

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ed Downing the called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:31 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 Claire Loud, and Commissioner Ron Carlson

Absent: Commissioner Pete Pizzino

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

Also Present: None

1-B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 13, 2019 were approved unanimously

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

4 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

4-A Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club

Connie Wendling stated that the applications for 2020 have been sent out and are available around the golf complex as well as the Recreation and Park Dept. All available scholarship funds totally about \$22,000 were distributed as well as a \$300 service award in memory of Norma Arnerich and Jack Clark.

The Jack Clark tournament for 2020 has been set for Monday, October 6 on the south course and are looking for sponsors to assist.

Josh McCarthy, a former Alameda Junior member, was featured in the NCGA magazine after he won the 116th annual NCGA Match Play Championship at Spyglass

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Review and Recommend North Course Closure Plan

Ken Campbell stated that they are requesting approval to close the remaining holes on the north course to allow the construction team to continue into the back nine holes without pause so in Spring of 2020 work could begin on shaping as the soil is expected to be in place. This will then allow for more immediate work on irrigation, drainage and sand capping and grassing. The objective is to attempt to lessen the overall impact from the past, and possible future rains and therefore allow players a better opportunity to enjoy a fully remodeled golf course in an overall shorter time frame.

Amy Wooldridge stated that the City Attorney determined that this step would need to be approved by City Council as the lease states that nine holes need to remain open at all times.

Commissioner Carlson made a motion to approve and Commissioner Loud seconded the motion to approve the closure of the remaining holes. The motion passed unanimously.

5-B Corica Park Junior Golf Presentation by Greenway Golf

Ken Campbell stated that Corica Park, in addition to the junior golf program, offers junior camps, with assistance from Eric Jones Golf and his instructor. Free junior clinics will be held on Saturdays, as well as several Junior Camps with limited size capability at a cost of \$199 per junior.

5-C Discuss Updated Golf Commission Manual

Discussion ensued regarding the changes made.

5-D Nominate and Vote on Chair/Vice-Chair

Commissioner Carlson made to a motion to table this item until the next meeting to have a full commission attendance, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Loud and passed unanimously.

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

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

7-A Greenway Report

South Course Cart Paths – Work on the final finish of the South Course cart paths was started but didn't get completed. The top layer of material was added to 3 of the holes but due to rain work was stopped and the adhesive bond couldn't be applied. Plans to restart the project have been delayed due to ongoing schedule of golf events. Two consecutive weekdays, and dry weather, are needed to reschedule the crew and to complete the required work. Will be watching weather and events to see when this project can be completed.

Paragolfer Mobility Device – The new mobility cart called Paragolfer has arrived. Key staff recently completed orientation and training on this new all-terrain three-wheeled cart designed for disabled golfers. The paragolfer will now be available for use on the South, par 3 or range.

Alameda Stand Up & Play Chapter - Stuart James of the Alameda Center for Independent Living has agreed to Chair the new Alameda chapter of "Stand Up and Play". The mission of this new nonprofit organization will be to raise funds to purchase additional mobility carts and to promote golf at Corica Park for wheelchair users and others with impaired mobility.

Partnership on Retail Shop/LinkSoul –LinkSoul and Greenway have agreed to modify the retail partnership, and to have Greenway resume the shop retail management effective January 1, 2020. LinkSoul and Greenway have enjoyed a very good relationship and proud to have developed a shop unlike others with lifestyle offerings and unique fixtures. This decision was mutual between the parties as we all believed it is best for Corica Park to further expand the price points and offerings, which moving forward will include additional brands like Travis Mathews, Nike, Imperial, Under Armour and others. LinkSoul will continue to be a featured apparel partner. Apparel inventories will be lower for the first few slower months of year while plans to restock are in place for spring.

On Course Restrooms – The restroom on the 13th hole has been moved to hole #15 due to a request from the Alameda Women's Golf Club. This took several weeks as an area had to be modified some to accommodate as the restroom requires access by a truck which limits options on its location.

New Point of Sale System – Plans are being finalized for a change in the Club's point of sale system. The new system is designed to allow faster check-ins as well as self-kiosk check-in and has features that allow players to more easily pair up when making online bookings and to better track their history to offer rewards. Implementation schedule is not yet set but expected to be around the first of year.

Amy Wooldridge stated that the plans for the parking lot and utilities are complete and need to be signed off by Public Works, and then will be passed off to Marc to schedule the installation of the utilities and simultaneously, the documents will be prepared to go out for bid for the paving, which is about a three month process.

7-B Jim's on the Course Report

Tom Geanekos stated that he has been working with the County's requirement for a geotechnical sample, which the City Building department did not require, which is the reason they were going to install a two foot thick concrete pad. Amy Wooldridge said she has been trying to work with Cal Recycle and has had no response, so she is going to Assembly member Bonta and Supervisor Wilma Chan for assistance.

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – January 14, 2020

Greenway Report

Jim's on the Course Report

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:48 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.