

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday November 20, 2023 AT 1:00 PM
Golf Division Headquarters (In person)
3900 Chevy Chase Drive
Los Angeles, 90039

<p>ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS Chair Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Vice Chair Jim Dover, Roosevelt Golf Club Secretary Betty Brix, At Large Debbie Meymarian, At Large Michael Berumen, Griffith Park Golf Club Meg O'Brien, Penmar Women's Golf Club Patrick MacFarlane, At Large Azucena Maldonado, Latina Golfers Association Vicky Lagos, CIF City Section Commissioner John Given, Rancho Park Golf Club Lauren Fesler, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Matt Rogers, SCPGA</p>	<p>GOLF STAFF MEMBERS Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager Gayane Manukyan, Financial Analyst Calvin White, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II Chuck Ruiz, Acting Golf Supervisor II</p> <p>ALTERNATES Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women's Club Diane Naegele, Rancho Park Golf Club</p> <p>PUBLIC Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Gene Gimenez - Harbor Park Golf Club Craig Kessler, SCGA Kyle Newell, SCGA Michael Giglia, Harbor Park Men's Club Marcy Valley, Rancho Park Women's Club Kevin O'Brien, Harbor Park Men's Club</p>
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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Chairperson Kevin Fitzgerald.

1) PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) No public comments

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **The July 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.**
- b) **The September 18, 2023 meeting summary was received and filed by the Committee.**

3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a) GOLF MANAGER REPORT/CONCESSIONS REPORT – Rick Reinschmidt
 - i) Rancho Park and Griffith Park driving range – there is work to be done resurfacing the landing area. The Golf Division is looking to raise the net at Rancho Park from 80 to 120 ft all around the driving range. It will stay open while work is being completed. This work will go out to bid in early 2024.

- ii) Golf Carts - 600 new carts are in the process of being delivered to the golf system. Sepulveda - end of September, Woodley Lakes - November, Griffith Park - early December, Harbor Park - early January
- iii) Harbor Park starter office remodel has been completed. The meeting room that was used during the remodel also needs updating.
- iv) Meeting with the Department's Equity Officer and City Attorney - all clubs that are recognized must have equal access to tee sheets (weekends/weekdays) or the rosters must be open to all participants.
- v) The Draft Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan is now available on the city's Bureau of Engineering website. The public has the opportunity to provide comment on the draft plan. Comments will be closed on 12/18. The final plan retains 54 holes but may modify the design of some of the holes for the purpose of river restoration. The Golf Division is also interested in adding a new golf academy to the plan that would be similar to the Trengan academy. It was suggested that a notice of the Sepulveda Vision Plan draft and public comment link on the city website be posted near the Woodley Lakes starter booth.
- vi) Rancho Park clubhouse is now fully gutted with an estimated date of completion in summer 2024.

4) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) FEES AND CHARGES –

- i) No report.

b) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Betty Brix

- i) No meeting was held. Betty will be sending out a request for a meeting before the next GAC meeting to discuss equality of club play time.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS –

- i) No report.

d) AD HOC WOMEN'S GOLF –

- i) No report.

5) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) No Report.

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) The Roosevelt GC parking lot is considered a public lot, so there is no legal way to keep park visitors beyond those with a tee time at the golf course from using the spaces. It is getting increasingly difficult for golfers to park in the Roosevelt parking lot. GAC members asked for clarification as to whether the online booking website might include a notice to allow for extra time due to the limited number of spaces in the parking lot.

- b) Harbor Park parking lot – GAC members suggested that the city golf website provide golfers with a notice stating that should golfers park in a lot at the adjacent college, the golfer’s car may be towed per regulations.
- c) Griffith Park parking lot needs parking lines.

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Golf Manager restated from the last GAC meeting the necessary permit requirements for a golf teaching professional to be recognized by the city golf system. There are appx 4 -7 instructors per course. Lauren Fesler spoke to the insurance and credits. She mentioned that Teach Me 2 website was sent a cease and desist by LPGA attorneys. The City’s current language is as follows –
 - 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 and 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) **The Committee considered and approved the 2022/2023 GAC Annual Report.**
- c) The Committee evaluated the Draft Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. The golf community has been involved throughout the public input process. Kevin Fitzgerald as the current GAC Chairperson and Betty Brix as the previous GAC Chairperson were invited to attend a key Sepulveda Basin stakeholder meeting as representatives of the golf community. They described the draft plan as having incorporated golf’s primary ask – that 54 regulation holes be retained in the Basin. Woodley Lakes, Encino, and Balboa will each retain 18 holes. The total acreage currently managed by the Golf Division will be reduced to accommodate a river restoration project that aims to enhance additional passive recreational opportunities and ecological benefits, but the reduction in acreage will have only minor impacts on golf’s total playable areas. **Betty Brix moved, Matt Rogers seconded, that the GAC support the Draft Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.** Chairperson Kevin Fitzgerald will draft and file a letter of support with the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan management team on behalf of the Committee.

9) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) No Report

10) NEXT MEETING

- a) January 22nd 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by _____

Betty Brix, Secretary