

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the special 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 Lynn Jones, Commissioner Clifford Tong, Commissioner Hamill Serrant, Commissioner Lily Boris
Absent: None
Staff: Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long, Recreation and Parks Assistant Director Matt Nowlen

2 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3 COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Jones: Commented that she has been in communication with Greenway Golf regarding the mat replacement of on the driving range. Asked if non-resident rates could be imposed on residents. Director Long answered that they could not, according to the rules.

Commissioner Tong: Requested discussion regarding golf club rates and tee times. Director Long responded that he would follow up with Ken Campbell, General Manager, about resident and non-resident rates.

Commissioner Serrant: Commented that he is pleased to see renovation and upgrades have started on the short course.

Commissioner Boris: Commented that the women's tee times change with little notice even though the schedule is negotiated and determined in advance. Chair Jones clarified that the golf clubs submit their schedules to Greenway Golf directly.

4 MINUTES

4-A Minutes of July 8, 2025, were approved unanimously.

5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

No report was given by a representative (in-person or online).

5-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

No report was given by a representative (in-person or online).

5-C Recreation and Parks Director Report

Director Long gave the Director Report (attached).

6 NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS – January 13, 2026

Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Recreation and Parks Director Report

7 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Serrant motioned to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Commissioner Serrant / Commissioner Boris. All present in favor with four ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The agenda for the special meeting was posted 12 days in advance in compliance with the Alameda Sunshine Ordinance, which also complies with the 72-hour requirement of the Brown Act.

10/28/2025 ARPD Director's Report
Presented by Recreation and Park Director Justin Long

Upcoming Citywide Community Events:

- **Alameda Haunts.** Join a celebration of all things Halloween this week **through Oct. 31** in support of the Alameda Food Bank. Visit alamedahaunts.org for details.
- **Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest and Kids Trick-or-Treating,** Friday, **Oct. 31**, 4:00 PM, 1435 Webster St. Hosted by West Alameda Business Association (WABA) and Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS)
- **Monthly Coastal Cleanup,** Saturdays, **Nov. 8 & Dec. 13**, 10:00 AM, Seaplane Lagoon. Bring gloves and a bucket or bag. Sponsored by CASA.
- **Veterans Day Commemoration, Nov. 11**, 10:00 AM, USS Hornet, Visit uss-hornet.org
- **Diwali Celebration,** Saturday, **Nov. 15**, 4:30 PM, Rhythmix Cultural Works. Enjoy a vibrant celebration of India's Festival of Lights! Visit rhythmix.org for details.

Upcoming Recreation Events and Activities:

- **45th Alameda Holiday Boutique,** Saturday & Sunday, **Nov. 1 & 2**, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, O' Club. Shop handcrafted items from over 70 local artisans! Proceeds benefit the Leisure Club and ARPD Youth Scholarship Programs.
- Online registration begins Wednesday, **Nov. 5** at 9:00 AM for:
 - **Santa Visits Alameda Homes,** Saturday & Sunday, **Dec. 20 & 21**, and
 - **Santa's Virtual Visits,** Monday, **Dec. 22**
 - Space is extremely limited! Register online asap!
- **Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest,** Friday, **Dec. 12**, 6:30 PM, AP Gym. Free event for Alameda youth (ages 8-13). Register online by 12:00 PM on the day of the event. Sponsored by Alameda Elks Lodge 1015.
- **23rd Annual Breakfast with Santa,** Saturday, **Dec. 13**, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, O' Club.
- **2026 Junior Warriors Youth Basketball Program,** every Saturday **Jan. 10 – Feb. 28**, AP Gym. Sign-ups are underway for this exciting program offering kids (K-5th grade) an organized program to grow their love of basketball! Visit our website to register!
- **Annual Rose Pruning,** Saturday, **Jan. 17**, 10:00 AM, Lincoln Park Rose Garden. East Bay Rose Society members will provide a rose pruning demonstration and "Q & A".

Department Projects:

- Estuary Park Phase 2, Skate Park, Surf Pool, Lincoln Netting

Recreation Highlights:

- **Starlight Movie in the Park Recap:** over **250** families and friends joined us **Sept. 26** at Leydecker Field for our last outdoor movie of the season, Sonic the Hedgehog 3. We look forward to more community movie nights under the stars next year!
- The **Family Fun Ride Around Alameda**, held **Sept. 27**, drew nearly **250** participants! This year's route began and ended at Leydecker Park, highlighting scenic views of Harbor Bay Isle / Bay Farm Island. Thank you to the Friends of the Parks, various City departments, Alameda Bicycle, and local organizations for their support and collaboration.
- The **4th Annual Alameda Pride** celebration was held on **Oct. 11** and included the 5K Fun Run/Walk at the Elks Lodge, Pride in the Park at Chochenyo Park and a Block Party at Alameda Ave. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful community festivity!

