

**City of Portland Golf Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes of
April 13, 2022, Zoom Meeting**

Attending:

Members: Chase Morinaka, Alex Chitsazan, Brad Simpson, Larry Martinez, Zari Santner, Patsy Pitts, Allison Chown, Don Hanson, Robert Williams, Brenda Carpenter, Julia Person, Madison Perry

Concessionaires:

Hank & Henry Childs, Randy Morrison, Craig Zimmerman, Jarred Gomez, Rob Cumpston

Parks Staff: Todd Melton, John Ball, John Dean, Vincent Johnson, Danielle Solomon

Guests/Subcommittee Members:

Meeting Called to Order

Special Reports & Project Updates:

- Recreation Update-
 - Bureau responding to a variety of incidences due to the snowfall- 621 fallen trees or tree damage issues that Urban Forestry is responding to. Some programming was cancelled due to power outages and failures at facilities and worksites.
 - Spring programming and preparing for summer session. Anticipating good weather and do more programs than last year with no more distancing and guidance limitations that were in place the last couple of years.
 - Hiring in Land Services, Maintenance and Recreation departments. The goal is for Recreation to get summer hires initially in place by end of the month. Extensive hiring process. Once the application is submitted, it will be administratively processed and those hired will get through by 5/13/22 to conduct staff training and get assigned to their locations. A lot of community engagement- reaching out to high schools, colleges, in-person, and virtual engagement opportunities. Continuing to implement Levy commitments by piloting project efforts utilizing levy support to reduce cost as a barrier for participation in programs. Through Spring and Summer term and increase access and participation to our programs and work alongside with other free activities, including movies, concerts, lunch programs in the park and drop-in activities. Putting plans and marketing together this month. It can be rolled out

and get into communications available early Spring and Summer.

- Program Updates-
 - Disc Golf tournament has been cancelled at Rose City due to scheduling, so it will be held at another venue.
 - An information session was held on 4/5/22 for EAGLE caddies for parents and students. Email outreach to every high school counselor and community partners. Two more email blasts will be sent out before the 5/13/22 application deadline.
 - KATU would like to do a story on the EAGLE Caddie program- Vincent J. has asked an EAGLE alum to share their story.
 - Tommy Nguyen and Lisa Chen are going on scholarship to University of Oregon.
 - How many EAGLE caddies per season?
 - 12 caddies per season. Western Golf Association provides subsidy to keep the program up and running and sustainable.
 - Eastmoreland, Heron Lakes and Rose City are the courses they caddie
 - Do patrons have to make contributions?
 - Yes, occasional tip. That is the contribution of the subsidy and operator paying hourly wage. The golfer is not required to provide a cost.
 - Who do they caddie for? (Henry Childs reports)
 - Rose City- split into four groups. 3 ladies clubs and men's club. (3) 18-hole games a week. They are paired up with someone to help get them familiar and expand their horizons.
 - What do caddies do? (Patsy Pitts reports)
 - Women's clubs always have a caddie. They clean traps, clean golf balls, pull flags. It allows for the caddy to see people on course in an honorable game. The men's club plays often, also getting 18-holes.
 - Rose City Community Day will be held on 7/31/22- report from Patsy Pitts
 - Meeting will be held on 4/18/22 with Neighborhood Assoc., Vincent, and Henry Childs and will report more to committee at next meeting.
 - Summer Free For All (SFFA) has the capacity to support a concert. Vincent will be meeting with SFFA on 4/13/22 to discuss further details

and will report to the steering committee.

PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Activity Report- greens fees down 15% from last year, but 20% above 5-year average. For the year, 1% behind from last year but over the 5-year average. Rounds down 19% from last year, but 10% above 5-year average. YTD down 8% from last year. 14% over 5-year average-tracking at 450k, 9-hole equivalents for this year-largest amount yet.
Rainfall under average; more rainfall than last year.

Robert Williams inquires- Are rounds down because of weather or because of the price increase?

Todd- last year was an anomaly because it was dry and increase demand due to COVID restrictions or activities.

- Budget Report-
 - Final Colwood payment for \$342k will be in 15 months.
 - \$4.8 million fund balance and projecting \$6.3 million by the end of the year. Total revenue is down 1% from last year (rounds increased and expenses from personnel)
 - Chase has suggested combining Colwood activity report with other courses once the loan is paid off. Todd M. will work on getting a budget and activity report in Tableau -making it accessible to GAC members. In the meanwhile, members can contact him if questions or requests for reports.
 - Todd will begin to attend Long Range Planning Committee meetings to review finances and priorities in the system. Next meeting will occur next week.
 - Sub-fund has been created to reallocate some of the fund balance for capital maintenance. Capital maintenance budget will go into the Fall bump. This will be discussed at next Long-Range Committee meeting.

Maintenance-

- John Ball reports-
 - Aerification at Rose City, Heron, RedTail and Eastmoreland complete.
 - Postpone aerification at Colwood because of the snow, need to be less wet and will reschedule for safety of staff.
 - Heron Lakes fertilized tees and green complexes, irrigation systems getting charged up and ready, wrapping up cart path edging on Great Blue and all seasonal positions filled.
 - Eastmoreland top dressing of tees and approaches that are finally soft and areas that get worm casting. Putting green cups and flags sticks in on Monday,

irrigation repairs and 2 seasonal worker positions open.

- RedTail put on new accessories on 4/25/22 so get past aerification. A spring developed on #11, flooded bunker and drainage issue, so this is top priority after aerification. One seasonal position to be filled.
- Rose City
 - #9 green open for play and clubhouse complete. Only open on the weekends to get roots established on the turf. Keeping the carts away from the greens and will close it down if there is drainage. If the weather is warmer in May, then it will stay open.
 - #15 green has different grass to help it grow
 - Damage due to snow- little trees and big branches
- Colwood-collaborative effort to remove camping around the maintenance area for staff safety.
- Long time mechanic will retire at end of the FY and will have a couple of months to fill.

Long Range Planning- Allison C., Don H., and Robert Williams have joined. Layout of priorities, sense of size of our infrastructure and what consists of. List of prioritized items and call outs for major maintenance specific problems and ongoing maintenance.

Intro to potential capital improvements, needs and feedback.

Equity Committee- no updates

Marketing- no updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS- Alex has emailed a doodle poll to GAC members with dates in June, July, and August for committee outing. The 12 EAGLE caddies will join.

Zari heard back from Commissioner Rubio and a meeting will be held on 4/29/22 for 30 min. to allow for a few members to introduce themselves and the purpose of GAC. Tell why they choose to participate on GAC and the value of the golf system. The value of recreation and community.

Suggestions to invite the commissioner out golfing, to Rose City Community Day and a GAC meeting to answer questions and other items.

Alex will organize a pre-Commissioner meeting. He has chosen the Diversity Committee with no more than 4 or 5 members to represent age, ethnicity in golf community. (Robert W. is interested.) Contact Alex if interested.

Status of Metro Grant for Trail at Rose City Golf- Vincent believes there is another round of voting and will be heard next month for City Council approval.

To find out more on golf events or about the Portland Parks Golf Program, please visit the website at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/63560>

INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC- none

Meeting Adjourned