



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California 92672.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Committee members absent: None.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Steel called for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Golf Course Committee held January 2, 2014.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (6-0-1), WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER HURLBUT ABSTAINING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 2, 2014.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Resident Dan Harney reiterated his stance on private golf carts on the Golf Course. He believes that there has not been the projected significant revenue increase, and therefore private carts should continue to be allowed after Dec. 31st. He asked that the committee agendaize the item for discussion at a future meeting.

Resident George Key had submitted a memo with photos to GC Manager Gus Nelson, which Mr. Nelson distributed to the Committee Members. Mr. Key has property alongside the cart path

of green #17, and he said there are three bushy trees staggered one behind the other on a diagonal that are completely blocking his view of the Golf Course. He said he is a golf enthusiast, and although he is not able to golf anymore, he would still like to enjoy a view of the Golf Course. He implored this Committee to resolve the problem. He added that trimming may help in the short-term, and he said he is not opposed to assisting in the cost, but added that trimming would cause them to grow in thicker.

Resident Richard Crane asked if separate trash cans for recycling purposes could be installed on the Golf Course. GC Manager Nelson responded that the Golf Course had looked into doing this in the past, but decided it was not effective because each day the cans are picked through.

Residents Jimmy Copeland, Ron Pontius, George Horn, and John and Carolyn Troilo spoke, asking that the topic of allowing private golf carts be agendized to a future regular meeting of this Committee, for further discussion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) to waive fees for charity golf tournament.

CM Veale, as the organizer of the upcoming inaugural tournament for FAM on August 4, 2014, cited a letter from FAM (enclosed in the CM packets), and described the reasons funds are needed by the Family Assistance Ministries for their charity work in San Clemente. He asked that this Committee recommend to City Council, the following:

- 1) Hold an additional shotgun tournament for FAM.
- 2) Have fees waived for FAM tournament.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (6-0-1), WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER VEALE ABSTAINING, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO 1) ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOR FAMILY ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES ON AUGUST 4, 2014, AND, 2) ALLOW FEES TO BE WAIVED FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED GOLF TOURNAMENT.

B. Review of request to lease golf property to La Ventura development.

In a vacant lot across the street from Pedro's Tacos, per GC Manager Nelson, the applicant plans to build a wedding/event center, and they have asked if nearby Golf Course property could be leased to them, to fulfill the parking space requirement communicated to them by City Planning.

The area in question is the dirt-covered alley at the terminus of East Avenida San Gabriel and South El Camino Real (for more details, see “Staff Report, San Clemente Golf Committee”, dated 3/6/2014, by Gus Nelson, enclosed in the CM packets). GC Manager Nelson reviewed this report for the CMs and read out the pros and cons listed in the report. GC Manager Nelson does not favor leasing the property to La Ventura for reasons stated in the report. He asked this Committee to make a recommendation in regard to this property, to City Council.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HURLBUT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PROPERTY OUTLINED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED STAFF REPORT NOT BE LEASED BY THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE TO LA VENTURA FOR THEIR PROPOSED EVENT CENTER.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Monthly Report and Ongoing Business Update.

GC Manager Nelson summarized his report (included in the CM packets). He spoke of the aerification in progress and of the computer and software recently installed in the Pro Shop. He said staff there is finding the new software easy to use, and soon the software will be utilized on our website for players requesting tee times. GC Manager Nelson said the software has many good features, and for now, it will be used mainly for tracking resident cards and booking tee times.

GC Manager Nelson went on to discuss upcoming projects, including installing netting behind the #7 green, repairing concrete on the #16 green cart path, and replacing fencing around the #13 pump house.

The CMs discussed scheduling their Greens and House Subcommittee Meetings, and GC Manager Nelson will coordinate this scheduling with them by email.

GC Manager Nelson described a problem with the refrigeration condenser on the rooftop of the restaurant that has been failing frequently, resulting in food loss and inconvenience to the restaurant (the failures have shut down the walk-in freezer, the cook-line refrigeration, and the ice machine). He said this will be repaired and resolved (by installing additional condensers dedicated to specific functions in the restaurant) at a cost of about \$26,000.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CM Divel asked for a drop zone on #13.

CM Veale asked if tees could be refurbished this year, and GC Manager Nelson agreed to look into doing so. CM Veale spoke of the barren area at the #16 green/#17 tee. GC Manager Nelson said staff is replacing concrete there where the former tree lifted up the cart path. He said he'll be looking into planting a new tree with smaller roots, near but not at that site.

Chair Steel commended GC Manager Nelson on improving visibility at the #16 tee and filling the bunkers with sand.

CM Azzollini complained of "off-roaders" (players who don't keep their carts on the cart paths, but drive close to the greens), especially at #15 and #16, "chewing up the grass".

CM Kiernan asked if the Driving Range could be "greened up" where there are brown spots; he thought the restaurateur might offer to help pay for that. GC Manager Nelson said staff has aerified/reseeded many times, to little avail (the DG-covered ground there has become so compacted, the aerator "bounces off"), and, although he might consider other measures if the restaurant paid for half of the expense, he thinks that funds would be better spent in other areas (e.g. for irrigation).

CM Gooch suggested considering AstroTurf for the Driving Range—he said it's attractive and he's seen it utilized very successfully at another golf course. GC Manager Nelson said that might not be cost effective.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER VEALE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee, to be held May 1, 2014.

Parker Steel, Chair, Golf Course Committee

Date: _____

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: _____