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**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013, 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California 92672.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Rick Divel, Tim Kiernan, Parker Steel, Dick Veale, George Gooch, Nick Azzollini

Committee members absent: Mike Hurlbut

Staff present: Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager  
Mary Colletti, Recording Secretary

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Chair Veale called for approval of the minutes of the Joint Council/Committees Meeting held October 23, 2012:

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GOOCH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT COUNCIL/COMMITTEES MEETING HELD OCTOBER 23, 2012.

B. Chair Veale called for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Golf Course Committee held November 1, 2012:

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2012.

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C. Chair Veale called for approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held December 11, 2012:

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER STEEL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2012.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Rick Fleming, representative of the Men's Club, commented that in regard to the changes to hole #16, he wished that more public input had been given on the matter and requested that such rules changes be left to the Men's Club. Chair Veale responded that the committee acted because of the impacts of slow play and believed the changes were proper and implemented correctly. He said the golf committee has public meetings and all are invited. Mr. Fleming added also that he would like to have the Men's Club members included in the email blasts to be sent regarding the Golf Course, and he and the Committee Members discussed how the Men's Club members could visit the Golf Course website and sign up to receive Golf Course updates in the email blasts.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of alternate, reduced impact plans to conduct weddings at the Golf Course.

The Committee Members discussed this topic which had been introduced at a special meeting with Z-Golf, the concessionaire. Please refer to the memo submitted by Chair Dick Veale, dated 1/2/2013, entitled "The Wedding Chapel for the Muni", for details.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Monthly and Quarterly Report and Ongoing Business Update:

GC Manager Nelson gave his update, and said he would email the Rounds and Revenue report to the Committee Members shortly, but stated that the Golf Course was down by about 800 rounds from this time last year, mostly due to the rainy weather this past December. In summary, Mr. Nelson said that over the holidays, he'd had a skeleton maintenance crew due to the City's holiday

furlough for staff. Mr. Nelson also discussed the regular maintenance to the greens and fairways, and added that staff had received the new back hoe, and that he was now shopping for a fairway aerifier. He added that staff would be working on tree maintenance. He said the main pumps had all been repaired and/or replaced, except for a small back-up pump, which is to be installed next month by the City sewer department. In regard to the tree work Mr. Nelson had mentioned, Chair Veale said he'd like to see a new tree planted for every tree removed, and CM Divel said he'd like to see 2 trees added for every 1 tree removed, but GC Manager Nelson disagreed, and said that sometimes trees block views and aren't necessarily good for the course, and added that for aesthetics, he adopts a "good trees in good locations" policy rather than filling any available void in the tree line with another tree. Chair Veale said he'd like to discuss the issue of trees on the Golf Course at the next meeting of the Greens Subcommittee. GC Manager Nelson said that he will schedule a Greens Subcommittee tour of the Golf Course, as well as a House Subcommittee meeting with Z-Golf, shortly.

## 8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CM Divel asked for a yardage marker at the end of #13.

CM Kiernan asked if it was possible to keep carts off certain holes (e.g. #16), after rainstorms, until the muddy puddles dry up. GC Manager Nelson said that after the last rains certain holes had been closed to carts, but he and CM Azzollini noted that even when such signs are posted, golfers continue to drive through muddy areas anyway.

CM Steel asked that the House Subcommittee meeting be scheduled very soon.

Chair Veale asked that the bare spots on #8 (left of the trap), and on #16 be perhaps roped off and reseeded. He commented that the greens on the Golf Course were in good shape.

CM Azzollini stated that the swale near the #18 landing area is soggy, and additionally asked for a divot day, because, he said, cart drivers don't seem to be very diligent in using the sand buckets provided to fill their divots. Mr. Rick Fleming, here tonight as a representative of the Men's Club, said that the Men's Club usually have a divot day during aerification. GC Manager Nelson said that having a skeleton crew during the holidays impeded maintenance of the Golf Course.

CM Divel commented that he'd brought a party of 18 people to the Clubhouse restaurant, and they were very pleased with the great service and great food provided. GC Manager Nelson said he hears good reviews of the restaurant from patrons of the Golf Course.

CM Gooch said he is working on researching how other golf courses offer memorial tree plantings, and he will present his research to this Committee soon, perhaps at the next regular meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee, to be held March 7, 2013.

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Dick Veale, Chair, Golf Course Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE WEDDING CHAPEL FOR THE MUNI

The following proposals outline what I have come up with as alternative "wedding chapel" locations on or near the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course for Z Group. This is assuming that Z Golf group cannot continue to function having their weddings as they have been doing with setting up chairs in the afternoons at the far left location of the practice area. I suggest the following alternatives:

### 1. THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TEE

We close the blue and white tee areas on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole and temporarily move all the tees to the top of the hill and make it a par 4 for that period that a wedding is going on. The blue tee area is about two feet higher than the white tee area; therefore, the wedding gazebo will be on a lower level with everyone attending able to see the ceremony really well. In addition, the women wearing high-heeled shoes will help with aeration of the tee box. Parking is close by and guests will only have a short way to get to the reception. This would not require any sort of major cement structure, but it would be easy to update the area with more bushes, trees, and flowers. Looking out over the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway would be a great background scene for a wedding ceremony.

## 2. THE 13<sup>TH</sup> TEE AREA

If you stand back on the road and look at the area, you would have the elevated blue and white tees on the left, the sand and bathroom being in the middle, and with the road to the women's tee and the pump area are on the right. To the far right is a bank area that is designated no water and currently planted in water resistant plants. The city can excavate that right garden area, taking out the dirt, and then building a wedding chapel in that area. Some sort of cute fencing would have to be set up to block off the pump building and the road. During weddings, all women golfers would be guided to the men's tee and a short tee box be set up at the convergence of the men's and women's cart paths. If this idea were selected, then I would suggest a major redo of the two bathrooms.

## 3. THE WASTE AREA TO THE RIGHT OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CART PATH.

This is the area that George Gooch has suggested for years that we put a "junior golf" practice area in. If this location were selected, then the city would have to build a stair system to get people to the area from the street up above. Perhaps, the area could be further built with a non-obtrusive practice area included.

4. TAKE THE LAW BOWLING FACILITY OUT AND BUILD A WEDDING CHAPPEL IN THE THAT AREA.

I suggest that Gus invite Reggie, the Z Group local manager, to our meeting so we can get his input as well.

At our meeting also, I think we all should see the contract with Z Golf to see that was negotiated between the city and Z golf regarding wedding sites. Also, we should be privy to any notes or comments from member Tim Kiernan and Gus, as they were on the city selection committee that did the concession evaluations

Dick Veale 1/2/2013

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