

City of Portland Golf Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2019

Rose City Golf Course

Attending:

Members: Vicki Nakashima, Vincent DiGiano, Chase Morinaka, Cathy Porter, Kristen Dozono, Madison Perry, Kary Youman

Staff: Eileen Argentina, Vincent Johnson, Todd Melton, Jesse Goodling, Kathy Hauff

Concessionaires: Craig Zimmerman, Rob Cumpston, Hank Childs, Randy Morrison, Kristina Yeysin

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

2019 Portland Parks Golf Program Audit:

The City Auditor provided the PP&R Golf Program with the following recommendations:

1. Present alternative financial forecast scenarios to Council
2. Define the mission for the golf program in contracts and make operators accountable partners in that mission.
3. Increase monitoring to ensure contract provisions are followed.
4. Present contracts to City Council for approval and renewal.

PP&R and the Golf Program fully accept the recommendations and discussed with the GAC some of the steps that have and will be taken to implement these recommendations. In one year, the Golf Program will have the opportunity to review with the City Auditors on its progress.

PP&R golf staff also discussed the media and public reaction to the audit findings and recommendations. In the weeks following the publishing of the golf audit, a need and opportunity to help the golfing and non-golfing public better understand the Portland Parks Golf Program became very apparent. Understanding how its funded and the positive impact it has on the Portland community and local environment and are not widely known. The GAC members also discussed what they can do to help share the many benefits the public receives by having a City-owned golf program.

Golf Program Maintenance Update:

As the maintenance staff reaches the end of the spring season, one of their priorities is to complete the fertilization of all the fairways at the five courses. The Golf Program is also well into the irrigation season, requiring monitoring and repair of the irrigation system. Eastmoreland Golf Course is in great shape and preparing to host its second annual one club fundraiser.

Golf Program Financial & Activity Reports:

April rounds were up from last year, but below the five-year average. This contributed to the Golf Program not meeting the forecast for the month, but overall, the Program has had a good year. With two money-making months left in the fiscal year, the Golf Program is expected to be profitable for FY 2018-19.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business Recreation Services Manager Eileen Argentina is retiring and which made the June 12, 2019 GAC meeting her very last. The golf staff, concessionaires and GAC members shared their appreciation for her involvement and contribution to the Golf Program.

To find out more on golf events or about the Portland Parks Golf Program, please visit the website at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/golf>

Information from the public – none

Meeting Adjourned