

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ed Downing the called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:33 p.m. in Room 360, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

1-A ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ed Downing, Vice-Chair Cheryl Saxton, Commissioner Ron Taylor, Commissioner Ron Carlson, and Commissioner Joe Van Winkle

Absent: None

Staff: Greenway Golf Ken Campbell, Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner VanWinkle stated that the Friends of the Park golf tournament will be played on May 21, 2018 and the Jack Clark Memorial golf tournament will be scheduled for October 6, 2018 on the new south course. There is a new junior golf brochure and is hoping to post it on the City's website.

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

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

5-A Proclamation for Mike Winkench

Chair Ed Downing thanked Mike for his 15 years of service at the golf course.

Mayor Trish Spencer read a City proclamation honoring Mike Winkench

5-B Greenway Golf Facility Report

Ken Campbell stated the golf shop remodel has progressed and Linksoul's inventory has been put in place. Greenway is looking to get a temporary occupancy permit for a soft opening on Saturday, April 14. Once the windows are in, there will be an official Grand Opening event.

Mr. Campbell stated that the putting green has been rough shaped and they are working on plans to move the fire hydrant. Marc Logan stated that work on the putting green was on hold due to the relocation of the fire hydrant.

Mr. Campbell stated in anticipation of the opening of the new south course, a new cart fleet has been ordered which will be equipped with GPS. He stated that June 22 would be the first day for Alameda residents to play and open to all on June 23. Prior, there will be several events, including a ribbon cutting ceremony. Monday, June 18 will be a charity fundraiser event to support local organizations. June 22 will be a media day, which Rees Jones, the architect will attend.

Marc Logan was asked about the trees, and he stated that during the renovation of the north course, this will be addressed. Also, on Friday, the tree company will be doing an evaluation of dead trees.

5-C Jim's on the Course Facility Report

Tom Geanekos stated that most of the interior is complete. He was asked if the snack shack on the north course will remain after nine holes are closed, and he stated that he would prefer it to stay as long as it is feasible, and in the path of golfers.

Mr. Geanekos stated that regarding the event, there have been delays, and they are requesting an extension. Regarding the restaurant, it will be complete by opening day of the south course.

Regarding the movement of the fire hydrant, it was explained that they are waiting on the site plan.

5-D Review and Recommend Proposed Fees for Alameda Resident, Senior and Junior Golf

Commissioner Joe VanWinkle expressed his concerns for the access for seniors on the south course. He also expressed his concerns with the times that juniors will be allowed to play, as well as the proposed junior rates.

Chair Downing suggested this be added as an agenda item for the next meeting

Jose Cerda, the current chair of the current senior men's golf club he stated the membership had some questions which was discussed as follows:

Ken Campbell answered the question regarding annual and monthly passes, and he stated they would remain for the north, but will not be available for the south. The next question was regarding the cart pass, and Mr. Campbell stated they would not be necessary anymore as the cart fees were going to be lowered for the north. He was asked regarding senior rates not available on Friday, and he explained they didn't want to have any discounted rates on the south on Friday, but have expanded the senior rates on the north to include the weekend. Mr. Campbell was asked if the senior men's club members would still receive the resident rate even if they were not Alameda residents, and he explained that if it's an organized event, they would receive the resident rate, but on other times, it would be the appropriate rate. The last question was regarding the senior age as the Senior Men's club age is 55, but the golf course considers 60, would Greenway consider lowering their requirement, and Mr. Campbell stated that he would look into it as he was unaware of the situation.

Doug dehaan stated that he feels that Greenway has been a great partner with the City, but has concerns regarding the lack of communication with the seniors as well as the citizens of Alameda. He suggested that this be tabled for further discussion with all parties involved.

Commissioner VanWinkle motioned to approve the rates with the following changes, that the Alameda senior age be changed to 55, that access to the south is Monday thru Friday for seniors, that the youth rate is available anytime on the north and the Par 3 and after 2PM on the south and give this approval tonight so that Greenway can move forward, and recommend that Greenway come back to the next meeting with a complete set of rates, and in between have an open meeting for people to hear. Chair Downing seconded the motion.

Commissioner Saxton stated she doesn't believe it's fair for Greenway to lower their senior age to 55.

Amy Wooldridge stated she didn't believe the golf commission can delve into the ages under the lease, and she feels they should move forward without it.

Commissioner VanWinkle amended motioned to approve the rates with the following changes, that access to the south is Monday thru Friday for seniors, that the youth rate is available anytime on the north and the Par 3 and after 2PM on the south Chair Downing seconded the motion.

Commissioner VanWinkle motioned to call the question and it was seconded by Chair Downing, the motion did not pass.

Ken Campbell stated that he didn't feel the commission was concerned as much about the rates as their concern for access times, and he asked if they would approve the rates and have further discussion regarding access times.

Commissioner Saxton motioned to approve the rates as discussed and published, and the details of times and days to be played set to a different date. Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. Commissioner VanWinkle feels that approval of the rates without the access times would be flawed. Chair Downing doesn't feel this will be resolved tonight and asks that the motion be withdrawn.

Commissioner Saxton asked to call the question.

Commissioner Saxton motioned to approve the rates as discussed and shown, and the details of times and days for the seniors and juniors accessibility to be played set to a different date. Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one nay.

5-E Report on Greenway Golf's Construction Plan for the North Course

Marc Logan stated the closure of the north course would occur approximately on the week of June 25th. The alignment of hole numbering will change, as well as the configuration, and will have more information next meeting.

5-F Report on Greenway Staffing Plan

Ken Campbell stated that Brett Morrison is helping in the interim, and they're looking for a tournament and events director, as well as a marketing director position. They have just hired Alex Iguchi, a PGA member, as the new Director of Golf.

5-G Discuss Golf Commission meeting schedule

Commissioner Carlson proposes that the golf commission meet every month. Commissioner VanWinkle is okay with every month, and Chair Downing's concerned about having a quorum. Ken Campbell stated Greenway would prefer it to be every other month, with circumstances warranting special meetings.

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – May 8, 2018

Jim's site plan
Rates structure

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 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.