



SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & REVIEW COMMITTEE

Agenda

Clubhouse Four

Monday, March 15, 2021

2:00 p.m.

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- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call/Notice of Quorum**
- 3. Chairs Announcements**
 - Introduction of Guests and Staff
 - Susan Hopewell, GRF President
 - Randy Ankeny, Executive Director
 - Corina Mancilla, Recording Secretary
 - Rules of Order
 - Chairs Report
- 4. Shareholder/Member Comments – Agenda Items Only**

(Limited to 3 minutes per person)
- 5. Correspondence**
 - Regarding Statue (pp. 1-48)
- 6. New Business**
 - Statue Relocation (pp. 49-50)
- 7. Committee Member Comments**
- 8. Next Meeting**

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Clubhouse Four
- 9. Adjournment**

From: "peggybeste@aol.com" <peggybeste@aol.com>

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:24 PM

To: Randy Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>

Subject: Statue

Please pass along these examples of the online comments (to date there have been 509 comments from Leisure World residents online in Next Door and Facebook) regarding the placement of the statue.

11:19
◀ AOL

General

 **Shari Young** · Leisure World ...
Randy,

I've lived in Leisure World for 20 years and must say the statues are THE worst! It looks like this is a home for the the very inactive aged people, yet L.W. offers many many activities to keep people active! This looks terrible and very depressing! Please remove!

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 **Maria Azzarone** · Leisure World ...

I have done so Pamela last week and got a standard reply that I believe was sent to everyone else that has done so (which is fine as long as the topic is addressed and hopefully statue will be removed/relocated). Library area might be good or possibly another area where it's not on a main thru fare in the community. More in a park area or somewhere like that if it's going to remain in LW.

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 **Lillian Elbers** · Leisure World ...

I completely agree with your suggestion of location. I noticed the statue yesterday and did not find it eye appealing whatsoever but over by the library would certainly makes sense. I have submitted an email with my thoughts... See more

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Linda Klein · Leisure World



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Douglas Majsa · Leisure World



We need to push for the pool to be completed.



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Nextdoor or Facebook. Send your email.

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Susan Clark · Leisure World ...

I'm glad to hear I'm not the only one who feels this way. We just bought in here in February. That statue is not representative of the leisure world of 2021. There are a lot more younger seniors now. And I am sad to see that as a representation of who we are. I understand the gesture by the family was very nice. Maybe it should be placed by the library? But the residents should have a say in the placement.

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Nina DeRosa · Leisure World ...

move it to the library

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Maureen Ashley · Leisure World ...

Nina DeRosa It's sooo wrong!

15m Like Reply Share



LI Wagner · Leisure World ...

Just plant some tropical plants cover up the wall And finish the pool!! The icing is put on the cake after it is done Just move the grave marker to donors house let them keep their tax deduction [See more](#)

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Marsha Harris · Leisure World ...

We have artists that have had there work at the Laguna art Festival pageant of the Masters

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Patricia L Walker · Leisure World ...

What is wrong with Randy and his gang, why not a plain bench for real old Greasers to use!

18h Like Reply Share 6



Nancy Herc · Leisure World ...

How many trees could they have planted. More trees, birds, wildlife...just saying.

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Michelle LaMontagne · Leisure World ...

Why are we trying to replace the statues when there really wasn't a need for one. What about additional distractions for that intersection?

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↳ See 1 previous reply



Aleta Peacock · Leisure World ...

I agree! The statue is simply not appropriate for Leisure World and needs to be removed altogether!

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didi potts · Leisure World ...

They are taking all feedback into consideration for the 3/25 meeting but you HAVE TO GIVE FEEDBACK DIRECTLY. email randva@lwsb.com



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Maria Azzarone · Leisure World ...

I know this has a whole other meaning to donating family tho really who wants each other to be able to unilaterally decide a placement of such a personal installment/memorial tribute to his or her family member in such a public space? Do we have an existing policy and procedure with documented parameters/criterion on this?
(edited)

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Nancy Herc · Leisure World ...

Great point.

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↪ See 3 more replies



Russ Black · Leisure World ...

I just noticed the woman looks like Granny from the Beverly Hillbillies. LMAO, because I just got over the fact that they measured the base wrong, they had to add an extension for their feet. Do and re-do. SMH

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Anne Killian · Leisure World ...

My problem is that every time that I round the corner, I want to slam on the breaks for the pedestrians! What I see is people 1st and that is a great distraction and a safety factor. I really wish it was somewhere else so I can drive safer and not cause an accident.

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Maria Azzarone · Leisure World



I read the article and while I appreciate the sentiment of the Perroti family I do not agree that the placement of this bronze statue in this particular spot "works." We obviously do not all appreciate this piece nor view it in the same light and while it is being donated I am positive there is a better location for it where it will be much more appreciated than it is currently at least from the opinions/statements I'm reading not just my own. I definitely would have far greater appreciated a tree planting instead.

(edited)

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peter meuter · Leisure World



LW newspaper has an article of the donation - but please choose the veterans plaza as location, more appropriate. thanks

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Jeff Lashmett · Leisure World



And they had to make him bald

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Linda Margiot · Leisure World



Nice hair, Jeff 👍

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Jeff Lashmett · Leisure World



And the dress is from the 20's that's 1920

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Peggy Beste · Leisure World ...

It has a very prominent location. There are 9000 people who live here. Every comment has been negative other than yours. We should have been consulted even if it was a gift. According to an article in LW newspaper this week Randy worked closely on this project. He should know better. Move it to Mutual 1 where the donor lives.

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Cathy Petersen · Leisure World ...

That's interesting Peggy Beste...curious too...What suggests that Randy should have known better? (edited)

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Cathryn McCormick · Leisure World ...

It's really eye opening to move into LW and meet so many active bright people at the pool, in classes, and in the Art League and slowly find out we have no pool, maybe no community gardens, no place for active contemporary artists to hang their work and NO VOICE. Something is NOT RIGHT. We must have Community input in decision making.

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Maria Azzarone · Leisure World ...

I concur!

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Maria Azzarone · Leisure World ...

Maybe the person that donated it had nothing to do with where it was placed to be fair. To me it's not that it's such a terrible piece of work on it's own just not the right installment for that particular place. I know there are those stating we should pick our fights however I think the representation of our community with installments such as this is something worth vocalizing about and voting on. If our voices cannot be heard with regard to something as simple to remedy as this then they will be heard for nothing.

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Susie Ralston · Leisure World ...

Hi Maria, with the attempt to get the Art League gallery we had for 50 years, in clubhouse 3 hallway, being the hardest fight I've taken on, I just cannot imagine keeping the horrible sculpture there, for all to see. The latest I've heard on the ch 3 hallway, all pictures would have to have the same frame, hang only for two months, no price shown, and all would have to be taken down and new paintings put up, at the same time. I cannot see how any of these qualifications can be met. And yet, they put that sculpture where all can see.

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peter meuter · Leisure World ...

I remember we had a card board contest, that would have been the WINNER...



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Mary Jo · Leisure World ...

It appears that the sculptor was copying Norman Rockwell's 1900s nostalgia. Modern senior women wear a bra, have a stylish haircut and most often wear pants rather than an old fashioned dress. It certainly does not belong in our recreational areas where we should be inspired to work out, golf & swim. Personally I don't like this sculpture and the deteriorating depiction of old age.

