



# City of Santa Barbara

## GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAC)

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Special Meeting Minutes

Dominic Namnath called the Special Golf Course Advisory Committee meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the Parks and Recreation Department Conference Room.

#### **Roll Call**

##### Committee members present

Dominic Namnath

John Craig

Bob Garcia

Bryant Henson

Gretchen Ostergren

Maureen Masson

Michael Woodard

##### Others Present

Mark Sewell, Business Analyst

Chris Talerico, Director of Golf

Simon Herrera, Golf Course Superintendent

Mario Medina, Mulligan's Café and Bar

Lesley Wiscomb, P&R Commission Liaison

#### **Changes to the Agenda**

None

#### **Written Communications**

None

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The Golf Advisory Committee waived the reading, and approved the minutes of the meeting of Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Action: The approval was unanimous.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORT**

##### **2. Welcome to new GAC member**

Dominic Namnath welcomed Michael Woodard to the GAC after his appointment at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting.

##### **3. Next steps regarding the Golf operating options**

Staff communicated that following the special Joint meeting of the GAC and PRC on June 15<sup>th</sup>, that the item is expected to be on the agenda for City Council on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and encouraged the GAC and other interested parties to attend the meeting if possible or provide public comment in written form once the agenda is confirmed and distributed.

**4. Golf Course Performance and Staff Reports.**

Staff presented the rounds and revenue report for June 2015 and stated that revenue was again higher in June 2015 than June 2014 albeit slightly below the projection at Mid-year. Revenue ended the year \$124,944 lower than budget for FY2015, with paid rounds down 4% for the year compared to FY2014.

**5. Golf Maintenance Report**

Simon Herrera provided a verbal report that the golf course is meeting the Governors executive order in water conservation as at the end of June 2015. The nursery green is almost ready to be used to help with the eradication of Burmuda grass from putting greens and that as part of this, staff has implemented a new cup change process. Aerification is taking place early in the morning with no impact to play. This helps increase the effectiveness of irrigation.

**6. Player Improvement Fund Sub-Committee Report.**

No meetings had occurred since previous GAC. John Craig, Chair of the subcommittee issued a verbal report on the ideas received since the last meeting from the public.

**7. Concession Reports**

Chris Talerico provided a verbal report on the junior programs in place at the golf course and potential for additional SCGA sanctioned tournaments at the golf course. Mario Medina advised that improvements to the flooring and restrooms had been undertaken to enhance the customer experience.

**8. Home Club Reports**

The Tom McFadden Memorial Skins Tournament was a success generating \$900 for the Russ Morrison jnr golf program and First tee programs in support of junior golf. Mo Masson requested that the Director of Golf review the opportunity to offer pre 9.30 am shotgun tournaments on a Wednesday for the Women's club.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Parks and Recreation Conference Room.  
620 Laguna Street.  
4.30 pm