- The **Annual Teen Haunted House** thrilled visitors for its 20th year this past weekend **Oct. 24–26!** Many thanks to our sponsors and teen volunteers whose dedication and creativity brought the haunted halls to life! Proceeds benefit the Alameda Youth Committee.

Aquatics (Encinal Swim Center):

- Registration begins on Monday, **Nov. 10**. For the **Thanksgiving Turkey Dip** to be held on Thursday, **Nov. 27!** Move your feet before you eat! Don't miss out!

Youth:

- **Non-school** day camps will be held on **Oct. 31, Nov. 10, 24-26** at Krusi Park, Leydecker Center, Harrison Center, AP Gym and the Vet's Building. Campers will enjoy STEAM activities, sports, crafts and more! Visit our website to register!

Tween/Teen:

- ARPD facilitates the **Queer Teen Alameda Center (QTAC) Program** for 6th-12th graders at the Underground Teen Center, Veterans Memorial Building, Fridays, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM. For more information, visit www.alamedapride.com

Sports:

Youth Programs (September)

- **After-School Pickleball**, Monday–Thursday, AP Gym – **22** participants
- **Homeschool P.E.**, Wednesdays & Fridays, AP Gym – **34** participants
- **Youth Flag Football League** – Saturdays, Estuary Field – **38** participants

Adult Programs

- **Open Gym** continues Sundays, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM, AP Gym. Practice your skills or enjoy some friendly competition. Drop-ins welcome.
- **Tennis and Pickleball Lessons** – Group and private sessions are available.
- **Fall Adult Softball League** just ended a great season with **44** participants!

Note: Fields will be closed beginning the first week of November.

Mastick Upcoming Events and Programs:

- **Halloween Social Line Dance**, Friday, **Oct. 31**, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. Join us in the Social Hall for a fun-filled celebration with music, line dancing, and costumes!
- **Breathwork, Sound Healing & Stretching with Tatiana**, Wednesdays, **Nov. 5** and **Dec. 3**, 1:00 PM-2:15 PM, Social Hall. This class is a restorative journey to help release tension and recenter.
- **Knowledge is Key: Know your Medicare Rights**, Tuesday, **Dec. 9**, 10:00 AM. Learn consumer protections, rights, and information on advocacy organizations and agencies.
- The **Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board (MSCAB)** meets every third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM in Room D. All are welcome! The MSCAB provides counsel on all matters connected with accomplishing the Center's mission.

Mastick Statistics (August & September):

- Lunch meals served: **2,713**
- Bags of groceries distributed: **623** (Mastick is a distribution site for the Mercy Brown Bag Program which provides free groceries to low-income seniors in Alameda County twice a month. For more information, call 510-269-9640)

Leisure Club Program Highlights:

- On October 9, Leisure Club members enjoyed an exciting presentation from the **Fur, Scales, and Tails Animal Show** held in the Mastick Social Hall. Participants had the opportunity to meet and pet animals such as snakes, lizards, ducks, rabbits, and tortoises. The event was a fantastic success, with over 50 attendees joining the fun!

Parks:

- Park staff attended a sports field training held on Sept. 25 which focused on the maintenance and sustainability of natural and artificial turf.
- **Littlejohn Park:**
 - The large picnic area was renovated, the ground was regraded, and tables were replaced for improved functionality.
 - The basketball courts are closed until Sunday, Nov. 16, during conversion to a full court. Other basketball courts are available at Franklin, Longfellow, McKinley, and Washington Parks.
- The retaining wall behind the **Woodstock Park** backstop has been rebuilt.
- Our request for **Lincoln Park Rose Garden** volunteers has had overwhelming response, and we now have a full team! Many thanks to the volunteers!
- **Main St. Linear Park Volunteer Tree Planting**, Saturday, Nov. 15. 100 trees will be planted in collaboration with local high school students.
- **Leydecker Playground** final design has been selected. We appreciate the community for providing survey responses and valuable input! Construction scheduled for Spring 2026.
- Congratulations to **Nick Castaneda** in his new role as **Park Technician**! Nick has worked with the City for several years and has proven to be a valuable asset to the park crew.

Staff Recognition:

With 17 years of dedicated service in teen programs, **Brandon Candler**, Recreation Leader, has become an indispensable part of our department. He is a dependable leader, who goes above and beyond without needing to be asked. He manages the Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) food booth at all major community events, plays a critical role in teen field trips and summer adventure programs, and oversees the planning and operations of the Teen Haunted House. Brandon is patient, respectful, and a positive role model for both teens and staff. We appreciate you, Brandon!