

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

1-A ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Tim Scates, Commissioner Bev Blatt, Commissioner Jeff Wood and Commissioner Cheryl Saxton

Absent: Commissioner Bev Blatt

Staff: General Manager John Vest

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of November 12, 2014, were approved unanimously.

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Facility Reports by General Manager John Vest

John Vest stated that the 13 inches of rain in December delayed the construction of the south course. A general overview of the new course has been posted in both the golf shop and the range.

Mr. Vest stated that 32 trees fell during the windstorm and they are working to have them cleaned up, with the tree company on property this week. Also a tub grinder has been purchased and will be on property shortly which should take care of the pile on hole #16 on the north course.

Chair Scates asked if there was a long term plan for the trees and Mr. Vest stated that he would look into it. Mr. Vest stated he would speak to Amy Wooldridge regarding the topping of the trees, which was not done previous to Greenway on property.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility someone being injured by a falling tree, and it was suggested that the City Attorney provide the Golf Commission with a legal opinion as to what the liabilities are regarding this matter.

Mr. Vest asked if the 13 inches of rain helped the golf course, and he stated that the ponds have been filled and the lake on 13 north also filled up, and has helped with the odor around the sloughs.

Mr. Vest was asked about the road coming into the golf course, and if something was going to be done about the pot holes. Chair Scates stated that during a discussion with Amy Wooldridge, she was going to talk to the Public Works Department and they are going to hot patch the road, but not sure when this will be done. Eventually, the road will have to be taken up and redone. Chair Scates was asked who was going to be paying for this, and he stated that the City will pay for the hot patching, but was not sure who would pay for the replacement.

Mr. Vest was asked when the back 9 holes of the south would be closed, and he stated that maybe April or May, but should have more of an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Vest stated that the back premiere practice tee will be opening later this month with memberships of \$1200 per year. Finalization is in process. They are also looking at a daily practice fee, but also has not been finalized.

Mr. Vest stated that 12 lights have been replaced on the driving range, and there are 32 lights total, with the rest being replaced later in the year.

Chair Scates asked about the overseeder and Mr. Vest stated that he would check with Mr. Logan as to when it may arrive on property.

4-B Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club by Mrs. Norma Arnerich

Mrs. Arnerich asked about the fire tower and Mr. Scates stated that he was going to approach the City Council as a private citizen and request them to acquire a hazard assessment and possibly tear it down, which would be a cost of about \$40,000.

Mrs. Arnerich stated she received a phone call from Emily Childs, a former Junior Golf member and has stated that she would like to give back to junior golf and is holding a clinic this Saturday for the Alameda Girls Club.

4-C Golf Complex Restaurant Report, Jim's on the Course

Chair Scates stated that he spoke with Tom Geanekos, and is still in Greece as his father is in the hospital following a motorcycle accident. The new design for the restaurant is in the works and he should have a presentation at the next meeting on March 11, 2015. Mr. Vest stated that they had a meeting with Amy and are gathering more information as to the vision of the restaurant. Chair Scates stated that he met with Commissioner Bev Blatt, Amy Wooldrige and the City Manager regarding the tenting as they have received negative feedback.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

John Vest stated that he is leaving Greenway and will be going to San Jose Country Club as the General Manager and his last day will be next Thursday. Chair Scates stated that he spoke with Ken Campbell and Mr. Campbell stated that they are going to take a couple of months to look for a new General Manager. Chair Scates stated that he was looking into the possibility of the commission having the opportunity to interview candidates.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – January 13, 2015

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 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.