

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jane Sullwold called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Ladies Lounge, 1Clubhouse Memorial Road, Alameda, CA 94502

**1-A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Jane Sullwold, Commissioner Ray Gaul, Vice Chair Bill Schmitz, Commissioner Jeff Wood and Commissioner Tim Scates

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** General Manager John Vest

**Also Present:** None

**1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2013, were approved unanimously as corrected.

**1-C ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Commission unanimously adopted the agenda.

**2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS**

**4-A Facility report by John Vest**

John Vest reported that the Complex experienced frost delays on 13 days in January, resulting in 267 fewer rounds than in January 2012. Revenue for January was about \$220,000, which was about 2% less than the prior year.

The new Golf Complex website will be launched in the next week; it will include a construction tab with timelines and diagrams.

Topdressing will be applied to the Fry Course in February, and to the Clark Course in March, and will continue on an alternate month basis going forward.

During the closure of the range, there will be several projects going on, including landscaping and painting of the buildings.

Following up on last month's discussion about the broadcast of music around the pro shop, staff has looked into the issues of music style and volume, and will be implementing a schedule for when the speakers are on and off.

A successful morning shotgun was held on the Fry Course on Superbowl Sunday, with open play on the Clark Course. There will be a Valentine's Day special that will include champagne from Jim's.

The parking lot stripes are being repainted by Greenway employees.

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

Norma Arnerich stated that she has not had a chance to get together with John Vest regarding a more durable style of bench for memorial donations.

The Jack Clark Invitational will be held September 23, 2013.

#### **4-D Golf Complex Restaurant Report, Jim's on the Course**

Commissioner Tim Scates spoke with Tom Geanekos, who advised that negotiations with the City over the plans for restaurant renovations have completely broken down over the issue of indemnification for possible sub-soil hazards. Tom intends to remain in business in the existing facility until the end of his lease. Golf Commissioners expressed frustration that the renovation plans have apparently been abandoned.

### **5 AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **5-A Status Report on Golf Complex Renovations, including Golf Commission recommendations, if any.**

Chair Sullwold spoke with Marc Logan yesterday regarding Greenway's frustration about delays in the permitting process for the driving range renovations, but learned from Marc this afternoon that the grading permit was issued today. John Vest said Greenway will keep the website timeline updated when a definite schedule has been fixed, but right now they are intending to commence the driving range work in April. Tim Scates said the City is not entirely responsible for the delays, as each City has a different procedure policy, and this application was the first step in a learning process for Greenway.

Marc Logan also told Chair Sullwold that golf course architect Rees Jones is planning on coming to Alameda sometime in April to present tentative plans for the Clark Course renovations, and would like to meet with the Golf Commission and golfers. Chair Sullwold said that the Commission will schedule a special meeting for that purpose, possibly at the Washington Park Recreation and Parks Department Building, if available.

Chair Sullwold advised that Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Parks Director, hopes to attend next month's Golf Commission meeting to discuss the Golf Commission's role in the future.

#### **5-B Update on Golf Complex Finances**

Norma Arnerich asked if the public and the Commission will be receiving regular financial reports from Greenway in the future, similar to what we got in previous years. Chair Sullwold explained that, under the terms of the long-term lease, during construction the City is entitled only to a rent payment of \$75,000 per year, making it irrelevant the amount of monthly golf revenue collected by Greenway. It is only after completion of construction that Greenway becomes obligated to make payments to the City based on revenue. This is unlike the management contracts under which Kemper and American Golf operated the Golf Complex.

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

None

#### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

- Discussion about the future role of the Golf Commission with Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge
- Status Report on Golf Complex renovations, including Golf Commission recommendations, if any
- Update on Golf Complex Finances

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 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.