

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bev Blatt called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

1-A ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bev Blatt, Vice-Chair Ed Downing, Commissioner Ron Carlson, and Commissioner Cheryl Saxton

Absent: Commissioner Shawn Shelby

Staff: Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of April 12, 2016 were approved unanimously with corrections.

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Facility Reports by Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell

Ken Campbell stated that annual greens maintenance has been performed on the north course including sanding and aerifications of the green to improve the penetration of water. All of the tees have been aerified along with troubled spots on the fairways along the banks. Eight dead redwood trees have been removed and tree trimming is ongoing. 18 new mats have been purchased for the practice facility. Mr. Campbell was asked who was trimming the trees and he stated that it was being done by both an outside company and our maintenance staff. The maintenance staff has been trimming the low hanging limbs and anything up to about 8 feet. The dirt pile by

the maintenance yard is there for two purposes, one to fill in the bare spots on the fairways and and bounding will be done around the maintenance facility. They have started backfilling around cart paths and some bare areas, and are overseeding. Regarding the range mats, more will be coming as they rotating the old ones out and new range balls will be coming. Some areas of the range have been resodded.

Mr. Campbell stated that Jason Cook, Greenway's Western Regional Superintendent, will be relocated to Chuck Corica later this month. He will be the senior superintendent on property responsible for the grow-in on the south course. He has been with Greenway since about 2008, and his expertise is in grow-ins and top quality turf conditions. Jason will be overseeing the overall maintenance of the property, and reporting directly to Marc. This will assist Vinny in the day to day operations as this is a large property. Jason will be working on building forward tees on some of the longer holes on the Par 3 course.

Commissioner Downing asked about the grow-in and Mr. Campbell responded that they are still looking to grass the entire front nine of the south as well as 10 and 18 this summer. Decisions have not been made yet as to when the course will be open, or if they will open nine first, and those items are still in discussion.

They are continuing to work on the plans for the remodel of the golf shop, the restrooms and the exterior of the building. They are working on updating the plans for the north course renovations, which includes the stormwater ponds and canals. They are working on a proposal for the City to incorporate into the north course remodel.

Mr. Campbell stated that they are working to see if there is way to incorporate the entryway into the north course remodel, so the City would not have to do it, and that is still in the works, and that is the reason it was removed from the agenda. Mr. Campbell was asked when this information might be available, and he responded maybe July or August is the target.

Commissioner Downing asked about the lease fees since the lease is in the fourth year, and that Mr. Campbell had previously mentioned about approaching the City regarding revisiting this in consideration of the north course renovation, and Mr. Campbell stated that the lease fee increases on September 1, 2016, and that they are planning to meet with the City prior to the increase, to talk about considerations that they feel are warranted for the bigger investment that they had originally planned. At the time of the original lease, they had anticipated that the South course would be open, and it would be a challenge with the increase without the course open. Mr. Campbell stated that the original permitting stage along with weather delays were not anticipated. Commissioner Downing asked if the remodel of the golf shop along with the Jim's renovations were items that were beyond the original plan, and Mr. Campbell stated that they are not contractually obligated to do, but had felt these items were be addressed from capital reserve funds, and they feel these things need to be addressed sooner, and there is not a capital reserve fund yet. They are working with Jim's and the City on having a main water line from the street to the clubhouse, with the estimate at \$150,000.

Bob Wood suggested to Mr. Campbell considering a pedestrian walkway along Memorial Road, and Mr. Campbell stated that it is worth consideration.

Mr. Campbell stated that they had positive feedback from the Commuters.

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

None

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

Tom Geanekos stated they are going to be installing new beer taps that will go directly from the cooler to the bar, which will be more efficient. Regarding the inside, he stated that it's much too busy in the summer to do any renovations, but they are working with the designer and Greenway regarding the outside, the color scheme, and enlarging the bar. He apologized for the mess in the back, but that will be gone soon, and eventually a fence will be built to block the area, and will be done the same time as the structure going up. Commissioner Carlson asked about the new cooler in the back, and Mr. Geanekos stated that it up and running. They are installing new beer taps with 20 different beers, and hope to have that installed by mid summer. The new kitchen is moving forward and hopes to have 90% of it done by mid summer, and are on schedule at this time.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

Bob Wood asked who was responsible for removing the agenda item regarding the entryway and Mr. Campbell stated that it was him. Mr. Wood stated that it should be on the agenda more frequently, and handed the commissioners a picture of the current view of the entryway, and asked if there had been any discussion between Recreation and Parks and Public Works, and Commissioner Saxton stated that Amy Wooldridge had informed the Golf Commission that this work would be ongoing. Commissioner Carlson stated that they were informed that the work would be going on for 4-6 weeks.

Mayor Trish Spencer stated that she was concerned about this agenda item being withdrawn, and her understanding of Parliamentary procedure, is that when an item is withdrawn, unless it's like oral communications, that when a person is speaking from the public, the person can speak, but they cannot respond, otherwise it's considered an agenda item. She thinks that Parliamentary procedures should be honored at all meetings, as it puts the public on notice, and since Mr. Wood requested it, she was concerned that it was withdrawn, and considering the discussion previously, it should have been an agenda item. Chair Blatt explained that prior to her arrival, it was

determined that it was a miscommunication, as Mr. Campbell that Greenway had an intent to include it in the proposal, and they were not prepared to present it yet, and the agenda had already been sent out.

Bob Wood suggested that there are some things can be done without expense, such as just cleaning it up, moving some of the vehicles out. Commissioner Downing suggested that it be placed back on the agenda. Mr. Campbell stated that this is not a part of the golf complex, and his understanding is that it does fall under the jurisdiction of the Golf Commission or Greenway's operations, and Commissioner Downing agreed, but suggested that maybe they could come up with a solution to improve it.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

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

Entryway to Golf Complex

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 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.