

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Downing called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:3 p.m. via teleconference

ROLL CALL

Present: (Via teleconference) Chair Ed Downing, Vice Chair Claire Loud, Commissioner Kaiwin Su, Commissioner John Kim and Commissioner Robert Lattimore

Absent: None

Staff: (Via teleconference) Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge, Umesh Patel, Tracy Craig and Zac Wald of Greenway Golf

Also Present: None

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 8, 2022, were approved unanimously with one correction

3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

5-A Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club

None

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6-A Review and Make a Recommendation on the Corica Park Fire Tower Design

Tracy Craig of Greenway Golf gave a timeline of when the fire tower was vacated and when Greenway approached the City regarding renovation as well as a timeline of how the project has progressed with the City regarding amendments of the lease.

Zac Wald of Greenway Golf explained that the Design Review Committee is a subset of the Planning Board. He was brought on board with Greenway to coordinate this project. The designer for this project is April Phillips, who designed the newest Alameda waterfront park.

Mr. Wald explained that Greenway hired engineers to make sure the building was sustainable, and it was determined that the building is structurally sound. The renovation is planned to be done by Fall 2022. Mr. Wald proceeded through the Beautification Plan which was attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Lattimore asked if there was a plan for the interior, and Mr. Wald answered not at this time.

Commissioner Loud asked if the existing wall on Island Drive is remaining and if the existing fence still remaining on the second hole side. Mr. Wald stated that the existing wall will remain and will be painted on the Greenway side but will not on the roadway side and the fence will be cleaned up and will later determine if the fence might be removed depending on several factors. Commissioner Loud then asked if the gardens will be open to the patrons of the golf course as well as the general public and Mr. Wald stated that has not been evaluated as yet. Ms. Craig added that is what type of input they are looking for. Mr. Patel added that this a beautification project and the intention is not opening it to the general public but may occasionally open it for a community gathering.

Commissioner Loud asked if the garden was going to be irrigated with potable or non-potable, and Mr. Patel responded that it will be non-potable, following the path the golf course already uses.

Chair Downing asked if the artwork on the windows will be on the inside or the outside, and Mr. Wald explained that it would be on the inside.

Chair Downing then asked what the asphalt will be covered with, and Mr. Wald stated that it would be decomposed granite that is compacted and on top of that, would be raised planters.

Chair Downing asked what the cost of the project would be, and Mr. Wald stated that he did not know. Chair Downing shared his concern regarding this as construction on the north course has stopped. Mr. Patel stated that the two projects are not connected. Greenway plans to complete this project on time.

Amy Wooldridge stated that the next step for their recommendations would be brought to the Planning Board, which is scheduled for May 9, 2022, for review by the public

Commissioner Loud made a motion not to recommend to the Planning Board at this time, and Chair Downing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7 OLD BUSINESS

7-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

Umesh Patel stated that they have implemented new procedures regarding frost and weather delay notifications as well as notifications regarding aerification, as the golf course will be closed until 1:00 PM with reduced rates on those days. There will be about six days through this year and will be posted in the near future.

Vice Chair Loud asked about sand bottles on the carts, and they will be available shortly.

Chair Downing asked about update on the North Course construction, and Mr. Patel responded there is no update at this time.

Chair Downing asked about stocking the pro shop, and Mr. Patel stated that Shawn Shelby is working on it.

Chair Downing asked about the liquor license and beverage service, and Mr. Patel stated they are working on the best way moving forward.

7-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos stated that 2022 sales numbers are up similar to pre-pandemic and could possibly surpass. The price of food has gone up substantially. Staffing has been an issue, and hopefully will be solved by summer with bringing staff to work over three months from other countries, which they have been doing previously. Labor costs have also risen, so there will be a price increase. The beverage cart will continue to run. He also stated that he wanted to thank the community for their support over the last two years.

7-C Recreation and Parks Director Report

None

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – May 24, 2022

Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

**Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report
Recreation and Parks Director Report**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 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.