

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Corrected
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Downing called the special 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, Commissioner Robert Lattimore,
Commissioner Lynn Jones and Commissioner Andrew Dewey

Absent: None

Staff: Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long and Recreation
Services Manager David Leimsieder,

Also Present: None

Chair Downing introduced the two new commissioners and also stated that Cliff Tong will be joining at the next meeting. Lynn Jones introduced herself and mentioned that she had started her golf career at Chuck Corica and is now retired. Andrew Dewey mentioned that he moved here from North Carolina about a year ago where he attended business school.

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ashcraft stated that that she tries to attend at least one board or commission meeting during the year and commented that it is so much better that they are meeting in person.

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Downing stated that he spoke with Connie Wendling about junior golf, and they had a very successful summer with over 400 golfers and were appreciative of Greenway Golf for supplying the golf courses and especially Dave Mann, who was supportive and helpful.

Commissioner Lattimore commented about the success of the Lucious Bateman golf tournament.

Commissioner Jones was asking about the status of golf instruction at the golf course as she understands most of the instructors are no longer there. Chair Downing commented that

would be a question for Greenway and Justin Long stated he would follow up contacting Greenway

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 9, 2023, were approved unanimously.

Minutes of July 11, 2023, were approved unanimously.

5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

None. Chair Downing stated again that Greenway not being represented is a violation of the lease. He then asked if Greenway had responded to any of the questions from the prior meetings and Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long stated that there had been no response from Greenway Golf.

Discussion ensued about the new Top Trackman being installed at the driving range regarding how it will work and also will the price of range balls increase. Chair Downing asked if they could request this information from Greenway and Mr. Long agreed to inquire about it.

Chair Downing stated that the cart paths on the south with potholes being filled as well as the walnut shells being laid down but is curious how it will hold up during the winter. He also stated that this was not the type of cart paths were expecting at the time they signed the lease. Two holes on the north course (numbers 10 and 11) have been sodded and the greens on those two holes have been completed as well.

Chair Downing asked the following questions to be submitted to Greenway. Are the permits in place, is there a contractor that can do the construction and the commission would like a revised plan for the construction. He then asked about the mats at the driving range.

Ron Carlson stated that he believed it was stated in the lease that the City has the right, once the lease agreement is broken and are unhappy with the golf course operation by Greenway, that they can take back the golf course. He asked if that was still in the lease, and if so, why has the City not acted on it. Chair Downing stated that is not something that can be discussed.

5-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos stated that new cameras have been installed due to break-ins. Work has been done on the patio including new umbrellas, which are wind resistant.

Commissioner Lattimore stated that he wanted to thank Tom for his participation and commented positively on the patio. Chair Downing asked about the ADA update on the bathroom and Mr. Geanekos stated that it would be ready early next year.

5-C Recreation & Parks Department Report

Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long stated that holes 10 and 11 had been sodded on the north course which was done under the previous permit. He also stated that Public Works has been working with Greenway on the drainage issues before the rainy season starts. Chair Downing asked about the drainage work being done on the first hole, and Mr. Long stated that there is pipe being replaced, Chair Downing then asked who was paying for this and Mr. Long stated that it is shared cost between the City and Greenway.

Mr. Long stated there is an event this weekend from 1-3 pm at Alameda Point called De-Pave Park to go over some design options for a planned park there. That last movie night of the season will be on October 13

Chair Downing then asked about the fire tower and Mr. Long stated that Greenway had to submit by the end of October options for them to present to the golf commission for their recommendations.

5-D Presentation on the Social Service Human Relations Board's Community Needs Assessment Report

? provided the presentation that was attached to the agenda.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – November 14, 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 7:20 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.