

DRAFT/Minutes
City of San Diego
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)
May 21, 2020

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

Larry Baron
Marty Block
Roy Burchill
Kurt Carlson
Kevin Carman
Susan Casagrande
Olivia Flores
Colin Walshok

Members Absent

VACANT
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Staff Present

John Howard
Jen LeBron - DIT

CALL TO ORDER:

Kurt Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE February 20, 2020 MINUTES:

A motion was made by Kevin Carman and seconded by Colin Walshok.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** Carman/Walshok

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Saunders wrote into the City website to request an extension for his resident card for the time the golf courses were closed due to COVID-19. He noted that his card expired May 21, 2020 after the courses re-opening and other resident card holders were extended if they expired during the closures. He asked that a response be directed to his email or telephone, stevesaunders58@yahoo.com – 619-

rounds per day. At Balboa Park, the 9-hole course is up approximately 114% compared to last year.

The Mission Bay Clubhouse project is moving forward. The City Planning Department is putting together the paperwork to begin accepting bids and will stay out to bid for six months. The plan is to have one contractor to do both the irrigation and rebuild the clubhouse.

COVID-19 was very impactful to the tournament side of operations. The California State Amateur had to be rescheduled to late July and the City Amateur and Junior World's Tournament were cancelled. They are still in the process of planning the 2021 Farmers Insurance tournament. The Century Club is working on figuring out logistics on how to do things with all the new guidelines.

The 2020 U.S. Open was rescheduled to September, which also changed dates of when the USGA will be out to visit the courses. The courses are in fantastic shape. While closed, maintenance continued. Balboa Park's 9 and 18 were aerified as was Torrey Pines South.

Mr. Carlson asked for clarification of the timeframe in which the 7,500 to 7,600 rounds were played. Mr. Howard clarified it was just last week. He explained the change in number of rounds on Balboa 9 from an average of 50 rounds per day to 250 rounds. It is booked from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. straight and they are taking online reservations only, no walk ons as the public has been used too.

Mr. Carlson asked how Mission Bay is doing through this. Mr. Howard said it too is booked solid but is running on limited hours 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. He said it is a great course for someone to come out for one or two hours and hit some balls and have some fun. Mr. Carlson added that this is one of the many reasons we need to keep Mission Bay Golf Course around forever. It is a great place to get back in shape after COVID and for juniors and seniors to play.

Mr. Burchill asked when Torrey Pines practice area and putting green will be opening. Mr. Howard responded that there is a lot of demand. To be able to manage the social distancing and reduce touch points is challenging. They are doing their very best to manage the situation with the new guidelines and the resources they have.

Mr. Burchill also asked what they are doing to reduce the touch points with the scorecards. Mr. Howard said he is urging everyone to download the SD-GOLF app to their phone. On the App you have not only access to scorecards it has GPS, you can book your tee times, renew your resident card and more.

INFORMATION ITEM

101. Golf Division Operational Updates

Mr. Howard reported that there have been a lot of changes at the three courses due to COVID-19. There is new signage designed by the City's Print Shop reminding patrons to wear masks in the common area and to practice social distancing. Customers are greeted in the parking lot by a staff member to ensure that they have reserved a tee time or that they are going to the golf shop to make a purchase. Guests will not be admitted otherwise. Guests are also being asked to arrive no more than 45 minutes before the scheduled tee time.

Staff have also implemented temperature checks as required by the County. This requires additional staff to follow these new procedures which is the main reason Mission Bay's hours have been reduced. They are still able to offer carts at Torrey Pines and Balboa for single riders when with a member of the same household. Upon reopening it was walking only at first and they were able to maintain a good Pace of Play.

Staff is adjusting tee times to keep up pace of play and ensure proper social distancing. Customers are no longer permitted to pay with cash at any of the courses, it is credit card only and plexiglass has been installed on all front facing counters. To reduce touch points, ball washers, rakes, and benches have been removed from the golf course, while cup has been raised and the flagstick must remain in place. When players are finished with their round of golf, they must exit the course.

There is hope that the County will relax some restrictions and the restaurants might be opened again. Putting and chipping greens will remain closed and there is no foot or disk golf until guidelines are set so they will be able to reopen safely.

ACTION ITEM

201. Vice Chair Selection

Mr. Howard clarified that the Mayor appoints the Chair of the Municipal Golf Committee and the Committee appoints the Vice Chair. Mr. Carlson asked for nominees and Colin Walshok volunteered.

A motion to appoint Colin Walshok as Vice Chair of the Municipal Golf Committee was made by Olivia Flores and seconded by Susan Casagranda.

Motion: **MOVED/SECONDED** Flores/Casagranda

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

202. Brown Act Training

John Howard conducted the annual Brown Act Training, which covered the purpose and intent of the act, the basic rules, and the definition of a meeting. Mr. Howard emphasized that all meetings must be open and public, while discussions, actions and deliberations must take place in open meetings. Mr. Howard explained how serial meeting can occur and that they would be considered violations of the Brown Act. All persons must be permitted to attend and participate in meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.