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Nancy Herc · Leisure World ...

Made in China — injected plastic — it's not art. That's how they make plastic toys.

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Jack Nelson · Leisure World ...

I'm sorry to call it kitsch. Looks like a Hummel figure.

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Susie Ralston · Leisure World ...

The clothing is the worst part. I have photo's of my Grandma in 1920, and SHE dressed Much better than this hillbillies Granny. It's disgusting! Plus, from what I've seen of some men here, they would be sitting with a cute 40 yr. old!

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Marina Tesla · Leisure World ...



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Negative Remarks (58)

Dear Mr. Ankeny,

I find the statue that is now installed in front of the pool objectionable, and not representative of me or other active seniors at Leisure World. If kept, I suggest it be moved near the library or perhaps the meditation space near the church.

I'm sorry you didn't receive more member input before placement in such a prominent location. I'm sure the intentions of the benefactor were good. How about a golfer or swimmer?! Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Bruce Vircks, Au.D.
Mutual 5, 109F

From: Christine Harris <harrisbian1@me.com>
Reply-To: "harrisbian1@me.com" <harrisbian1@me.com>
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3:34 PM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Christine Harris

Email: harrisbian1@me.com

Phone (Fill for a
call back):

Re : Statue by the swimming pool

Message: I find this statue very depressing . Please relocate it by the library, it would be a better fit than next to the swimming pool or golf or gym.
Thank you!

From: Maureen <maureenashley@rocketmail.com>
Reply-To: "maureenashley@rocketmail.com" <maureenashley@rocketmail.com>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 5:30 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Maureen

Email: maureenashley@rocketmail.com

Phone (Fill for a call back): 562 2437388

Message: The statue by the pool is inappropriate for the location.
The couple looks they're ready to take a nap versus a lap. Relocate it to Veterans Park!

From: Patricia Forray
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: That awful statue

Please, please, please.....1,000 times, please....remove that statue and put it somewhere else (hopefully where not too many people will see it) Since the man is holding a book, how about by the Library?

It's nice that a Board member donated it...very kind....but it's awful. Also, I understand the Board member donor is also on the committee that approved it. Conflict of interest?

In any case, please move it or take a sledgehammer to it.

Thank you.

Patricia Forray

From: Daniel Stone <danbstone@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: "danbstone@yahoo.com" <danbstone@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 4:23 PM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Daniel Stone

Email: danbstone@yahoo.com

Phone (Fill for a call back): 3109556996

Today I drove past our new statue by the golf course in route to my unit and saw the new statue in place on the corner. I definitely missed the vote and or discussion on this piece of art.

Can someone tell me if the piece is there permanently or just as a temporary fixture until our pool is finally finished. If it is meant to be for a while can we please have a vote on it rather than just okayed by the person that donated it.

Message:

The statue doesn't reflect the people here at Leisure World at all, and I can't figure out why anyone would put it there.

Thank you,

Daniel Stone

From: peggybeste@aol.com

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:32 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: Statue

I am not Asian, but considering the number of residents who are, I think we should put something on that corner that has meaning to their culture. I think the pool and the golf course adjacent are popular amenities for them.

I vote to move this statue to the library area. I really do find the detail on the breasts offensive.

From: hamztur

Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 11:52 AM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: New statue

From: Geoff Iguchi

Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 1:15 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: Statue

Randy,

Please consider relocating this statue to a different location. My parents (both are 80 years old) came to visit me yesterday and saw the statue. They could not stop laughing at me for choosing Leisure World as my permanent residence. In my opinion, the statue is not something that represents this community. It is more like something you would see at a cemetery.

Thank you,
Geoff Iguchi
Mutual 9
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From: judy traver <judytraver@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: judy traver

Email: judytraver@aol.com

Message: Please consider removing the statue by the pool. Instead of uplifting us, touching our hearts or inspiring us, it is just so depressing. Thank you.

From: Sylvia <vamoose1992@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue by the swimming pool

Randy,
As an active member of this community I don't feel that the proposed statue is appropriate. As shown, it depicts two elderly people just sitting. It is Covid correct as she doesn't appear to be wearing a bra, that's another issue.

Leisure World has too many active people to be depicted in this manner to prospective and current residents. Please see if it could be relocated to a more appropriate place out of the main thoroughfare.

Sincerely, Sylvia Mc Coy, Mutual 9

From: Susan Reaume
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:35 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Bronze statue outside of pool

Good evening Randy,

I have talked to many people here in L.W. and find that we are all unhappy with the statue outside of the pool. It doesn't represent at all the feeling that we all hope to have for LW. We are a fast growing group of very active seniors and certainly don't appreciate the message that statue conveys. Yes, we understand that it was a gift, but possibly it can be placed elsewhere. What about near the library?

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Reaume

From: Yolanda Blanco <yblanco1952@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

Please relocate the statue of the old old couple Located in front of the pool. It definitely does not represent the active community we live in
This must go.
Thank you
Y blanco

From: Patricia Stubbs
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: old people statue

I find the old people statue depressing. My neighbor hates it, hates it; said she stared at the woman and thought "who does she remind me of?" when she thought OMG the granny on the Beverly Hillbillys, which is so insulting. I mean, who dresses like that. I'm 83 and my mother never looked like that. And the man "mansplaining" the book to her. Please take that statue down.

From: Jan Goodwyn
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: I SEE DEAD PEOPLE!!!

That statue is CREEPY!!! 🤩

From: leebonny40
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:33 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statute

Please, please remove the old people to the library.

Bonny Spencer

From: Rita Bonowski
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue by Swimming Pool

I am disappointed and ashamed by the statue that was installed by the swimming pool.

The statue is not representative of the Leisure World community. When a dear friend of mine invited me to visit Leisure World years ago, I was extremely reluctant. In fact one friend called it "seizure world". When I did visit LW, I was pleasantly surprised and decided to relocate.

Prior to Covid-19 I frequented the gym, zumba classes, exercise classes, computer clinic, and dances. I loved going to the concerts in the Amphitheatre. I used the swimming pool and spa prior to its distressed state. Nightly walks throughout the community has been a healthy experience.

What about my activities represent the statue...NONE. I am not the only person who feels this way.

I am reluctant to say, but I feel the statue is also inappropriate for a "cemetery" setting.

Please, Please, Golden Rain Foundation, remove the statue and consider LW as a vibrant, active community with active residents not sedentary individuals waiting for their judgement day.

Rita Bonowski

M7 - 174J

From: Victoria Bowles
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Really?

"The statue of the depression-era couple that's now installed in front of the pool is a disgrace. My understanding is some board member donated it as a tax write-off. Whether or not that is true that statue must be removed and replaced with something that represents an ACTIVE, YOUNG AT HEART senior community in Seal Beach.

I walked my 10 year old granddaughter by this Sunday and she wants the cat but the rest of this 1800's replica can be sent back to that era.

From: peggybeste@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Relocate statue to appropriate setting

This is on the LW website to sell people on living in LW and this is what they see when they come to LW.



