# City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

# GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday September 18, 2023 AT 1:00 PM

Golf Division Headquarters (In person) 3900 Chevy Chase Drive Los Angeles, 90039

### ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA
Vice Chair Jim Dover, Roosevelt Golf Club
Secretary Betty Brix, At Large
Anne Matthews, Sepulveda Women's Golf Club
Meg O'Brien, Penmar Women's Golf Club
Dana Cotter, Harbor Park Golf Club
John Given, Rancho Park Golf
Lauren Fesler, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation
Matt Rodgers, SCPGA

### **GOLF STAFF MEMBERS**

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager Gayane Manukyan, Financial Analyst Chuck Ruiz, Acting Golf Supervisor II

#### **ALTERNATES**

Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women's Club

#### **PUBLIC**

Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Larry Cloud, Penmar Golf Club/MGA Kyle Newell, SCGA Marcy Valley, Rancho Park Women's Club Kevin O'Brien, Harbor Park Men's Club

# **MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Chairperson Kevin Fitzgerald.

- 1) PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - a) Larry Cloud spoke about the history of MGA and the relationship with the Parks Dept and Golf Clubs.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a) The July 17, 2023 Minutes were not approved since there was no quorum.
- 3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - a) GOLF MANAGER REPORT/CONCESSIONS REPORT Rick Reinschmidt
    - i) Senior Championship will be held at Griffith Park on 10/13-15 and has 180 entries.
    - ii) Harding netting was completed, Trengan Academy netting to be completed by 9/29.
    - iii) Resurfacing at Rancho Park scope is being finalized and going to bid.

- iv) Met with Dept's Equity Officer on City's Affiliate Club Policies. She answered questions and will get back with additional answers after meeting with the city's attorneys. Ie; City's stance on restrooms gender stance
- v) Golf Carts in Oct/Nov 600 new golf carts for every course that currently has carts, adding an additional 15 carts to Sepulveda.
- vi) LA City Engineers will have a stakeholders meeting concerning Sepuvelda Basin on 9/28 and a public meeting on 10/17 -18. Current status is to keep all current golf courses and acreage. This is not final yet so golf voices still need to be heard. The golf division and the SCGA sent out surveys to golfers to make their voices heard on this issue. Discussion was held on this topic.
- vii) At the 9/7 Board meeting Rancho concession contract was passed to amend the Rancho Clubhouse and reimburse for work to be done appx \$3.5 M mostly electrical and roof which was 30 years old. Interior will be TRP and Parks doing exterior. A new outdoor bar is fully functioning and open for food and drink. Ground breaking for construction is slated for this Friday. Work will be completed in 10-12 months (June/July 2024) Questions on parking lot were asked and not sure what the changes will be, ie: Valet parking? The Brewery that was rumored is not happening at Rancho Park.

# 1) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) FEES AND CHARGES
  - i) No report.
- b) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES Betty Brix
  - i) Meeting was held and elected Betty Brix Chair. Betty reported back that a lively discussion was held on City's Affiliate Club Policies on equity versus equality. Questions were raised that needed to be answered by City's Equity Officer. Betty and Kevin met with Equity Officer who will get back to them after she reviews the issue with City's attorneys.
- c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
  - i) No report.
- d) AD HOC WOMEN'S GOLF
  - i) No report.

## 2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) No Report.

## 3) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Roosevelt parking lot is a public lot so there is no legal way to keep others out of it. It is getting harder for golfers to be able to park there when they are slated to play.
- b) Netting at Rancho Park getting the scope of the work to be bid out, but this project will need public input before going out to bid.

#### 4) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Permit requirement for City golf course teaching professionals. Kevin Fitzgerald shared the City's current position –
  - i) We feel it is extremely important that our golf professionals receive the level of training consistent with the expectations of our customers. We feel our golf professionals should be in good standing with one of the two recognized major professional associations (PGA & LPGA) as either an Associate, Apprentice, or full Member. This demonstrates a commitment to their professional development, continuing education, and growing the game of golf. The PGA and LPGA require and mandate a level of professional ethics and conduct consistent with the vision of the L.A. City Golf Division.
  - ii) There is also a fee of \$500 per month for the right of entry permit. Matt Rogers shared information about the PGA's education program professional standards associated with membership. Matt stated that the PGA of America is not part of or tied to LIV Golf or the PGA Tour.
- b) GAC Annual report was held due to the lack of quorum.
- 5) ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a) No Report
- 6) NEXT MEETING
  - a) November 20<sup>h</sup> 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- 7) ADJOURNMENT
  - a) The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by	
	Betty Brix, Secretary