



AGENDA

SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019, 6:00PM

City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente CA

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

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.

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 1, 2018
3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

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.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update on Golf and Wedgewood Projects
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Greens Subcommittee Report
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 Regular Golf Course Committee meeting to be held Thursday, March 7 at the San Clemente City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA.

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CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of San Clemente Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Nick Azzollini, Rick Divel, Chris Eldridge, Tim Kiernan, Parker Steel, Dick Veale

Committee members absent: Darlyn Regan

Staff present: Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager
Jordan Gilmore, Golf Course Maintenance
Leadworker
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 6, 2018

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, AND CARRIED 5-0-1 WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER VEALE ABSTAINING, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 2018.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Mandy Hamilton, Women's Club President, inquired about the status of the cart path on #16 and the leveling of the silver tees; and complimented the condition of the course.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Proposed Wedgewood Projects

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the proposed Wedgewood projects and noted new clubhouse furniture and a new Wedgewood manager.

B. Update on FY 2018 Golf Projects

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding 2018 projects and responded to Committee Member inquiries including tree trimming, irrigation and drainage improvements, cart path improvements, landscape cleanup, and pro shop lighting replacement.

C. Schedule Subcommittee Meetings

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding subcommittee meetings.

Consensus was reached to schedule subcommittee meetings to allow the subcommittees to report back at the January meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Information from Swing King

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding Swing King and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Consensus was reached to research the company online, and invite a representative from Swing King to present information at a future meeting if appropriate.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

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

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, discussed financial and maintenance activity at the course since the last meeting noting a staff vacancy, good course conditions, and reduced rounds and revenue.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Members discussed course operations and maintenance activities including the cart path at #16, proposed improvement to the putting green, review of previously proposed fee changes, recent tournaments, and new golf rules.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY CHAIR KIERNAN, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, AND CARRIED 6-0, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of San Clemente Council Chambers located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA.

Tim Kiernan, Golf Course Committee Chair

Date: _____

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: _____



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: January 3, 2019

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

Subject: *Agenda Item 4A: Update on Golf and Wedgewood Projects*

Discussion: Wedgewood office addition is still under review in Planning Dept. but making progress. Golf course cart path repair is on schedule for January bid publication with work commencing possibly in April or May.

Eucalyptus trees left side of #14 have been trimmed. Irrigation improvements for left side of #5 green have been planned out and are 'shovel ready' and will be completed in January. The cart path replacement by #16 bathroom is underway with the worst sections already repaired. An additional 15-20 feet of damaged concrete immediately adjacent to the completed repairs will be re-done in January.

Subject: *Agenda item 5A: Report from Greens Subcommittee*

Discussion: See attached report from Dick Veale

Subject: *Agenda Item 6: Communications*

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

- There were a complaints from adjacent properties that trees needed trimming
- There was a complaint from an adjacent property owner that there were weeds in the gutter along Ave. San Luis Rey
- There was a complaint from a customer whose credit card had been double charged
- There was a complaint regarding odor in the upstairs bathroom
- There was a complaint from an adjacent property owner regarding overgrown bushes by hole #15

Subject: *Agenda Item 7: Staff Report*

Discussion: It's been a great late Fall/ early Winter at the course. We've had great weather and even a few rainfall events. Unfortunately one of the rainfall events was particularly violent and caused a few issues with water runoff and drainage, but nothing too severe. The cart path near the #16 bathroom, which was already damaged, became more damaged during the storm and we have begun repairs to that section.

We did not lose any trees in the storms, but we continue to lose trees to other natural causes. There are currently about eight pines that are dead on the course and the tree contractor will remove after the new year.

The grass is presently not growing very much but is retaining it's green color. That's perfect for us and has allowed our small crew to do a variety of other odd jobs that need to get done. I'm looking forward to a very productive winter. See you out on the course!

Rounds and Revenue information will be brought and discussed at the meeting.

SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE TOUR REVIEW

Thursday December 13, 2018

Rick Divel, Tim Kiernan, and Dick Veale of the Course Subcommittee and Gus Nelson, Course Superintendant met at the Muni at 7 AM today to perform the quarterly San Clemente Golf Committee greens sub-committee golf course review. It was another cold day to start but it warmed up as we sent along on the tour.

After a few minutes of discussion in the pro shop, we set off for the #16 blue tee to review our biggest problem - the broken cart path coming off the 15th green to the 16th tees.

Over the past few years, that particular part of the cart path has deteriorated immensely, mostly due to the uprooting of the cement path caused by the pine tree adjacent to the right of the bathroom on the blue 16 tee box. This has not only been an eyesore, but more importantly it has been a very dangerous area to drive a golf cart over. In the past month, with the heavy rains, the upheaval of the path has been significantly worse. Something must be done. After discussions at our golf committee meetings for over two years, Gus has decided not to wait for the city engineer to complete his plans and put out for bids for cart path fixes.

Gus will be using his crew to dig up and remove the dangerous portion of the cart path. The plan is to start on Monday December 17th and do the job in two sections, with the upper portion to be done first. The crew will take out a roughly 20 foot portion of the path and replace that with DG - dirt. At that time, the path will be rerouted to go left and directly

down toward the bathroom and then around to the right and hook up again with the original path near the bottom of the hill. In order to do that, the crew will have to remove the roots coming out from the pine tree, so that they can level the dirt.

As a side note, that pine tree will be removed to prevent further root destruction of the area.

The second portion to be fixed will be the downward 20 foot section of the path that needs repair. In that case, they will have to divert the path to the right or north of the existing path. That requires taking part of the wooden fencing out to be replaced later.

Gus expects this all to be done sometime in the next two weeks, hopefully to be finished by Friday December 21st.

