

**City of Portland Golf Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes of  
April 15, 2020 Zoom Meeting**

**Attending:**

Members: Vincent DiGiano, Brenda Carpenter, Chase Morinaka, Travis Schoen, Akbar Chisti, Julia Person, Zari Santner, Madison Perry, Bill Hart

Concessionaires:

Henry Childs, Craig Zimmerman, Randy Morrison, Clark Cumpston,

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

Guests: Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong and Kate Carone with the PP&R Community Relations team.

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

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

PP&R employee, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, and Kate Carone from BES presented information on the Crystal Springs Lake project. PP&R and BES have been partnering over the course of 10 years to work on a 15-mile restoration project to support the first urban salmon run restore Crystal Springs Creek, the first [Salmon Sanctuary](#) in Portland. PP&R and BES wants to reduce the water temperature of the lake because it is warming up the entire creek and harming salmon, steelhead, and other wildlife. an enhance restoration and safer for other species.

The US Geological Survey was conducted for water quality modeling to figure out what solutions might reduce of the water temperatures. They found the most effective solutions to be by shading and reducing the amount of water in the lake so it doesn't sit as long in the lake and heat up. can move more quickly. Modeling showed that irrigation isn't having a big impact on lake temperatures because irrigation is done at night and the withdrawals are a relatively small proportion of all the spring water coming into the lake .It didn't have a big impact because of the sediment buildup with the irrigation at the golf course- holes 12 & 17. They pumped water at night, but not a large proportion to total volume of the water. The idea is to convert the swampy lagoon to a stream.

The project sponsors are golf and rhododendron community are committed to the wildlife restoration, improvement in the, irrigation intake, improvement of the dam, and treatment of invasive yellow-flag iris without and that it does not limiting functionality of the garden or golf courses. They have heard that the overwater golfing experience is crucial to maintain.

The irises continue to be an ongoing maintenance issue.

The project is at the concept planning phase, expected to wrap up this winter. and they will look for project funds this winter for design and construction have not yet been identified. There has been stakeholder engagement and both Vincent Johnson and Kathy Hauff have been involved to identify opportunities and constraints. It's important to keep experiences of user groups intact.

In June of 2020 there will be a stakeholders' workshop- 2 GAC members will be involved to provide feedback, share the great things about the golf course that need to be presented. That information will then be shared with the GAC

#### PP&R Updates-

Session A for Spring programming was cancelled at the beginning of April. Seasonal workforce was laid off and future hires of seasonal staff. Community Centers, the Portland Bldg., Sports Courts & Fields, Skateparks and Playgrounds have been closed. Trails and Golf Courses remain open if physical distancing adheres. Over 2000 signs were posted with opening and closings at sites. PP&R worked with the County to place 54 porta potties for usage and soap dispensers. East Portland, Mt. Scott and Charles Jordan community centers are being used as shelters and are providing childcare for essential staff.

Parks is working with the Bureau of Human Resources to determine redeployment opportunities. It was determined on April 14<sup>th</sup>, that non-represented employees are to take furlough days between April 30<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>., an employment freeze with non-represented employees, cost of living (COLA) will be on hold until after July 1, 2020.

Eastmoreland will be open on the southside of the parking lot for food service the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, with limited items. Credit or Debit card use. There is already food service on the northside of the course. Pace of Play has picked up. Rounds are up but inventory is down.

Pace of Play is up at Rose City with 18-hole rounds. It takes approximately 4 hours and 15 min to complete.

There is a discussion on shrinking tee time intervals, so that more golfers want to play.

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

- March Activity Report – partially shut down, with several courses completely closed for 7-10 days (Rose City, Colwood, Heron Lakes)
  - Rounds were down 5% from last year, but still up 24% over the 5-year average
  - Greens fees down 8% for the month, but up 27% over the 5-year average
- March Budget Report

Forecasting greens fees to hold steady, my projections are showing a forecasted net gain of \$69,042 for the year. Though greens fees aren't down, most other categories were in March, especially concessions (due to COVID-related closures). Play was up when courses were open, so we'll watch closely in April to get a better sense of how that will affect the financial picture

for FY 2019-20.

**Maintenance-** Both the maintenance and mechanic shops are open. Aerification and irrigating is being done, courses have been sanded and drying out. Each course has three bee colonies. Jessie Goodling will look into a suggestion from a GAC member, to have sand filled bottles provided at courses to fill in divots.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** none

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Park Day is cancelled until 2021.

Vincent Johnson is working with the Western Golf Association to discuss the EAGLE Caddy Program for 2020.

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**