

MINUTES

City of San Diego
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)
September 21, 2017

Meeting held at:

Mission Bay Golf Course
2702 N. Mission Bay Dr.
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing address is:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Megan Mahoney
Doris Cronkhite
Susan Casagranda
Kurt Carlson
Ann Dynes
Paul Spiegelman
Marc Sorensen

Members Absent

Chris Wahl
Vacant
(BP Men's GC Seat, vacant)

Staff Present

John Howard

CALL TO ORDER

Ann Dynes called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE _____ MARCH 16, 201 MINUTES

A motion was made by Kurt Carlson and seconded by Marc Sorenson to approve the minutes.

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

The vote was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Susan Casagranda and seconded by Marc Sorenson.

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

The vote was unanimous.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ann Dynes thanked invited guest Robin Shifflet from the City's Planning Department, and all others for being present. A community member from the

audience wanted a clear understanding of the committee's role and the significance of the municipal golf committee meetings. Ms. Dines described how committees are selected by the mayor and council members, and the purpose of the committee's duties, "We as a committee have taken an interest in the wellbeing of public golf, being the accessibility to public golf courses by members of the public in particular by citizens of San Diego."

STAFF REPORT

John Howard introduced himself as the Golf Course Manager that oversees Balboa, Mission Bay, and the Torrey Pines golf operations. Mr. Howard announced three vacancies in the committee; two individuals may be confirmed for the positions, and one will likely be unfilled. Mr. Howard introduced three items: Maintenance, Request for Proposals (RFPs), and a division project.

The division had finished its first month of fall aerification, greens at Balboa, Mission Bay, and Torrey Pines North and that the Maintenance crew will be doing an overseed project in the next week. The division is getting ready for the Farmers Insurance Open in January, and next month will be executing a full renovation on the South Course which will include greens, tees, fairways, and the rough will over seeded in time for winter. Mr. Howard reported that Balboa Park Golf Course is looking for a food and beverage operator to manage the facility and is seeking someone to preserve the aesthetic of the golf course and the community.

There has been several groups interested and proposals are due by October 9th. Mr. Howard brought forth the request for proposals for the committee taking interest in the Presidio Golf Course, a City owned property that isn't within the jurisdiction of the division. Ann Dynes added that serving on the committee is a great learning experience and encourages anyone to submit a proposal.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

A member from the audience asked John Howard about the progress of Mission Bay Golf Course. Mr. Howard responded that the clubhouse will be remodeled, which will include a new modular building, restaurants, and a redeveloped site. Additional changes will include an upgrade to the electrical and irrigation systems. The project will begin early 2019. Paul Spiegelman commented that he was impressed with the greens at Mission Bay Golf Course and that it's been better than ever before and he noticed many families and high school students.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

A community member wanted to confirm that the lighting and irrigation systems will be upgraded rather than replaced. John Howard reaffirmed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

101. De Anza Revitalization Plan

Ann Dynes introduced City Planning Department's Robin Shifflet to report on the state of the revitalization project. A year ago the mayor gave funding to redesign the De Anza mobile home park. The lawsuit was settled and the mobile homes have been slowly been taken off the site. The planning department has been redesigning the area, along with the public, focusing on the north end of De Anza. Have had four workshops with the public.

November of last year they've presented three concepts to the community, have series of meetings, and received input from the public. Refined three designs into two alternatives. Presented to community in June. Still in process of coming up with a preferred design for the area, and plans are still being developed and nothing has been finalized.

Public comments: Twelve community members came forward to express their discontent of the tentative plans for the golf course, adding that if the field is reduced it will greatly decrease the yardage of the holes.

Several high school students and their coaches from Mission Bay and Point Loma conveyed that Mission Bay Golf Course is the perfect grounds for beginners because of its size, and that reducing the area will greatly impact skills and training.

Local PGA members came forward to support Mission Bay Golf Course and the need for executive golf courses in the San Diego region. They would like the course to stay in its current condition and not be reduced in size.

In addition, the Mission Bay Gateway Project and Top Golf representatives provided an alternate plans for the site that had not been incorporated into the De Anza Revitalization Plan.

Committee comments: Mr. Spiegelman wanted to know if there had any consideration of what a reduction to the golf course would have on the level of golfers looking to play the course and what impact it would have on the sustainability of the golf course. Ms. Shifflet explain that the De Anza Revitalization Plan is a policy document that guides what will happen in the future.

Kurt Carlson stated that he was concerned with the fact that the upcoming capital improvements, totaling over \$7 million, would just be thrown away when the course is altered. Mr. Carlson continued by saying the plan did not reflect any of the sentiments of the golfers that participated in Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Doris Cronkite asked why no one from the golf community was part of the Ad Hoc committee. Ms. Shifflet explained that the Mission Bay Park Committee created the Ad Hoc Committee from representatives who attended Mission Bay Park Committee meetings and requested to participate.

Marc Sorensen was confused about how the project plan is able to make any physical changes to the land when the courses are funded by the golf enterprise. Ms. Shifflet

explained that De Anza overlaps with the golf course and Mission Bay Park, which gives the City entitlement to make revitalization plans.

102. Business Plan Annual Update

Due to pressing business, a presentation was not made. To facilitate the presentation to the Park and Recreation Board a motion to accept the update was made by Megan Mahoney and seconded by Doris Cronkhite. The Business Plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion: **MOVED / SECONDED** **MS. MAHONEY / MS. CRONKHITE**

The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEM

202. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Selection

A motion for Ms. Dynes to serve as Chairperson was made by Susan Casagranda and seconded by seconded by Ms. Cronkhite.

Motion: **MOVED / SECONDED** **MS. CASAGRANDA / MS. CRONKHITE**

The vote was unanimous.

A motion for Mr. Carlson to serve as Vice Chairperson was made by Mr. Sorensen and seconded by seconded by Ms. Cronkhite.

Motion: **MOVED / SECONDED** **MR. SORNESEN / MS. CRONKHITE**

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at...7:45 pm

Next Regular Meeting: **Monday, October 16, 2017 6:00PM**
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