City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks **GOLF ADVISORY SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING Monday April 1, 2024 AT 1:00 PM** Griffith Park Visitor's Center (In person) 4730 Crystal Springs Drive Los Angeles, 90027

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Secretary Betty Brix, At Large Debbie Meymarian, At Large Ann Matthews, Sepulveda Women's Club Robert Garcia, Woodley Lakes Men's Golf Club Victor Garza, Hansen Dam Men's Golf Club Michael Berumen, Griffith Park Golf Club Meg O'Brien, Penmar Women's Golf Club Patrick MacFarlane, At Large Dana Cotter, Harbor Park Golf Club Carmen Campeas, Latina Golfers Association Vicky Lagos, CIF City Section Commissioner Lauren Fesler, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Matt Rodgers, SCPGA

DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS

Rick Reinschmidt, LA City Golf Manager Matt Rudnick, RAP Assistant General Manager Chuck Ruiz, Golf Supervisor II

> ALTERNATES Luis Ruiz, Roosevelt Golf Club

PUBLIC Steve Bloom, Griffith Park Golf Club Craig Kessler, SCGA Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women's Golf Club Anthony Guerrero, Public Phil Mau, Public

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

- 1) PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a) No Public Comments

2) NEW BUSINESS

a) Matt Rudnick discussed the actions that the Department is planning to present to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners regarding added support for the functionality and integrity of the golf reservation system.

b) Rick Reinschmidt said that Golf Division Staff listened to the concerns raised by the golfing public regarding the city's golf internet reservation system. He also shared that the GAC is considering the Board Report that will be presented to the RAP Board meeting at the next Commission meeting. Rick Reinschmidt also stated that the city had canceled over 100 player cards due to improper uses. The

website's bot combating technology identified suspicious activity which resulted in the canceled player cards, but further investigation remains underway. On Thursday, the RAP Board will consider the implementation of a nonrefundable \$10 deposit per greens fee in the form of a pilot program. The \$10 additional cancelation fee will still be in place for tee times that are canceled less than 24 hours before the secured tee time. The starter will continue to ask for ID when checking in and no other player in the group can check in until the person who made the reservation has checked in. This should help open up more tee times to the public. And the pilot program will be reviewed and reported back to GAC on results.

- c) The GAC committee had a lengthy discussion on the pilot program.
- d) 3 people from the public spoke on the topic.

e) The Committee voted 14 yes to 1 no - to endorse the staff report which included the implementation of a 10 dollar non-refundable deposit pilot program for golf tee time reservations and a revised golf rules, regulations and code of conduct with one stipulation that the Staff report back in 6 months from start of the program for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot.

3) ADJOURNMENT

a) The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by _____

Betty Brix, Secretary