

City of Los Angeles  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
**GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY JULY 20, 2020 AT 1:00 PM**  
Golf Division Headquarters (ONLINE WEBCAST)  
3900 Chevy Chase Drive  
Los Angeles, 90039

<p><b>ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b> Chair Larry Cloud, Municipal Golf Association Vice Chair Steven Yablok, Roosevelt Golf Club Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women's Club Angela Stewart, Women's Public Links Golf Association Steven Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Marcy Valley, Rancho Park Women's Golf Club Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Betty Brix, Penmar Women's Golf Club Lonnie Kelly, Griffith Park Senior's Club Anne Matthews, Sepulveda Women's Club Thor Tandberg, Rancho Park Golf Club Gene Gimenez, Harbor Park Men's Golf Club Irv Chernov, Woodley Lakes Men's Golf Club</p>	<p><b>GOLF STAFF MEMBERS</b> Laura Bauernfeind, Golf Manager Calvin White, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II Penny Siebrandt, Golf Starter Supervisor II Rick Reinshmidt, Golf Starter Supervisor II</p> <p><b>MEETING GUESTS</b> Bette Mower, Harbor Park Women's Club (alternate) Faye Lee, Rancho Park Women's Club (alternate) Craig Kessler, SCGA (alternate) Virginia Landry</p>
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**MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Marcy Valley moved, Gene Gimenez seconded, to approve the Minutes from the Jun 22, 2020 meeting.** The motion was unanimously approved.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- GOLF MANAGER REPORT – Laura Bauernfeind

Golf Manager Laura Bauernfeind provided the update:

- i. We are continuing to monitor the LA County Health Order, while golf courses remain extremely busy.
  1. Rounds are up 20% from this period last year.
- ii. Golfers were having some trouble booking tee times and Rick is working with EZ Links to eliminate some of the technical glitches related to the problems.
- iii. LA County Public Health put out new guidelines Friday, but the update did not include much of a change from what we have currently had in place.

- iv. The only real changes include posting signs reminding golfers that if you are not feeling well you are not allowed to play. Also, face coverings are required to be worn at all times, including on the golf course as opposed to only in the general areas in and around the clubhouse.
- v. Marcy Valley asked when the restrooms on Hole #5 will be back open to golfers?
  - 1. Calvin White explained that we do not yet have a start date. The restrooms are closed now because we need to do lot abatement.
- vi. Bette Mower thanked Laura Bauernfeind for getting her club at Harbor Park in touch with Rick. She asked if there is an update on the driving cages at Harbor Park and about the status of food concessions.
  - 1. Laura Bauernfeind explained that the contractor for the hitting cages has not been able to complete the project. We are working to secure a new contractor. The food truck doesn't want to come back to operate at Harbor Park. The operator did not find it to be financially viable based on all of the Covid 19 restrictions.
- vii. Betty Brix asked if there is any news about when the Café at Penmar will open?
  - 1. Laura Bauernfeind stated that she is waiting to hear about the status from the concessionaires.
- viii. Marcy Valley stated that golfers are really enthusiastic about the playing conditions on the golf courses, and she explained that the rounds have been really fast due to the 10 minute tee intervals.
  - 1. Laura Bauernfeind explained that we intend to stay with the status quo regarding tee intervals. Golfers have enjoyed the experience.
- ix. Gene Gimenez agreed that the 10 minute intervals are fantastic and improving pace of play. He also asked why there are no trash cans on the course? Is that due to Covid 19? Laura Bauernfeind explained that all touchpoints had to be eliminated to comply with the Health Order.
- x. Angela Stewart explained that the WPLGA has yet not elected a new representative.

- CONCESSIONS REPORT – Laura Bauernfeind

- xi. Laura Bauernfeind stated that there is no further information at this time as we work to navigate through this period.

#### 4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Kevin Fitzgerald
  - i. No report as the Ad Hoc Bylaws subcommittee continues to hold regular meetings.
- FEES AND CHARGES – Anne Matthews
  - ii. Chair Larry Cloud explained that there is no report as the subcommittee remains on hold during the COVID-19 period.
- AD HOC WOMEN'S GOLF – Marcy Valley

