

Minutes

City of San Diego
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)
February 20, 2020

Meeting held at:

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

Mailing address is:

11480 N. Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037

Attendance:

Members Present

Larry Baron
Susan Casagranda
Anne Dynes
Olivia Flores
Marc Sorensen
Colin Walshok

Members Absent

Kurt Carlson
Doris Cronkhite
VACANT
VACANT
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Staff Present

John Howard

CALL TO ORDER:

Mark Sorensen called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM

APPROVAL OF THE September 19, 2019 MINUTES:

A motion was made by Susan Casagranda and seconded by Oliva Flores.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** CASAGRANDA/FLORES

All in favor of the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT: Marc Sorensen

Mr. Carlson did not have a report to provide.

STAFF REPORT: John Howard

John Howard, Golf Course Manager, thanked Ms. Cronkhite, Mrs. Dynes and Mr. Sorensen who continued to serve this committee even after they had termed out.

Mr. Howard informed the committee that there are going to be five members either appointed or reappointed to the Municipal Golf Committee. Mr. Howard introduced Larry Barron, who will be reappointed, and Greg Block, Marty Block, Roy Burchill, and Kevin Carmen as new members to the committee this May. Mr. Howard stated that the Golf Division was pleased with this year's Farmers Insurance Open. There were weather related issues that made the course easier, but overall it was a good product. Mr. Howard stated that there is going to be a cycle of renovation, then tournament, then back to renovation. The 2020 California State Amateur will be held at Torrey Pines in June 2020 and will be used as a practice run for the 2021 US Open Championship. Mr. Howard describes the process leading up to the US Open. He stated that the North Course will be affected starting February 2021 with the construction of the driving range.

Mr. Howard provided an update on the Golf Course Drive Improvement Project. The Golf Division's main concern was the loss of parking around the clubhouse by the proposed design. The division thought that the project could be achieved at a lower cost by using the master plan that was developed through the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse design. This project will come back to the Municipal Golf Committee when the concepts have been completed.

Mr. Howard reported that Golf Division staff submitted an application with Audubon International to receive certification for Mission Bay Golf Course. Mr. Howard stated that there would still be work to receive that certification and the division is evaluating the scope of work necessary to achieve that recognition.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. Flores attended this year's Farmers Insurance Open and was very pleased with the execution of the event.

Mrs. Casagrande reminded the public and the committee that those who are interested in volunteering for the 2021 US Open Championship can now do so. There is information available on www.torreyпинесgolfcourse.com.

Ann Dynes reported that on January 28, 2020 that the Undertow Charity Golf Tournament was a success for helping raise funds for the newly created The San Diego Parks Foundation, 135 guests attended and raised \$20,000 to help local Parks and Recreation programs. Mrs. Dynes stated that guests are already signing up for next year. Mrs. Dynes thanked Susan Casagrande and Torrey Pines Club Corporation. Mrs. Dynes reported that the Golf Division were great partners in helping create a wonderful experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay McElrath asked how items are selected on the agenda. Mr. Howard stated that there are standard items that are covered by the committee and he works with the committee chairperson to create the agenda.

Gebel Anderson, Mission Bay High School Golf Coach, was concerned with the distribution of the matches at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Mr. Howard described that the Division wanted to be more equitable in the distribution of tee times at Torrey Pines. The Golf Division distributed the matches between the high school's that requested to play there. Marc Sorensen thought a medal play tournament would be a good opportunity for players to see the golf course. Mr. Howard reminded the group that the Division supports junior golf through tournaments like the CIF Championships where over 100 players play free of charge on an annual basis at Balboa Park Golf Course. Mr. Anderson also wondered where the De Anza Revitalization Project stands. Mr. Howard stated the EIR had not been released and it would likely be some time before any decision was made.

INFORMATION ITEM

101. Mission Bay Clubhouse

Mr. Howard reported that the Coastal Commission approved the permit in December so the Mission Bay Club House could move forward. Mr. Howard informed the committee that the project would be going out to bid in the spring and would be out for six months. The goal would be to have one contractor who would be able to complete the entire project rather than having one for the irrigation and another for the clubhouse. Once a bid is back, the contract phase will begin, but the goal is to have the project begin in the summer of 2021

ACTION ITEM

201. Boards and Commissions Report

Mr. Howard helped the committee by compiling information from members for the draft Standardized Boards and Commission report, which is meant to help foster communication between the community and city government. Mr. Howard reviewed the report stating that it covers the Golf Division's yearly operations budget, the annual update report to the Parks and Recreation Board, capital improvement projects, rate changes, business plans, the Golf Enterprise Fund, as well as the quality of the golf experience.

Motion:

MOVED/SECONDED

Casagrande/Flores

All in favor of the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

202. Letter from the Municipal Golf Committee on the importance of Mission Bay Golf Course

The letter, which was drafted by Mr. Wolshok, was well received from the committee. Mr. Sorenson thought the letter was well written and wanted to highlight the thousands of players that used Mission Bay Golf Course. Mrs. Dynes wanted to make the letter specifically addressed to the Mayor, while Mr. Howard believes it could be directed to any group. The committee wanted to have it addressed directly to Mayor and should cc all relevant groups. The motion to carry this letter forward with minor edits was brought to the floor by Mrs. Dynes

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** DYNES/WOLSHOK

All in favor of the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Larry Barron and seconded by Colin Wolshok.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** BARRON/WOLSHOK

All in favor of the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.