

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones 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 Lynn Jones, Vice Chair Ed Downing, and Commissioner Clifford Tong
Absent: None
Staff: Recreation and Parks Director Justin Long, Recreation and Parks (Acting) Assistant Director Matt Nowlen

2 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker Gene Bakkum (online): Represented Elevate Golf Academy and Co-CEO Howard Oliver. Provided PGA Junior League at Metropolitan Golf Links and Corica Park program information. Expressed interest in partnering with ARPD to share information to community.

3 COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Tong: Asked about the Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle. Director Long responded that the shuttle has served over 50,000 riders according to the Transportation 2024 Annual Report. Commissioner Tong asked about status on the commission vacancies. Director Long explained that the process was underway, and two new commissioners are expected to be in place at the next golf commission meeting.

Vice Chair Downing: Thanked Chair Jones for her show of appreciation.

Chair Jones: Thanked Commissioner Downing for his many years as Golf Commission Chair and dedication to the community. Asked if programs can be added or changed to the ARPD Activity Guide. Director Long answered that the digital version can be amended.

4 MINUTES

4-A Minutes of January 14, 2025, were approved unanimously.

5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

Chair Jones asked if anyone from Greenway Golf was in attendance to present a report or had any communication to share with the commission. Director Long replied that there was no one in-person or online, and that the north course is planning to open at the end of March. Vice Chair

Downing and Commissioner Tong requested a walkthrough of the north course.

5-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report

Alex (restaurant owner's son) reported that they have refurbished outdoor seating and are further investigating the sewer system drainage issues. Chair Jones thanked Alex, on behalf of the AWGC 18-Hole Women's Club, for working with them on their July event.

5-C Recreation and Parks Director Report

Director Long gave the Director Report. See Exhibit 1.

5-D Review and Comment on the Corica Park Rate Increases

Director Long presented the data (Exhibit 1: Corica Park 2025 Planned Rates) submitted by Greenway Golf to the City of Alameda.

Public Comment

Speaker Michael Fucci: Commented that it is a better deal for an Alameda non-resident to play at Metro or Monarch Bay than as an Alameda resident at Corica Park.

Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Tong: Expressed concern about the competitiveness of the rates and would like to see resident and non-resident rates in line with the other golf courses. Stated that comparable rates would be reasonable rates.

Vice Chair Downing: Compared Metro, Monarch Bay and Corica Park resident rates. Suggested removal of Friday resident rate so that fee is the same Monday through Friday and make the resident rate the same on both north and south courses.

Chair Jones: Made a recommendation to the City of Alameda to extend the resident rates to Monday through Friday for both north and south courses, and match the rates being proposed for the north course with the current south course rates so the price point is the same without increase.

6 NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS – May 13, 2025

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Downing motioned to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Vice Chair Downing / Commissioner Tong. All present in favor with three ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 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.

3/13/2025 ARPD Director's Report
Presented by Recreation and Park Director Justin Long

Upcoming Citywide Community Events:

- **Alameda Restaurant Week** takes place **March 14–23**. Enjoy Alameda's dining scene and visit select restaurants and bars offering prix fixe menus and special dishes.
- **Alameda Youth Career & Job Fair**, Wednesday, **March 26**, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM at Encinal Jr. Sr. High School Gym (EHS), 210 Central Ave. This annual event connects Alameda high school students with local organizations, career opportunities, and internships.
 - Transportation is available to and from the Job Fair. Teens meet at and return to the Veteran's Building, 2203 Central Ave. The deadline to register for transportation is Tuesday, March 25. Seats are limited.
 - The Job Fair is supported by AUSD, Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Their Families (ACCYF), the City of Alameda, Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam, and the Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance.
- **Asian & Pacific Islander Arts & Culture Festival**, Saturday, **April 26**, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM at Bohol Circle Immigrant Park. This FREE event, in partnership with ARPD, is a celebration of music, dance, food and art from Hawaii, Korea, the Philippines, and India.
- **Alameda Walks: Encinal Beach – Wildlife and History Walk**, Saturday, May 17, 9:00 AM–11:15 AM. Led by East Bay Regional Park Naturalist, Michael Charnofsky.
- **11th Annual Play for the Parks Golf Tournament**, Monday, **May 19**, 12:30 PM tournament at Corica Park, 6:00 PM dinner and auction at Harrison Center, Lincoln Park.

