

**City of Portland Golf Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes of
October 21, 2020 Zoom Meeting**

Attending:

Members: Vincent DiGiano, Chase Morinaka, Bill Hart, Kary Youman, Julia Person,

Concessionaires:

Henry Childs, Craig Zimmerman, Randy Morrison, Rob Cumpston, Kristina Yevsin

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

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

Special Reports & Project Updates:

PIR Supervisor, E.C Mueller will be retiring on Nov. 1, 2021 and his position will be temporarily filled by retired PIR Supervisor, Mark Wigginton until the recruitment is conducted. PIR is also an Enterprise Fund like the Golf Program. At this time, there are no foreseen financial challenges that will affect the golf program because of the transitions PIR is encountering due COVID-19. PIR has built up their fund balance and there are upcoming events that are still happening.

Randy Morrison reports that COVID-19 has enhanced popularity of Colwood, and player development trend started last year and has led to a lot of increases. That's why access to Alderwoods 9-hole foot golf has moved and there is prime range mats and it has created tees for kids/youth to play on a 7-hole loop for next year.

Broadmore Golf course is expected to close at the end of October. It is estimated that the facility averaged 40k rounds per year and it could bring potential golfers to Colwood for a genuine golf experience, with inexpensive options. Vincent Johnson will be in touch with Broadmoor golfers.

Vincent J. has forwarded the GAC recommendations to the Parks Director to review and for the commissioner to approve.

An RFP was released for a golf consultant to help evaluate current conditions of facility and programmatic ideas, to see where the bureau is at. There are 4 contracts going out for bid and it is prudent to have consultants assist with this. The anticipated cost for services is \$120k. Expecting reduced costs because this will be done virtually, which will eliminate travel costs. The due date for the proposal is 10/23.

Vincent J. was interviewed by PGA NW magazine about the golf program and it will be in the November issue.

Chase M. reports that the bylaws proposal was sent to the committee and incorporated the request for a 15-seat committee, beginning next term. A facilitator role has been added in bylaws. The new bylaws were moved to approve by Chase M. and Bill H. Once the bylaws have been signed off, then they will move forward.

Parks maintenance staff have been very busy and done amazing work. October is normally the employee appreciation event, but due to COVID-19, there will not be an in-person event, so Vincent J. sent staff a "thank you" for their hard work.

Marketing will be reported in November meeting.

Annual report- Julia Person and Todd Melton want more geographical representation for educational purposes. The environmental and community sections need a little more help with design aspects. Deadline is 12/31/20 but hopes to have it completed prior to the date because the content is looking good. Committee has been asked to provide pictures of players and courses to add to the report. Kathy Hauff has a photographer on her crew and will ask for nature pictures.

Chase M. will be reaching out to various organizations for partnerships with golf community members.

PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-

Activity Report – September was a down month. Courses were closed up to 9 days because of the smoke from the Oregon/California/Canadian wildfires, so rounds and greens fees suffered for the month. Monthly rounds were down 3% from last year, and 12% from the 5-year average. Monthly greens fees were down 10% from last year, and 14% from the 5-year average

Budget Report – Finance provided the first projections for the year. Revenues are way up still for the year, with expenses holding steady, resulting in a positive financial outlook for the year. Currently projecting \$780,372 net gain for the year, which would push our fund balance up to \$2,560,985

Todd Melton will keep an eye on the impact the La Nina year might have on rounds.

Maintenance- All courses have been aerified, except for Colwood. Recovered the pump for maintenance at Heron Lakes to be rebuilt for the year. Forestry has started work at Rose City and anticipated to do work at each course once a month. This work includes emergency tree removals, clean-up of dead trees and pre-liming work is being done around the clubhouses at Eastmoreland and Rose City.

A car drove on the course at Rose City, causing damage to the 10th tee retaining wall and the bridge was broken on the right side of #14. Kathy Hauff has submitted a work order to have the retaining wall repaired.

Kathy Hauff's crew will be removing the piles of wood on #12 at Heron Lakes, from a tree that had fallen by the lake. Due to tree mitigation, this tree doesn't have to be replaced where it fell, but can be replanted somewhere else on the property (one for one).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS- As of June 31, 2020- COVID omnibus bill HB 4212 was passed- All virtual meetings are required to be recorded and uploaded to the PP&R website. Click the icon below to hear the audio version of the meeting.

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