

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bev Blatt called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:33 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, Commissioner Cheryl Saxton and Commissioner Ron Taylor

Absent: None

Staff: Greenway Golf Ken Campbell and George Kelley and Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2016 were approved unanimously.

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Facility Reports by Ken Campbell

Ken Campbell stated that recently two tournaments had been held at the Golf Complex, the Friends of the Park and also the Jack Clark Memorial, both with positive feedback regarding course conditions. Also, recently they had a Cleveland Wedge Clinic which sold out, so another was added and also sold out, which included short game instruction.

Jason Cook has been working on updating the recycling on the golf course, adding additional recycling receptacles around the facility.

Mr. Campbell stated that they are instituting an updated cart maintenance program to keep the carts detailed. They are working on the drainage on the driving range to sustain the turf better. Vice Chair Downing inquired about the fencing along the driving range to avoid balls going on the south course, and Mr. Campbell responded that they are looking into it at a cost of about \$100,000.

Regarding the South Course, the irrigation main line is complete, there's 27,000 linear feet installed, the satellite wires are in place, and areas have been sodded around 1, 2, 3 and 10. Once #2 is finished, they will prepare to hydroseed. #15 green is the only green left to be shaped, and will be completed shortly. The cart path subgrade is 96% complete. The window for opening is late summer, early fall, weather dependent.

The patio area and the putting green will be addressed in the spring.

Mr. Campbell was asked about the grow in, and there are two classifications, cool season grass and warm season grass. Tees, greens and roughs are all cool season grasses and will be going down between now and Spring, and the fairways are warm season grasses which will be put down in the Spring.

Vice-Chair Downing asked about the negotiations with the City on the North Course and Mr. Campbell stated that they had down a revision turf proposal and is ongoing at this time.

Vice-Chair Downing asked if the air compressor for cleaning the shoes was going to be replaced and Mr. Campbell stated that Greenway's Director of Equipment has looked at it, and he proposed to move it closer to the golf shop and mount it on the roof, and Mr. Campbell is waiting for an estimate.

Mr. Campbell asked about the "Play by Hole" program, and he stated that it has just been implemented and doesn't have any feedback at this time. He was also asked about "Foot Golf" and he stated that Jason Cook is working with the operations team to implement the program.

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

Mrs. Norma Arnerich stated that the Jack Clark Memorial Tournament was quite successful, and they now have 10 kids in college under their scholarship program. They are working on their solicitation letters at this time.

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

See Agenda Item #5-A

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Review and Recommend Color and Materials Palette for Jim's on the Course Improvements

Amy Wooldridge, Recreations and Parks Director, and Tom Geanekos, Jims on the Course, gave a Power Point presentation regarding the color and materials palette for the improvements

(Exhibit "A" Attached)

Vice Chair Downing asked about the timeline for the work, and Amy Wooldridge stated that the next step would be the Planning Board, which would most likely be in January, and then it would be a month before going to City Council, along with the amendments to the Jims on the Course Concessionaire Agreement. After that, then permits will need to be issued, probably in March.

Mr. Campbell stated that before the South Course opens, the commitment by both Greenway and Jims on the Course is to have the Event Center, Courtyard and Putting Green done. There is no timeline at this time for the renovation of the exterior of the buildings.

Amy Wooldridge stated that tonight they are looking for a vote to approve the color and material palette for the Jims on the Course to move forward. She stated that the conceptual plan had already been approved.

Bob Wood asked about the toilets at the Event Center, are they permanent toilet facilities or will it be a temporary service by an outside vendor, and Mr. Geanekos stated that they have not discussed it yet.

Joe VanWinkle encouraged the Golf Commission to approve the plans as presented.

Commissioner Saxton made a motion to approve the Color and Materials Palette as presented, it was seconded by Vice-Chair Downing and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the wall where the Jims on the Course sign hangs, and Mr. Campbell stated that they are looking at different stone options to tie in with other exterior options they are considering. He stated that he will have the designer make some recommendations.

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

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – January 10, 2017

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 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.