

# STANDARDIZED REPORT OF CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



## ADVISORY BOARD NAME: MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

### 1. MISSION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

The mission and duties of the Municipal Golf Committee (MGC) are to advise the Park and Recreation Board, Mayor and City Council on policy issues relating to the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the following municipal golf courses: Balboa Park Golf Course, Mission Bay Golf Course and Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Examples of the types of matters that may be before the MGC for recommendation are:

- (i) Policy advice on the larger issues facing the Golf Division.
- (ii) Recommendations to the Park and Recreation Board on:
  - 1) Golf Division's Yearly Operations Budget
  - 2) Annual update report to the Parks and Recreation Board
  - 3) Capital Improvement Projects
  - 4) Rate Changes
  - 5) Business Plans
  - 6) Golf Enterprise Fund
  - 7) Quality of the golf experience

### 2. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADVISORY BOARD

Annual Boards and Commission Report – voted unanimously to approve the report and submit to the Office of Board and Commissions.

Interim Chairperson Vote – The committee unanimously approved the appointment of Interim Chairperson Kurt Carlson.

De Anza Revitalization Plan – The committee unanimously voted to have Colin Walshok, committee member, draft a letter highlighting the importance of preserving Mission Bay Golf Course and protecting it from elimination.

### **3. ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS**

The MGC meets quarterly but can meet more often if needed. In calendar year 2020 the MGC discussed the following items:

- Annual Business Plan Update
- Mission Bay Golf Course Letter of Support
- Golf Operations Updates related to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Brown Act Training
- Vice Chair Selection
- Golf Course Drive Improvement Project

### **4. MEETING CANCELATIONS**

There were no canceled meetings, but all but one was held virtually due to the current pandemic.

### **5. AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

There are currently three vacant positions on the MGC.

### **6. EXPIRED MEMBERSHIP**

Four of the current eight members terms will expire May of 2021.

### **7. CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL**

The Municipal Golf is an important component to the recreation needs throughout the City of San Diego. It serves a diverse community and provides

environmental benefits that generally are forgotten. When considering projects like the De Anza Revitalization Plan, please remember that Mission Bay Golf Course is an essential component of publicly available golf in San Diego; if citizens, especially young people, do not learn to play golf there, they will never be proficient enough to play Torrey Pines and Balboa. It is the best practice facility in town with excellent instructional resources.

When examining each individual golf course, members have expressed the following:

*1. Mission Bay Golf Course: As a group, the Municipal Golf Committee and the golfing public are extremely concerned about the De Anza Revitalization project which is still threatening the viability of the Mission Bay Golf Course (MBGC) and thus access to public golf by San Diegans and other users. The committee have offered ideas such as turning the golf course into more of an environmental resource that can prove to be a more sustainable neighbor and partner within the Mission Bay community.*

*2. Balboa Park Golf Course: This golf course has the potential to become an even better facility due its location within Balboa Park, being near a growing downtown and the core of San Diego's cultural center. These strengths can result in Balboa Park Golf Course becoming a more contributing member to the city's golf enterprise fund. Areas of improvement should include a refreshed design by a well-known architect that could focus on the tees, greens, and fairways. Doing so could help generate more interest and an increase in the overall rounds of played. In addition, it would be good to get the new clubhouse facility built which could also help increase public access and visibility of the course by San Diegans and other users. Balboa Park Golf Course also has an existing 9-hole course setup that has been popular for many years that caters to beginners, younger players as well as seniors. This area could be improved by adding a small practice area like that at the Mission Bay or Torrey Pines. This would help to provide more options for all types of golfers and help them hone their skills and assist in growing the game of golf.*

*3. Torrey Pines Golf Course: This golf course is an amazing facility, which has made tremendous on course improvements last 10-11 years. For the facility to be complete it would need a new clubhouse to help maintain its being considered a championship venue and improve the staying power for the annual PGA TOUR event.*

## **8. ASSISTANCE TO THE BOARD**

City staff provide approximately 85 hours of assistance to the committee annually.

## **9. VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Committee members collectively volunteer approximately 100 hours annually.