From: Yvonne Vostry
Reply-To: Yvonne Vostry
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:39 AM
To: Randy Ankeny
Subject: Not Appropriate

The statute of the OLD couple at the MAIN center of LW does not represent the people of LW. They look like a depression era couple similar to the "American Gothic" painting by Grant Woods. Since the OLD man is reading something, I think it would be more suitable near the library. My goodness, even their clothing seems decades old.

Any visitor to LW would think it is portraying us. MOVE IT!!! Please.

Yvonne Vostry
yjv123@aol.com

From: lee_howell Howell
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:34:12 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: President GRF; Linda Stone
Subject: Golden Years Sculpture

My wife and I want to voice our objection to the decision-making process that resulted in placing in such a prominent location what in our opinion is an unsightly/ugly, insensitive what at best loosely fits a very weak definition of art. By what I just read in the LW Weekly and appreciate the good intentions, it could have been placed by the library. This is an active senior community and to depict an unflattering depiction of a nearly cartoonish Anglo very elderly couple does a disservice to our diverse active community and is insensitive at best. This decision does not promote our confidence in the GRF board. Please relocate this couple to some less prominent location if at all. Though we respect that you volunteer as Board members, the community deserves better from our GRF board than this decision demonstrates.

Thank you for considering,

Lee & Trudi Howell

Mutual 5 69-g

From: Nancy Garrett <nancygarrett@roadrunner.com>
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Subject: Bronze statue at St. Andrews & Golden Rain
To: Susan Hopewell <sdhopewell@verizon.net>

Susan,

I want to say up front that I have not been following any social media so I wasn't aware of the many complaints I've been told are being voiced about the bronze statue that was donated & requested to be placed on the corner of Golden Rain & St. Andrews. Without knowing any of these details I want to say that I really feel it should be moved. I was riding with a friend from Long Beach on Monday who was bringing me home from an appointment. When we turned the corner & she saw the statue she yelled & said "what was that!". She thought it was very scary & awful! I hadn't commented but she saw it! I have to say on Sunday when I first noticed it while sitting at the light I took a double take & couldn't believe my eyes. It is scary looking & out of place! It makes me feel like I'm living with really old people so must be in REALLY old community! I think it would be more appropriate to move it by the library since the couple seems to be reading something. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings but I felt I had to say something.

Nancy

From: T. James
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

The statue of the depression-era couple that's now installed in front of the pool is a disgrace. My understanding is some board member donated it as a tax write-off.

Whether or not that is true that statue must be removed and replaced with something that represents an ACTIVE, YOUNG AT HEART senior community in Seal Beach.

Sincerely,

Teresa James 11 262c

714.323.0566

From: Patty McNamara <starlight078@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:27:18 PM
To: shopewell@lwsb.com <shopewell@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

Hi Susan. The new bronze statue at the pool completely misrepresents Leisure World and it's residents' lifestyle. The statue should be moved from the prominent location in the middle of our community for the same reason. How was this statue erected there without the community's knowledge? Everyone seems to be shocked at its arrival and not happy with the message it portrays.

Sorry to drop this on you but it is very disturbing to see this statue in the middle of our community sending an incorrect message. What can be done about it? I realize it was a donation, but we as residents have the right to present our community in an accurate manner that we are proud of.

I was going to send a letter to the editor in the paper, but thought I should contact you instead.

Thanks Susan!

Patty McNamara

****From:** Sage Collum
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Ugly statue by the pool

Dear Randy,

That is one depressing statue. The couple look like they came from the dust bowl during the Depression. Can we send it back? Or at least move it? I guess near the library would be most appropriate, if we can't just get rid of it.

tippy typing on my cellphone,
Sage Collum

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From: Carole Kendall <kendallhub@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Randy, Please read all the negative comments on "next door"

That statue of the couple if front of the pool is demeaning and depressing and does not represent our active community. I, also, would have reconsidered purchasing a unit here if I had seen that on the corner while waiting for the signal. Please remove or move.

From: Peter Meuter <pemeuter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Peter Meuter

Email: pemeuter@yahoo.com

Phone (Fill for a call back): 7143810413

Message: move the "old" people statue to the veteran's plaza. it is an insult for me and my very young wife!

From: Audrey peony
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:56 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

1. Please remove this distasteful and embarrassing statue that serves no purpose but to depress anyone viewing it.
2. Consider the health of unaware shareholders when you allow advertising of unlicensed, by city and state, drug dealers. Having a wholesale peony farm surrounded by pot farms, I know the carcinogenic sprays that are used to grow big buds. Another lawsuit waiting to happen.

When I called the newspaper last May, I was told they took the add with a wink and a nod. Info is available online.

Audrey Wass

From: LINDA CARR
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Old Folks at Home on pool bench and a call for change

Dear Randy—

I appreciate your prompt reply. Hopefully this inappropriate disgrace will be removed very soon.

I recently severely reprimanded my young grandson on our lawn when he spontaneously broke into a vaudeville imitation of an older man with a cane, mocking decline, so I was shocked to see the Perroni family sponsoring this cartoon of the old woman with hanging breasts and housedress. Shame!! Ms. Perroni lacks the sensitivity, graciousness, and good sense to be on our GRF Board.

Linda Carr

On Feb 28, 2021, at 1:31 PM, LINDA CARR <lindapcarr@aol.com> wrote:

The dead tree—nice touch! and the old woman receiving instruction/direction/information from the old man . . . just in time for Women’s History Month!!

Let’s get rid of this ASAP

On Feb 28, 2021, at 1:25 PM, LINDA CARR <lindapcarr@aol.com> wrote:



On Feb 28, 2021, at 1:22 PM, LINDA CARR <lindapcarr@aol.com> wrote:

A lovely sculpture, but more appropriate for a nursing home, to demonstrate continuing literacy in the face of macular degeneration and Alzheimer's—and to encourage old folks to sit outside in the fresh air. Actually, this couple is waiting for their caregivers to assist them inside.

Frankly, I find this offensive as art for a community that encourages CREATIVITY and ACTIVITY. Who decided that this pitiful couple making the best of their physical decline is a representative icon for Leisure World?

I have no socially acceptable suggestions for where this could be relocated. Sorry.

Linda Carr M10 260L

310.977.0425

From: Suzanne Frank

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:04 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: The statue

Randy, this donated piece does not make positive in any way. It does not belong by the pool. Maybe back by the back gate or at the farm. Please move out of general public's view.

Suzanne

From: Yvonne B Leon <Bionicmum@msn.com>
Reply-To: "Bionicmum@msn.com" <Bionicmum@msn.com>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:34 PM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Yvonne B Leon

Email: Bionicmum@msn.com

The statue at the corner by the pool of an elderly couple sitting with a book in his lap looks like those from the 1940s or 1950s. This corner has the only stoplight and electrical board here so everyone I know is very familiar with that area. I request that it be moved to possibly
Message: the library or elsewhere. The majority living here don't look at all like that and it's not representative of us.
If this were my first visit here I'd feel very uncomfortable in buying a place and would consider the one similar to it in Laguna Woods.

From: Janice Kay Matthews
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: New Statue

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Kay Matthews

M-2, 53-H

598-1079

From: renee mcintyre <reneemcintyre2@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2021, 5:34 PM
Subject: Statue in front of the pool
To: <rankey@lwsb.com>

Good afternoon Randy,

Please consider removing the statue in front of our pool..I feel it does not accurately represent our community.

