

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Downing called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Downing, Vice Chair Claire Loud, Commissioner Robert Lattimore, Commissioner John Kim

Absent: Commissioner Kaiwin Su

Staff: Acting Recreation and Parks Director David Leimsieder,

Also Present: None

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Carlson asked about the construction of the north course and whether the employees will be union and also if proper permits have been obtained. He also asked if the City approved Robert Trent Jones, Jr as a member in Greenway Golf. Chair Downing asked Acting Recreation and Parks director David Leimsieder if these questions could be answered, and he was told they could be put in writing to Greenway directly, and he would follow up on that. He also asked if Patti was still preparing the agenda and minutes, and Mr. Leimsieder responded yes, but all are available on the City's website.

Commissioner Kim asked how the public would become aware of what Greenway's response is to the questions presented at the meeting and Mr. Leimsieder responded that they would be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Lattimore inquired if there had been any communication between the City and Greenway regarding previous questions from the commission and Mr. Leimsieder responded that he was not aware of any but will follow up.

Trish Spencer expressed her appreciation to the golf commission for continuing and also thanked Commission Loud for pressing to see the fire tower design prior to approval, and Chair Downing stated that there was a deadline, so it was approved without being viewed by the Golf commission.

Ron Carlson asked why the fire tower design was approved before the golf commission saw it, and Chair Downing responded that due to the deadline, there was no option and an unknown person stated that it has been approved by the Planning Department. Chair Downing understands that the Planning Department has asked for 3 additional plans regarding the mural design.

John Belmares asked if Greenway is now making the rules, and why does Greenway not attend the meetings anymore, He stated that Greenway leased the property from the tax paying residents and if it wasn't for Mayor Corica, it probably would have been developed into houses. Chair Downing responded that he would be willing to explain to Mr. Belmares what efforts the golf commission has done to have Greenway attend the meetings at a later date.

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Downing stated that there is an architect to finish the north course but has a lot of questions regarding how it is going to happen and the schedule. He shared the two Jones brothers will have two golf courses at the same facility.

Chair Downing stated that the course was great for the Commuters and wanted to thank Vinny and his crew for their efforts.

Vice Chair Loud also shared her appreciation for the architect, but she has concerns about the agreement between Greenway and Operating Engineers 3, if it is still in effect, as well as the contractor's license that has since expired.

Commissioner Lattimore also shared his excitement for the choice of architect as well as the June start date.

Vice Chair Loud asked if the fire tower design was actually approved, and Mr. Leimsieder responded that his understanding was that Planning did not approve the design and asked them to go back for three additional designs and the golf commission could request that it comes back to them for consideration.

Chair Downing also asked if Robert Trent Jones would be able to present his plans to the commission.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 14, 2023, were approved unanimously.

5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

None

Commissioner Kim asked if the City could request if Greenway Golf would be attending the meetings in the future, and Chair Downing stated that it is a violation of the lease.

5-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos shared about the port-a-potty in front of the restaurant, and that is a temporary solution stemming from the ADA lawsuit, to allow access to disabled persons on the patio until they upgrade the bathrooms to be ADA compliant and will be out there for a few more months. They will be doing work on the patio and has to be sloped to ADA compliancy. Some umbrellas will be replaced. The beverage cart has been running Thursday-Sunday. Chair Downing asked when the bathroom work would be done, and Mr. Geanekos stated that it has be done by October.

Councilmember Trish Spencer thanked Mr. Geanekos for participating in the meeting.

5-C Acting Recreation & Parks Department Report

Acting Recreation & Parks Director David Leimsieder stated that he heard and understands all the concerns that have been shared regarding the lack or presence of Greenway Golf and will forward any questions to Greenway, and if there is a response will bring it back to the golf commission and will share any updates as permitted.

Also, the 9th Annual Play for the Parks golf tournament is coming up Monday May 22nd on the south course and there are spots still available. Information is available at alamedaparks.org.

Mr. Leimsieder also stated that there are two commissioner spots expiring as June 30, 2023, (Kaiwin Su and Claire Loud), and it is his understanding that Mr. Su is not reapplying, but he is working with the mayor's office regarding this.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – July 11, 2023

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

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:08 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.