



## AGENDA

### SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017, 6:00PM

Community Center, 100 N. Calle Seville  
Ole Hanson Room

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE TIME AND LOCATION\*\***

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FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: If you wish to address the Committee, please identify yourself to the Secretary and you will be permitted to speak at the appropriate time.

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**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2017

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

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*Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee on matters of public interest pertaining to the City that are not on the agenda may stand, state their name and the City in which they reside, and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to three minutes. Since the Committee cannot discuss or take action on matters not on the agenda, items of concern which are not urgent in nature can be resolved more expeditiously by completing and submitting a written request to the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department or Golf Division. For matters on the agenda, public comments will be received at the time the Committee considers the agenda item.*

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**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Updates on ongoing projects

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on course trees. Update on winter losses and plans to replace.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Presentation of any comments from public to staff since last meeting

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Monthly Report

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next Regular meeting May 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA in City Council Chambers.

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## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Nick Azzollini, Rick Divel, Kevin Kellerman, Tim Kiernan, Darlyn Regan, Parker Steel, Dick Veale

Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 3, 2016

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KELLERMAN, AND CARRIED 5-0-2 WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN AND VICE CHAIR VEALE ABSTAINING, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 3, 2016.

#### 3. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Forward Tees Project

Golf Manager Nelson summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the forward tees project, and responded to Committee inquiries noting irrigation modifications have begun and there has been a delay due to weather.

##### B. #17 Green Project

Golf Manager Nelson summarized contents of the administrative report regarding the #17 green expansion project and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

C. Nursery Green Project

Golf Manager Nelson summarized contents of the administrative report regarding the nursery green project near the #18 tee and responded to Committee Member inquiries noting the nursery green should be functional by spring, and a physical barrier will be used to prevent weeds.

D. General Tee Improvements

Golf Manager Nelson summarized contents of the administrative report regarding general tee improvements and responded to Committee Member inquiries, noting #1 is complete and will open soon.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reconsideration of the project for #16 Tee and Associated Amenities

Golf Manager Nelson summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the proposed project for #16 tee and associated amenities and responded to Committee Member inquiries noting recent damage to the restroom building.

Committee Members either individually or in agreement commented:

- The #16 restroom needs to be replaced.
- The existing configuration and blue tee location makes #16 a good challenging hole.
- Removal of trees would significantly change the hole.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR VEALE, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER STEEL, AND CARRIED 7-0, to include the replacement of the restroom on #16 in the list of projects for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

B. Discussion of emergency work to repair path near #16 tee

Golf Manager Nelson summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the emergency repair work to the cart path near #16 tee and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

C. Commendation for outgoing Committee Member Kellerman

Golf Manager Nelson and Chair Divel presented a commendation to Committee Member Kevin Kellerman for his years of service on the Golf Course Committee; and Golf Manager Nelson added applications to serve on the Golf Committee are being accepted through January 17.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Gus Nelson, Golf Manager, summarized communications from the public detailed in the administrative report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Vinnie Poncino, Head Golf Professional, noted increased sales of resident cards by the Pro Shop.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Golf Manager Nelson summarized his monthly report and discussed financial and maintenance activity at the course since the last meeting.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Members discussed course operations and maintenance activities including a proposed putting green improvement project to raise the northwest corner of the putting green into half of the planting bed, new asphalt on #17 cart path, repairs to range ball machine, tree loss and replacement efforts on #3, success and desire for increased roping with inclement weather, a request for wider rakes for traps, improvements to #10 green with clover removal, and a request for a deflection device on #17.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN, AND CARRIED 7-0, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA in City Council Chambers.

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Rick Divel, Golf Course Committee Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COMMITTEE  
Meeting Date: March 2, 2017

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**Department:** Beaches, Parks & Recreation  
**Prepared By:** Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

**Subject:** ***AGENDA ITEM 4A: ONGOING PROJECT UPDATE***

**Discussion:** Unfortunately the persistent storms have not only delayed/ halted progress on the forward tee and tee reconstruction projects, but have created projects of their own. A storm in late January damaged the bathroom on #16 tee, breaking the skylights and causing water damage to some of the interior drywall. This is in addition to the vandalism on #16 which destroyed the two support posts in front. A separate vandalism incident destroyed the siding on the south wall.

The crew has installed new support posts, replaced damaged fascia boards as well as rotted rafters and roof plywood. New skylight and roof installation is underway. Weather permitting we will have this new 'project' completed by meeting time. After that we will address the adjacent cart path which has been in poor shape for a while now but has been undermined by the storms and is now a priority.

Apologies on the lack of progress on the various tee projects, but the weekly storms have put us in a pattern of cleaning up after storms followed by 'all hands on deck' to get the place mowed in the couple of dry days per week available to us. The mowing duties are made worse by the warm nature of the storms, the grass growth is significant and far more time consuming than normal this time of year.

**Subject:** ***Agenda item 5A: Course Trees***

**Discussion:** It seems every winter, even in dry years, the course will naturally lose trees and the inevitable questions arise about what we will do about. Ironically we spent a lot of time prepping the public for the potential of tree issues last winter when the El Nino was predicted, and were caught somewhat by surprise this winter when El Nino showed up a year late.

Generally speaking, your typical golf course tree is more prone to wind/ storm issues than other trees in the landscape because a golf course environment is far more exposed. If you think about it, golf courses are often the last large swaths of open space in urbanized environments. There are no houses or other objects to dampen the effects of wind and rain to protect golf course trees. As such, they often fail when soils become saturated and liquefied and unable to support the weight of the tree during a wind event.

This is particularly true in an area like San Clemente, whose native vegetation is known as Coastal Sage Scrub, a natural environment in which no trees are native to. This is primarily due to the exposed coastal location, poor soils, and lack of natural precipitation. The only trees native to the area are found in protected riparian zones, a different ecological area from coastal sage scrub.

It should be no surprise then, that aging trees on the course, whose root systems are naturally limited by low precipitation, should fail when deluges come. What then to do about it? We will of course elect to replant in some locations where a tree feature would enhance the aesthetics of the course. We will also elect to not replant in areas where trees appear to bring no real benefit by their existence.

Remember that golf was created and played for centuries in locations where no trees exist. We will replace judiciously, placing value not only on trees, but on course playability, history, and views as well. A balanced approach will be the best approach in answering the question of what to do.

**Subject:** *Agenda item 6A: Communications*

**Discussion:** Formal communications to the Golf Manager since the last meeting:

- There were complaints about odor from the clubhouse bathroom
- There were complaints about the work on #16 bathroom
- There was a compliment about aerifying prior to rains

**Subject:** *Agenda Item 7: Staff Report*

**Discussion:** As mentioned earlier, the last couple of months have simply been an exercise in reacting to one storm after another. Very little advancement on projects has been possible. On the bright side we haven't had the need to irrigate since early December. However whatever savings we will experience from that will not make up for the lost revenue. The revenue situation has been made worse by the fact that many of the storms have come during weekends.

The budget projections have us finishing in the red this fiscal year, which means we will need to put a plan together in coming meetings to correct that situation.