They look like 2 old forks from the early 1900's...

The statue might be better placed in front of the library due to the gentleman with a book in hand.

Thank you,

Scott and Renée McIntyre

Mutual 10 245L

From: Irene Cohen <iac1003@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: New sculpture of elderly couple

I am writing to voice my dislike of the placement of the new sculpture described above. They do not represent any of the people I know in Leisure World, even those in their 80's and 90's. The representation of the woman is ageist and sexist. I mean, my grandmothers, born in the 1880s, didn't even dress or look like that. I know it was a gift from a shareholder/board member but its prominent placement gives an erroneous and stereotypical impression of our active community. It should be placed elsewhere. Perhaps, like other HOAs and coops I have lived in (namely NYC, the land of the coop apartment) the shareholders should be able to have more of a say about what artwork and/or its placement we have. But that is a bylaw issue.

Please pass on my disapproval of this artwork at its current location to the appropriate committee.

Thank you.
Irene A. Cohen
Mutual 12, 61E

From: Lynne Burt-Jenkins
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:29 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue of old people now by pool

That is NOT the kind of statue that illustrates what life in Leisure World is or should be like. The people in that statue look ancient. This is a community for active adults. The only thing

active on that statue is dust.

I realize someone donated it. They got a tax write-off and we got a statue. But it is, frankly, ridiculous. And insulting. Please do something with it but don't post it on a corner where people who are considering moving here

will see it.

Thank you,

Lynne Burt-Jenkins

Mutual 7

From: Mark Worden

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:16 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: The statue

Randy,

By now you have probably been inundated with messages about "the statue". On Facebook it has taken on an epic status with literally hundreds of passionate comments. A quick perusal shows a hefty 95% are passionately against it. When you add a passionately negative statue situated at the pool (the other "hot topic") you end up with overwhelming anger from hundreds (thousands?) of residents.

The latest Facebook and Nextdoor posts have turned against Lynn Perotti for abusing her position to place this donation so prominently.

As for me, I don't believe that this statue reflects the look that you want for LWSB. It certainly doesn't reflect the look that I want my children and grandchildren to have of my home. I don't think this statue would be placed here if anyone other than Lynn Perotti had donated it. I certainly hope you are able to rectify this before it becomes an even bigger issue.

Thank you,

Mark Worden

Mutual 2

Apt 20L

714-313-6275

From: Brenda Hemry <lwm11vp@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:53 AM

To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>; Irma Heinrichs <ieheinrichs@yahoo.com>; Linda Stone <lstone@lwsb.com>

Subject: Statue

With all due respect to those who donated the statue and those who approved it and its placement, I offer the following:

I am confident that the subject matter and placement of the statue of two very elderly people sitting on a bench, was well thought-out, but I wonder if you considered the implications that it represents? If I were to be a first-time shopper for a resident in LW, and drove by this statue on my way to look at an apartment, I would get the impression that I was looking at housing community for the very latest stage of life, not one of moving into an active living community and of enjoying the many outdoor and indoor activities advertised. If I'm not wrong, that is the image we promote.

Like it or not, this statue is something one would find in a cemetery or a reflective garden at a nursing home. I understand that it was donated, but that does not make it right to just put up something, because it is free.

Lastly, I wonder if you have set a precedent for future donations? Will we soon be seeing more statues of the benefactor's choosing placed about the community as controversial as this one? How will you deal with those choices?

Please consider moving this statue out of the view of new buyers to a place that more clearly represents a memorial garden.

Cordially,

Brenda Hemry, Mutual 11

From: bevlarson77@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Cc: bevlarson77@gmail.com
Subject: Old People Statue

Hello Randy,

Your email was given as the person that we could "complain" about the recent statue installation in LW Main Hub area.

This is a very sad looking "end of life" statue that belongs in front of a nursing home, Not an Active 55+ Adult community. It is very demeaning to those of us that are very active and NOT at the end of our lives. Who made the decision to put this in our main hub area? And Why? Why not put a Seal/Beachy Statue there -- since we live in Seal Beach -- That would of been way more appealing and youthful ! Or was this given to us for FREE, and that is why it was put there?

I would like to ask if it could be removed. It truly is offensive.

Thank you for your time.

Bev Larson

bevlarson77@gmail.com

☎ 619-797-7704 (C)

From: winifredconley
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: statue

Who approved this? Are we an Assisted living facility? Nursing home? Or 55+ active living community?

This does NOT represent the majority of LWSB residents.

From: Shirley Naret <shirley.naret@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Cc: Jodi Hopkins <jodih@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

Good morning, I usually mind my own business ——— except this statue is an eyesore!!!! It's a beautiful piece of bronze however——It reminds me of the old English comedy called "waiting for God" an old age home.

We are a retired community, many, many are up on their feet and active.

It certainly is not a positive reinforcement of our community. I felt depressed just looking at it.

You are the boss Mr. Ankeny please dump it or hide it somewhere else.

Thanks for listening. Dr. Shirley Naret M2

From: Judith Jacobus
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 7:18 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Another Thought on the Statue

Good Morning,

This thought occurred to me late last night. We are an ethnically diverse community. Does the statue celebrate that? As sensitive as people are these days to diversity issues, with the current placement, I can just see someone from the outside coming in to visit and thngk that should be considered and suing GRF because of it. Thanks you again for all you do for this community. Take care and be well. Judie Jacobus

From: Robin Sinni <robin.sinni@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:52 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Remove the Statue

How the statue arrived to LWSB is not the issue. Whomever thought it would be a great marketing tool and attract new residence is far removed from the heart of this community!

We are an active senior community, not a dead one. The statue is in poor taste and represents feeble and aging- not appealing for those of us living here, and those that are thinking about living here.

Remove the statue!

Sincerely,
Robin Sinni
M3, 29G

From: Sue Ellis
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

Please remove the statue on Golden Rain & St Andrews. (Very distasteful.) I do not believe that it was voted on by GRF and therefore it was unauthorized.

Thank you, sue ellis.

From: Suzanne Gravois
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

"The statue of the depression-era couple that's now installed in front of the pool is a disgrace. My understanding is some board member donated it as a tax write-off. Whether or not that is true that statue must be removed and replaced with something that represents an ACTIVE, YOUNG AT HEART senior community in Seal Beach."

Thanks,

Suzanne Gravois

Mutual 1

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From: Joyce Ingram
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Old people statue.

This is an insult to the people of leisure world. I had a visitor yesterday and they thought there was a nursing home facility there. We the people of leisure world should Get to vote on this. It should be removed.

From: Miryam Fernandez
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue of by the pool

Dear Randy,

Is this how GRF sees us???

The statue of the depression-era couple that's now installed in front of the pool is a disgrace. My understanding is that some board member donated it as a tax write-off. Whether or not that is true, that statue must be removed and replaced with something that represents an ACTIVE, YOUNG AT HEART senior community in Seal Beach.

Do the residents get any input at what gets put into LW?

Sincerely,

Miryam Fernandez

M12 7L

From: Ian Garside <ianandmary7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:44 AM
To: GRF Board <GRFBoard@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue in front of pool

Dear board members

I have lived in leisure world for 4 years having purchased my home for over \$500,000. I am over 80 and consider myself to be active and on the good side of life.