Upcoming Recreation Events and Activities:

- Join us for a FREE concert by the **Alameda Community Band** featuring music selections from around the world! Friday, **March 14**, 7:30 PM, Mastick Senior Center Social Hall.
- ARPD is currently soliciting vendors for Alameda's **Spring Shindig!** Saturday, **April 19**, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM, Alameda Point Gym & Multi-purpose Field. Celebrate Earth Day, enjoy community vendors, a petting zoo, bounce houses, crafts, food & more!
- **Starlight Movies in the Park** kick off Friday, **May 16** at the Alameda Multi-purpose Field. Event begins at 6:30 PM with kids' games and crafts, movie starts at approximately 8:15 PM–8:45 PM. The first movie in the series is *Moana 2*.
- **57th Annual Sandcastle & Sand Sculpture Contest**, Saturday, **June 21**, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, Robert Crown Memorial State Beach. Join us for this wonderful community event! Sponsored by ARPD, EBRPD, AYC, and Bayview Women's Club.
- **48th Annual July 4th Parade**, Friday, 10:00 AM. Currently seeking sponsors, parade participants, volunteers, cars and drivers!

Upcoming Recreation Programs:

The **Summer Activity Guide** is now available in the community, and registration is well underway! Be sure to sign up early, as some activities have already filled up. With a wide variety of programs covering many exciting topics, there's something for every young person to enjoy this summer. To register for programs, or if you'd like more information, please visit our website! Don't miss out!

- **Mobile Recreation Series**, Wednesdays, 3:30 PM–5:00 PM:
 - **March 19** - Franklin Park, 1432 San Antonio Ave.
 - **April 2** - Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, 1100 Atlantic Ave.
 - **April 16** - Bohol Circle Immigrant Park, 2901 Fifth St.

- Please note: Parents and caregivers are required to stay with their children throughout the activity.
- **Spring Break Camps**, Monday – Friday, **April 7–11** (AUSD non-school days) at various park locations. Sign up now for Skateboard camp, LEGO camp, and Storytelling and Arts camp! Designed for kindergarten – 5th graders.

Aquatics (all programs take place at Encinal Swim Center):

- **Drop-in Lap Swim/Water Walking**, visit our website to view the schedule.
- **Totally Rad Retro Edition at the Pool Camp** (for ages 6-15), Monday–Friday, **April 7–11**, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Dive into the '80s and '90s! Spots available!
- All summer CAMPS and SPECIAL CLASSES such as Triathlon and Intro to Swim are open for registration.
- All summer LESSONS will open for registration Saturday, **April 19** online and in-person at the **Spring Shindig!**

Youth:

- Tiny Tots Spring and Summer STEAM and Art Camps are open for registration. Hidden Cove, Trails End, and WOW (World of Wonder) Summer Camps are filling up, visit our website for details and to register!
- **Parks & Playground Program** returns this summer! Monday–Friday, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM, **June 16 - August 8** at park sites including Lincoln, Sweeney, Tillman, and Washington. This FREE drop-in program provides arts, crafts, cooking, drama, games, and special activities for kindergarten - 5th graders. Please note: Parents and caregivers are required to stay with their children throughout the activity.

Tween/Teen:

- We are accepting volunteers for the **Summer Teen Volunteer Program** (for ages 11–18, incoming 6th–12th graders for Fall 2025). Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, **May 9**. Applications are available online and at the ARPD Office.
- **The LGBTQ+ Teen Center** is open every second Friday of the month at the Underground Teen Center, Veterans Memorial Building, 2203 Central Ave. 6:00 PM–7:30 PM for 6th-8th graders, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM for 9th–12th graders. The Center provides a safe, enjoyable space to make friends and share support. More information at www.alamedapride.com

Sports:

