

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday May 20, 2024 AT 1:00 PM
Golf Division Headquarters (In person)
3900 Chevy Chase Drive
Los Angeles, 90039

<p>ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS Chair Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Secretary Betty Brix, At Large Meg O'Brien, Penmar Women's Golf Club Dana Cotter, Harbor Park Golf Club John Given, Rancho Park Golf Club Vicky Lagos, CIF City Section Commissioner Lauren Fesler, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Matt Rodgers, SCPGA Elora Dorini, At Large</p>	<p>GOLF STAFF MEMBERS Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager Chuck Ruiz, Acting Golf Supervisor II Gayane Manukyan, Financial Analyst Jose Huerta, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Kristina Osier, Park Maintenance Supervisor Marina Gutierrez, Park Maintenance Supervisor</p> <p>ALTERNATES Rosemary Menard, Harbor Women's Golf club Diane Naegele, Rancho Women's Golf Club</p> <p>PUBLIC Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Craig Kessler, SCGA Morris Thomas, SCGA Jim Weissenbach Marc O'Hara Chris Laib Eddie Kalara Philip Mau</p>
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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chairperson Kevin Fitzgerald.

1) PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Jim Weissenbach spoke about concerns with tournament play on city courses

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Could not approve past minutes due to no quorum**

3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a) GOLF MANAGER REPORT/CONCESSIONS REPORT – Rick Reinschmidt
 - i) Griffith Park driving range bid was awarded but there is a roadblock with permits.
 - ii) Rancho Park on driving Range was awarded but there is a roadblock with permits.
 - iii) Griffith Park parking lot bid was awarded work for bottom and top lot, work to start in 2 weeks in 2 phases.
 - iv) Sepuvela replaced wood fence, resurfaced road, enclosed entrance- work almost completed.
 - v) Woodley extended tee line from 18 to 37 stalls - almost completed.
 - vi) Hansen Dam - small lake near hole 16 has lots of issues with recycled water. Estimated cost to fix is \$500,000, so instead the lake will be filled in with plants.
 - vii) Los Feliz - starter shack roof has been redone and support beams put in place. Painting work still to be done.
 - viii) Recreation and Parks Department has 307 full time positions to fill. Part-time positions are getting a 20% salary cut due to a budget shortfall. No golf staff positions are going to be cut due to the budget.
 - ix) Men's and Women's Championship tournaments are scheduled in June. Men's has strong registration, but the Women's tournament has a weak response. The issue may be that you cannot register online as in past years.
 - x) There is a new tournament person on staff - Enna Choi with same phone number and email address in the Tournament Office.
 - xi) Uriel Mateus - has resigned and moved to New York.
 - xii) Calvin White has retired and replaced by Jose Huerta, Kristina Osier, and Marina Gutierrez.
 - xiii) Jose Huerta reported that aeration is completed. The last course was Penmar in April. Going forward additional trees will be planted, preparing for tournament, treating fungus on greens at Harbor, softening up tee boxes by reseeding, leveling tee boxes at Hansen and turf reduction at Hansen Dam
 - xiv) Kristina Osier reported that they have begun aerating fairways after the greens were completed.
 - xv) Concession Report - Rancho Park halted on construction due to change in plans. Additional permits are needed for Banquet facility due to new kitchen. Still on completion schedule.
 - xvi) Extending concession for additional 5 years due to Covid.

1) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) FEES AND CHARGES –
 - i) No report.
- b) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Betty Brix
 - i) Betty gave an information only report. That she had a meeting with Rick to review several options that will be addressed as the LA City Tournament Policy book is being refreshed concerning gender equity goals.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Matt Rodgers

- i) A meeting was held on 5/20/24 - discussed was the 1-10 year plan. A vote to endorse the plan needs to go to a full committee (with no quorum this was tabled).

d) AD HOC WOMEN'S GOLF –

- i) No report

2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) A reminder that prior to the July meeting all GAC club members should submit who will be representing each facility for the next term.

3) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) None

4) NEW BUSINESS

a) Rick Reinschmidt reported on how the pilot program on the nonrefundable deposit for green fees was working. At this time no hard data was available but it looks like cancels and rebooking went way down estimated at 50% down from before which is creating more times for general public to secure tee times. He will report at next meeting with more data. Also, the Golf Division is considering reducing the 9 hole deposit, the wording would change to *up to \$10 deposit*. This will have to be approved by the RAP Board.

- b) Public made comments on the tee time reservation platform and tee time book process.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Men's and Women's Championships are scheduled in June. Volunteers are needed and MGA is handling that.
- b) Craig Kessler is retiring from SCGA but will continue on as a consultant in a less than full-time role.
- c) Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA, has been promoted to fill Craig's job as Public Affairs Director.

5) NEXT MEETING

- a) July 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Enforcing rules is that a club responsibility.

6) ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by _____

Betty Brix, Secretary