

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday July 21, 2025 AT 1:00 PM
Golf Division Headquarters
3900 Chevy Chase Drive
Los Angeles, 90039

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ABSENT MEMBERS
<p style="text-align: center;">Chair, Betty Brix, At Large Vice Chair, John Given, Rancho Park Golf Club Secretary, Morris Thomas, SCGA Dan Sulzer, Roosevelt Golf Club Conor Hamil, Woodley Lakes Golf Club Vicky Lagos, CIF City Section Conal O’Herlihy – Sepulveda Golf Club Patrick MacFarlane, At Large John Berryhill, Harbor Park Golf Club (alternate) Kenny Kim, Matt Rogers, SCPGA Elora Dorini, Hansen Dam Golf Club Nate Taylor, Penmar Golf Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anne Matthews, Sepulveda Women’s Club Debbie Meymarian, At Large Carmen Campeas, Latina Golfers Association Rosemary Menard, Harbor Park Women’s Club Michael Berumen, Griffith Park Golf Club Riley Michaelis, LA City Golf Professional Sarah Palace, SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Justin Shin, Olympic Booster Association</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GOLF STAFF MEMBERS Jose Huerta, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC Diane Naegele, Rancho Park Women’s Club (alternate) Kevin Fitzgerald, SCGA Craig Kessler, California Alliance for Golf Larry Cloud MGA Alan Rakov John Brasfield Sarah Swanseen OLIN/RAP Mark Hanna Geosyntec/RAP</p>

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Chairperson Betty Brix.

1) PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Larry Cloud, President of the Municipal Golf Association (MGA), addressed the Committee, highlighting the need for stronger coordination with the City of Los Angeles Golf Advisory Committee and noting concerns with Policies and Procedures overlap.
- i) Chair John Given requested clarification on the history of the Municipal Golf Association from Larry Cloud.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Nate Taylor moved, Dan Sulzer seconded, to approve the Minutes from the May 19, 2025 Meeting. The Minutes were unanimously approved.**

3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) GOLF MANAGER REPORT – Jose Huerta

Some projects either completed or in the works (the following were entered into the minutes as submitted, without modification.):

- i) Complete resurfacing of the parking lots at Sepulveda and Hansen Dam are in the works. Our Board of Commissioners approved both projects on Monday, June 23. Scopes of work and bids have already been received. These 2 projects will be underway as soon as our Dept. sends the Notice to Proceed to the contractor which should be any day now.
- ii) One Board Report will be heading to the Board in August containing 3 items:
 - (1) For the 40% of un-retained nonrefundable green fee deposits to be transferred annually to the Tregnan Academy Junior Golf account to support the Academy's operations.
 - (2) For the programming rate increase at Tregnan Golf Academy, which is our first increase in over 6 years, which will take us to market value to just about where SCGA Jr and First Tee LA charge for similar programming.
 - (3) Allowing us to charge "up to" \$10 for the green fee deposit at our 9-hole courses. We plan on charging \$5 instead of \$10 at our 9-hole courses.
- iii) Update on the Men's & Women's Championship that took place in June:
 - (1) 278 participants in the Men's. Nathaniel Frink won the championship flight at -1
 - (2) 89 participants in the Women's. Lily Huynh won the championship flight at -9
 - (3) Results for all flights are posted on our website and social media.
 - (4) Entries for our Match Play Championship are open now and will close on July 22.
- iv) Quick update on our Tee Time Wait List data:
 - (1) As of this past Friday, July 18
 - (2) Total users: 4,660
 - (3) New signups in last 7 days: 158
 - (4) Total searches created: 1,021,38
 - (5) Total recurring searches: 952,333
- v) CONCESSIONS REPORT
- vi) Rancho Park Clubhouse:
 - (1) RAP has taken over site control. TRP has removed their construction fencing and RAP has placed our own up. A final version of the floor plan has been completed. Pending results of a site survey, an exterior landscape plan will be completed. These plans have been and will be shared with a stakeholder group that has been meeting regularly with RAP and our contracted design group of architects and engineers.
 - (2) Regular updates will be given either during the GM's Report at the regular Commission meetings and/or at the scheduled Concessions Commission Task Force meetings. The next 2 scheduled Commission meetings are August 7 (EXPO Center) and August 21 (Peck Park in San Pedro). Typically, the concessions task force meeting is held on the second meeting of the month which will be August 21.
- vii) Conversation ensued.

- (1) Patrick MacFarlane asked for more course specific updates
 - (a) Chair John Given shared comments.
 - (b) Vicky Lagos shared comments.
 - (c) Vice-Chair Nate Taylor shared comments.
- b) Recreation and Parks Department consultant team report on current Park Needs Assessment and how golf fits into this assessment – Sarah Swanseen from Olin Studios. (*Presentation and discussion*)
 - i) Betty Brix asked whether the draft would include an area related to golf.
 - ii) Matt Rogers inquired whether the parks referenced are existing or proposed.
 - iii) Patrick MacFarlane asked if future reports can include a status of conditions affecting playability at each golf course.
 - iv) Nate Taylor posed additional questions.
 - v) Parks Needs Assessment. For more information or to complete a survey, go to: Needs.Parks.lacity.gov
- 4) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Chairperson Kevin Fitzgerald
 - i) The Committee discussed gender equity and access in the Tournament Policy Book. The Department reaffirmed that affiliated clubs may not restrict membership based on gender. While questions were raised about implementation, no action was taken. The Policies and Procedures Subcommittee will review the redlined policy and bring recommendations for GAC input at the September meeting.
 - b) FEES AND CHARGES – No report.
 - c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Chairperson Nate Taylor
 - i) The subcommittee plans to hold a meeting prior to the next full GAC meeting.
 - d) AD HOC WOMEN’S GOLF – No Report
- 5) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Election of Officers:
 - i) Chair: John Given
 - ii) Vice-Chair: Nate Taylor
 - iii) Secretary: Morris Thomas
- 6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a) No unfinished business.
- 7) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
 - a) No requests for future agenda items were offered during the meeting.
- 8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) No additional announcements.

9) NEXT MEETING

a) September 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

10) ADJOURNMENT

a) Chairperson John Given adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by _____
Morris Thomas, Secretary