

City of Portland Golf Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2017

Colwood Golf Course

Attending:

Members: Vicki Nakashima, Vincent DiGiano, Bill McAllister, Bill Brooks, Kristen Dozono, Bill Hart

Concessionaires: Craig Zimmerman (Red Tail), Clark Cumpston (Eastmoreland), Randy Morrison (Colwood & Heron Lakes), Hank Childs (Rose City)

Staff: John Zoller, Jessie Goodling, John Van Vactor, Todd Melton, Vincent Johnson, Danielle Solomon, Eileen Argentina, Trang Lam, Jeff Shaffer, Kathy Hauff, Mark Hatala

Guests: Henry Childs, OGA, Kylon Trevor, Heron Lakes/Colwood, J.R. Allen, Eastmoreland, E.J.

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

Special Reports & Project Updates:

Cully Park Update - Jeff Anderson, Executive Director, Portland Parks Foundation, provided an overview of the current progress being made on Thomas Cully Park (located across the street from Colwood). He suggested that a representative of Verde be invited to attend a future GAC meeting.

Golf Program Strategies for High School and College students - Vincent Johnson provided an update. The city will attract more school aged golfers by offering club golf on weekdays, after 3pm. OGA offers the Youth on Course program for ages 7-18 years old. A card can be purchased online and can be used at over 50 courses in Oregon and SW Washington. In addition, the OGA is partnering with PP&R to offer the U-Club program for college students enrolled in any college or university in the Portland area.

EAGLE Program - Due to the budget shortfall, the program is will not recruit new students for this summer. PP&R plans to find ways to restore the recruitment of new EAGLE students in 2018. The 10 students currently participating in the EAGLE program will be back this summer. In addition, Eastmoreland Golf Course is providing additional support to the program this summer.

Golf Program Financial Reports -

Golf activity was down across the program, due to some really rainy weather again in January. We saw 14 rain days during the month, but 21 days with low temps below freezing. As a result,

rounds were down 30% from January of 2016, and greens fees down 24%. Both YTD rounds and greens fees are down 8% from this point in FY 2016.

Golf Fund Expense Reductions - John Zoller reported on actions being taken to meet the budget shortfall projected for the current fiscal year. In addition to staff reductions, savings are being realized by streamlining operations across the five courses and through savings in services and supplies. The superintendents are working together to reduce costs and increase efficiencies in maintenance operations.

Maintenance- Jesse Goodling reported on Heron Lakes & Colwood both have had storm drainage work done and sanding at Heron Lakes. The outdoor cover from Heron has been installed at Colwood. The hill has been seeded at Colwood.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS- John Zoller has concluded the recruitment process for new GAC members, and will bring recommendations to the Commissioner for her approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GOOD OF THE ORDER- Jessie Goodling, John Zoller and Travis Ruybal received a PP&R Directors Award for their involvement with the Colwood restoration project.

INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC- none

Meeting Adjourned