

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

**Attending:**

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

Concessionaires:

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

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

Guests/Subcommittee Members

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted & July Minutes were approved by Brenda Carpenter.

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

- City has informed volunteers and vendors of medical vaccination requirements.
- Committees have met to discuss new member recruitments and will see recommendations from DEC prior to submitting to Commissioner Rubio. Chase will have recommendations by December meeting.
- Vincent and Chase will provide staff with more information on the house continuum

**PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-**

- Fund balance is at \$7.4 million
- Todd will work with Vincent to outline which improvements were worked on last year
  - Kathy noted that a lot of little things done that were put off. For example, replacing 25-year-old equipment.
  - Long-Term Planning committee has discussed having a sheet of critical items outside of major maintenance so that the GAC can view upcoming ticket items and this information can be part of the annual report. This will allow for people to understand the magnitude of the problem(s). *A follow-up conversation will be had with Vincent and Superintendents.*
- Year-end reports will be sent to the committee
- \$225k up on greens fees; 20 % over the 5-year average
- The report will be broken down into days of the week with weather analysis and visuals of “playable days”

- Zari inquired about the courses not being as busy the past few months and has this been forecasted?
  - Yes. This has been taken into consideration and will reflect in activity reports.
- How can marketing and outreach committee find a way to retain younger golfers?
  - YA!Golf has been successful and there has been discussion of providing an app or digital card to make facets of the program easy to use.

#### **Maintenance-**

- Groundskeeper II positions at Heron and Red Tail have received verbal offers
- Keeping leaves contained
- No. 9 green at Rose City has been hydroseeded
- Winter cleaning from last year and moving toward seasonal maintenance
- Expanding partnership with Columbia Slough
- Seeding with wildflower seed for pollination patches
- Redtail pulled irrigation pumps, valves replaced
- Eastmoreland has tree debris and cleaning drains around the clubhouse

**Sub-Committees-** *Vincent will send out a request to join a sub meeting*

**Long Range Planning-** Met on 11/3 at Rose City to look at the trail along with Christine Gustav (NE Coalition) and Steve Kraeger (Trail Keepers of Oregon) to discuss the grant process with Metro for establishing trails. The grant has not been applied for, but Henry Childs has continued conversations because it will not only benefit golfers but will improve Rose City; to diversify and inclusion. *There is no timeline, but the committee will be provided with more information as it unfolds.*

- Community participation is crucial so that they can take ownership.

**Equity Committee-** No updates from the consultant report but Vincent will provide shareable information.

**Marketing-** Travis Schoen is no longer on the committee

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Chase Morinaka's term as Chair will end and Alex Chitszan will be Committee Chair beginning in December. However, Chase will still be on the GAC

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**