

**ALAMEDA GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Downing called the special meeting to order at approximately 648 p.m. via teleconference

ROLL CALL

Present: (Via teleconference) Chair Ed Downing, Vice Chair Claire Loud, Commissioner Kaiwin Su, Commissioner John Kim and

Absent: Commissioner Robert Lattimore

Staff: (Via teleconference) Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge,

Also Present: None

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 24, 2022, were approved unanimously

3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amy Wooldridge shared a written communication from Stewart Levine and cc'd to Robert Patterson. "I would like to submit a public comment question. 1, Why is the City waiting to take over completing the north course when it is separate from any internal litigation among members of Greenway. 2. Why does the City continue to allow ineffective management wasting in resulting in the wasting asset of Corica complex and when will it end. Every time I'm on the course, I see ugly growth on the back nine, it's very sad and traffic on both courses is low. Many thanks for your quick response"

4 COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

5 WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS

5-A Beautification Program and Junior Golf Club

Vice Chair Loud shared the inaugural Jack Clark/Norma Arnerich golf tournament raised \$15,000 for junior golf. There were 136 golfers at the Metropolitan Golf Links.

She was pleased to learn of the free golf league for middle schoolers beginning in November at Corica Park which was a collaboration between Greenway Golf and All Good Living Foundation.

7 OLD BUSINESS

7-A Facility and Renovation Report by Greenway Golf

Chair Downing requested that any questions or concerns be stated for written response from Greenway Golf as there is no representative present.

Vice Chair Loud shared golfers stated that they have had some issues with faulty golf carts, which include brake failure, accelerators sticking and unresponsive steering. She had emailed Brett Morrison, the General Manager asking who is responsible for the cart maintenance, and is the person a licensed mechanic, and what is the current procedure at Corica when a faulty cart is reported. Also, she stated that the driving range has been in disrepair since January. She was also asking what the resident rate will be in the next year and when will that be communicated. Regarding the service clubs, she was told they would be notified by September. She asked Mr. Morrison if he could confirm this information. On a positive note, she shared she was pleased to see the water coolers out on the course again.

Chair Downing shared that he is consistently asked what the status of the north course is.

He also stated that new mats on the driving range have been installed as well as work done on the old pop-up tees, which is a great improvement

Chair Downing asked Amy Wooldridge If it was appropriate to submit written questions and she stated that it would be appropriate but to keep it within the “Greenway Facility Report” agenda item. Also, she will keep notes and submit the questions to Greenway Golf and let the commission know what she receives.

Commissioner Kim asked if he could get an update on the ongoing litigation and Ms. Wooldridge state that she cannot comment on ongoing litigation.

7-B Jim’s on the Course Restaurant Report

Tom Geanekos states that business is improving over the last two years. They have been battling an ADA lawsuit over the last nine months, so until that is resolved, not much

can be done. Chair Downing asked what time the beverage cart runs, and Mr. Geanekos stated that they try to run it eight hours on both Saturday and Sunday and during peak hours on the weekdays (Wednesday thru Friday) and staffing has been an issue. Commissioner Kim asked if the beverage cart was profitable in the past and Mr. Geanekos stated that during the summer prior to Covid, it was.

7-C Recreation and Parks Director Report

Amy Wooldridge updated the commission on the revised fire tower design that Greenway is working on. The first design was denied by the Planning Board, and she met with Greenway agreeing on the same schedule that was based upon under the Second Amendment, so that puts the revised design due to the City by September 20. Once that is submitted, they start the City design process, which the design will come to the Golf Commission for comment and recommendations to the Planning Board, and then to the Planning Board for final approval. Once the City approval process is complete, Greenway will have 180 days to complete construction.

Commissioner Kim shared his concern regarding why funds are being spent on the fire tower while the north course is not complete and Ms. Wooldridge stated that Greenway is contractually obligated to complete the fire tower and it is not the golf commission's position to determine, financially or otherwise, for Greenway to move forward.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – November 8, 2022

**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 7:16 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.