

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ed Downing the called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. via teleconference

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** (Via teleconference) Chair Ed Downing, Vice-Chair Cheryl Saxton, Commissioner Claire Loud, Commissioner Ron Carlson and Commissioner Pete Pizzino

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** (Via teleconference) Greenway Golf Umesh Patel, Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge

**Also Present:** None

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of May 12, 2020 were approved unanimously

**3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS**

**4-A Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club**

Connie Wendling communicated through Chair Downing that Junior Golf has started and will be playing every Wednesday. Elizabeth Scholtes is the liaison between junior golf and Greenway Golf. She also expressed her gratitude to Greenway Golf for the support.

Chair Downing also communicated that Nancy Wehr has passed away. She and her husband, Bill had long been supporters of Junior Golf.

**6 AGENDA ITEMS**

## 7 OLD BUSINESS

### 7-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

Umesh Patel of Greenway Golf stated that the junior tournament last Wednesday had been named in Nancy's honor.

Mr. Patel stated that there is a lot of progress on the first seven holes of the north course which includes sodding. Water has been used at a minimum. In late July, they will begin shaping eight and nine and that will hopefully be sodded before the end of September. Time was lost between March 17 and May 7 due to the pandemic. Supply chains have been disrupted also, so the hope to have 9 holes open by the end of the year is not realistic anymore. Drainage and piping is continuing to be replaced. At this time, Mr. Patel stated that tentatively at the end of 2021, the first nine holes will be ready, with the hope that all 18 holes would be open by the end of 2022. He stated that messaging to the golf commission and the public will be done conservatively.

Commissioner Loud expressed her concern over the fact that hot water is not working in the bathrooms. Mr. Patel will look into it and respond back. Chair Downing asked about renovation of the clubhouse, and Mr. Patel stated that it's on the back burner this year, but not next year. The bathrooms will be renovated prior to the clubhouse, were hoping to have them done sooner, but shutdown during the pandemic set that back.

Mr. Patel addressed the safety issue, and have gone back to alternate stalls on the range, based on Alameda County numbers, and also gone back to 10 minute tee times on the Mif, as well as closing the back practice green to the general public. Tee times on the south will stay at 11-minute intervals as well as single rider carts. The pro shop is still not accessible inside. Staff at the driving range has increased to pick up and sanitize the baskets and the machine. Signage on the new ball machine will be placed explaining that at this time, it is to be used only the teaching pros.

Mr. Patel explained that we are trying to stay ahead of any new mandates by either the City or the County regarding Covid-19, and we're grateful for one of the businesses that is allowed to be open.

Mr. Patel stated that Joe VanWinkle has returned to retired life, and resigned last week. Vinny has become the senior superintendent, Jason Cook is the facilities manager, Pedro Oviedo has been assigned the range and the Par-3, Brett Morrison will be responsible for the pro shop and the tee sheet, Cheri Corfey the HR Manager and Todd Lee, our finance director.

Mr. Patel stated that there have been movies shown on Friday nights in the parking lot, through the assistance of Alameda Theater.

Chair Downing asked about the future of teaching and growing golf, and Mr. Patel stated there have been discussions with current instructors regarding how to bring

young golfers in, as well as discussions with the junior golf board. The goal is to use the later part of the afternoon to allow juniors and other golfers of any age to allow them to play only three holes with an instructor.

#### **7-B Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report**

Amy Wooldridge stated that Jim's on the Course had reopened the outdoor patio, but then had to close last Saturday due to Alameda County being added to the State's watchlist. The restaurant is still open for takeout at this time.

#### **7-C Recreation and Parks Director Report**

Amy Wooldridge stated that they are moving forward with an agreement amendment with Jim's on the Course which will go to City Council on September 15. Once it's published to the public, it will be discussed at the September 8 Golf Commission for their feedback to be brought to the Council.

Last Tuesday, City Council awarded the parking lot repair project to Redgwick Construction, and are now coordinating with Greenway and the City Manager, working on the required utilities to get the best possible product. The funds were set aside in 2018-2019 from citywide projects in the Capital Improvement budget, not the golf fund.. Amy was asked when the project would start, and she stated that she would let them know when she finds out.

### **8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A moment of silence was held in honor of Nancy Wehr prior to adjournment

### **9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – September 8, 2020**

Greenway Report  
Jim's on the Course Report  
Recreation and Parks Director Report

### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 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.