MINUTES
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015, AT 9:00A.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) of Walnut Creek was convened by the President, Diane C. Guilfoyl, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015, in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, California.


Absent: None

Before proceeding with approving the minutes of the December 4, 2014, regular meeting of the Board, Ms. Delpech noted that she was not present at the meeting as indicated in the minutes and requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that change. The minutes were then approved, as corrected, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Haley gave the Treasurer's report, summarizing GRF's preliminary financial results for the year 2014. Discussion followed.

The CEO reviewed his written report dated January 21, 2015.

During the Residents' Forum, Meriel R. Ennik, speaking on behalf of the Performing Arts Guild of Rossmoor, thanked the Board for its support of the performing arts, thanked various staff members for their assistance, and then gave the Board a heads-up on two current projects the Guild is working on.

Jean Georgakopoulos, a Drama Association representative to the Performing Arts Guild, echoed Ms. Ennik's comments and made some comments about the benefits of performing arts. She then invited the members of the Board to attend any of the Guild members' performances in 2015.

Judith Bank asked the Board to join with all Mutual Boards to conduct an operational audit of GRF's management structure and the organization of Rossmoor.

Bradley L. Waite, speaking on behalf of the Solar Power Committee, said that the feasibility of large-scale solar projects is much more economically viable now than a few years ago and mentioned Del Valle Complex and Hillside Complex as potentials for use of solar power.
Mary W. Izett said that the Fitness Center should be made as environmentally friendly as possible.

Marie B. Kahn echoed the remarks of the previous speaker, and said she hopes Rossmoor can prove itself a model of sustainability.

Barry D. Elfant expressed his opinion that too much of the Fitness Center is dedicated toward the older population so he stopped going there. He said the renovations should be geared towards those who use the Fitness Center on a regular basis and modernize it accordingly.

Susan J. Clark asked the Board to choose the proposal for the Del Valle Complex renovation project based on the consulting firm’s best green practices.

Carol L. Weed urged the Board not to necessarily choose the lowest bidder for the Del Valle Complex renovation project and to evaluate a company not on what it promises it will do but on what it has actually done in the past.

Roxanne Stallings offered to gather Fitness Center statistics that are already available and organize them so the selected consultant will have the information, thereby saving time and money.

Judith M. Schumacher-Jennings said she is concerned about sustainability, including water conservation, with respect to the Del Valle Complex renovation project, and spoke in support of the Sports Management Group for the project because it is a local company and won a LEED Gold certification, which recognizes best-in class building strategies and practices.

Kathryn L. Cardinal spoke about the need to update the Fitness Center immediately.

Mimi T. Salamat spoke in support of improving the Fitness Center and asked the Board to consider pickleball in the expansion program.

Roslyn Riskin spoke in support of moving ahead with the Del Valle Complex renovation project.

Paul C. Jackson addressed problems he has with the RFP for the Del Valle Complex renovation project.

Peggy M. Jackson spoke about the need to renovate the Fitness Center, noting that the growth in use of the Fitness Center has been significant the past two years.
Frank G. Anton referred to the defalcation that occurred in the IT Department last year, saying that it was both preventable and regrettable, and asked the Board to make the facts known to all residents. He then urged the Board to conduct an operational audit.

Anne L. Forman, speaking about the Del Valle Complex renovation project, encouraged the Board to select a firm with a track record in sustainability and green practices. She encouraged the Board to select the Sports Management Group.

Carl W. Brown asked the Board to hold off on the concept of charging guest fees and then commented on the Broadband study.

Rita Wasserman urged the Board to choose between the two consultants that have included a focus on sustainability in their proposals for the Del Valle Complex renovation project. She also spoke in water conservation efforts in Rossmoor.

Stephen Ritz asked the Board to consider including pickleball in the Del Valle Complex renovation project.

Bill Dougherty, Ambassador of the USA Pickleball Association, talked about the growth of pickleball and said the pickleball players not only need the Sierra Room but also need dedicated outdoor courts like the tennis players already have.

At this point the President gave the Board members the opportunity to respond to any of the comments made during the Residents' Forum, and some of the Board members took the opportunity to do so.

Jo Jones, Chairman, Aquatics Advisory Committee, highlighted items in the report of the Committee's January meeting.

Paul Rosenzweig, Chairman, Audit Committee, had no comments regarding the January joint meeting of the Audit and Finance Committees.

Christopher Yahng, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported on the Committee's January joint meeting with the Audit Committee, noting that the Finance Committee recommended to the Board that there are sufficient Trust Funds for the proposed drop creek structure project, noting, however, that use of such funds may impinge on the ability to undertake other projects. Discussion followed.

Claudia Tierney, Chairman, Fitness Center Advisory Committee, highlighted items in the report of the Committee's January meeting.
In the absence of John McDonnell, Chairman, Golf Advisory Committee (GAG), Steve Roath, GAG member, reported that 64,253 rounds of golf were played in 2014 and revenue from rounds of golf exceeded one million dollars in 2014. He then commented on golf course improvements this past year and on water conservation efforts on the golf courses.

Geraldine Pyle, Chairman, Policy Committee, discussed the Committee’s proposed recommended revisions to Policy 601.2, Rossmoor News Editorial Policy, noting that this was the first reading of the proposed revised Policy. Discussion followed. In keeping with the Board’s practice that policy, procedure, and rule items be on the agenda for two end-of-the-month meetings to allow time for resident input, consideration of approving proposed revised Policy 601.2 was deferred to the February 26, 2015, regular meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Jordan and seconded by Ms. Pyle to approve the Calendar of Events for the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of Members of the GRF to be held on Monday, May 11, 2015. At this time, the President announced that she will not be running for reelection as the Director representing GRF District D. She is moving to Oregon to be near her Son, Daughter-in-Law, and Grandson. She encouraged members of District D to run for the Board to replace her and said that she is willing to work with applicants if they desire to introduce them to the duties that will be required of them. The vote was then taken on the motion, and, the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The President called on Mr. Matheson, who introduced discussion regarding the proposals for professional evaluation and development of recommendations for the operation of the Sports and Fitness Center at the Del Valle Clubhouse and the development of schematic design options for future renovation of the facility. Discussion followed during which Board members discussed the proposals and asked questions about them. This was a discussion item only, and no Board action was taken. It will be on the agenda for consideration of approval of a proposal at the February 10, 2015, regular meeting of the Board.

Before concluding, the President announced that the next mid-month regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex; that the next end-of-the-month regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, 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 personnel matters and any other appropriate business.
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 11:19 a.m. in the Board Room.

Barbara S. Jordan, Secretary
Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek