettibone, and Elizabeth J. Kerley expressed their concerns about safety issues with errant golf balls hitting the buildings on Rossmoor Parkway adjacent to the 5th Fairway on Dollar Ranch Golf Course.

David E. Kern thanked the Board for the new table tennis facility and the Event Center, saying they are great additions to Rossmoor. He then commented on the delay in completing the Buckeye Tennis Complex Expansion Project and encouraged the Board to consider preparing an "after action" report detailing the lessons learned from this project.

Barbara E. Blum and then Paul V. Holland thanked the Board for the new Buckeye tennis facility and expressed their enthusiasm about it.

Patricia A. Dixon thanked the Board for the new tennis facility and then thanked both the current Board and past Boards for all the improvements they have helped bring to Rossmoor to make it an enjoyable place to live.

Karen B. Perkins spoke in favor of resurfacing the dog park and emphasized the dusty and dirty conditions.

Doris S. Gill displayed a bag of golf balls to show how many she has collected in her entryway since last June. She said that putting up a net for her entry should be a high priority.

Gary Taylor, speaking on behalf of his father, resident Floyd E. Taylor, said that a protective net at the golf course is a good idea and expressed his concern about his father's safety because of the errant golf balls.

John H. Nutley told the Board that Rossmoor needs a group of people to keep track of the historical aspects of the Stanley Dollar Clubhouse and make sure that what is done with it is in keeping with the historical aspects of the site.

Richard Schuman, Chairman of the Aquatics Advisory Committee, reporting on the Committee's January meeting, commented on the issue of showering before entering the pools.

In the absence of David Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Christopher Yahng, the Committee's Vice Chairman, reported that the Committee recommended at its special meeting in November that staff be directed to proceed with negotiations of the terms for refinancing the line of credit loan for the Event Center and the Table Tennis Projects.
A motion was made by Ms. Guilfoyl, seconded by Ms. Lau, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to direct staff, as recommended by the Finance Committee, to meet with representatives of Mechanics Bank to prepare detailed terms for the Event Center/Table Tennis Projects line of credit loan refinancing, and further to report back to the Finance Committee for review, and to the GRF Board for review and final loan authorization, when the terms are known.

Carol Green, Chairman of the Fitness Center Advisory Committee, highlighted items in the report of the Committee’s January meeting. Discussion followed.

There was no Golf Advisory Committee report.

The issue of errant golf balls hitting the buildings on Rossmoor Parkway adjacent to the 5th Fairway on Dollar Ranch Golf Course was discussed. The CEO reported that the matter was discussed at a Golf Advisory Committee meeting. He then reported that work is underway to prepare a plan and cost estimate for protective netting. Staff has discussed cost sharing between GRF and Project 44, but the Project has not yet responded.

Patricia Zucker, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Task Force to Receive Community Input regarding the Del Valle Clubhouse/Fitness Center Upgrade Project, discussed the Task Force’s activities to date and summarized its recommended Outreach Strategy.

A motion was made by Ms. Pyle and seconded by Mr. Hurley to approve the Outreach Strategy recommended by the Ad Hoc Task Force for the Del Valle Clubhouse Renovation/Fitness Center Upgrade Project (agenda attachment 7e1-6 and 7e1-7). Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilfoyl, seconded by Ms. Pyle, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Rule R107.0, Pets (agenda attachment 9a-2 and 9a-3), which was deferred at the December 5, 2013, regular meeting of the Board for consideration of approval at this meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilfoyl and seconded by Ms. Pyle to approve the Calendar of Events for the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of Members of the GRF to be held on May 12, 2014 (agenda attachment 9a-2 and 9a-3). The President noted that the meeting will be held in Peacock Hall not the Fireside Room at Gateway Complex as indicated on the Calendar.
A motion was made by Mr. Haley, seconded by Ms. Guilfoy and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the motion to approve the Calendar of Events for the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of Members of the GRF to be held on May 12, 2014, and change the date the notice is in the Rossmoor News to remind members that ballots are due and must be received by the auditors by the close of business on Thursday, May 8, from May 7 to April 30, and change the location of the meeting from the Fireside Room to Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex.

The vote was then taken on the amended motion to approve the Calendar of Events for the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of Members of the GRF to be held on May 12, 2014, as revised to change the date the notice is in the Rossmoor News to remind members that ballots are due and must be received by the auditors by the close of business on Thursday, May 8, from May 7 to April 30, and to change the location of the meeting from the Fireside Room to Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex, and the motion, as amended, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The President called on Maureen O’Rourke, Senior Manager, Communications Department, who reviewed the Schedule of Events for Rossmoor’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, noting that the Board requested at its meeting on September 26, 2013, that the schedule be reviewed by the Board in early 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilfoy, seconded by Mr. Wall, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Schedule of Events for Rossmoor’s 50th Anniversary Celebration (agenda attachment 9b-2 through 9b-5) and GRF sponsoring the Diablo Symphony concert on September 18, 2014, at a cost of $3,000, using a portion of the $40,000 budgeted by GRF for the anniversary events.

The President said that, due to recent information that came available after the agenda for today’s meeting was distributed, he was removing agenda item 9c, Consider approving additional Trust funding in the amount of up to $100,000 to cover cost overruns for the Buckeye Tennis Complex Expansion Project, from the agenda for this meeting for consideration in executive session following this meeting. There were no objections.

Before concluding, the President announced that there will not be a mid-month regular meeting of the Board in February; that the next end-of-the-month regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex; and that the Board will meet in executive session following this meeting to discuss a legal matter and any other appropriate business.
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 10:45 a.m. in the Board Room.

Alice S. Lau, Secretary
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