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City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 21, 2021 AT 1:00 PM
Golf Division Headquarters (ONLINE WEBCAST)
3900 Chevy Chase Drive
Los Angeles, 90039

<p style="text-align:center">ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p>Chair Betty Brix, Penmar Women’s Golf Club Vice Chair Marcy Valley, Rancho Park Women’s Golf Club Secretary, Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Larry Cloud, Municipal Golf Association Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Virgil Budhu, Sepulveda Men’s Golf Club Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women’s Club Steven Yablok, Roosevelt Golf Club Anne Matthews, Sepulveda Women’s Club</p> <p style="text-align:center">ATTENDING COMMITTEE ALTERNATES</p> <p>Karen Tozer, Harbor Park Women’s Club (alternate) Jim Dover, Roosevelt Golf Club (alternate)</p>	<p style="text-align:center">GOLF STAFF MEMBERS</p> <p>Rick Reinschmidt, Acting Golf Manager Calvin White, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II Gayane Manukyan, Financial Analyst Chuck Ruiz, Acting Golf Starter Supervisor II Uriel Matus, Acting Golf Supervisor II Geri Gonzalez, Acting Golf Starter Supervisor</p> <p style="text-align:center">ATTENDING GUESTS</p> <p>Azucena Maldonado, Latina Golfers Association Patrick MacFarlane James An, Korean American Federation of Los Angeles</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, Virgil Budhu seconded, to approve the amended Minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting.** The motion was unanimously approved.
3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - GOLF MANAGER REPORT – Golf Manager Rick Reinschmidt
 - i. LA County Health Appendix has been lifted so the golf facilities are being operated much more closely to the pre-pandemic period. Face masks must be worn indoors if the individual is not fully vaccinated, and employees will be wearing face masks until further notice.
 - ii. The City lifted the hiring freeze for part-time work. The City is also beginning to allow hiring for entry level full-time positions. On July 1, other full-time positions can be filled. The vacancies created by the Separation Incentive Program (SIP) can be filled beginning in January 2022. The General Manager shared that he will be pushing to hire many of the SIP created positions prior to January 2022 based on urgent need.

iii. Griffith Park – new women’s restroom should be completed in July. The full clubhouse is under one permit so the full project would have to be complete to reopen the restrooms. The City is working with the inspector to reopen the restrooms prior to the Women’s Golf Championship.

iv. Proposed Tournament Policy Revision

1. Player Card members can earn points during play days and club tournaments. Loyalty points cannot be redeemed during play days, club tournaments, or pre booked outings.
 2. Remove Affiliate Club weekday discount from the L.A. City Golf Tournament Policy.
 3. Reduce the four player “grace” to two players.
 4. All affiliated clubs, except women’s clubs, shall submit a pairings sheet with tee times, names, and Player Card numbers no later than 1 hour before the start of their scheduled event to the course supervisor via email or hand delivered to the golf starter.
 5. Clubs must pay for all players reserved before the last group tees off.
 6. Women’s club play day check-in procedures will remain the same (individual check-in).
 7. No loyalty points will be given to Player Cards purchased after roster has been submitted (for that day’s event).
 8. Strongly encourage all affiliated clubs to include L.A. City Player Cards in their membership fees.
- v. Steve Bloom suggested that he is opposed to creating additional work for course Starters and adding Player Cards to the check in procedure would create a new burden.
- vi. Rick Reinschmidt explained that it will not be overly burdensome, and it will be helpful to have record of the golfers playing the golf course.
- vii. **Rosemary Menard moved, Kevin Fitzgerald seconded, that the GAC recommend the Golf Division’s proposed revisions to the City’s Tournament Policy.** The motion was approved with Larry Cloud abstaining.
- viii. Chuck Ruiz provided a City Championships update and thanked the volunteers for assisting with the Men’s Championship. There were 108 players in the championship flight and 158 players played in the net flights. A special thanks to the Griffith Park Men’s Club which provided 7 volunteers and also to the Rancho Park Men’s Club which provided 2 volunteers. There are 34 players registered for the Women’s Championship – 7-12 volunteers are needed. There are 125 players registered for the Junior Championship and 12 volunteers each day would be helpful.
- ix. The committee thanked the Golf Division Staff for the additional effort to make the municipal championships possible this year.

• **CONCESSIONS REPORT – Rick Reinschmidt**

- i. Rancho Park – new plans have been submitted to the City. The demolition phase is scheduled to begin in November and continue through December. The construction phase would begin in the first week of January and be completed by June 2022.
- ii. Harbor Park – the concessionaire is waiting for final approval from LA County Health to allow for an opening date as early as June 28th.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Kevin Fitzgerald
 - i. No report.

- FEES AND CHARGES – Anne Matthews
 - i. No report.

- CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND – Steven Yablok
 - i. No report.

- AD HOC CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING – Kevin Fitzgerald
 - i. Explained by way of a Communication from the Chair (attached) that the subcommittee will investigate ways to secure more dollars for capital improvements as the dollars currently being raised through the surcharge on greens fees is insufficient for the long-term health of the system.
 - 1. The subcommittee examined the current structure of the City's Golf Capital Improvement Fund and the mechanisms in place for protecting the Fund against use for alternative purposes. The subcommittee also examined the ways by which other municipal golf systems in the region secure dollars for capital improvement projects.

- AD HOC WOMEN'S GOLF – Marcy Valley
 - i. The subcommittee discussed the need to promote the Women's City Championship. The clubs have distributed tournament information to members, the SCGA's FORE Her publication promoted the Women's City Championship and the Latina Golfers Association included a notice in the organization's e-blast. There are two conflicting events which will likely reduce participation and should be considered in future years – the LA County Women's Golf Association and the LPGA Women's Amateur event dates conflicted with this year's championship.

- AD HOC BYLAWS REVIEW – Larry Cloud
 - i. The new GAC Bylaws will be implemented at the July 19th meeting.
 - ii. Discussion ensued about the need to consider future strategic plans for the City Golf System.
 - iii. **Larry Cloud moved, Steven Yablok seconded, to create within the new GAC membership a committee that will be charged with looking at future strategic plans for the City Golf System.** The motion was approved with Steve Bloom abstaining.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairperson Betty Brix

- The new membership roster has nearly been filled. Hansen Dam has not supplied a new facility contact.

6. NEW BUSINESS – Chairperson Betty Brix

- The GAC Meeting dates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year have been distributed.

7. FUTURE AGENDA

- Steve Bloom asked that the GAC begin to consider when it might be possible or appropriate to return to in person meetings.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairperson Betty Brix thanked all of the GAC members who will be completing their terms of service at the adjournment of this meeting. Betty Brix offered a very special thanks to those members who have served the maximum number of consecutive terms including Larry Cloud, Steven Yablok, Angela Stewart, Gene Gimenez and Ted Winship.
- Members expressed thanks to the outgoing members for their commitment to the LA City Golf System.
- Golf Manager Rick Reinschmidt thanked the members for their many years of service to the LA City Golf System.
- The next GAC meeting is scheduled to be held on July 19, 2021.
- With no further comments Chairperson Betty Brix adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by _____
Kevin Fitzgerald, Secretary