

**City of Portland Golf Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes of
February 10, 2021 Zoom Meeting**

Attending:

Members: Chase Morinaka, Julia Persons, Brad Simpson, Zari Santner, Madison Perry, Brenda Carpenter, Larry Martinez

Concessionaires:

Craig Zimmerman, Randy Morrison, Rob & Clark Cumpston, Kristina Yevsin

Staff: Jesse Goodling, Vincent Johnson, Danielle Solomon, Todd Melton, Kathy Hauff

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

Special Reports & Project Updates:

PP&R Updates- Council hearing will occur on 2/17/21 to propose the supplemental budget package. If it passes, there will be funds available in April for the hiring of summer staff, outdoor activities and COVID response.

The Portland International Raceway Manager I interviews are occurring, and the hiring process will soon follow.

Vincent will notify the public of changes to the operating hours due to the predicted winter storm.

The consultants have pushed the time frame of services, and Procurement has submitted for a vendor account to the Revenue Bureau. Once that occurs, the Revenue Bureau will execute the contract in SAP. There is no execution date, but it is close.

Vincent has joined an Advocacy Working Group through USGA and the Allied Golf Associations. This group invites golf operators and golf directors to identify areas of municipal golf advocacy for the USGA and those associated. The first meeting will occur in February and monthly-check ins.

Two EAGLE candidates have been invited to an Oregon Selection meeting next week for the Evans Scholarship. This is the next step to receiving the scholarship.

PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Activity Report
 - Despite 21 days with .01 inches or more precipitation, greens fees were up 249% over last January, and up 103% over 5-year avg
 - Rounds up 209% over January 2020, and 100% over 5-year average
 - YTD Rounds up 29% over 5-year avg.

Zari questioned if the requested budget includes cuts. Todd informed the group that council agreed not to request the 5% cuts because the bureau is expanding and backfilling positions.

Maintenance-

- Sanding on the courses
- Winter maintenance
- Pump refurbish went well at Heron Lakes (pumps are typically refurbished every 10-15 years) RedTail's pump is tentatively scheduled to be refurbished this Spring.
- Sanding on the courses
- Preparing to start up Bee Pollinator program beginning in Spring and possibly start a Pollinator Club that would meet once a month. If you or anyone you know are interested in learning the pollination process and would like to join the club, contact Jessie Goodling.

Current courses with hives are: Colwood, Heron, Eastmoreland and Rose City

On the Great Blue at Heron, the pollinator patches have seeded and there is 1.5 acres of pollinator friendly flowers.

Chase sent out a re-draft of the Bylaws after the last meeting and the group moved to approve the changes. Vincent and Chase will reach out to prior candidates to see if they are still interested in joining once the bylaws have been re-submitted.

A subcommittee will be formed for each of the following areas of the program to discuss challenges and how to improve: **members preference in bold**. *You do not need to be on the committee to join a subcommittee.*

- Capital Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance (**Zari, Brenda**)
- Equity and Inclusion
- Marketing & Public Relations (**Brad, Julia, Madison, Kristina**)

Chase will visit different groups on other courses to ask if they are interested in helping accomplish some of the tasks.

Zari suggests that Todd, Jessie, Kathy, or concessionaires join a subcommittee. Chase is available to navigate through all three groups. Vincent will work on an intro/foundation packet for each committee as a starting point.

Zari reports on the Shelter Housing Continuum with Planning and Sustainability. Their commission made a recommendation to go before City Council by the end of February to keep the zoning language the same, which allows for the Mayor and City Council to declare emergency (i.e. catastrophic, climate, pandemic) and use public- open spaces as temporary shelters up to 180 days per year. If the 180 days is between July to December, then it could fall into the next year. However, they are recommending that the Commissioner of Parks may also be given permission to make decisions to allow temporary shelters- not necessarily in case of an emergency. *It is suggested that GAC members make their case to the Commissioner and Council, through letters or attending hearings in effort to keep the current zoning codes.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Vincent will follow-up with the Parks Director's assistant to schedule a GAC meeting with Commissioner Rubio.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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 Adjourn