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GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF WALNUT CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015, AT 9:01 A.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. Guilfoy, at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Peacock Hall at Gateway Complex, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, California.


Absent: None

Attendance

There being no corrections, the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board held on February 26, 2015, and March 10, 2015, were approved, as written, by unanimous consent.

Minutes

Approved

Mr. Haley gave the Treasurer’s report for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Treasurer’s

Report

The CEO reviewed his written report dated March 18, 2015.

CEOs

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Residents’

Forum

During the Residents’ Forum, Carl W. Brown referred to the Broadband report, reiterated his concerns about it, and again urged the Board to appoint an IT task force to look into other options.

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Dennis Nugent again expressed his concerns about the Broadband report and encouraged the Board to put together an IT task force to properly analyze the matter and to stop any progress on Phase II of the Broadband study.

Residents’

Forum

James Ware thanked the Board for including on the agenda for today’s meeting discussion regarding the potential for a solar array in Rossmoor and urged the Board to authorize staff to proceed with submitting the “NFMA” application to PG&E.

Residents’

Forum

At this point the President gave the members of the Board the opportunity to respond to any of the comments made during the Residents’ Forum, and Mr. Hurley took the opportunity to respond to some of the comments made by Messrs. Brown and Nugent about the Broadband matter.

AAC

Report

Jo Jones, Chairman, Aquatics Advisory Committee, highlighted items in the report of the Committee’s March meeting. The President requested that the Committee give more consideration to the proposal to implement a guest fee for use of the Del Valle Complex.

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Christopher Yahng, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported on the Committee’s March meeting at which the Committee voted to recommend that, given the potential savings, the Board authorize filing a “NEMA” application with PG&E. Discussion followed.

Claudia Tierney, Chairman, Fitness Center Advisory Committee, highlighted items in the report of the Committee’s March meeting. Discussion followed.

John McDonnell, Chairman, Golf Advisory Committee, reported that there has been tremendous activity on the golf course and that revenue is up. He then noted recent maintenance activities on the golf course.

Alice Lau, Chairman, Compensation Committee, summarized items in the report of the Committee’s March meeting.

Geraldine Pyle, Chairman, Policy Committee, reporting on the Committee’s March meeting, discussed the Committee’s recommended proposed revisions to Policy 301.3, Outdoor Holiday Displays, and Policy 601.2, Rossmoor News Editorial Policy. Discussion followed. It was noted that this was the first reading on the proposed revised Policies. 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 301.3 and Policy 601.2 was deferred to the April 30, 2015, regular meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Pyle, seconded by Mr. Haley, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Policy 501.0, Installation of Signs on Golden Rain Foundation Property (agenda attachment 9a-2), which was deferred at the February 26, 2015, regular meeting of the Board for consideration of approval at this meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Pyle and seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Rule R111.0, Dog Park (agenda attachment 9b-2 and 9b-3), which was deferred at the February 26, 2015, regular meeting of the Board for consideration of approval at this meeting. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Haley, seconded by Ms. Delpech, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the motion to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Rule R111.0, Dog Park (agenda attachment 9b-2 and 9b-3) and amend the first item on Page 2 of the proposed revised Rule to read as follows: “These rules shall be posted at the dog park along with a separate posting of the telephone numbers for Rossmoor Public Safety and for County Animal Services.”
The vote was then taken on the amended motion to approve, as recommended by the Policy Committee, proposed revised Rule R111.0, Dog Park (agenda attachment 9b-2 and 9b-3) and amend the first item on Page 2 of the proposed revised Rule to read as follows: "These rules shall be posted at the dog park along with a separate posting of the telephone numbers for Rossmoor Public Safety and for County Animal Services.", and the motion, as amended, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The President called on Bradley L. Waite, Chairman of the Solar Powered Rossmoor Committee, who gave a presentation (agenda attachment 10a-1 through 10a-4) about the feasibility of a large-scale solar installation in Rossmoor. He first told about the Committee and then addressed such questions as: Why this project?; Why now?: What has the Committee done so far?; What are the timing considerations?; and Where do we go from here? Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Mr. Haley to direct staff to review, complete, and submit the “NEMA” application to PG&E. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED, with Mr. Wall voting no.

A motion was made by Ms. Delpech and seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve the appointment of the audit firm Burr Pilger Mayer to count the ballots for the upcoming election of a GRF Director to represent District D and authorize the CEO to execute a Letter of Understanding outlining the scope of the services to be provided. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Before concluding, the President announced that a mid-month executive session of the Board will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex; that the next end-of-the-month regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, April 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 contract matters and any other appropriate business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 10:40 a.m. in the Board Room.

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

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