A regular meeting of the Fitness Center Advisory Committee (FCAC) was called to order by the Chairman, Claudia Tierney, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Catherine S. Herdering, Vice Chairman, Charlotte A. Howard, Secretary, James V. Grizzell, Alice King, Virginia Lee Rapp, Robert Remington, and Geraldine Pyle, ex-officio member and GRB representative. Also attending were Robert D. Kelso, President, Leslie Birdsall, Vice President, and Kenneth Anderson, Director, GRF; Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; Jeffrey P. Matheson, Director of Resident Services; Mark Metcalf, Regional Operations Manager of Active Wellness; and three residents. Julie Van Dusen, Fitness Manager, was excused.

The report of the Committee’s regular meeting of August 8, 2018, was approved as written.

The Chairman introduced new Committee member, James V. Grizzell.

The Chairman reported that there were 23,466 visits to the Fitness Center during the month of August, including 267 guests and 218 caregivers. Mr. Matheson pointed out that the figure was less than normal due to two days of closure due to 1) a power outage and 2) staff training. He also reported that he will be adding reports to find peak times of Fitness Center usage, and he hopes to have this information available at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Matheson reported that correspondence was received about concerns that the floor of the Serenity Room is slippery. Yesterday, he met with yoga instructors who reported no accidents, but this issue will be further explored.

Mr. Matheson then reported that Julie Van Dusen, Fitness Center Manager, has resigned and will be moving to Houston, Texas. Her last day is Friday, September 7, 2018. There were no other staff reports.

Ms. Howard reported that she and Ms. King had not yet met regarding the Wall of Fame.

During the Residents’ Forum, Pauline Gould addressed the Committee regarding the lack of an emergency phone in the Serenity Room; thus, there is no way to call for help should it be necessary.

Mary England urged the Committee to retain the two hours of annual training at no additional cost to residents as discussed at its August meeting.

Considerable discussion was held about a recommendation to the GRF Board of Directors regarding the option to sell a limited number of non-resident sponsored memberships for the Tice Creek Fitness Center. The discussion centered around the difficulty of monitoring non-resident guests, particularly when restricting other Rossmoor activities. Ms. Herdering reported that the Aquatics Advisory Committee...
would be meeting tomorrow to consider the impact of this recommendation on pool use.

A motion was made by Ms. Herdering, seconded by Ms. Rapp, and CARRIED, with Ms. King and Mr. Remington voting no, to recommend to the GRF Board of Directors that a limited number of non-resident memberships be sold.

Further discussion was then held on costs and restrictions of non-resident memberships.

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mr. Grizzell, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the following costs and restrictions to the GRF Board of Directors:

Non-resident memberships would be capped to a maximum of 50.

Non-resident members would need to be sponsored by a resident member.

Non-resident members would need to be 55 or older.

Non-resident members would enjoy one free intake/orientation session with no annual free training sessions offered.

The initiation fee for non-resident members is $175 to cover the cost of an RFID tag, key fob, and to cover the expense of creating the membership and processing the monthly invoices.

The monthly fee is $75.

Non-resident members may bring guests at the $10/guest fee, but no free guest passes will be provided.

A discussion was held regarding the current policy of offering residents two hours per year of training at no extra charge. It was suggested that consideration be given to reducing the number of hours per year or breaking the time up into 30-minute segments, especially for permitting more flexibility for staff schedules.

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Herdering, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to consider making a change to annual training to four 30-minute sessions per year.

Under New Business, Mr. Matheson announced a new contract with Active Wellness for management services of the Tice Creek Fitness Center. With Julie Van Dusen leaving Friday, September 7, 2018, Mark Metcalf, Regional Operations Manager of Active Wellness, will now be present 4 days/wk for now and later will be 3 days/wk with a new staff position of a full-time fitness lead and a full-time front desk lead to be filled. Mr. Metcalf will be attending future FCAC meetings.
The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the FCAC will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fairway Room at Creekside Complex.

Claudia Tierney, Chairman
Fitness Center Advisory Committee

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