# STANDARDIZED REPORT OF CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



## ADVISORY BOARD NAME: MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

#### 1. MISSION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

The mission and duties of the Municipal Golf Committee (MGC) are to advise the Park and Recreation Board, Mayor and City Council on policy issues relating to the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the following municipal golf courses: Balboa Park Golf Course, Mission Bay Golf Course and Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Examples of the types of matters that may be before the MGC for recommendation are:

- (i) Policy advice on the larger issues facing the Golf Division.
- (ii) Recommendations to the Park and Recreation Board on:
  - 1) Golf Division's Yearly Operations Budget
  - 2) Annual update report to the Parks and Recreation Board
  - 3) Capital Improvement Projects
  - 4) Rate Changes
  - 5) Business Plans
  - 6) Golf Enterprise Fund
  - 7) Quality of the golf experience

# 2. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADVISORY BOARD

Golf Course Drive Improvement Project – voted unanimously to approve Alternative 2 if parking at the golf course is designed to zero net loss of spaces.

Golf Division Business Plan – voted unanimously to approve and move to Park and Rec Board.

Letter to the Mission Bay Planning Committee was passed unanimously to inform the Planning Department of the committee's interest in following the developments for the Mission Bay planning process.

#### 3. ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The MGC meets quarterly but can meet more often if needed. In calendar year 2018 the MGC discussed the following items:

- Brown Act Training
- PLAY Golf Junior Golf Program
- Parks Master Plan
- Golf Course Drive Improvement Project
- De Anza Revitalization Project

#### 4. MEETING CANCELATIONS

The April 19, 2018 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to May 17, 2018 to better space the meetings throughout the year. The November 15, 2018 was canceled due to a lack of new business.

## 5. AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently two vacant positions on the MGC.

## 6. EXPIRED MEMBERSHIP

There are four members whose terms will be ending on May 1, 2019. Each will be termed out and will need to be replaced.

### 7. CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL

Municipal Golf is an important component to the recreation needs throughout the City of San Diego. It serves a diverse community and provides environmental benefits that generally are forgotten. When considering projects like the De Anza Revitalization Plan, please remember that Mission Bay Golf Course is an essential component of publicly available golf in San Diego; if citizens, especially young people, do not learn to play golf there, they will never be proficient enough to play Torrey Pines and Balboa. It is the best practice facility in town with excellent instructional resources.

When examining each individual golf course, members have expressed the following:

- 1. Mission Bay Golf Course: As a group, the Municipal Golf Committee and the golfing public are extremely concerned about the De Anza Revitalization project which is still threatening the viability of the Mission Bay Golf Course (MBGC) and thus access to public golf by San Diegans and other users. The committee have offered ideas such as turning the golf course into more of an environmental resource that can prove to be a more sustainable neighbor and partner within the Mission Bay community.
- 2. Balboa Park Golf Course: This golf course has the potential to become an even better facility due its location within Balboa Park, being near a growing downtown and the core of San Diego's cultural center. These strengths can result in Balboa Park Golf Course becoming a more contributing member to the city's golf enterprise fund. Areas of improvement should include a refreshed design by a well-known architect that could focus on the tees, greens, and fairway. Doing so could help in generating more interest and an increase in the overall rounds of played. In addition, it would be good to get the new clubhouse facility built which could also help increase public access and visibility of the course by San Diegans and other users.
- 3. Torrey Pines Golf Course: This golf course is an amazing facility, which has made tremendous on course improvements last 10-11 years. For the facility to be complete it would need a new clubhouse to help maintain its being considered a championship venue and improve the staying power for the annual PGA TOUR event.

#### 8. ASSISTANCE TO THE BOARD

City staff provide approximately 85 hours of assistance to the committee annually.

## 9. VOLUNTEER HOURS

Committee members collectively volunteer approximately 100 hours annually.