Minutes
City of San Diego
Municipal Golf Committee
Monday, October 16, 2017

Meeting held at: Mission Bay Golf Course
2702 North Mission Bay Drive
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing address is:
Torrey Pines Golf Course
11480 North Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Members Absent: Staff Present:
Ann Dynes Susan Casagranda John Howard
Kurt Carlson Doris Cronkite
Megan Mahoney Larry Barron
Marc Sorenson Chris Wahl
Paul Spiegelman Vacant
Colin Walshok

CALL TO ORDER

Ann Dynes called the meeting to order.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken McGuire brought forward concerns about reducing the size of the golf course. He shared a report from ReWild that discussed increasing the size of the wetlands in Mission Bay.

ACTION ITEM

101. Letter to Mission Bay Planning Committee

Ann Dynes recapped the last meeting in September with Robin Shifflet of the City Planning Department. Ms. Dynes noted, “The community outrage has led the committee and community members to learn about articles and publications that have shown initial bias against retaining the golf course.” Ms. Dynes distributed a letter she drafted to the Mission Bay Planning Committee and emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was not to edit the letter, but to get a consensus from the committee so they could move forward with the letter.
Marc Sorensen suggested to reemphasize that 60,000 rounds of golf have been played, and that 900 students play on the 18-hole because there is no other golf course this size, and the terrain is appropriate for beginners, “It’s a recreational asset for the youth and senior citizens who can’t afford to play at Torrey Pines.”

Colin Walshok commented that the letter is well written. He explained, “There is a trend in the golf industry that people want to take less time to play golf. One of Mission Bay’s true benefits is you can go out there and play a round in two hours—and that’s a lot of other golf courses that are going to try to find ways to reduce the amount of time it takes someone to play. That has a lot of value.”

A motion was made by Kurt Carlson and seconded by Marc Sorenson to send the letter in its current form.

Motion: MOVED/SECONDED MR. CARLSON/SORENSON

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at...6:40 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:00PM
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