MINUTES
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015, 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, Leslie Birdsall, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, California.

ROLL CALL: Present: Leslie Birdsall, Barbara S. Jordan, Mary Lou Delpech, Kenneth W. Haley, Sue DiMaggio Adams, Melvin C. Fredlund, Robert D. Kelso, Geraldine Pyle, and Warren T. Salmons, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ex-officio member of the Board

Attendance

Excused: Richard E. Hurley

Minutes

Approved

There being no corrections, the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board held on May 28, 2015, and June 9, 2015, were approved, as written, by unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report

CEO’s Report

Mr. Haley gave the Treasurer’s report for the period ending May 31, 2015.

The CEO reviewed his written report dated June 17, 2015. Discussion followed.

Residents’ Forum

During the Residents’ Forum, Carl Brown commented on governance of the Del Valle Fitness Center with respect to the Fitness Center Advisory Committee.

Residents’ Forum

James Ellett spoke in support of indoor pickleball courts and explained why.

James Ellett

Roger Svoboda spoke about the health and safety issues related to outdoor pickleball and said it is imperative that GRF provide indoor pickleball courts for residents and not exclusively outdoor pickleball courts.

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Roger Svoboda

Albione Becnel, a Ceramics Arts Club member speaking in support of the VAMP (Visual Arts Modernization Project) to improve the state of the arts and crafts studios at Gateway Complex spoke about the need for more space in the Ceramics Studio, particularly for storage.

Residents’ Forum

Albione Becnel

Roxanne Stallings discussed her analysis of what she believed to be a conflict of interest between GRF Fitness Center staff pay incentives and the best interests of residents.

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Roxanne Stallings

Gaby Miller, a Ceramics Arts Club member, spoke in support of revamping the arts and crafts studios at Gateway as soon as possible.

Gaby Miller
Lee Jacoby, Sewing Studio lead supervisor, spoke in support of the revamping project, emphasizing that the need for a working thermostat, a display case, and Wi-Fi in the Sewing Room.

Mary England and then R. Marilyn Wilson, CERT members, thanked the Board for putting as one of its goals to work with CERT in emergency preparedness and thereby recognizing its importance.

Patricia Solari, President, Rossmoor Art Association, spoke in support of the VAMP and in particular the need for more space, particularly storage space, and Wi-Fi in the Art Studio, and upgraded electrical wiring.

Debra Van Laak, representing the Ceramic Arts Club, spoke in support of the VAMP and expressed her concern about the antiquated electrical wiring in the Ceramic studio and the need to bring it up to today’s standard electrical code.

Kenneth Lezin, President, Photography Club, spoke in support of the VAMP and the need for additional space in the Dark Room, particularly storage space.

Alfred Kaufman, a Woodshop Supervisor, spoke in support of the VAMP and the need for additional space in the Wood Shop. He also commented on the antiquated electrical wiring.

John Gilbert asked the Board to add to its list of 2015 – 2016 goals taking a more active role in computer support for residents by providing a larger computer facility within Rossmoor.

John H. Nutley reviewed some membership transfer fee history.

At this point, the President offered the members of the Board the opportunity to comment on the remarks made during the Residents’ Forum, and some of the members of the Board took the opportunity to do so.

Jo Jones, Chairman, Aquatics Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee did not meet in June and then announced that there will be another joint meeting of the Aquatics Advisory Committee and the Fitness Center Advisory Committees at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8th, to further discuss the Del Valle Renovation Project.

In the absence of Christopher Yahng, Chairman, Finance Committee, Jean Autrey, Vice Chairman of the Committee, reported on the Committee’s June meeting.
Claudia Tierney, Chairman, Fitness Center Advisory Committee, reported on the Committee’s June meeting.

The Chairman of the Golf Advisory Committee, John McDonnell, reported on continuing successful efforts to reduce water usage on the golf courses. Discussion followed.

Ken Haley, Chairman, Compensation Committee, reported on the Committee’s June meeting.

Under Unfinished Business, Geri Pyle, Chairman, Policy Committee, discussed the Committee’s recommended proposed revisions to Policy 102.1.4, Membership Transfer Fee, which was deferred at the May 28, 2015, regular meeting of the Board for consideration of approval at this meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Pyle and seconded by Mr. Haley to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Policy 102.1.4, Membership Transfer Fee (agenda attachment 9a-3 through 9a-5). Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams and seconded by Mr. Haley to approve, as recommended by the President, the following resident member Committee appointments for the terms indicated, effective July 1, 2015. The President then announced the names of his recommended appointees and their terms (agenda attachment 10a-1).

Aquatics Advisory Committee

E. J. Koch, Three-Year Term
Carol A. Meehan, Three-Year Term
Dale O. Reynolds, Three-Year Term

Audit Committee

David L. Cutter, Three-Year Term
Sherwin L. Schwartz, Three-Year Term

Finance Committee

F. William Dorband, Three-Year Term
David H. Smith, Three-Year Term
Fitness Center Advisory Committee

Carol A. Green, Three-Year Term
Catherine S. Herdering, Three-Year Term

Golf Advisory Committee

William L. Herrick, Three-Year Term

Following remarks by the President regarding the committee applicants, the vote was taken on the motion to approve, as recommended by the President, the above listed resident member Committee appointments for the terms indicated, effective July 1, 2015, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The President then announced his appointment of the following resident Committee Chairmen, thanked them all for their service, and expressed his appreciation of their dedication.

Aquatics Advisory Committee – Joan (Jo) R. Jones (reappointment)
Audit Committee – Paul Rosenzweig (reappointment)
Finance Committee – Christopher T. Yahng (reappointment)
Fitness Center Advisory Committee – Claudia Tierney (reappointment)
Golf Advisory Committee – John McDonnell (reappointment)

The CEO introduced discussion regarding the Board’s priority goals for the 2015–2016 Board year.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams and seconded by Ms. Jordan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the following top five 2015–2016 high priority GRF Board goals supported by five or more Board members (agenda attachment 10b-2 and 10b-3). The President then read the list of the top five high priority goals.

#1 Work with the broadband consultant to identify the best solution going forward.

#2 Del Valle:

Select and begin implementation of the best option for the Del Valle Sports/Fitness Complex redevelopment.
Set parameters for physical changes at the Del Valle Sports/Fitness Complex.

Redevelop the Del Valle Sports/Fitness Complex in a single phase.

Revisit implementing a guest use fee at the Del Valle Sports/Fitness Complex.

#3 Expedite consideration of the solar energy project proposed by the Solar Powered Rossmoor organization.

#4 Plan for repairs of aging infrastructure and facilities.

#5 Address pickleball facilities.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion to approve the above listed top five 2015 – 2016 high priority GRF Board goals supported by five or more Board members, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following introductory remarks by the CEO, a motion was made by Mr. Fredlund, seconded by Ms. Delpech, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the placement of a commemorative plaque on a bench to be donated by the Rossmoor Republican Club.

Before concluding, the President announced that there will not be a mid-month regular meeting of the Board in July; that the next end-of-the-month regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, July 30, 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 legal matters and any other appropriate business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 10:37 a.m. in the Board Room.

Mary Lou Delpech, Secretary
Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek