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Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; March 24, 2020

Present were: R. Tyska, T. Birkett, M. Briscoe, A. Brantner, R. Judge.

Absent: None.

Staff: L. Albano, H. Nagashima, A. Aulenti, V. Levin, B. Ukperaj.

Public: None.

Meeting was held by teleconference due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Birkett.
Motion passed unanimous.

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Birkett made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Comments from the Public

Nothing to report.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a fiscal report for the month of February. Rounds were up for the month. Fiscal and Calendar year updates were given on rounds and player revenue. Changes in revenue and expenses for Q3 projections were explained. Mr. Tyska reported that the golf course may receive support from the City's general fund.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course work. Tree work along golf course fence line is ongoing, as well as golf course clean up in targeted areas. Greens have been mowed three times, rolled once and sprayed already. Mr. Nagashima gave an update on the re-routing project. Tee tops and fairway approach have been sodded, irrigation and curbing completed. Upcoming projects are drainage by the 12th tee and completing work on outdoor stairs. A discussion followed on tees on the golf course. Mr. Birkett made a motion to combine gold and red tees into green tees, renaming the blue tees as back tees, white tees as middle tees and the green tees as forward tees. Motion seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

COVID-19

Mr. Tyska gave an update on meeting held with the Mayor and several others on the response of the golf course to COVID-19. The Mayor supported the precautions that have been put in place by the golf course staff and the ability of the golf course to stay open with those safety measures ongoing. Mr. Ukperaj, Mr. Tyska and Mr. Nagashima outlined the extensive health and safety protocols that staff is following and enforcing throughout the golf course. The major concern is having golfers follow social distancing guidelines during their visit. Commission members thanked Mr. Levin, Mr. Ukperaj and Mr. Nagashima for work done to prioritize golfer's health making it possible for the golf course to remain open.

Greens Committee

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee

Brief updates were given on position upgrade and the status of the Laborer position in next fiscal year's budget.

Finance Committee

Nothing to Report.

House Committee

Zody's 19th Hole will be open as long as the golf course stays open. It will be mentioned on the course website as a reminder.

Pro-Shop Committee

Mr. Levin expressed that he does not feel a cart path policy is warranted, as he believes it will not be enforced and violators will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Mr. Levin outlined additional measures taken due to COVID-19 such as pulling out seed bottles from golf carts. Ms. Aulenti thanked Mr. Levin and Mr. Ukperaj for work they have done.

Union Business

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Request for use of the Golf Course

See Outing Requests.

Outing Request

Ms. Brantner made a motion to accept all Tournament and Outing Requests, pending that changes are made to order by the Governor limiting the congregation of individuals in response to COVID-19 by the time of the date requested and these gatherings will then be allowed. Motion seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

League Requests

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Course improvements were discussed earlier.

Mr. Tyska stated that course rate change has been passed. New rates are in effect and full rate schedule will be in effect April 1, 2020.

Cart Path Violator policy discussed earlier.

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to accept a scoreboard proposal by the Hubbard Heights Men's Club, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed 3-0-2 with Mr. Tyska and Mr. Judge abstaining.**

New Business

Nothing to report.

Mr. Tyska stated that next month's meeting is to be held Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 6 pm possibly by teleconference again. Seeing no further business, Mr. Birkett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted



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