

**City of Portland Golf Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes of  
June 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting**

**Attending:**

Members: Chase Morinaka, Brenda Carpenter, Zari Santner, Julia Persons, Alex Chitsazan, Brad Simpson, Larry Martinez

Concessionaires: Craig Zimmerman, Randy Morrison, Kristina Yevsin, (503) 804-4168, Madison Perry

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

Guests/Subcommittee Members

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

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

- Zari discussed finance and capital outlays. She received a report on Asset Management and the system. By Fall, there should be a better idea on what funding to spend on capital improvement.

Vincent and Todd M. have been reviewing the Fall Bump. There is currently a good balance to keep in the fund and determine how much to move to capital maintenance.

- Colwood Pilot- Intro to Junior Golf (basic beginner) 3-class series for free. Classes are held every Monday in June.
- Golf intern in PGM program from Colorado Springs is helping Jonah Persell with player development from ages 7-12 years old. The program provides clubs while doing the classes. This is a great way to players to be informed about First Tee, life values and the golf program.
- New member update- applications won't go through the Office of Civic Life (OCL), so golf will process them until the vacancy is filled at OCL.
- PP&R Director Long has approved the new bylaws adding more capacity to the committee. There are three spots that will be vacant in December which will run into the end of the first term so members will need to choose to continue or step down and give notice. The goal is to recruit from the Men's and Woman's clubs.
- Chase asked members to think about the years there is a loss of money and what the

GAC would like to see:

- Increase maintenance level so that playability can be enjoyed (Zari)
- As wear and tear increases, the GAC can be stewards and ask that players take self-ownership (Brad)
- Place temporary signs at T-boxes that might read: “This month we’re focusing on filling divets, etc..” it’s about reminders and awareness (Brenda)
- Place signs in areas with information to navigate golfers where to ask questions about maintenance issues. (Larry)
- Host an etiquette Zoom class
- There was a discussion about consultant focus group to look at user experience at golf facilities
- Vincent met with the Parks facility supervisor to discuss golf infrastructure

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

- Activity Report – May was unseasonably dry, with only 6 rain days vs. 17 last year
  - Monthly Rounds were up 8% over last year, 23% over the 5-yr average
  - YTD rounds up 33% over the 5-yr average
  - Monthly Greens Fees were up 10% over last year, 24% over the 5-yr average
- Budget Report
  - Great month financially, with a projected \$3.2m net gain for the year
  - Projected year-end fund balance is just over \$5m
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#### **Maintenance-**

- Heron Lakes- irrigation leaks and needs sand out of the well, so flushing the bottom to avoid getting into the sprinkler head. *The well is from 1942, during Vanport.*
- RedTail- every head on the golf course works and working on the driving range. Extra mowing being done.
- Rose City- Two greens were remodeled, #15 & #18 will open this weekend
- Zari suggests encouraging golfers to take care of their own divet(s).
  - Contingency plan is if it dries out, then irrigate more.

#### **Sub-Committees**

#### **Long Range Planning-**

- Submitted a request to Council today to increase 1 Greenskeeper and add a 3<sup>rd</sup> Superintendent.
- Brenda has been assigned the Chair
- Report out in July meeting

**Equity Committee-** No updates

**Marketing-** No updates

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**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**