

## **MINUTES**

City of San Diego  
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)  
December 12, 2024

### **Meeting held at:**

Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room  
2150 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

### **Mailing address is:**

Torrey Pines Administration Building  
11480 N. Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Members Present**

Larry Barron  
Mary Block  
Curtis B. Burkhead  
Kurt Carlson  
Hal Corbin  
Lauren Holst (6:15 pm)  
Kay McElrath  
Stephen M. Shushan

#### **Members Absent**

Dr. R. Lee Brown

#### **Staff Present**

John Howard  
Tim Graham  
Matty Reyes  
Jack Datt  
Annie Zachau  
Gabiella Verendia

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kurt Carlson, Chairperson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (L. Barron / M. Block) to approve the September 21, 2023, Minutes. Motion passed (7 ayes, 0 abstention). The vote was unanimous.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was moved/seconded (M. Block / K. Burkhead) to adopt the agenda as presented. (8 ayes, 0 abstention). The vote was unanimous.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Kurt Carlson opened his report by announcing this to be his last meeting effective December 12, 2024, and read his goodbye letter. Term 2013–2024. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve alongside of this council. He went on to speak about being a leader and urged others to step forward.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Matty Reyes, Golf Course Manager**

Mr. Reyes thanked Mr. Carlson for his service over the years and greeted the council. Mr. Reyes reported that our next meeting we will be electing a new chairperson and vice chairperson. The Office of Boards and Commissions there are two candidates eligible to fill the council seats. All 11 seats will be filled by February 20, 2025.

It has been one year since our Mission Bay Golf Course buildings have been built (December 20, 2024) and we are in the process of getting approval permits for the food and beverage portion and is about 10 – 20 weeks. The golf division is exploring all avenues to what that will food and beverage component will be.

On May 2, 2024 at 3:00 a.m. the Balboa Park Golf Course Proshop had a trash can fire at 3am outside of the facility. Repairs have been made to the outside of the proshop. Currently all golf operations are now in the clubhouse and renovations are being ascertained to restore the building. Including windows, French doors, repairing dry rot and plaster and painting the facilities.

Torrey Pines has completed the fall overseeding. We are currently preparing for the Farmers Insurance Open scheduled for January 22-25, 2025. In November of 2024 we hosted the CIF San Diego Highschool Championship and were held at Balboa Park and Torrey Pines. This was the first year we hosted both days and it was a great success.

In the spring of 2025, the golf division will be hosting the Play Golf Program at Morley Field, Kearney and San Ysidro and are hoping to host at other recreation facilities. The end of March we will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> collegiate UCSD Invitational which will be played on the Torrey Pines South Course. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 we will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Torrey Pines Adaptive Championship which is an inclusive championship bringing golf to our disabled individuals.

## **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig Kessler – Topic (non-agenda item):

Mr. Kessler spoke about his role as the past Director of Public Affairs for the Southern California Golf Association and introduced, Kevin Fitzgerald as the new Director of Public Affairs. Mr. Kessler discussed the importance of Mission Bay Golf Course and how the SCGA will do everything they can to support the City of San Diego to keep Mission Bay Golf Course for everyone to enjoy. Mr. Kessler also agreed with Mr. Carlson comment that the Municipal Golf Committee members understand their roles to ensure municipal golf stay significant to the local community.

**Matt Norton – Topic: Tee Times (non-agenda item)**

Mr. Norton expressed his appreciation for the Municipal Golf Committee and commented on the difficulty of obtaining Tee Times at Balboa Park Golf Course. “Is there a way to reserve tee times for residents?” It is very difficult to reserve tee times and should be more accessible to residents.

Mr. Carlson, chairperson, added that we appreciate our players opinions, and we all share the same frustrations. Requested Mr. Norton’s email so he may further offer help on the topic.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**101. Introduction of new Committee Members – Kurt Carlson**

New members were introduced and asked to say a few words about themselves.

**102. Code of Conduct – Matty Reyes**

The Code of Conduct training was provided to the council and guests.

**103. Brown Act Training – Alma Robbins, City Attorney**

The Brown Act Training and power point was provided by the City of San Diego Attorneys Office.

**104. 2024 Business Plan Update – John Howard, Deputy Director**

Recap of the 2024 Business Plan was provided. Mr. Howard spoke on and provided a power point presentation reviewing the 2024 Business Plan. Mr. Howard also included the sub-topics of Customer Satisfaction Survey/ Capital Improvement Projects. Numerous questions and answers were presented to Mr. Howard.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Staff/Committee Comments:**

None.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

**201. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair Person**

There was no action item presented. No vote was conducted.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by K. Carlson, Chairperson

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:00 p.m.**  
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