



## City of Santa Barbara

### GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAC)

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

#### Regular Meeting Minutes

Dominic Namnath called the Regular Golf Course Advisory Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the Parks and Recreation Department Conference Room.

#### **Roll Call**

##### Committee members present

Dominic Namnath  
John Craig  
Maureen Masson  
Bryant Henson  
Gretchen Ostergren  
Bob Garcia

##### Others Present

Mark Sewell, Parks and Recreation Business Manager  
Simon Herrera, Golf Course Superintendent  
Chris Talerico, Director of Golf  
Lani Medina, Mulligan's Restaurant  
Lesley Wiscomb, Commission Liaison

##### Committee members absent

Michael Woodard

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

None

#### **Written Communications**

None

#### **Public Comment**

Tom Frost of CourseCo addressed the committee to state that CourseCo have been meeting with staff, management and home club representatives as part of the transition planning for the commencement of the management contract in July 2016. CourseCo held an open house meeting at Mulligans on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and it was well attended by Golfers and members of the wider Santa Barbara community.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2016**

The Golf Advisory Committee waived the reading, and approved the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2016.

Action: The approval was unanimous.

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

##### **2. Appointment from Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) to the Players' Improvement Fund Subcommittee (PIFSC)**

Action: Gretchen Ostergren resigned from the PIFSC and was replaced by Bob Garcia. Bryant Henson and John Craig were reappointed to the PIFSC for a second term.

### **3. Golf Course Performance and Marketing Reports**

Staff presented the rounds and revenue report for January 2015, and given the impact of some stormy weather, periods of cooler weather and high winds, revenue was below budget and last year for the same month in 2015.

### **4. Golf Maintenance Report**

Simon Herrera provided a verbal report that the golf course is in great condition even with the impact of high winds and stormy conditions in January. More than 30 branches and tree limbs were downed in the storms and a few full trees were felled. Over seeding of the driving range will help to mitigate the impact of future rains damaging the range, and reduce the amount of sediment run off.

### **5. Player Improvement Fund Sub-Committee Report**

Mark Sewell advised that Staff were close to issuing a purchase order for the PIF funded tee and bunker project approved at the March 2015 GAC meeting. John Craig, Chair of the PIFSC, advised a meeting would be held in February to discuss new uses for anticipated PIF funds.

### **6. Concession Reports**

Chris Talerico provided a verbal report to advise that new range balls will be introduced following concerns over the quality of the existing ones. The range has been impaired due to lack of water, and this has had the impact of damaging range balls due to them landing on dirt, not grass. All credit book accounts with the Pro Shop will be honored beyond the term of the current concession, however promotions and incentives will be offered to encourage customers with script to spend their winnings in the pro shop in the coming weeks.

Lani Medina stated that she was delighted to welcome Montecito Country Club members to Mulligans and that the Restaurant continues to do well. Mulligans staff have met with CourseCo to discuss ways to improve tournament booking and delivery.

### **7. Home Club Reports**

Mo Masson, Women's Club representative requested that staff look into pace of play improvements by introducing more visible yardage markers on fairways. Comments as to resurfacing the cart path by #5, #18 tee box were relayed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5.40 pm.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday March 9, 2015  
Parks and Recreation Conference Room.  
620 Laguna Street.  
4.30 pm