

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Downing called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ed Downing, Vice Chair Robert Lattimore,
Commissioner Lynn Jones, Commissioner Andrew Dewey,
and Commissioner Clifford Tong

Absent: None

Staff: Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long

Also Present: None

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Trish Spencer commented that she was at the golf course this past weekend and appreciated the new signage.

A member of the audience asked when the North course would be completed and Justin Long explained that he would pose the question to Greenway to provide a response.

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 9, 2024, were approved unanimously.

5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

None

5-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos shared that the winter had a small dip in business. The new umbrellas held up well with the wind. The menu has been upgraded, with some new items added, with new pictures, much more colorful. Both food and labor costs have gone up significantly, so prices had to be raised about 5%. They have increased their non golfing clientele, and the golfing clientele has remained pretty much the same. New tables and chairs are coming and they are looking for the perimeter around the umbrellas with about 12 new tables, which will give the customers more choices about sun and shade. The bathroom remodel will probably happen in April.

Councilmember Spencer shared that she appreciated the new umbrellas, and also the fact that they will be adding new seating outside the perimeter as she prefers to have the ability to sit in the sun. Chair Downing shared the same sentiment and mentioned that Mr. Geanekos shared that they are able to take some umbrella sections down to allow more sun.

5-C Recreation and Park Director Report

Justin Long shared that there are several events coming up which he shared with the Golf Commission and several other maintenance projects that the park department is working on.

Chair Downing asked how many staff members were in ARPD and Mr. Long stated there are 31 full time staff members, 11 are in recreation and 18 are in park maintenance. Commissioner Lattimore asked about the staff members at Mastick Senior, and Mr. Long stated that they have 2 full time staff, 1 full time custodian and 3 part time staff.

Mr. Long stated that there have been 97 responses to the survey, and it has been posted on the commission website, the park ad rec front page and flyers have been distributed. It will be left available until the next meeting for discussion. Commissioner Tong asked if there was information about where the responders were located, and Mr. Long stated that it would take more analysis as it was an open-ended question. Chair Downing asked the subcommittee if they would prefer to have the information prior to the next meeting for discussion. He would prefer to have the responses prior to the next meeting. Mr. Long stated that they should cut off the survey the week of April 27th, which will allow time to analyze. Mr. Long stated that he would send the commission the information on April 27, but the survey will remain open.

Chair Downing asked if Mr. Long knew where the permits stand for the North Course, and he stated that he would pass on the question to the appropriate party, as he does not have that information.

He shared that the fire tower is moving forward and Greenway is working on a new design with their vendor based on comments from the Planning commission and It will come to the golf commission to review as it had previously been approved, and then back to the planning commission for approval.

Chair Downing asked Mr. Long who he would ask about the permits, and Mr. Long stated that he would check with the Planning Dept. to see if any permits had been issued. Chair Downing requested that he ask if a contractor had to be chosen prior to issuance of permits.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – May 14, 2024

**Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf
Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report
Recreation and Parks Director Report**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 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.