My point on this statue is this is an active over 55 community and the statue does not reflect the community. I know many neighbors my age and into the hundreds and no one looks like these people. It also will detract value from our properties when future buyers come into the community and turn around because they do not want to live here. Is this what you want for our property values to go down?

In talking to many neighbors and friends no one likes the statue and many consider it to be a joke on your part!

Please rethink and put the old bench people back in storage where they belong. I would hope that as board members you are forward looking and willing to put the community first.

Mary Yasuda, 1442. Merion way 29a

From: Carol Ishii
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

In regards to the statue I feel it definitely not a representation of Leisure World. I feel also it's demeaning to those of us who live here. Please get rid of it or placed by the Pickle Ball court where it will be seen by few. Thank you.

From: Janice Kay Matthews <janicekaymatthews1943@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 1:55 PM
To: Randy Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: New Statue

Randy, I HATE the new status as it is not representing an active senior community which LW is. I hope that it is removed ASAP. Or put it in Mission Park (behind CH 2) which would be a really good place for it or maybe put it out in the mini farm since his open book is about gardens.

Kay Matthews

M-2, 53-H

598-1079

From: Kathy Parker
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:26 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

The statue on the corner by the pool is in a terrible location. It will drive away new buyers. If the board, or whoever is in charge of this, really wants it kept in LW, we should have a vote by all shareholders. And it definitely should be moved away from the center of our community. I never would have bought here if I had seen that, and if we didn't have a pool. Since the old man is looking at something related to gardening, it could be placed by the minifarm.

It's so ugly! Just because something is free, doesn't mean it's desirable.

Kathy Parker M2 45L

CFrom: Lillian Silva <jaaasilva@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

Please remove this ugly monstrosity. Why did you accept it? It doesn't represent us. I went to the last birthday celebration for those 100 and over. Those people were active and still exercising. They didn't look like doddering old people. Did you accept the statue and give a contribution receipt of \$5k to \$10k?

From: lee_howell Howell
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Recent Creepy addition

A piece making a terrible attempt to be "art" depicting a creepy cartoonish elderly Anglo couple was recently placed at NE corner of St. Andrews and Golden Rain . It should be offensive to all residents as it plays into an uncomplimentary senior stereotype that neither represents nor complements our active diverse senior community. It is reported that it was donated by a non-resident family member of the GRF board member, Leah Perroni. Despite what is hoped is good intentions we also know what road is paved with such good intentions. Please return to sender asap as they are welcomed to have on their private property or better yet melt it down for better use.

Trudi Howell

Mutual 5 - 69-g

From: Judy <jjazz2525@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

Please remove the statue placed by the traffic light. It does not represent Leisure World.

From: Susan Sheedy <susan_sheedy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue at the pool

As much as the donation is a kind gesture, it's an inappropriate representation of who really lives here in LW now.... we are a 55 years young and up organization. I am 64 and find it insulting to display such a piece of work for my friends to come in here and see. I hated sharing I live here in this old community but this seals the deal that I will never be able to bring friends into this safe place to my home. Attracting younger people with money to improve our properties is impossible with that display. Please move it at the least to the donates unit in Mutual 1 on her green belt or wall she can adore. My vote is get it out of here!!!! All my friends and Facebook attention show this same sentiments are obvious!!!!

From: Ruth Haberman <rh2945@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

PLEASE get rid of this appalling statue!! It is NOT representative of who most of us are.....it doesn't belong in an active senior community!
Thank you!

From: Cheryl Colyer
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: CORNER STATUE

I am writing this to say that I believe the new corner statue is absolutely hideous & certainly does NOT depict the young thinking people that live here!

One sales lady showing some property commented that her people she was showing property to wondered if that showed the type of people that live here! In NO WAY does it show that & therefore I think it should be removed from its current position. I don't think it belongs anywhere here in LW 😞

Please consider my thoughts?

Cheryl ColyerMiller

shoregirl1651@gmail.com

From: "Dr. Susan Mathieu" <drmathieu13@gmail.com>
Reply-To: "drmathieu13@gmail.com" <drmathieu13@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9:17 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Dr. Susan Mathieu

Email: drmathieu13@gmail.com

Phone (Fill
for a call 3109958237
back):

To: Randy Ankeny
Re: Statue

Message: As a retired professor of Gerontology among other courses I am deeply offended by the statue promoting a stereotype that thousands have spent their careers to dispel. Please remove from this prominent location. My question for administrators here in LW- is this how you see us?
Thank you for reading, Susan Mathieu Mutual 6

From: Brenda Hemry <lwm11vp@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:53 AM

To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>; Irma Heinrichs <ieheinrichs@yahoo.com>; Linda Stone <lstone@lwsb.com>

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Cordially,

Brenda Hemry, Mutual 11

On 3/10/21, 1:50 PM, "Lynne" <lbradley562@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Ankeny,

You have heard many opinions about the new statue in front of our future pool I'm sure. So, here is another one. It is a lovely work of art, but it offends me to have it here. Many of us are much younger than the figures depicted, and to remind us of what we will eventually look like is disturbing.

I've heard that some think it should be moved to a different location in Leisure World, but I don't think it should be here at all. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
Lynne Bradley

From: Robin Shank <rmspaca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue by the pool

Hi Randy,

Based on what I've been seeing on the Nextdoor site and hearing from others, I'm sure you are getting inundated with comments about the old couple on the bench. Put my husband and myself in the 'hate it' column. I understand that it's meant to honor former generations, that it was donated, and some sort of a plaque is to be added explaining the significance. I have no problem with any of that but the placement of the statue was definitely a mistake. It's a distraction as those driving past it slow down to look, which will only get worse when the plaque is added and people try to read it as they drive past. I almost rear-ended someone who came to a complete stop in the middle of the intersection. The best placement in my humble opinion is somewhere only approachable on foot. Since the man is holding a book maybe somewhere near the library would be appropriate, or on a greenbelt in the Mutual where the couple who donated it live. In all honesty, it represents nothing applicable to Leisure World. We are a much more active and busy community than what is depicted by the statue. It sends the 'God's Waiting Room' message that we all pretend we don't know about.

Thanks for listening. If it has to stay, please help us get the statue relocated.

Harry and Robin Shank

Mutual 4, 76-L

From: Ruth Kramer <ruthkramer57@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:23 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: statue

Randy:

Please consider removing the statute from the corner on the St Andrews corner. It doesn't represent the people who live here at all. In fact it is disturbing and unattractive. That corner does not need anything but some beautiful flowers and greenery and maybe a colorful rock or two to match the lovely plants in the medians of St. Andrews. I lead an active life and this statue looks like the end of life. I think you and/or your committee should listen to the many voices expressing their dislike of the statue. Please take it away from there and if we have to accept it, place it somewhere else where it would not be so offensive. Thanks for listening and please be more transparent in deciding issues that affect all of us who go past that corner every day. We are all capable of making a decision. After all we decided we wanted to live here before that monstrosity was placed there.

Ruth Kramer Mutual 12.

Positive Remarks (13)

From: Karen Sands <kjsands956@gmail.com>

Date: March 8, 2021 at 3:50:40 PM PST

To: Leah Perrotti <lperrotti@lwsb.com>

Dear Leah,

I just want to thank you for your extreme generosity and good taste in providing the beautiful statue .

