

AD HOC FACILITIES ACCESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 23, 2019 2:30 pm —Las Campanas

Approved by Committee May 21, 2019

PRESENT: Sandra Thornton (Chair), Gail Ault, Suzan Curtin, Ed Knop, Sandy Rockowitz,
GVR STAFF: Dan Freeman ABSENT: Kent Blumenthal ARRIVING AFTER 4pm: David Jund

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order 2:35pm. The next meeting will be May 21, 2:30pm.

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION: Passed; unanimous.

ADOPT MINUTES

MOTION: Adopt April 3 minutes with corrections. Passed; unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

Review findings major and satellite centers: Ed Knop provided information on Abrego South where construction has been completed. He indicated it might be helpful at to provide facilities maps at orientation for new members or when they get their member card. (The more members know about facilities the more likely they are to use facilities). Abrego South issues include many common ones: height of paper towel dispensers, restroom stall handles/locks, braille signage and noted blue button was possibly not operable at the time he was there. He felt this pool was well used, the parking spots were full, it was very inviting with picnic tables, bbq grills, shuffleboard and horseshoe areas. He suggested moving the *GVR Now* dispenser/rack from the hall so it was wheelchair accessible and also moving a trashcan for access to the telephone. There was also discussion on Canoa Ranch and how reliable is blue button technology. Ed reported the social aspect was more important than exercising at water aerobics or a fitness center and that mental attitude for those with physical limitations is important - if a person runs up against access issues their determination can get crushed.

Regarding lighting Sandy indicated SRS has trees in front that are blocking lighting. Ed indicated Abrego N has minimal lighting. Gail stated Madera Vista lighting is adequate. Sandra noted, because of the observatory we have different layers of requirements for lighting.

Review club responses to questionnaire: 49 clubs surveyed, 35 did not respond to a questionnaire which was sent out twice; Two clubs indicated no problem or problem fixed, the remaining seemed to deal with space allocation problems which does not fall in the purview of our committee. Dan stated the problem with audio at Las Campanas may have been fixed when the sound system was upgraded. By measuring and reporting facilities usage, appropriate adjustments can be made to increase benefit and reduce costs. It appears there is a priority to look at the current reservation system which could be improved - perhaps monitoring usage more accurately. Gail noted more monitoring could be done in other areas also - will the new internet kiosks be monitored and will their value be reported? Sandra stated the print is very small. How is the *GVR Now* at outside facilities working - how many papers are being picked up? Suggestion Boxes? *GVR* institutes but never reports back on success or failure of a project. Safety issues were discussed and Dan reported the woodshop, which seemed to have accidents many years ago, instituted monitors and they are doing a good job with safety now. Suzan asked about installing card reader at the racquetball courts as the club indicated it was a problem with non-members accessing the building.

Article in *GVR Now*: May issue. Gail noted many gone snowbirds, don't be discouraged if little response.

Ed asked about a summary (brief) report to the board. We've looked at mobility issues do we expand to hearing and visual also? We determined we need to see responses from *GVR Now* article, will include our center reports formatted in a consistent manner as appendices and write up a report with recommendations. We will have three sections: Common Issues, Specific Issues, and Solutions (Identifiable/affordable/temporary). We identified the common issues as: 1) blue buttons, 2) braille signage, 3) outside lighting, 4) h/c parking, 5) restroom and door handles, 6) ramps. We will also list items identified that have been addressed or corrected during the period or our committee such as curbcuts at Las Campanas. Our report will give the Board of Directors options.

David reported these can be one big project out of Initiatives Reserve or smaller capital projects - determined by P&E. Blue buttons are \$1850/each—he will get additional bids. DH restroom doesn't accommodate current code.

TO DO: Dan will check on: 1) where to find the Underserved and Communications Subcommittee Reports

online, 2) if staff parking is an issue besides at East Center.

Committee will do nighttime check of centers and review their respective reports.

Sandy will talk to Dick Promo about challenges of being blind including best spot for braille signage.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm