

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

**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, Commissioner Claire Loud, and Commissioner Pete Pizzino

**Absent:** None

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

**Also Present:** None

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of January 13, 2021 were approved unanimously.

**3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Loud stated that the Mif is looking much better

**5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS**

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

Chair Downing stated that Connie Wendling informed him that junior golf is on track and are looking forward to upcoming tournaments and is also in need of volunteers.

**6 AGENDA ITEMS**

**6-A Review and Recommendation on the Greenway Golf Plan for the Old Fire Training Tower Area.**

Umesh Patel of Greenway Golf stated that in the last few months, Greenway proposed to the City an idea to refurbish and renovate the fire tower. Greenway would take possession at their own expense. A structural engineer would be engaged as well as a hazardous materials consulting firm to check the integrity and safety of the structure. Assuming the structure would remain, landscaping would be installed as well as removing the fence. Also, painting would be completed by running an art competition in the City, involving schools and the City art commission to find designs for the four sides of the tower. Until the initial work is complete, they would either paint or encase the tower. The intent for the front would be to honor first responders as well as the Fire Department, as well as other winning designs, and also incorporating Corica signage.

Amy Wooldridge stated what the process would be regarding this. First, it has been determined that this is not a historic resource, will require Planning Board approval, and since the tower is currently under City responsibility, and in order to move forward, would like to get the Golf Commission's feedback, and a Lease Amendment would need to be presented to City Council to change the responsibility to Greenway and would require four votes by the City Council.

All Commissioners stated that they are in favor of approving the entrance and honoring first responders, and also the history of Corica Park. Chair Downing if Greenway was concerned regarding the opposite site of the entrance, and Mr. Patel stated that they would probably landscape around the fence. Chair Downing asked if the Community of Harbor Bay has been involved, and Mr. Patel stated that Greenway intended to cover the full cost.

Ms. Wooldridge was asked what would be involved in the Lease Amendment, and she stated that Exhibit "A" would need to be modified to include that area, as it is currently excluded in the Lease agreement.

Commissioner Pizzino made a motion for Greenway to move forward with improving the area, Commissioner Loud seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **7 OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Patel stated that they are continuing to make progress on the North Course, and still hope to the front nine in June and the second nine in June of next year. They are continuing to stay on track, but the supply chain at this time is difficult, as materials are hard to come by. Facility improvements are being made and

hopefully will be completed by the end of this month into the beginning of next month.

Mr. Patel stated he understood that tee times are hard to come by, but at this time, they do not intend to change the tee time interval, which is currently at 11 minutes, to keep in line with Covid guidelines.

Chair Downing asked about the restroom modifications regarding ADA compliance, and Mr. Patel stated they did not go through the permit process due to time limits, and that only cosmetic improvements are being done at this time. He stated they have engaged an ADA Consultant to let them know what work would need to be done moving forward. These improvements will hopefully be done by mid-May. Commissioner Loud shared her concern regarding accessibility of restrooms for the ladies.

Mr. Patel was asked about opening the pro shop, and, as long as the County moves into the orange tier, that they are hoping to reopen the shop by June.

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

Tom Geanekos stated that normally there are no issues with one bathroom, but with the Greenway bathrooms closed, it has been a challenge. He stated that they are looking to update their bathrooms and possibly making them unisex.

Mr. Geanekos stated that since Covid restrictions have eased and they've been able to open at 50% capacity which has increased business. All health code regulations are being followed regarding staff, including wearing masks, gloves and taking temperatures. Also, they are checking temperatures on delivery personnel as well as wiping down the incoming boxes.

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

Ms. Wooldridge stated that they have received over 25 applications for the Golf Commission seats, and the Mayor and herself have been interviewing the top applicants. The Mayor would make her recommendations at the first City Council meeting in May and would appoint them at the second meeting in May, so could have the Commission back to full capacity by June.

She stated that Public Works will be doing the slurry and seal of the back half of the parking lot this summer.

Ms. Wooldridge wanted to clarify the roles of commission and will go over thoroughly at the time of the new commissioners. She stated that the commissioners are the eyes and ears of the golfers, but the financial information for both Greenway and Jim's, they would not be privy to.

Chair Downing asked, if at the time there is a full commission, can they have discussions about their roles, and Ms. Wooldridge stated that is not an option, as since they have been appointed by the City Council, this falls under the Brown Act, which states that no more than two commissioners may discuss any items without being available to the public.

Commissioner Loud asked about the event center, and no discussion is allowed.

**8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – May 11, 2021**

**Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf  
Jim's on the Course Restaurant Report  
Recreation and Parks Director Report**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 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.