

**Minutes**

City of San Diego  
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)  
September 13, 2018

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**

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Colin Walshok  
Olivia Flores  
Kurt Carlson  
Ann Dynes  
Doris Cronkhite  
Marc Sorensen  
Larry Baron  
Susan Casagranda  
Megan Mahoney

John Howard

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ann Dynes called meeting to order at 6:05 PM

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2018 MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Susan Casagranda and seconded by Kurt Carlson.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** CASAGRANDA/CARLSON

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Kurt Carlson and seconded by Susan Casagranda.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** CARLSON/CASAGRANDA

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

No chairperson's report.

### **STAFF REPORT: John Howard, Golf Course Manager**

John Howard introduced new committee member Olivia Flores. Ms. Flores is from northern California and grew up in the Central Valley. She went to San Francisco State University where she began learning golf as an undergraduate and has been playing since she was 18 years old. She later moved to San Diego partially because of golf and found a career with the San Diego Community College District as an assistant professor and an academic counselor.

Mr. Howard went over the fiscal year at Golf Division. Rounds and revenue was up year over year; Balboa Park and Mission Bay had significant increases, "We've seen some noticeable changes at the golf courses, and we're really excited for what the future has to hold here." The golf courses had some major events that included Junior World Golf Championship and the City Amateur Golf Championship.

The golf courses are transitioning into fall. Maintenance staff aerified the North Course at Torrey Pines. Mr. Howard noted that this was the second year to have started in August because aerification is more effective in the summertime for the new bent grass greens. Mission Bay and Balboa Park Golf Courses had recently completed aerification and now crews are working on overseeding, where they're transitioning to cool season grasses.

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

Cheryl Brierton introduced herself as a resident of the South Park community since the 1970s. She is urging the City to create a safe bike and pedestrian path. After time, the council member was given money for a design for a path. Brierton referred to the Golf Division Business Plan and suggested that having a safe road would also be beneficial to Golf Division's rounds and sales goals.

Ann Dynes asked staff about the progress of improvements at Mission Bay Golf Course. John Howard responded that he has received 90% plans, and staff is in the review process, and is anticipating construction will begin in a year.

### **INFO ITEM: 101. City of San Diego Parks Master Plan Workshop Item**

Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer representing the City of San Diego's Planning Department, presented project goals to the committee. She listed the project goals: first to acquire new land, design, construction and recreation programming. Second, address park deficits. She noted that not all communities have parks and the department plans to reevaluate service standards. Lastly, with the City's Climate

Action Plan, the department wants to ensure the community can travel by walking or bicycling. Ms. Scoggins stated that this is a three-year planning process and there are four phases: Learning, exploring, envisioning, and implementation. The department learned that after surveying random City residents (200 per council district), 55% of them don't know what Parks and Recreation has to offer. The exploring phase is knowing what the community needs and its priorities. The final phase is implementation which will identify priority projects and funding strategies.

Ms. Scoggins then asked the committee "What are the current strengths and weaknesses of this Parks and Recreation system?" Ann Dynes answered optimistically by describing a trip along the coast of Wales. The golf courses had access to the beaches. "There's an opportunity to look at our golf courses in a way that makes them usable by other people other than golfers." Mrs. Dynes suggested that golf courses should be made available and welcome to others such as pedestrians. "We're stuck being in this vision that golf courses are only for golfers." Kurt Carlson added that parks need more trail systems similar to Europe. Megan Mahoney expressed that part of the problem is that golf isn't available to youth, and suggested that there should be small hitting areas. Susan Casagrande's concern was the availability of transportation to get the youth to golf courses, and to that John Howard reminded the committee that the P.L.A.Y. Golf program has been in the process of getting requests for sponsorships for transportation to pick them up from recreation centers to golf courses.

#### **ACTION ITEM: 102 Golf Course Drive Improvement Project**

Amy Mills, Associate Engineer from the City of San Diego Public Works Department, stated that the Golf Course Improvement Project was originally a feasibility study that came from Parks and Rec, where after Public Works obtained the study to evaluate various alternatives to meet the project objective. The street in focus is along Golf Course Drive from 26<sup>th</sup> street up to the intersection of 28<sup>th</sup> street and Date street. The project objective is to provide pedestrian pathway and bicycle facilities along Golf Course Drive. The first alternative was to provide 2 feet travel lanes shared between bicyclists and pedestrians, but would not include a sidewalk. Instead, it will include two 11 ft. travel lanes with 14 ft. multipurpose path adjacent to the northbound lane. The cost of this project is \$4,230,000 and will take approximately 3 years. The second alternative would provide two 11 ft. travel lanes with two 7ft. bike lanes and a 5ft. sidewalk adjacent to the northbound lane. This alternative would include multiple retaining walls with average height ranging from 3 to 5 feet. The project would amount to \$5,050,000 and be completed in approximately 3 years.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**



