

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

1 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Bev Blatt called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:52 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

1-A ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Bev Blatt, Commissioner Shawn Shelby, Commissioner, Commissioner Ron Carlson and Commissioner Ed Downing

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Saxton

Staff: Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 were approved unanimously

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Downing asked about special meetings, and Amy Wooldridge stated that it would need to be an agenda item for future special meetings

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Facility Reports by Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell

Ken Campbell gave an update on the North Course, and stated that the grow-in performed in 2015 over planting of the fairways continues to improve coverage and overall turf quality. Recent rains have assisted in washing through sodium in soil, which allows the turf grass to be healthier. They have performed a solid tine and heavy green sanding maintenance. 54 dead trees that were identified by a tree arborist have been removed, and are also working clear damaged trees from the storm.

Mr. Campbell stated that they have regrassed some landing areas of the range that were impacted by turf damage from from prior irrigation issues. Ongoing adjustments to irrigation and maintenance practices of the Par 2 have resulted in continued improvement of turf quality and conditions.

He stated that irrigation installation is underway on the front nine of the South Course. The wild grasses visible near the clubhouse around holes 1 and 18 germinated on their own and are not part of the grassing plan, but has assisted the efforts with erosion control during the rain. It is in the process of being cut back to tidy up the area and will be sprayed out before grassing. Import fill continues on the back 9, but has been slowed due to rain, with several weeks delay due to the weather. The projected opening has been inpaced by weather. Construction of the course is still on schedule to be completed in 2016, however due to weather delays the grassing and grow-in of all 18 hole will required additional time. The front 9 is planned to be finished and start grassing this year in early summer, then they plan to completed the remaining back 9 holes construction in the summer/fall. Grassing of the back 9 is projected to be done in late spring of 2017, which moves full opening of the course the the summer of 2017.

Mr. Campbell was asked if Greenway was pleased with the outcome of the Par 3 and the Driving Range, and he stated that the results are not far from their original projections. He was then asked if they were planning to replace the mats at the driving range, and he responded that he will look into it.

Mr. Campbell stated they Greenway is supportive of Jim's approved new concessionaire agreement and is looking forward to working with Tom on his plans to best incorporate them with other clubhouse and course improvements. Both parties are committed to developing plans that are best solutions for the property operations and the community enjoyment.

He stated that they are launching a new GolfBoard. It is the best of a skateboard, surfboard, snowboard and a golf cart. Mr. Campbell showed the Golf Commission a short video regarding safety and operation. The fee range will be from \$15.00 to \$25.00 depending on the time of day, and will be available for use on the Par 3.

Commissioner Downing asked about the existing carts and when new carts might be coming, and Mr. Campbell responded that the downsized existing carts are on a new lease, will be having new batteries installed along with other maintenance. Greenway does not want to bring in new carts until the renovation of the South Course is complete. There will be two different carts, one type for each course.

Mr. Campbell asked about Footgolf and he stated that they felt there were other issues that needed to be resolved. They will revisit it this summer.

He was asked if there was a plan for other dead trees on the property and he stated that they are not finished.

4-B Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club by Mrs. Norma Arnerich

Mrs. Arnerich stated that junior golf applications are being received. 13 junior golfers from the program are currently under college scholarships.

Commissioner Carlson asked Mrs. Arnerich what their plans are if both putting greens are closed, how this would affect their tournaments, and she stated that they don't have a plan as yet, but will work it out. Mr. Campbell stated that the rebuilding of these putting greens will be sometime this fall.

Mrs. Arnerich that two of their junior golfers are now members of the LPGA and another is a member of the Symetra tour.

4-C Golf Complex Restaurant Report, Jim's on the Course

Tom Geanekos stated that he been in contact with Greenway and they are discussing future plans, and also that they have already started working on the kitchen facilities, and mirrors in the bathrooms have been replaced.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – April 12, 2016

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was posted seven days in advance in compliance with the Alameda Sunshine Ordinance, which also complies with the 72-hour requirement of the Brown Act.