- Adult Softball Spring/Summer League will begin in April for COED, Men's, and Women's Leagues.
- Women's Flag Football Leagues are underway at Estuary Field. League is at capacity. Check out the website for more information. Registration begins this month of March.
- **After School Pickleball Classes** held Tuesdays of each month, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM, Alameda Point Gym. ARPD provides equipment and transportation from the Underground Teen Center for 6th–8th graders.
- **Homeschool PE Program** is offered to children (grades K-5th) Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at the Alameda Point Gym. This program teaches basketball, soccer, dodgeball, pickleball, and various fun activities.
- **Open Gym**, Alameda Point Gym, 1101 West Redline Ave. Sundays, 6:00 PM–10:00 PM, continues through April. Enjoy casual hoop shoots, skill development, and friendly games. Cost: \$8 per adult per visit.
- **Youth and Adult Tennis Group Lessons** begin on **March 29**.

- Friday morning **Drop-in Pickleball** continues at Alameda Point Gym, 1101 West Redline Ave.
- **ARPD Adult Pickleball Classes** continue at The Hub Sports Club, 800 W. Tower Ave. All skill levels welcome!

Staff Recognition:

- **Brooke Taylor**, Recreation Leader, has gone above and beyond this year by taking on additional responsibilities. Alongside her work in the STEAM program, she ensures the Alameda Point Gym is prepared and cleaned daily before any user group arrives for practice, and makes sure courts are set up for the appropriate sport each day. She has stepped up in every way and exceeded expectations. Thank you, Brooke!

Mastick Upcoming Events and Programs:

- **Day Trips:**
 - **Shopping at Livermore Premium Outlets**, Saturday, **March 15**, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM.
 - **Diablo Ballet's Swan Lake** at Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, Saturday, **March 29**, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- **ACORNS! Culinary Series** led by Alameda Native History Project, Sundays, **April 6, 13, 20 & 27**, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Learn to harvest, process and cook delicious acorn dishes.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**, Thursday, **April 17**, 10:00 AM, Social Hall.

Recap of Mastick Senior Center Highlights:

- Mastick facilitated an **Acorn Processing Workshop** on Sunday, **March 9**. The program, led by the Alameda Native History Project, was a huge success with 20 participants.
- The **AARP Tax-Aide Program** is FULL. To join the waitlist, call (510) 747-7501. You will be contacted should a spot become available.

Mastick Statistics (February):

- Total number of volunteers: **99**
- Total number of volunteers hours: **1,080**
- Number of greeting cards sent (for March Birthdays): **368**
- Number of new members: **145**
- Total lunch meals served: **1,046**
- Mastick Garden number of produce bags: **97**

Leisure Club:

- Leisure Club members look forward to a fun trip to the **Jelly Belly Factory** in Fairfield on Wednesday, **March 19**. Participants will enjoy a facility tour, interactive exhibits, the Jelly Belly Art Gallery, candy store, and café.

Parks:

- The **Estuary Park scoreboards installation** has resumed following delays caused by compaction issues and adverse weather conditions.

- Bay Farm Branch Library, Friends of the Library, and ARPD worked together to renovate the landscape surrounding the library on Saturday, **March 8**. Volunteers helped plant native plants and spread mulch.
- Join 100K Trees for Humanity and ARPD to plant trees at **Main Street Linear Park** (between Atlantic and Singleton Aves.), Saturday, **March 29**, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Volunteers should bring water bottles and wear closed-toe shoes and gloves. All other equipment will be provided. Email Joyce Mercado, jlmercado246@gmail.com to volunteer.
- Join ARPD at the **Spring Shindig** and help plant 10 trees in commemoration of Earth Day! Saturday, **April 19**, 10:00 AM, Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field. If interested, contact Eric Vlnar, evlnar@alamedaca.gov
- **O' Club** and **Lincoln Park** grass areas have been aerated, reseeded and top dressed.
- Park Staff are diligently working on preparing data to implement a computerized work order system aimed at streamlining operations.

Staff Acknowledgement:

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Drake Swanson, Parks Maintenance Worker II. Drake joined the City of Alameda on September 7, 2021. He was a valued member of our team. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Drake's family during this difficult time.