

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** (Via teleconference) Chair Ed Downing, Commissioner Claire Loud, Commissioner Ron Carlson and Commissioner Pete Pizzino and Commissioner Ben Finkenbinder

**Absent:** None

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

**Also Present:** None

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of July 14, 2020 were approved unanimously

**3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Ed Downing and Amy Wooldridge both expressed their appreciation to Cheryl Saxton for her service on the golf commission. Current golf commissioners introduced themselves to Ben Finkenbinder, the new golf commissioner.

**5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS**

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

Chair Downing shared per Connie Wendling that new applications for the junior golf club will go out in November. They currently have 100 members as well as a waiting list. They have given out 3 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each. Currently they have 24 scholarships available to college students. The East Bay Junior will be held in December this year and run by the Northern California Junior Golf Assn. Ms. Wendling expressed her appreciation to both Greenway Golf and Elisabeth Scholtes.

## **6 AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6-A Receive Report and Provide Feedback on the Alameda Landfill Glare Study Report**

Alan Harbottle, Senior Energy Resource Planning Analyst, Alameda Municipal Power provided a presentation regarding the Landfill Glare Study Report

Chair Downing made a motion that the Golf Commission accept this proposal, as it would be beneficial to the City of Alameda, and was seconded by Pete Pizzino, the motion passed unanimously.

### **6-B Alameda Golf Club and Women's Club Non-Resident Tournament Rates**

Umesh Patel, Greenway Golf, stated that they had met with the board of the Alameda Golf Club, and this item would be tabled for now, and would be discussed later next year. Commissioner Loud stated that the Women's Club had not been contacted regarding this, and Mr. Patel stated that the Women's Club should not have been included in this item.

### **6-C Corica Park Volunteer Program**

Mr. Patel stated that he had met with Chair Downing and the 40 Players Assistants, thanking them for their service, and to get their feedback from the players. Joe Crespin, the players assistant lead, will be reporting directly to the Golf Commission in the future. Chair Downing stated there is small group of volunteers that go around the course and fill the divots on a regular basis. Chair Downing also thanked the volunteers that run the Corica Park service clubs.

## **7 OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Patel welcomed Ben Finkenbinder to the golf commission. He stated that a lot of progress has been made on the North Course, with sod being place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> holes. A few greens have been seeded. Not much progress has been made on the restrooms. During the off season, they are hoping to move forward with finishing the cart path on the South Course. Hot water has been restored to the bathrooms. Chair Downing asked about the timeline of opening nine holes on the North Course, and Mr. Patel was not able to give an updated timeline at this time. Chair Downing asked about the hiring of a golf pro, and Mr. Patel stated that they had offered a local pro the position a few months ago, but did not accept the position. They are still looking and will address this further next year. Mr. Patel asked the commission their feelings about the Power Tees and the response was negative. Mr. Patel also stated that they will be refurbishing the driving range in the next two years, and will be sandcapping it. Commissioner Pizzino stated that some of the mats have not been replaced and also

the possibility of larger mats for the teeing areas on the Mif Par 3. Mr. Patel stated he would report back regarding this at the next meeting. Commissioner Carlson asked about financials, and Mr. Patel stated that due to the change in management and that the annual report had not been prepared earlier in the year.

Mr. Patel stated that a few weeks ago Commissioner Carlson had requested to go out on the course and check the pin placements, and this request was denied. Mr. Patel stated that he felt his team, that in total have over 50 years of experience, are following the correct protocol and pins are changed daily by a predetermined plan, and he has faith in his staff.

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

Tom Geanekos welcomed the new golf commissioner and introduced himself to Mr. Finkenbinder. Mr. Geanekos stated that their staff is complying to the county mandates for Covid-19, and had read news today that in the week of October 19, they will be able to open inside at 25% capacity. They've been able to hold on to a majority of their employees. The air conditioning system had been changed in the last few months. Commissioner Loud asked about the event center, and Amy Wooldridge stated that they are still not able to discuss at this time.

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

Amy Wooldridge stated that the parking lot project is not yet complete, as the striping will be coming, and will be done in pieces, not to impact parking during the day. Redgwick has been put on notice regarding the lot as the City is not happy with the results, so the slurry will be completed again. They believe that it needed a second day to cure, so they will slurry again and allow a second day to cure.

### **8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – November 10, 2020**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 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.