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City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY MAY 16, 2022 AT 1:00 PM
Golf Division Headquarters (ONLINE WEBCAST)
3900 Chevy Chase Drive
Los Angeles, 90039

<p>ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS Chair Betty Brix, Penmar Women’s Golf Club Vice Chair Marcy Valley, Rancho Park Women’s Golf Club Secretary, Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women’s Club Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Virgil Budhu, Sepulveda Men’s Club Patrick MacFarlane, At Large Jim Dover, Roosevelt Golf Club Thor Tandberg, At Large City Club Representative Kevin Gigax, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Anthony Leone, SCPGA Foundation</p>	<p>GOLF STAFF MEMBERS Rick Reinschmidt, Acting Golf Manager Calvin White, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II Chuck Ruiz, Acting Golf Supervisor II Uriel Matus, Acting Golf Supervisor II Tai Ide, Tournament Coordinator</p> <p>ATTENDING GUESTS Matt Rogers, SCPGA Anne Matthews, Sepulveda Women’s Club</p>
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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Betty Brix with a quorum present. Chair Betty Brix shared information about the virtual online forum so that members could fully participate.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Marcy Valley moved, Jim Dover seconded, to approve the amended Minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting.** The motion was unanimously approved.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- GOLF MANAGER REPORT/CONCESSIONS REPORT – Rick Reinschmidt
 - i. Introduction of Anthony Leone of the SCPGA Junior Foundation. Anthony will complete the term in place of Matt Gilson who resigned from the GAC.
 - ii. The Griffith Park clubhouse is now open after a soft opening on May 6. A grand opening will be held in June or July.
 - iii. Rancho Park – on April 27 Recreation and Parks received a 30 day notice to back out of the contract from the concessionaire. The concessionaire cited recent discoveries in the building such as asbestos, lead, inadequate electrical switch gear, etc. The concessionaire is still in talks with the City’s Concessions Departments to determine how the project could move forward.
 - iv. Woodley Lakes concessionaire is inching closer to opening the food and beverage operations. Once the Health Department schedules and completes a final inspection the restaurant will be available.

- v. The Spring aeration has been completed on every golf course in the system. The 2023 aeration schedule will replace the 2022 schedule on the LA City Golf website soon. There is no planned aeration for the Fall.
- vi. New instructors have been hired for the Tregnan Golf Academy. This will help expand the program offerings. The new sessions begin in May and classes for women and seniors are returning as well. There will be summer camp available Monday – Friday from June 13 – August 26. There will be a new RFP for a two year contract for instruction as the current one year agreement is set to expire.
- vii. The Golf Tournament and League Policy revision will be on the RAP Board of Commissioners Agenda this Thursday.
- viii. The capital improvements recommendations will not be on the Board Agenda this week, but the Golf Division expects the recommendations to be on an Agenda in June.
- ix. LA City Men’s Championship – the net flights are sold out and are capped at 200 participants. There are 125 registered for the championship flight and that will be capped at approximately 150 players.
- x. LA City Women’s Championship – there are 46 players registered. The Golf Division will be using both courses at Griffith Park.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- FEES AND CHARGES
 - i. No report.
- POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
 - i. No report.
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Kevin Fitzgerald
 - i. The Capital Improvements subcommittee held a meeting to discuss the LA City Golf Division Proposed Course Improvements (1-10) year plan. The group also reviewed a recent report of the capital improvement surcharge accounts by course and the dollars available for capital improvement projects.
 - ii. Woodley Lakes will be used for the equestrian event in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, and therefore the course will not be a priority for capital improvement projects because it is unknown what might happen to the condition of the course and/or what dollars may become available to make repairs to the facility.
 - iii. The Golf Division has been looking into the Audubon International certification program for the golf courses as a way to promote environmental sustainability and best practices within the golf system.
- AD HOC CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING – Kevin Fitzgerald
 - i. No report as the subcommittee has submitted final recommendations. The Ad Hoc committee will remain in place in the event that another meeting is required. The Golf Division expects the two recommendations to be on a RAP Board Agenda in June.
- AD HOC WOMEN’S GOLF – Marcy Valley
 - i. The subcommittee held a meeting, and the primary item on the agenda was how to create additional opportunities for women to play in an organized setting at LA City courses on the weekend.

1. The objective is to reach a currently untapped segment of the golfing public (working women) and to encourage their golf participation by providing an opportunity to play golf on the weekend.
- ii. The subcommittee made some progress in discussing the potential for new weekend playing opportunities and will attempt to hold another meeting with the Golf Division to discuss what new opportunities might be possible.
- iii. The subcommittee discussed the LA City Women's Championship and whether there are any other avenues to promote participation in the event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- AB 1910 passed through both Assembly policy committees of reference since the last GAC meeting, and it is scheduled for an Appropriations Suspense File Hearing on Thursday May 19. The bill passed out of the Local Government Committee based on an agreement from the author that additional language must be added to the text to limit the scope of facilities which would be eligible for the grant program.
- Chairperson Betty Brix explained that this meeting will be the last of the current 2021/2022 GAC term. Facility members on the GAC need to meet with the affiliated clubs at a given facility to appoint a representative for the 2022/2023 term prior to the July 2022 GAC meeting. There is also a six year term limit that runs with the individual.
- The Golf Division would ask for additional volunteers to help deliver the LA City Golf Championships.

6. FUTURE AGENDA – Chairperson Betty Brix

- The election of GAC officers will take place at the July 2022 meeting which is the first of the new term. The GAC has three Officer positions – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Officers may serve in a particular position for no more than two consecutive one year terms.
- The GAC will review the Brown Act at the beginning of each term as was recommended by the Policies and Procedures subcommittee earlier this year.
- A question has been raised about whether all clubs that are affiliated with city golf courses must have membership rosters which are open to all genders or whether women's clubs are permitted. The city attorney is currently considering the question.
- There has been a request from a GAC member that the committee consider a non-resident fee discussion.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a Women's Golf Day event held at Griffith Park on June 7th. The event registration is sold out with 100 participants.
- The next GAC meeting is scheduled for July 18.
- Chairperson Betty Brix thanked the members for serving as this marks the final meeting of the term.
- With no further comments Chairperson Betty Brix thanked members and staff for attending the meeting which was then adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by _____
Kevin Fitzgerald, Secretary