

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bev Blatt called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

1-A ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bev Blatt, Commissioner Ron Carlson, and Commissioner Cheryl Saxton

Absent: Vice Chair Downing and Commissioner Shawn Shelby

Staff: Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell and Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of May 10, 2016 were approved unanimously.

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Facility Reports by Chief Operating Officer Ken Campbell .

Ken Campbell introduced Jason Cook, new Director of Maintenance at the golf course, who has been with Greenway for several years. His responsibilities will include day to day maintenance of the golf course, and will assist with the grow-in. He will also assist Vinny, who is still in a management position, and his background is in irrigation.

Mr. Campbell stated that they have received 18 new range mats which have been installed along with 500 dozen new range balls, with another 500 dozen coming in the near future along with 18 more new range mats later in the summer.

He also stated that they have been upgrading some of the golf boards, with rentals improving. There were a couple of items that needed to be addressed as they were not available for use for about a week. Heavier springs were installed on the deck boards, and these are the only two instances that have happened at any Greenway property. Performance checks were done on all the boards. Commissioner Carlson asked if they were able to rent the golf boards without watching the video and signing the release, and Mr. Campbell stated that they would not be able to use the boards.

Mr. Campbell stated that they have been working to get the cart path curbing done and the front nine will be done this month. The grassing plan has been modified, which will begin this season, but due to the high water table, and has caused Marc to make some adjustments. Grassing will be done first on the cool season areas first, which include the rough, the green surrounds and the native areas. The fairways will be done at the same time. The sand has been placed in the bunkers on the front nine.

He stated that they have been working on the north course renovation plans which will now include the front entry way as well as a better drainage and irrigation plan from the original. Greenway has been working with the City regarding these new plans.

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

Mrs. Arnerich stated that the East Bay Junior Golf Tournament will be held next Monday and Tuesday, with golfers coming from all over the area to compete.

Mrs. Arnerich also stated that the golf course sign by the bridge and Doolittle Drive is not visible as trees are overgrown, and Mr. Campbell stated that they would include it in the future north course plans.

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

See Agenda 5-A

Amy Wooldridge gave an update on the current Golf Commission members. Cheryl Saxton has been reappointed. Sean Shelby has tendered his resignation, due to unable to commit enough time, and the Mayor has appointed Ron Taylor as the new Commissioner. His final confirmation will be held with the City Council on July 19.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Review and Final Recommendation for Jim's on the Course Event Center and Patio Seating Area

Amy Wooldridge stated that the Golf Commission had already approved the conceptual plan and it then went to the Recreation and Park Commission who also approved it. Since that time, Tom Geanekos has been working with his architect to address any questions that had come up. They are moving forward with the approved conceptual plan, the 75 person closed patio, the 200 person event center, and also extending the outdoor patio with the fire pits and fountain. A fourth entrance was added on the parking lot side which was requested at the last meeting. She indicated where the proposed restrooms would be.

Mr. Wooldridge stated that the next steps per the Jim's agreement is the requirement to bring it to the Planning Board for approval. If it's approved tonight, she hopes to bring it to the next Planning Board meeting in July, as there are no meetings in August. In addition, since the conceptual drawing is different than the original drawing that was approved by City Council during the Jim's lease agreement negotiations, it will have to go back to City Council in September or October.

Mr. Geanekos stated that they have already starting working on the second kitchen, relined all the walls with stainless, and are moving forward with all items being up to code with the Health Department. All the equipment has been purchased for the kitchen that will be supplying the event center. All the walk-ins have been installed, including a walk-in that will house the kegs for the beer.

Mr. Geanekos also stated that revenue is up about 10% over the previous year through June.

Commissioner Carlson asked if the entrance to the restrooms would be inside or outside, and Mr. Geanekos stated that they would enter from the inside. Chair Blatt asked if there were two events at the same time, would it be accessible from both sides, and Mr. Geanekos stated that it would be.

Commissioner Carlson asked about the patio at the event center, if that was going to be covered, and it will be covered by an awning with posts on the end.

Mr. Geanekos stated that the event center will make it much easier to accommodate all aspects, while the event center would handle the tournament clientele, without disrupting the restaurant clientele. He was asked if they would be hiring an event coordinator, and he stated that he would be.

Mr. Geanekos stated that when business begins to slow sometime in October, they will begin updating the restaurant, including new flooring, removal of the partitions and painting, this will happen prior to the beginning of construction.

Commissioner Saxton made a motion to approve the plans, and Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – September 13, 2016

Communications Plan – How the City better interfaces with Greenway regarding the golf complex

10. 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.