

completion date at the end of October. Mr. Howard expressed we are excited to bring the bathroom to acceptable conditions.

Mr. Howard stated there is a sewer line project that is scheduled for the March of 2022 and that the Mission Bay Golf Course project went out to bid. The Division received three applicants that came in underbudget. The next phase for the project is to go into contracting and construction in late October or early November.

Mr. Howard recapped the total rounds of golf in FY21. He expressed how these numbers were very impressive and highlights how golf is in high demand. Balboa Park Golf Course was up 38% on the 18-hole course with approximately 83,000 rounds and 79,000 rounds on the 9 hole course for a 63% increase. Mission Bay Golf Course recorded over 102,000 rounds for a 67% increase over the previous year. Mr. Howard shared the Golf Division did over 414,000 rounds in total for all the courses, which was a 110,000-round increase.

ACTION ITEM

201. Torrey Pines Advanced Reservation Program

There was one public comment regarding the Torrey Pines Advance Reservation Program from Mr. Dean Callies. Mr. Callies requested to eliminate the Advance Reservation Program.

Mr. Burchill stated the public comment was very similar to what he was going to express. Mr. Burchill posed questions such as “Was is intended to have all the tee times for Advance Reservations and none are left for seven-days reservations? Is your concern if there was a limit to Advance Reservations, the remaining available tee times a week in advance would go to a broker to be resold? Do you know in a normal year, without a U.S. Open, what percentage of time are Advance Reservations and what are not at Torrey Pines?”

Mr. Block asked, “Is there another rationale or reason for the need of Advance Reservations besides adding revenue?”

Mr. Carlson stated “we are all trying to make the course more accessible and it’s very hard to turn away that revenue, especially when there are many things happening like the pandemic. Mr. Carlson stated you would want to use the projections from a positive year and golf is making a comeback. Then you have other people that have their own agenda like AB672 trying to get rid of golf for things like housing. The goal is to keep golf in a good place, but not limit or drive people away for the lack of accessibility for any reason. Mr. Carlson asked, “In the Advance Reservations program, is there any data that show which days are more popular?” Mr. Carlson highlighted Mr. Murphy comments, at the Non-Agenda Public Comment, about giving San Diego County Residents more access to tee times. This could also be a potential revenue stream.

Ms. Casagrande stated, “There is quite a bit of revenue from the Advance Reservations system, if that went away, how would you replace them? What would happen to course conditions?” Ms. Casagrande reiterated that costs in every business are sky rocking. She advised Mr. Howard to tread very carefully if you are going to get rid of a very profitable revenue stream.

No public comment on this agenda item.

Mr. Carman wanted to know the status on the letter that was set out. The support for Mission Bay Golf Course will help deal with AB672 and the De Anza Cove Revitalization Plan.

Mr. Carlson recommended to send the letter to City Council Members and the Mayor's Office, to keep them informed. Mr. Howard agreed and advise the committee to take an active role to gain more support for the Mission Bay Golf Course Revitalization Plan.

A sub-committee group was formed on this topic was established to keep progress on the letter of support. Mr. Block suggested the committee members should use their personal relationship with any Council Members to get the letter to them faster instead of their staff member or office.

Mr. Howard reminded the committee to ensure no violations are done in accordance with the Brown Act.

202. AB672

No public comment on this agenda item.

Mr. Howard discuss AB672 and the importance to this bill. The SCGA sent out an article about AB672 and wanted the public to be aware what this bill can potentially do to golf courses. Mr. Howard and Mr. Carlson meet with Craig Kessler who is the Director of Governmental Affairs with the SCGA. Mr. Kessler's responsibility is to be an advocate for municipal golf. Mr. Carlson wanted the committee to be aware of this bill and it is an attack to municipal golf courses. This bill will come back in January 2022 and have potential impact on more municipal facilities. Mr. Kessler will be scheduled to do presentation for the committee at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.