We discussed the overall part path repair that is being studied by the city engineering office. There are many obstacles to overcome in this upcoming repair, with a major problem being how to get cement trucks on the golf course with destroying the grass. Also, how do they perform the fix without disturbing too much the flow of play the course that will remain open during the cart path fix. One major problem will be: How do we reroute the carts on #15 when the path is being repaired. Another issue has to do with the need to shut off the water a month earlier in the repair areas so that trucks do not get bogged down. There are a lot of questions that have to be addressed. This is taking the city engineer a longer time than normal to do the specifications to even get it out for bid.

One question that came up was the palm trees that are close to the path. Gus informed us that palm trees do NOT have the type of roots that affect the nearby areas of those trees.

When questioned about the status of the 16 tee bathroom, Gus reports that it is doing fine and will be more stabilized by the taking out of the pine tree and its uplifting roots.

Another point of discussion was raised concerns the damages caused by the skunks. When on the blue tee looking back toward the 15th green, you can see where the skinks have come out in

force to dig up the turf to get grubs to eat. Gus sprays for grubs, but every year we have that damage there, on the 16th fairway, and it is especially seen on the 6th fairway down on the bank and low area in front of the green. Gus reported that he has never seen so many skunks than he has seen this past year. He also pointed out that he has never seen so many coyotes than he sees this year.

OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED

#8 -It was noted that the wedding chapel area has really improved. The bushes that border the newly installed fence have, in reality, grown up and blocked out the view of the fence on either side of the chapel. The bushes also should dull out some of the freeway noise during the ceremonies.

The practice chipping green is not looking very good. Gus said he will be working on that area in the coming months. The Bermuda grass is not doing well, as is always the case in the winter months.

Discussion of the border fence along the #8 hole. They have removed a lot of the Oleander bushes/trees a few months ago, and that has helped with the illegal and homeless issued in the area. All the holes have been fixed, and no one lately has opened holes in the fence to get over to Dad's Liquor. We have to remember that eventually the entire fence will need to be replaced.

We spoke about the trash along the alley on the #8 and #9 holes. The alley is supposedly being taken care of by the OC Tavern and the event center, but there is always trash in the alley. Gus has decided that he is no longer picking up beer bottles, betting tickets, fast food wrappers and trash from the alleyway, and he is telling OC tavern it will be there responsibility. There is also a marked increase in homeless and camper activity in the alley. Gus also notices people just wandering down #6 from the club house to the bathrooms by the #6 tee. Also, there is a lot of petty theft and even an attempted break in at the snack bar and while ago.

Gus also spoke of the need to clean out the bushes along the road right next to the #9 tee.

As to course maintenance, he is still short a man. He has a staff of 8 currently and that includes a mechanic. When asked when the city is replacing this open spot, he said he did not know. His crew is currently cutting fairways twice a week and roughs once a week. He is either rolling or cutting the greens every day, but there is not much grass growing on the greens. We all noticed the greens have gotten faster recently.

There are a lot of dead trees located all around the course. Pine trees, in particular, die quickly and are noticeable. Rod's Tree Service, our contractor, will have lots to do in calendar year 2019.

The crew is picking up palm frons all over the course after these rainy windy days we have had. A lot of balls are being shaken out of the trees as well.

Dave Cook had notified us earlier that there was a hole in the driving range fence. We found it down the cart path about 125 yards out from the tee. It looked like someone had cut a hole through the netting. Gus said he would weave in some new netting to fix this.

We went to the #13 tee to check it out, and we spoke about the water treatment plant that the city runs. This is adjacent to the bathroom on the 13th tee. Evidently, the city water department is planning to expand the scrubbers there and needs more room. Therefore, the path up to the current ladies tee maybe taken over by water equipment, so our plan to move the ladies tee over to the men's tee area may be fortunate.

A big improvement this past month has been the removal of the bushes on the #15 blue tee. We now have a view of Dana Point Harbor and the ocean, which we had not had for a long time due to the bushes there. We noticed also that the tees were looking

good, and Gus informed us that he has over seeded the tees and aerated them. They will be better as the winter goes on.

There is still a need to level and redo the #12 tee.

On #14 - there will be extensive tree trimming of the trees along the left side of the fairway adjacent to the street. The trees that are leaning or crooked will be taken down. This should improve views of the resident near the area and decrease complaints. We also discussed the bushes about 150 yards out from the tee on #14. A lot of balls get caught up in the heavy foliage there under the trees. We discussed the pros and cons of cleaning the area out, and although the slowing of play is a result of having it, we decided it looked better with it not all cleared out.

#13 hole - there is a new fence installed along the hole on the right. This is a good looking fence (at least better than what was there before), and was put in by the water department.

The construction of an office at the clubhouse in front where the scoreboard is currently is still under review by the city. This will eventually be approved and the construction will begin sometime in 2019.

The #9 tee box still has a substantial number of bushes to the right of the tee box and that seems to be a magnet to the homeless. They will be trimmed up also.

Overall, we are all pleased with the shape of the entire golf course. The greens are in great shape, and although faster than some would want, they are rolling well. The fairways are in better shape than we have seen them in years. The recent heavy rains that have leached out the salt from the reclaimed water deposits really have made a difference. Holes 11, 4, and 5 simply have the best dirt on the course at that end of the course, and are doing great. Even the fairways such as #16 are doing well. We have not had any gray leaf disease show up lately, and that has been positive for us.

Gus mentioned the need for replacing old and barely functioning equipment. The city has curtailed this spending, but it will need to be done sometime soon. Evidently, we have over \$3 million in the depreciation funds account to cover all these needs.

We finished the tour about 8:15 AM

Dick Veale