

## MINUTES

City of San Diego  
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)  
September 15, 2016

### Meeting held at:

Public Utilities Metropolitan Operations  
Complex (MOC II Building)  
9192 Topaz Way  
San Diego, CA 92123

### Mailing address is:

Torrey Pines Administration Building  
11480 N. Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Members Present

Susan Casagrande  
Kurt Carlson  
Megan Mahoney  
Michael Zucchet  
Paul Spiegelman  
Chris Wahl  
Marc Sorensen

#### Members Absent

Doris Cronkhite  
David Korty  
Ann Dynes

#### Staff Present

John Howard  
Scott Bentley  
Shelly Stowell

### CALL TO ORDER

Michael Zucchet called meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wahl and seconded by Marc Sorenson to approve the minutes.

Motion:                    **MOVED / SECONDED**                    **MR. WAHL / MR. SORENSON**

The vote was unanimous.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Michael Zucchet reported that Al Bruton was resigning from the committee. Mr. Zucchet also read an email submitted by Drew Ector regarding Mission Bay marketing and pricing, proposing that Mission Bay needs a membership program.

### STAFF REPORT

John Howard began his report by confirming that Al Bruton has resigned, and would like to thank Mr. Bruton for his commitment to the committee and wish him well. The committee is actively seeing new members and has reached out to Balboa Park's Men's Club.

John Howard reported that there have been some personnel changes over the last few months. Two (2) new GC managers were hired; John Howard 8/29, and Michael Jones, starting 9/26, after the retirement of Lew Millburn, who was with the Division for six (6) years.

Mr. Howard gave an update on the Balboa Park Golf Course Operations Shop. Mr. Howard expressed his excitement towards the progress and positive feedback by customers. The increased revenue from the shop has covered startup costs, and customers are enjoying customer service and improvement with the overall experience.

Mr. Howard also gave an update on the project for Mission Bay Golf Course, including working with a company to take down the current Club House. Mr. Howard stated that they are working with an architect named Mosher Drew Architects that will be putting plans together in the near future. A couple modular building will be brought in to encompass the Pro Shop and food and beverage operations.

Mr. Howard announced an equipment bid that is going out. This would bring in all new equipment for all of the golf facilities. It still needs to go through City Council, but it will be important to have, leading up to the U.S. Open.

Mr. Howard also announced that a public workshop for the De Anza Revitalization Plan has been tentatively scheduled for October 18 to see the three different options available.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Paul Spiegelman had a request that the agenda items be made available at an earlier time, and Michael Zucchet agreed to that.

Scott Bentley announced a donation to the Golf Shop by Susan Casagranda's company (Torrey Pines Club Corporation), that will pick up the resident card fee (\$25) and monthly \$10.50 for three months during the season, for every single high school team (boys and girls) playing Mission Bay, Balboa or Torrey as their home court, for this fall and spring.

### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Early expressed his concerns regarding green fees.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **101. Business Plan Annual Update (Scott Bentley)**

Scott Bentley used a PowerPoint presentation to report the Business Plan update for Park and Recreation's Golf Course Operations.

Michael Zucchet questioned Mr. Bentley, asking if the Committee would be included on any input and/or updates on the Balboa Park project. Mr. Bentley replied it is possible, moving forward. Mr. Zucchet also asked for clarification on the spending of the Balboa Park project.

Susan Casagranda had questions regarding the fiscal year budget, which Shelly Stowell was able to clarify.

A motion was made by Marc Sorenson and seconded by Susan Casagranda to approve the Business Plan Report to Park and Recreation.

Motion: **MOVED / SECONDED MR. SORENSON/ MRS. CASAGRANDA**

The vote was unanimous.

## **102. North Course Update**

John Howard gave an update on the North Course Renovation. He stated that the design portion of the project has been completed. All tees and greens have been sodded, and all irrigation work has been finished. In relation to the Farmers Insurance Open, Mr. Howard explained that the greens will have had 12 weeks preparation, and that the greens of the back have already been aerified 3 times. Mr. Howard also reported that a soft opening may possibly happen mid to late November, with a limited number of players per day and no twilight through the Farmers.

Mr. Howard reported changes that are happening at Torrey Pines, including beetle infestation and years of drought, and ways to actively manage the situation, consisting of treatment to the trees which began in 2014, deep watering, pheromones, and working with local, state and national experts (City of Del Mar, Torrey Pines State Reserve, City Arborists and Contractual Arborists). A new Horticulturist to the Golf Division's Budget (started 8/29), who will be getting arborist certification and using an integrated approach. Also, 75 new trees will be planted on the North Course, many being Torrey Pines.

## **103. Junior Golf/High School Report**

John Howard reiterated the comments made by Scott Bentley regarding the donation made by the TPCC, and Mr. Howard thanked Susan Casagrande for that. Mr. Howard reported that the golf course is working on getting the girl's team on this year. Mr. Howard also expressed that the division will be working on marketing and press releases to bring attention to the junior golf initiative that they are trying to build.

Darryl Patenaude, father of a junior golfer, made a request for tee times to be moved up due to daylight savings time approaching. Mr. Patenaude also expressed concerns, on behalf of his son, regarding the safety of 6th and 7th fairways at Balboa, also being a community dog park.

Mr. Howard acknowledged the issue with the dog park, and stated that a fence would have been installed, but the community was against it. Mr. Howard also addressed Mr. Patenaude's concerns of the tee times by explaining that it is a pace of play issue, with the last group starting two and a half (2.5) hours before sunset, and being able to play 9 holes.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday November 17, 2016 6:00 P.M.**  
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