

**City of Portland Golf Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes of  
January 12, 2022 Zoom Meeting  
(Amended)**

**Attending:**

Members: Chase Morinaka, Julia Persons, Alex Chitsazan, Madison Perry, Brad Simpson, Larry Martinez, Zari Santner, Patsy Pitts, Allison Chown, Jarred Gomez, Don Hanson, Robert Williams, Tom Williams

Concessionaires:

Hank Childs, Randy Morrison, Craig Zimmerman

Parks Staff: Todd Melton, John Ball, John Dean, Vincent Johnson, Kathy Hauff, Maximo David Behrens

Guests/Subcommittee Members

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted & minutes were approved.

***Special Reports & Project Updates:***

- Maximo David Behrens reports that PP&R worked in collaboration with PBEM to open East Portland and Mt. Scott community centers as warming shelters to serve vulnerable communities during the inclement weather.

The Omicron variant has created challenges for the organization, but they are updating information and tracking how things are impacting programs, participants, staff and updating safety measures and protocols. They will continue to monitor in real-time. There is already limited programming so updating hourly and daily. With the support of leadership and the commissioner's office, the bureau can make adjustments to staffing and programming as needed. Monitoring in real-time in hopes to have a consistent operation moving forward.

- Golf will go to council on 2/23/22 to authorize a competitive solicitation for the Colwood, Eastmoreland, Heron Lakes, and Rose City clubhouse operations. The Chief Procurement Officer will report back to council before contract execution.
- Adjustments will be made to YA! Golf PDX to make easier to administer the program and simpler for the customer base. An app will be launched next week instead of using a paper card. It will verify and track over 1800 members. The app will be the only option to participate in the program and will be active 2/1/22.

- A press release will be had for recruitment for the EAGLE program will open in January or beginning of February and will close in May. Current Seniors in the program will be informed if they are receiving the Evans Scholarship.
- Blake Fedderson gave notice to Vincent that he will no longer be able to participate on the GAC, so there will be a vacancy that needs to be filled.
- Advocates Pro Golf Association is a tour that was founded approximately 12 years ago to get black golfers opportunities in the game professionally or get them on the PGA tour. They have a tour that runs at the same time on 2 courses at Tory Pines and runs at the same time as the Farmers Insurance Open. It's an opportunity to promote the tour and support the initiative. Vincent has been invited to play at the end of January.
- A small committee will be formed to review the consultant's report on 1/21/22. So far, Brad, Brenda and Zari showed interest and there is the need for one more person, preferably a member of the Equity subcommittee.
- Vincent sent out a doodle poll request for onboarding and introductory to get scheduled within the next couple of weeks for the new members.

#### **PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-**

- December was raining and snowing so courses were closed, and the monthly greens fees were down 60% from last year.
- Rounds down from last year and the 5-year average. However, the program is still ahead of the 5-year average for rounds. COVID has created an increase and demand that is not as elevated as last year. There has been an increase of demand the past 2 years.
- \$6 million projected to be the fund balance by June 30, 2022. These funds are responsible for maintenance or a shortfall operationally if there is a bad weather year or capital improvements. Todd and the finance team are working on establishing a sub-fund to help parch that out.
  - Allison C. asked if there is potential to invest with the fund balance to make more money?
    - Deferred maintenance is high priority. The fund balance makes interest, but the fund balance will be needed to fix things.
  - Zari S. suggests using the remaining money to generate revenue bonds. It is one-time funding to be paid incrementally. This will allow for accessible amount to work on maintenance. The past few years the fund balance has been long, so consistently can see which revenue bond could obtain and be paid through those revenues.

#### **Maintenance-**

- John Ball reports that they have not started big projects just yet but will shortly.
- Typical winter maintenance of debris cleaning, sanding, and accessories.

## **Sub-Committees-**

**Long Range Planning-** no updates

**Equity Committee-** Vincent and Alex met with Neighborhood Parks groups and surrounding Clubs to discuss Rose City Community Day and hear their thoughts of the event and brainstorm ideas of what GAC could bring to it, such as astronomy or bird watching.

There is a plan to make an event steering committee comprised of 12 members from various groups such as Madison South, Rose City Park, Roseway Neighborhoods, Rose City golfers, Rose City Bluff Restoration and GAC members to guide the process. Vincent is requesting 2 interested GAC members.

A site visit will happen in February. This event will be held assuming it will be plausible depending on what is happening. For instance, Parks still plans to have Summer Free For All (SFFA) events.

**Marketing-** no updates

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** New members will need to pick a sub-committee to join.

## **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 Adjourned**

