

MINUTES

City of San Diego Municipal Golf Committee (MGC) September 21, 2023

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club
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
Roy Burchill
Curtis Burkhead
Kurt Carlson
Susan Casagrande
Shawn Cox

Members Absent

Marty Block
Kevin Carman

Staff Present

John Howard
Matty Reyes
Annie Zachau
Gabiella Verndia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Kurt Carlson, Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (K. Carlson / L. Burchill) to approve the October 20, 2022 Minutes. Motion passed (6 ayes, 0 abstention). The vote was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was moved/seconded (L. Barron / K. Carlson) to adopt the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. (6 ayes, 0 abstention).

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Kurt Carlson spoke and commented about the "DeAnza Natural/Mission Bay Park Master Plan". This plan allegedly protects the marshlands and its habitat behind the Mission Bay Golf Course and Bob McEvoy Fields. Within this plan the Mission Bay Golf Course would lose land resulting in less play area and revenue. It would also allegedly impact the emergency exit to the beach causing safety issues. Re-Wild Group consisting of the Audubon Society, Outdoor Outreach, Coastkeeper and the Sierra Club are pro DeAnza Natural. The Parks and Recreation Department

and The Municipal Golf Committee is opposed to the DeAnza Natural. The Municipal Golf Committee shows support in keeping the current footprint from High School Golf, SCGA, Men's and Women's Club and other golf organizations. Mr. Carlson vocalized that he would like to see more organizations involved on all aspects of the planning and voting process.

STAFF REPORT

Matty Reyes, Golf Course Manager

Matty Reyes reported on the Inaugural Adaptive Golf Championship May 4, 2023, at Torrey Pines Golf Course. 30 players participated. Special thank you to our sponsors Therapeutic Recreation Services, Disabled Services Advisory Council, San Diego Junior Golf Association, Torrey Pines Lodge and the Torrey Pines Clubs. Our goal is to grow the championship on May 2, 2024 to grow to 60 players and increase the number of sponsors. Mr. Reyes commented that this is one of the most rewarding events because of the disabled inclusiveness.

Mr. Reyes also spoke on the Summer Play Golf Program. The program is supported with PGA Class-A instruction taught by Tony Brooks, from Lions Golf Academy, and Torrey Pines Club Corp, Mike Major. The four participating Recreation Centers were Encanto, San Ysidro, Martin Luther King, and Paradise Hills Recreation Centers. A total of 90 of our San Diego youth were introduced to golf.

Mr. Reyes spoke on the Parks Ambassador Program classes. He and Chris Boudreau had the opportunity to speak young students about potential employment opportunities in the golf division.

Scott Bentley, Deputy Director of the golf division, retired from the Golf Division about two weeks ago and will be sorely missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

201. 2023 Business Plan – Craig Kessler of the Southern California Golf Association

Mr. Kessler spoke in favor of the Golf Business Plan. He discussed its goals will benefit and provide longevity for municipal golf. The services that the Golf Division offers is important to give to the communities and remain as a footprint in the city.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Kurt Carlson commented on the Municipal Golf Committee memberships. Mr. Carlson seat is termed out and is encouraging a replacement. He also welcomed Mr. Cox and Mr. Burkhead bringing the committee to 8 members. There is room for three more members.

ACTION ITEM(S)

201. 2023 Business Plan Update – David Lanni (Documents attached)

David Lanni gave a power point presentation on the 2023 Business Plan. Mr. Lanni spoke on the following points.

- To be the local and national leader in municipal golf operations and maintenance. Provide golf opportunities for all skill levels.
- High customer service.
- The continuous strive to improve our environmental practices and invest in a long-term environmental sustainability at each of our 3 locations.
- To be diligent stewards of the resources and finances within the division following the highest standards in transparency and accountability.

Approval to approve the 2023 Business Plan Update as presented by David Lanni.

It was moved/seconded (S. Casagrande/L. Barron) to approve 2023 Business Plan Update.

Motion passed (7 ayes, 0 abstention). The vote was unanimous.

202. La Jolla Succession – Matty Reyes

Matty Reyes gave a presentation with local news videos on the succession of La Jolla from San Diego and its impacts on the Golf Division. Supporters say the split would help ease financial pressures on the city of San Diego while focusing on the underserved areas that the La Jolla community wish to improve. This proposal would affect our Torrey Pines Golf Course location on many points including finance and employment. This is in its preliminary stages and has not been approved at this time.

There was no movement on this agenda item due to it is in its first stages of development and still in discussion.

203. Movement of the next Municipal Golf Committee meeting to Thursday, December 14, 2023.

It was moved/seconded (S. Cox/R. Burchill) Approval to move the next Municipal Golf Committee. Meeting to Thursday, December 14, 2023. Motion passed (6 ayes, 0 abstention). The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by K. Carlson, Chairperson

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
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