

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

1 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-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, Vice-Chair Ed Downing, Commissioner Ron Carlson, and Cheryl Saxton

Absent: Commissioner Shawn Shelby

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

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of March 1, 2016 were approved unanimously

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016 were approved unanimously

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 30 dead trees on the north course have been removed. Most of the debris pile along the 16th hole has been cleared up, and the next step would be to mound it and grass it, which will be done later in the season. Fungus on some limited greens has been addressed. Mr. Campbell stated that on the Par 3, more wet land plants have been added. Mr. Campbell stated that with the rain that we

had this year, it has flushed out the sodium in the soil, and with the additional maintenance practices in place, they are more prepared for the upcoming season, and hopefully there will be less stress on the greens during the summer.

Regarding the south course renovation, we lost about a week and a half due to the rain. The main line irrigation is completed on the front nine, the laterals one done on all but 1-1/2 holes, and they are anticipating grassing the front nine in June or July.

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 that they have installed a 9 x19 cooler that is in operation, and they have cleaned up the kitchen area that will be used for banquets. By the end of next week, a new keg cooler will be installed. A new exhaust system will be installed within the next 30 – 45 days. All equipment has been purchased including plates and flatware to accommodate up to 350 people.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Review and Make a Recommendation on Jim's on the Course Conceptual Plan for the Patio Area and Event Center.

Amy Wooldridge gave a power point presentation of a conceptual plan for the proposed patio area and event center.

Ms. Wooldridge explained that this is only conceptual and they will come back to the golf commission with more details as they become available. Seating will accommodate 200-250 people, will have three entrances and will have a view of the first and tenth holes of the South Course. There will be additional seating on the patio.

Ms. Wooldridge explained that Jim's is responsible for construction of the event center as well as the enclosed patio plus the amenities in the outdoor patio area. Greenway Golf, being a construction company, have the capability to do the foundation for the event center, to do the ADA pathway over to the clubhouse, and the paving around the entire outdoor area. Ms. Wooldridge stated that they have been discussing fire sprinklers with the three entities, as an eight inch pipe would have to be installed from Island Drive. Also still in discussion are the restrooms, as requirements are one stall for each gender for every 75 occupants, urinals are not counted. They are trying to determine if the restrooms at the driving range are allowed to be included due to the distance, which would determine if restrooms would be required in the event center.

Ms. Wooldridge stated that the Park and Recreation Commission will review the same conceptual drawings at their next meeting to provide feedback. In June, more detailed information will be brought back to the Golf Commission. Mr. Geanekos technically has 3 months for approvals, but, according to the City Attorney, as long as they moving through the process, that shouldn't be an issue. After approval from the Golf Commission, it would go to the Planning Board for final approval, and would only go to City Council if there was an appeal.

Bob Wood stated that there should be a drop off for handicapped patrons, and inquired about golf cart parking and Ken Campbell stated that they are going to talk to the designer regarding this detail.

Vice Chair Downing made a motion to approve the conceptual plan, was seconded by Commissioner Saxton, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wooldridge informed the Golf Commission that she would be going back to City Council for an addendum to the Concessionaire Agreement for Jim's on the Course, to amend from the enclosed patio to the new conceptual event center.

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

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The Golf Commission received a packet from Bob Wood regarding the entryway to the golf course, and plans for the new building, which were addressed. Ms. Blatt Stated that, as discussed previously, until there is money in the enterprise fund, that nothing can be done, but will not be forgotten. As soon as the resources are available, they will discuss at that time. Amy Wooldridge recommends against making any decision until an architect provides conceptual plans, and also looking at actual costs. The entryway is under the jurisdiction of the City, and since the golf course is under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Department, so is the entryway.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – May 10, 2016

Entryway to Golf Complex

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blatt asked a moment of silence for the passing of Jack Cummings, who served as the golf course manager for over 3 decades.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:47 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.