MINUTES
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 Friday, November 17, 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. Naff, Sue DiMaggio Adams, Leslie Birdsall, Carl W. Brown, Mary Lou Delpech, Melvin C. Fredlund, and Timothy O'Keefe, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ex-officio member of the Board

Absent: None

Notice of the special meeting was duly given to the members of the Board verbally on November 7, 2017, and published in the Rossmoor News on November 15, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider staff's recommendation that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a three-year agreement with Active Wellness to provide management services for the operation of the Tice Creek Fitness Center; to consider approving a new logo for the Tice Creek Fitness Center; and to hear an update regarding the transition plan for the opening of the Tice Creek Fitness Center.

During the Residents' Forum, Mary A. England expressed her concerns about not having a fitness facility for about a month during the transition from the temporary modular fitness facility to the renovated Tice Creek Fitness Center.

Thomas Lindemuth asked the Board to keep Dollar Pool open until the Tice Creek Fitness Center facilities are functional.

John Garrigues asked the Board to keep Dollar Pool open.

Martela Beck presented petitions (copy on file) signed by 74 residents requesting that the Dollar and Hillside Pools remain open until the Tice Creek Fitness Center locker rooms are finished.

Janette Howard asked the Board to keep Dollar Pool open until the locker rooms at Tice Creek Fitness Center are finished and mentioned some solutions to improve the locker room situation for the time being.

Bruce Smiley urged the Board to consider including a member of the Fitness Center Advisory Committee (FCAC) and a member of the Fitness Center staff in the evaluation process to replace Masha Henzel, Fitness Center Supervisor, who resigned.
Claudia Tierney spoke in support of the proposal to partner with Active Wellness to provide management services for the operation of the Fitness Center. Catherine Herdering also spoke in support of the proposal, suggested that the contract be for one year rather than three years, and suggested that a FCAC member and a fitness staff member sit in on the candidate interviews.

Sherry Smith urged the Board to include a member of the FCAC and a member of the Fitness Center staff in the interview process for a new supervisor for the Fitness Center. She added that she is not proposing that these individuals be actively involved in interviews but sit in on the interviews and provide input.

Claire Wolfe spoke in support of using Active Wellness to assist in hiring a supervisor for the Fitness Center and including a member of the FCAC and a member of the Fitness Center staff in the interview process.

Richard Ward said that he hopes there will be at least 2 more recumbent bikes with televisions in the Fitness Center.

Paul Rosenzweig spoke against the proposed new logo for the Fitness Center.

Laura Greenfield, a former employee of Active Wellness, said that it is an amazing company and extremely responsive to the needs of their clients. She then asked the Board to consider including a member of the FCAC and a member of the Fitness Center staff in the interview process for a new supervisor for the Fitness Center.

The President called on Jeff Matheson, Director, Resident Services, who presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) summarizing the proposal, as recommended by staff, to authorize the CEO to enter into a three-year agreement with Active Wellness to provide management services for the operation of the Tice Creek Fitness Center and the benefits of the proposal. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Neff and seconded by Ms. Adams to authorize the CEO to enter into an agreement with Active Wellness to provide management services for the operation of the Tice Creek Fitness Center. The agreement will be for no more than three years and should include a 90-day notice for cancellation by either party and a clause for termination for cause. Discussion followed during which the President proposed that the motion be amended to read as follows: to authorize the CEO to enter into an agreement with Active Wellness to provide management services for the operation of the Tice Creek Fitness Center under the best possible terms. The vote was then taken on the amended motion, and the motion, as amended, CARRIED, with Mr. Brown voting no.

Mr. Matheson then discussed matters related to keeping the Dollar and Hillside Pools open until the Tice Creek Fitness Center locker rooms are finished.
A motion was made by Mr. Brown to keep Dollar and Hillside Pools open for a limited timeframe until the Tice Creek Fitness Center locker rooms are open. The motion DIED for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to keep Dollar and Hillside Pools open for limited hours until either the locker rooms are open or December 15th, whichever comes first. The motion DIED for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Delpach, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve keeping Dollar and Hillside Pools open for limited hours from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until December 7th, the date of the next meeting of the Board, and then decide whether to continue to keep them open.

Continuing, Mr. Matheson introduced discussion regarding a new logo for the Tice Creek Fitness Center (agenda attachment 5b-2).

A motion was made by Ms. Adams to add “of Rossmoor” under “Fitness Center” on the proposed new logo for the Tice Creek Fitness Center. The motion DIED for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Birdsell and seconded by Ms. Adams to direct staff to replace the blue design on the proposed new logo for the Tice Creek Fitness Center with the Rossmoor logo and bring it back to the Board for consideration of approval at its December 7th meeting. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Matheson then reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) regarding the transition plan (construction completion to grand opening) for the opening of the Tice Creek Fitness Center which he answered questions from members of the Board. It was noted that this was a discussion item and required no Board action.

Before concluding, the President announced 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 at Gateway Complex; and that there will not be a mid-month regular meeting of the Board in December.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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