- iii. There is no report as we wait for further information about the postponement of the LA City Women's Championship.
- AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – Chair Larry Cloud
  - iv. No report as the Ad Hoc Bylaws subcommittee continues to hold regular meetings.
- AD HOC BY-LAWS REVIEW – Chair Larry Cloud
  - v. Chair Larry Cloud explained that the subcommittee took the final GAC recommendations from the previous meeting and made the final changes and clarifications to the language as directed by the GAC. The text has not changed and the minor changes were not substantive to the Bylaws document. We made one change for clarity to the Operating Procedures section. The subcommittee is presenting the final Bylaws document today and recommends that the GAC approve the document. The Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be presented to the Staff for posting to allow public comment or Staff comment and approve the Bylaws process revision process at the next GAC meeting. There will be a vote to accept the Bylaws at the next GAC meeting to send it to the General Manager and the RAP Board of Commissioners.
  - vi. Once the Bylaws have been approved the subcommittee recommends that the new Bylaws be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year July 2021 to allow time to restructure the GAC in the least intrusive way possible.
  - vii. The subcommittee also recommends that the GAC contact the organizations added to the new Bylaws and invite them to attend the GAC meetings as soon as possible so that the organizations are prepared to begin the next fiscal year fully ready to participate.
  - viii. **The subcommittee recommends that the Bylaws should be accepted as written and placed on the Agenda for the next meeting, and the subcommittee recommends that the Bylaws implementation timeline also be accepted by the GAC.**
  - ix. Kevin Fitzgerald explained that the GAC had directed the subcommittee to make minor formatting and other technical corrections to the Bylaws document.
  - x. Chair Larry Cloud explained that no other changes were made other than what the GAC directed at the previous meeting.
  - xi. Marcy Valley seconded the subcommittee motion to accept the Bylaws as written.** The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote.
  - xii. Steve Bloom seconded the subcommittee motion to accept the implementation schedule for the new Bylaws document.** The motion was approved unanimously.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- GAC Authorization Letters
  - i. Bette Mower asked about the LA County Health Order and stated that her club members had heard that some LA County courses have been able to book tee times as a group. Laura Bauernfeind explained that if a group has been given tee times, then that facility is in direct violation of the LA County Health orders and LA City will continue to follow all guidance from LA County Health.

- ii. Chair Larry Cloud asked that the clubs send in the nomination letters to the GAC. Laura Bauernfeind asked that the letters be sent to the Golf Division so that there is an official record.
- Election of Officers
  - iii. Chair Larry Cloud asked for nominations for GAC Chair. One nomination came in by email for current Vice-Chair Steven Yablok.
  - iv. Rosemary Menard nominated Betty Brix for Chair.
  - v. Steve Bloom stated that he would be happy either way for Betty Brix or Steve Yablok as Chair, but stated that he would like to see a woman as either Chair or Vice-Chair so that the women are represented as officers.
  - vi. Kevin Fitzgerald stated that he also supports both names (Betty Brix and Steve Yablok) for Chair, but he also typically likes to see the progression from Vice-Chair to become Chair.
  - vii. Chair Larry Cloud stated that Kevin Fitzgerald was also nominated for Chair.
  - viii. **With three nominations considered the GAC elected Betty Brix as Chair.**
  - ix. Chair Larry Cloud asked for nominations for GAC Vice Chair.
  - x. Betty Brix nominated Marcy Valley for Vice Chair and Rosemary seconded the nomination.
  - xi. Steve Yablok nominated Kevin Fitzgerald.
  - xii. **With two nominations considered the GAC elected Marcy Valley as Vice Chair.**
  - xiii. Chair Larry Cloud asked for nominations for GAC Secretary.
  - xiv. Steve Bloom nominated Kevin Fitzgerald.
  - xv. **The GAC reelected Kevin Fitzgerald as Secretary.**

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The impact of Covid-19 on the golf system was included in the Golf Manager Report.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA

- No future agenda items at this time.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Craig Kessler shared that Kevin Fitzgerald qualified for the California State Amateur at Torrey Pines as well as the SCGA Amateur. Also, the California State Women's Amateur is being played this week in Santa Cruz and the PGA Championship will be held at Harding Park which is a municipal golf course in San Francisco in early August. It is important to note that San Francisco and San Diego are permitting these major events with social distancing while LA County does not allow any group play. He stated that he is optimistic and has reason to believe that LA County will permit group play very soon.
- Kevin Fitzgerald thanked Larry Cloud for his work as Chair through a very difficult period of revising the GAC Bylaws.

- i. He also asked about the status of the subcommittees as the Bylaws Subcommittee is still completing its work.
- Betty Brix also thanked Larry Cloud and Steve Yablok for their work.
  - ii. Betty Brix stated that the GAC will need to discuss subcommittee agendas and assignments at the next meeting.
- Gene Gimenez thanked Larry Cloud for his outstanding work as Chair and he congratulated Betty Brix as the new GAC Chair.
- Laura Bauernfeind thanked the GAC for all of its work through this difficult time, and she thanked the officers and especially Larry Cloud for his commitment to LA City Golf for many years.
- Craig Kessler stated that if there are any substantive changes made at the next meeting, the Bylaws will need to be posted for a second month for public comment.
- Steve Yablok thanked Larry Cloud for his work as GAC Chair, and he congratulated Betty Brix and Marcy Valley for taking on their new roles as officers on the GAC.