Best regards,

Karen Sands

Sisterhood, Congregation Sholom

From: Darlene Rose

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:43 AM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: Statue of Couple on Bench

I am writing to express my appreciation for the touching and artistic new statue of the man and woman sitting on a bench located at Golden Rain and St. Andrews. This exquisite art work evokes the feeling that Leisure World is a place of friendship, socializing, interaction and community, that we are a place where no one need be lonely. Although we have many opportunities to be active, not everyone can be an athlete; but everyone can be a friend. Everyone can share a smile, a good joke, an interesting story or be a good listener.

Everyone except people who are judgmental, nasty and ungrateful, and who spew negativity and prejudice. Who would want such a neighbor? Fortunately, most of our residents are kind, thoughtful, upbeat and generous. One such generous person is the one who donated this beautiful statue for the rest of us to enjoy. It conveys the idea that Leisure World is also a place for art, culture, and continued learning and the pursuit of many interests. I think the statue lends itself to valuing a senior population that also has talents, skills, experience, intelligence and wisdom. I would love to see more statues that show us involved in sports, painting, music, gardening, film making, writing, reading, cycling, walking and singing and more. If not statues, then murals. I would love to see these murals on the fencing along the "ditch" on Golden Rain or as flags displayed from the poles that welcome interested buyers and newcomers and to inspire residents to become more active.

I have been dismayed by comments I'm aware of that the statue makes us seem less than dynamic or comments about the donation that are unappreciative and very critical. I suggest these naysayers don't just have a different opinion. That is certainly fine. They are themselves the source of their own rude negativity as evidenced by the way they express themselves. They are not the kind of neighbors who should be making or even influencing our decisions. Negativity like beauty

Is in the eye of the beholder. As the proverb says, "What is the use of good wine in a rotten barrel?"

Thank you again for this generously donated addition to Leisure World by a resident who has given years of service to our community.

From: Dorothy Ferrington
Date: March 1, 2021 at 9:36:28 AM PST
To: Leah Perrotti , Dorothy Ferrington
Subject: STATUE BY THE POOL - BEAUTIFUL
Reply-To: Dorothy Ferrington

Hi Leah, There seems to be some chatter about the statute by the pool. The following appeared in NEXTDOOR and I have seen comments on Joe Osuna's LW Facebook site also.

I really think it is a beautiful piece of sculpture, and we are so lucky to have it.

I made a suggestion on the LW Facebook site that shareholders who do not think this statue depicts Leisure World should campaign to get additional statues and have them placed around Leisure World.

Please keep this new piece of art in place. It is perfect in my eyes.

Dorothy

From: mikebrandow13
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

It's a wonderful detailed piece of art and history, there is nothing that represents ones search for a lifelong companion. All I see is two people enjoying each other! I'd be proud to own something that beautiful.

From: Karen Sands <kjsands956@gmail.com>
Date: March 8, 2021 at 3:50:40 PM PST
To: Leah Perrotti <lperrotti@lwsb.com>

Dear Leah,
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Best regards,
Karen Sands
Sisterhood,Congregation Sholom

From: Irma Mullaley <imullaley@pacificearth.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: I love your Depression Era statue

My grandfather lived it and told me so many stories.
So many haters in this world

From: Joyce Basch
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Congratulations on adding Art to our campus!

Dear Randy,

It is such a spark of life! Having a piece of Art work added to our beautiful campus is exciting. I've heard folks

talking about this generous gift.... both liking and disliking it. Isn't it wonderful that something so beautiful as original

Art can cause so much interest? If we stick with the ordinary, we're more likely to stagnate. If we don't have change,

we'll be boring and lifeless. My Leisure World is ever changing and growing in all directions. I don't approve of all hat's changing; however, I respect others who think differently from me.

I, personally, am so appreciative that more Art is added to our campus.

Virtual hugs and peace, Joyce Basch, Mutual 11, 263 H

From: Julie Barr
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:41 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

I love the new statue of the senior couple and their cat 

On 3/1/21, 11:34 AM,

"betsybrandel" <betsybrandel@aol.com> wrote:

I like it. 😊

From: Sally Mansis <sallymansis@me.com>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:46 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue by pool

I think the statue of the couple is wonderful. Please don't listen to the ones who always find something to complain about.

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From: Maxine Smith
Reply-To: Maxine Smith
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:38 AM
To: Randy Ankeny
Subject: Statue

Dear Randy...Hope you and your family are doing okay.

For whatever it's worth, I was totally enamored with the statue. I love it and felt it was an excellent choice for Leisure World.

What angers me is the nastiness, the horrific remarks of some .. I am just so shocked. I was then surprised to read in the GRF Newspaper it was donated by the Perrotti's .. very, very dear friends of mine.

With all the good you and your staff are doing for Leisure World...plus all going on with the pandemic, politics and more, this makes me extremely angry but more sad.

Take care,

Max (Maxine Smith)

PS I had my second shot.....THANK YOU LEISURE WORLD.

From: Cristina Vegas <cvegas2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Cristina Vegas
Email: cvegas2017@gmail.com
Phone (Fill
for a call 5622794657
back):

I am a resident at Leisure World since July of 2019 and I love it here.
I would like to address this message to Randy Ankeny and the Architectural Design and Review Committee. Please make sure it gets to them before March 25th when they plan to meet... or so I have heard.

Message: I want you to know that the loud, vociferous residents on Facebook are not speaking for me or many others. I, and others... many of whom, I am sure are not even aware of the debate on the Statue and its location, like both the statue and its placement. From the posts you can see that the people on Facebook first reacted to it because it showed an old woman they do not feel represents them. It is not supposed to but their egos got ahead of them. It is a statue of an old couple in earlier days but eternal in representing a loving couple in their retirement years. I thank the donors, I think it was a good choice for our community. Sitting on a bench together and reading a book while holding their cat on a lap does not mean they are not active. Yet that is what the discontent see.

I hope you do not succumb to their request to move the statue. If you look at all the posts and comments... they are insulting, degrading, and offensive. They got a gift and trashed it. Please do not think you need to keep them happy because it will not stop there. They will continue to use their bully tactics on anything they do not like about our community. You, in the committee were either elected, appointed or volunteered... please make us proud and stand up to their silly demands.

Sincerely,
Cristina Vegas
M05-92H

Favorable, but relocate (19)

From: Sandra Miller Forsythe <samglance@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue

To whom it may concern:

Can the statue of the elderly couple be moved to a different area in Leisure World. It's a beautiful work of art and needs to be relocated where residents will appreciate it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Sandra M. Forsythe
Mutual 2, 31K

From: Pam Miller
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue at the pool

I'm a resident of M6 and I just wanted to thank whoever donated the statue. However, I don't think it really depicts the majority of active residents of our wonderful Leisure World. Perhaps you could place it somewhere more appropriate? Near the Library?

Pam Miller
310.227.1258

"The painting rises from the brushstrokes as a poem rises from the words.
The meaning comes later." Joan Miro

From: Lori Gray <lorigray920@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: GRF Board snd Randy

The Pool Statue

Please seriously consider moving the statue to the Library. It does not depict the LW Shareholders. It is an embarrassment there by the pool . It has caused quite a negative impact on the majority of our community.

