MINUTES

GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017, 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, Geraldine Pyle, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, California.

ROLL CALL: Present: Geraldine Pyle, Stephen D. Roath, Robert D. Kelso, Mary K. Neff, Sue DiMaggio Adams, Leslie Birdsall, Carl W. Brown, Mary Lou Delpch, Melvin C. Fredlund, and Timothy O'Keefe, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ex-officio member of the Board

Absent: None

Attendance

There being no corrections, the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board held on September 28, 2017 and October 10, 2017 were approved, as written, by unanimous consent.

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Approved

The President called on Cindy Silva, Walnut Creek City Council member and the City's Liaison to Rossmoor, who gave an update on City and Council activities in Walnut Creek.

Update by City's Liaison to Rossmoor

Mary Neff gave the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

The CEO reviewed his written report dated October 19, 2017.

CEO's Rpt.

Residents' Forum

During the Residents' Forum, John H. Nutley expressed his concerns regarding the Planning Committee's recommendation to remove the crosswalk on Golden Rain Road adjacent to the Gateway driveway. He then said that the last sentence in the second paragraph of Policy 104.1.2, Use of Community Facilities by Lessees, is confusing and suggested some additional language to the sentence.

Residents' Forum

AAC Report

Audit Committee Report

Brian Stack, Chairman, Aquatics Advisory Committee, said the written report of the Committee's October meeting was accurate and complete and that he would be happy to answer any questions. There were none.

AAC Report

Finance Committee Report

Paul Rosenzweig, Chairman, Audit Committee, reported on the Committee's October meeting.

Audit Committee Report

David Smith, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported on the Committee's October meeting, noting that the Committee recommended that the Board implement a Facilities Usage Fee starting January 1, 2018, with the initial amount to be $50 and include a provision for grandfathering any existing registered lessees as of December 31, 2017, through the term of their current lease.

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Claudia Tierney, Chairman, Fitness Center Advisory Committee, reported on the Committee’s October meeting. Discussion followed.

John McDonnell, Chairman, Golf Advisory Committee, reported that golf is having a good month for both revenue and rounds played. He then acknowledged the work of Golf Course Superintendent Blake Swint, saying that the golf course is in good hands. Discussion followed.

Mary Lou Delpech, Chairman, Planning Committee, reported on the Committee’s October meeting, noting that the Committee will continue its discussion of traffic and pedestrian safety in Rossmoor at its next meeting on November 16th. Discussion followed.

Les Birdsall, Chairman, Ad Hoc Naming Committee, reviewed the process for selecting a new name for the Del Valle Clubhouse to recommend to the Board for approval and reported that the Committee recommends that it be renamed the Tice Creek Fitness Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Naming Committee, renaming the Del Valle Clubhouse the Tice Creek Fitness Center. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Birdsall then reviewed the list of names the Committee and the Aquatics Advisory Committee and the Fitness Center Advisory Committee recommend for the interior rooms of the Fitness Center, including the pools.

A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Mr. Kelso to approve, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Naming Committee and the Aquatics Advisory Committee and the Fitness Center Advisory Committee, naming the interior rooms of the Fitness Center, including the pools, as follows: Dance Studio, Aerobics Studio, Pilates Studio, Serenity Room, Gymnasium at Tice Creek, and Pools at Tice Creek. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Under Unfinished Business, Bob Kelso, Chairman, Policy Committee, noted that this is the second reading of the Committee’s proposed recommended revisions to Policy 104.1.1, Membership Guidelines, which define a Co-occupant for GRF purposes. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelso, seconded by Mr. Roath, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Policy 104.1.1, Membership Guidelines (agenda attachment 10a-2 and 10a-3).

The President called on the CEO, who discussed the Rossmoor Parkway and Golden Rain Road beautification project, the proposal to rescind the Board’s May 25, 2017, approval of $10,000 for the project, and the reasons for rescinding it.
A motion was made by Mrs. Neff and seconded by Ms. Delpech to approve rescinding the Board’s May 25, 2017, approval of $10,000 for the Rossmoor Parkway and Golden Rain Road beautification project. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Mrs. Neff and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve implementing, as recommended by the Finance Committee, a Facilities Usage Fee, starting January 1, 2018, with an initial amount of $50/lessee/month, and, additionally, for the rollout of the new fee, grandfathering existing registered lessees as of December 31, 2017, through the term of their current lease. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The President called on the CEO, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) regarding Workers’ Compensation claims and costs for 2015-2017, which described how Rossmoor’s premium is determined and indicated that there was a 27% reduction in claims and a 98% reduction in costs during that time. It also indicated that, in 2015, there were 18 claims for a cost of $308,348.61, and there have been 13 claims to date for a cost of $12,762.72. Discussion followed during which Mr. O’Keefe answered questions from members of the Board and staff was praised for its work in significantly reducing costs. It was noted that this was a discussion item and required no Board action.

Following introductory remarks by the CEO, Dennis Bell, Public Safety Manager, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) on disaster, fire, and emergency preparedness. Discussion followed during which Mr. Bell answered questions from members of the Board and encouraged residents to sign up for the Nixle Emergency Alert System in order to get updated information in an emergency. This can be done by going to the Rossmoor website (www.rosmoor.com) and clicking on the Nixle sign up in the middle of the home page. It can also be done by calling 988-7688 and leaving a message. It was noted that this was a discussion item and required no Board action.

Before concluding, the President announced that there will not be a mid-month regular meeting of the Board in November; that there will be a combined November/December regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Peacock Hall; that there will not be a mid-month regular meeting of the Board in December; and that there will be an executive session of the Board following this meeting to discuss contract and personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 11:12 a.m.

Robert D. Kelso, Secretary
Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek

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