

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ed Downing the called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. via teleconference

ROLL CALL

Present: (Via teleconference) Chair Ed Downing, Commissioner Claire Loud, Commissioner Ron Carlson and Commissioner Pete Pizzino and Commissioner Ben Finkenbinder

Absent: None

Staff: (Via teleconference) Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge

Also Present: None

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 13, 2020 were approved unanimously

3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club

Chair Downing shared per Connie Wendling stated that Greenway will allow junior tournaments in 2021 will be played on the south course and, if any holes open on the north course, also. Solicitation letters have been sent requesting assistance. Golf Genius will be used for tournaments. Applications have been sent to juniors to join the program.

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6-A Nominate and Vote on Vice-Chair

Chair Ed Downing nominated Commissioner Claire Loud for Vice-Chair, was seconded by Pete Pizzino, the motion passed unanimously.

6-B Corica Park Volunteer Program – Presentation from Joe Crespin

Joe Crespin, players assistance representative, stated that they are now at full capacity, with 36 active members and 6 relief members. Pace of play can be addressed more efficiently, and they will be implementing, they are going to hover at the 11th hole to encourage waving golfers up, especially when the 12th hole is cart path only to prevent backups. New radios are needed, or old radios repaired as it's difficult to contact the pro shop and rovers. He stated that a permanent structure, possibly a small shack, would be helpful at the first tee, stating problems with the wind and upcoming inclement weather.

The duties of the players assistant are as follows:

First tee host is to make sure groups are teeing off at the correct time. Also responsible for keeping track of when the first ball of the group is struck, and when they come off the ninth hole, listing a turn time and when they leave 18, the finishing time. Also responsible for watching the common areas, including the putting green, that masks are being worn. Rovers are on the course, making sure they are keeping pace with the group in front of them.

7 OLD BUSINESS

7-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

None

Chair Downing commented on the following items:

Article in NCGA magazine stating that Greenway has made the decision to open nine holes of the north course next year.

Driving range new mats and removing the Power Tees, as well as the plan overall.

Status of hiring a pro/general manager per the lease agreement.

Vice-Chair Loud asked about maintenance on the Mif Albright course.

Commissioner Pizzino expressed his concern regarding the shutdown of the Power Tees, as golfers are standing in front of the Power Tees.

Both Commissioners Carlson and Finkenbinder were concerned about the driving range and Power Tee situation.

Chair Downing expressed his concern on the bare spots on 12 and 13 of the south course and Commissioner Carlson stated he had asked Marc Logan about this, and Mr. Logan stated that he is working with the superintendent regarding this. Commissioner Finkenbinder asked about reopening of the golf shop.

7-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos stated that the restaurant was able to open indoors at 25% capacity, and a possibility that Alameda County will shut down indoor dining again. Umbrellas have been replaced due to wind damage. Chair Downing asked about the heaters, and Tom stated that they should have been out.

7-C Recreation and Parks Director Report

Amy Wooldridge stated that the parking lot project is complete. Another project in the works is making the curb cuts at the driving range ADA compliant. The City has been working with Greenway regarding the drainage on the parking lot, which Public Works is researching. She stated that the lagoon levels will be lowered to allow the outfall pipes to work properly. The City is intending to make improvements on their storm water pump station.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – January 12, 2021

Golf Pro/General Manager requirement
Greenway Report
Greenway Golf Annual Report
Jim's on the Course Report
Recreation and Parks Director Report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 7:13 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.