If the statue was donated with good intent , do not ruin the reputation of this family because it was placed wrong.

Lori Gray

Mutual 9

From: Ron Belben rjbelben123@gmail.com

Sent: Fri 2/26/2021 4:22 PM

To: ADRCommittee adrcommittee@lwsb.com

Subject: Statue at the intersection of Saint Andrews and Golden Rain

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It's a nice piece of art, but this was a really bad decision to put it at that location.

Please change the location of it ASAP

Ron Belben

Mutual 2 31L

From: Laura Miller <laurajones_miller1@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:05 PM

To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>

Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Laura Miller

Email: laurajones_miller1@yahoo.com

Phone (Fill
for a call 5623888905
back):

Message: I am a LW owner and a resident artist. I think the craftsmanship of the statue at Golden Rain and Saint Andrew's is lovely...however, the subject matter is offensive. Even my 95 year old neighbor wears a bra and plays pickle ball. This is not reflective of an active senior community. Maybe it could be placed by the art rooms where it can be enjoyed just as that...a lovely piece of art. Thanks for your time, Lolly Miller

From: Mitzi Winks <zipchip@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:10 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: Re: Golden Age Foundation Announcements

Thank you for the updates. I have tried to contact Golden Rain Foundation, specifically, the Architectural Design Committee, to request that they please move the sculpture of the elderly couple now ensconced at the corner of Saint Andrews and Golden Rain to a different area - such as near the Library in the Plaza where it is more appropriate.

Leisure World has always been marketed as a community for active seniors and recent retirees. That is not the message of this couple passively reading on a park bench in their twilight years. Although it is a generous gift and artistically well-executed it is NOT representative of Leisure World and NOT the positive promotional message of our stated mission to be engaged in golf, swimming, bingo, pickle ball, table tennis, exercise classes, dances and multiple clubhouses that offer members a variety of special interest clubs and activities too.

If Leisure World is to sustain itself it needs to attract new buyers who do embrace our lifestyle and the nearby beach amenities of Old Town Seal Beach. A golfer in that corner, a seal, or even a resident walking a dog would be a better representation of Leisure World.

Please, please move the statue to a less prominent and more appropriate viewing setting NOT where every visitor to Leisure World will pass by it and then form it's a Seizure World opinion, rather than a Leisure World concept. That it is a memorial to one's parents is a sweet idea and that we should cherish them is not controversial---but, placing the statue at our busiest corner definitely is all wrong!!!

Thank you.

Mitzi Winks

Mutual 5 - 102-I

From: pottertond <pottertond@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Statue Donation - request for reconsideration

After prolonged reflection I am writing to request reconsideration for the location of the statue recently installed at the corner of St. Andrews and Golden Rain.

I appreciate the individual sentiment behind the donation but I also feel the location of the statue is a mistake.

One of the great attractions that helped in the decision of where to live when I moved here from Colorado 7 years ago were all of the activities. The pool, gym, golf course, club houses and clubs, pickle ball, bocce ball, walking, mini farm, amphitheater, bike riding, etc. all sang out to me when I initially toured the grounds.

Placing the statue on the busiest intersection in Leisure World in front of the active pool, across from the active gym, near the golf course, and down the street from the amphitheater where hundreds of people walk and thousands of cars pass on a daily basis is an affront to the active lifestyle offered and marketed in Leisure World. Instead, every time I walk or drive by I am now constantly reminded of my own mortality and I feel sad.

I understand Mrs. Perrotti was instrumental with the rose garden by the library which would be a wonderful place for two, very old people reading a book sitting on a bench to be placed because truly they have stopped to smell the roses. Perhaps that entire area could be renamed "Perrotti Plaza" which would also assuage the Perrotti's need to be publicly recognized through the ages. A win-win for us all.

Respectfully
Denise Potterton
Mutual 1

From: Mitzi Winks <zipchip@yahoo.com>
Date: March 3, 2021 at 4:58:48 AM PST
To: Irma Heinrichs <iheinrichs@lwsb.com>
Subject: Fw: Failure Notice

From: MAILER-DAEMON@yahoo.com <mailer-daemon@yahoo.com>

To: "zipchip@yahoo.com" <zipchip@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 08:24:58 PM PST

Subject: Failure Notice

<iheinrichs@lwsb.com>:

I realize that the statue on the corner of Saint Andrews/Golden Rain was a gift---and, indeed, is a generous one. Also, there is nothing wrong with the execution of the sculpture and the artist has done a good job of depicting an elderly couple in their twilight years.

However, this should be moved to the Plaza near the Library. It is entirely contrary to the marketing of Leisure World since its inception. Ever since it debuted, Leisure World was always marketed towards new retirees, or early retirees, who seek an active life---with golf, swimming (someday), pickle ball, exercise classes, table tennis, Bingo, six clubhouses with various activities and special interest clubs. Before, the pandemic, one could be as active as one chose to be.

The message of two sedentary individuals (one reading a book) is not representative of Leisure World and its mission. If we want to sustain Leisure World it still must continue to attract new buyers who want to be vigorous participants and engaged in the community and the nearby beach life of old town Seal Beach.

Please, rethink how inappropriate the sculpture is in its current placement - where all newcomers to Leisure World will see a static and complacent couple who appear to be at the end of life's spectrum. A golfer would be much more appropriate in that setting, or even a walker with a dog would better reflect the LW life style that will attract potential buyers.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Winks (83 and NOT sedentary)

Mutual 5 - 102-I

From: Lillian Elbers <lelters@twc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Lillian Elbers

Email: lelters@twc.com

Hello I noticed the statue in front of the pool area yesterday the couple sitting on the bench reading a book. Because of its location I did not find that statue by appealing whatsoever. I Message: think there are other locations that might better fit this statue in suggestion perhaps by the library or the veterans plaza or a park area would seem to me much more fitting. Thank you for considering my suggestions. Lillian

From: Judi Joho <judiajoho@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 7:57 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@lwsb.com>
Subject: LWSB Website Contact

Name: Judi Joho

Email: judiajoho@earthlink.net

Phone (Fill for a call back): 7143924665

Message: I have to agree the statue is very nice and sweet, but seems out of place on the corner in front of the pool. By the library would be the perfect place to put it.

From: Ron Belben
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue at the intersection of Saint Andrews and Golden Rain

Dear Mr Randy Ankeny

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where the golf course is located. Maybe a statue of a swimmer or a golfer, or a seal (representing Seal Beach) or a pod of leaping dolphins. That location should be the crown jewel of LW with something upbeat, something that will inspire activity and a free flowing lifestyle should be there, not a sedentary way of life..

Please use your horsepower to get this changed

Ron Belben

Mutual 2 31L

From: Lee Ann Warner
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Pool statue

As per the instructions on the LW fb page, I am taking a moment to share my thoughts about the statue.

It's a nice piece of sculpture, as are all the other bronzes near the Westminster wall in M2. But I do agree with the statements people have made about it being more appropriate at the library or Vet's Plaza or the pickle ball area.

I also agree that, if a statue is what will remain in that spot, that it be of something aquatic in nature and design. Thank you for listening.

Lee Ann Warner M2 38L

From: Diana Justin
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:32 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

Good morning Randy! Just wanted to reach out to you regarding the statue at the corner of our main intersection of Saint Andrews and Golden Rain. Even though the statue itself is a fine piece of art I don't think it's the representation that we want as residents of Leisure World. I would hope that we are trying to attract a younger crowd of people in Leisure world. I think the statute would be more appropriately placed either by the library since the gentleman seems to have a book in his hand or at Mission Park. I sincerely hope the GRS will consider relocating the statue.

Thank you! Diana Justin

From: Carol Ginthner
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue donation

Hi Randy,

As I stated in the Roundtable meeting, and in response to your suggestion, I am submitting a request for the GRF Board to review of the placement location of the sculpture being donated by the Perotti family.

While I fully appreciate the donation and the sentiment behind it, I feel that the location at the hub of LW activities does not reflect those activities or the active living environment that we are trying to project.

I do feel that there are other locations more befitting the subject matter which could be enhanced by the art work. We have green space/garden areas at multiple locations (CH 1, 2, 3 & 4 come to mind immediately) that would provide a lovely surrounding for this sculpture.

I would request that the GRF Board reconsider the placement of this generous gift and find a more fitting location to showcase it.

I do hope that future donations could be made/sought for a sculpture, depicting the active lifestyle we so adamantly promote, for this location.

Thank you.

Carol Ginthner

Mutual 3-30F

From: maazz@aol.com

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:57 PM

To: Randy L. Ankeny

Subject: re statue of old woman and man sitting on a bench installment

Dear Mr. Ankeny,

I'm writing with regard to the placement of the bronze statue of an old woman and man sitting on a bench on the corner near the pool area.

I am sure intentions were good with the placement of this statue however I find it so out of place in terms of the representation of our "active senior community" and what I know I want to see in terms of uplifting for my mind and soul not to mention what I think would be important in terms of attracting new younger shareholders vs. being an outright turn off.

I would like for there to be more shareholder input with regard to a statue that is going to be representative our of community and one that we may likely be looking at during our however many years we're going to be living in Leisure World. Can't we have something that better depicts the character of our lifestyle here such as something that shows vibrancy and the active lifestyle of our lovely senior community? I would also enjoy viewing something that uplifting, attractive and/or interesting to view such as a really nice abstract sculpture.

I hope you will consider my opinion and that of others that I know are writing with regard to this statue as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Maria Azzarone

Mutual 4 46D

From: Rose Zanone <rosezanone@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Pool bronze

Please try to either return the art or relocate it. It isn't appropriate for our active community. Although beautiful, it doesn't depict the majority living here. It belongs at an assisted living home. Maybe Bev Manor would appreciate it. We LW's do not. Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

From: jeri nowell
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: Statue

Randy, We appreciate the people who donated the new statue by the pool but we are not in agreement with the location. Please consider moving it by the library or Mission Park. Thank you for listening. Ted and Jeri Nowell Mutual 5 96A

From: Connie Terry
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Randy L. Ankeny
Subject: New statue

Hi Randy

I want to add my voice to those that are not approving of the new statue by the pool. It is a lovely piece of art but I do not believe it is an appropriate representation of Leisure World or the people here. It gives the wrong impression of who lives here and the attitudes of residents to those driving in. It would be much better to move it to the library. It doesn't belong in mission park either because most of those that use it are active and doing all they can to avoid the stereotype the statue represents.

Connie Terry

From: lynesorum@gmail.com <lynesorum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Randy L. Ankeny <randya@lwsb.com>
Subject: Safety

My concern for the new statue(or any other) placement is safety. The heavily trafficked (vehicle, foot, bikes, motorcycle) stop light intersection should have all eyes on traffic and stop light directions. I am able bodied and walk miles daily. But I fear for others safety.

I would like to see the statue placed where one could sit/stop and enjoy it. Please no distractions on that corner.

Lynne Sorum M3
Less than 2 years.



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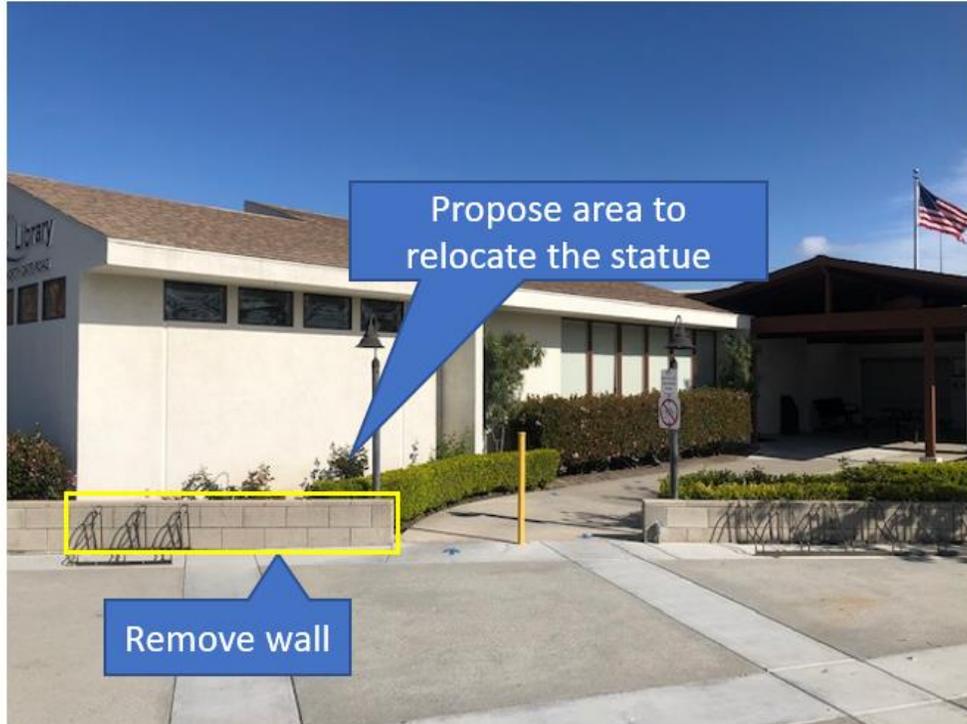
COMMITTEE ACTION REQUEST

TO: ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND REVIEW COMMITTEE
FROM: RANDY ANKENY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF THE STATUE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF GOLDEN RAIN AND ST ANDREWS.
DATE: MARCH 6, 2021
CC: FILE

For the review and consideration of the Committee, relocation of the statute installed at the corner of Gold Rain and St Andrews, per the Committee action of February 6, 2020.

Based upon comments received to date, I respectfully request relocation of the statute to the Library, per the conceptual renderings as follows.

Proposed site and location (Exhibit A)



Conceptual rendering (Exhibit B)



General scope of project

- Clear the site identified at Trust property identified as the Library, approximately 60 square feet of existing plant material.
- Remove approximately 8-10 feet of knee wall.
- Add statute base per manufacturers specification.
- Add plants and trees (per ADRC approved plant and tree selections)
- Relocate the statue.

I move to authorize the Executive Director, to remove and store the statue as soon as reasonably possible.

I move to recommend to the Board relocation of the statue located at Golden Rain and St Andrews to Trust property identified as the library, per the concept renderings identified as Exhibit A and B