

**City of Portland Golf Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 10, 2020 Zoom Meeting**

Attending:

Members: Vincent DiGiano, Chase Morinaka, Travis Schoen, Akbar Chisti, Zari Santner, Madison Perry, Bill Hart

Concessionaires:

Henry Childs, Craig Zimmerman, Randy Morrison, Clark & Rob Cumpston

Staff: Maximo David Behrens, Jesse Goodling, Vincent Johnson, Danielle Solomon, Todd Melton

Meeting Called to Order

Agenda adopted

Special Reports & Project Updates:

Recreation Services Manager, Maximo David Behrens provided updates- Parks will continue to follow the guidelines of Multnomah County, and additional information can be viewed on the Multnomah County website.

The City of Portland has a \$75 million shortfall and has asked a 9.6% reduction from all bureaus. In order to achieve this, bureaus have a buy back opportunity for staff to take furloughs. For non-represented employees, it will be \$2.6 million and for represented employees, it will be for a \$1.5 million reduction, creating budget guidelines for next FY. Recently, five labor unions updated their letter of agreement for represented furloughs.

While local protests continue to occur at park sites; the maintenance crew is repairing any damages and performing graffiti abatement on a case by case basis. Parks is keeping track and looking at resources to provide support for staff and people in the public spaces.

Vincent Johnson reports that there have been \$265k in golf card sales, compared to \$205k last year. A survey will be sent out to card holders to see what is most effective and what serves them well. How much of the sales are COVID 19 related? Are more players coming because of speculation about Broadmoor closing; if so, how many played at Broadmoor; because of the 25% increase in play. There are currently 212 YA! Gold holders.

Bill Moses, Madison Perry and Carolyn Lee worked on the EAGLE application and have selected 4 caddies out of 11 applicants. Three applicants dropped out. There will be modifications for caddying, starting July 1st. They won't touch bags, clubs or flag sticks and

they will practice social distancing. Guidelines were provided from the Western Golf Association for summer employment and the U of O scholarship.

Phase I begins on June 5th. Signage will stay in place at each course and alcohol sales will begin.

GAC Recruitment-

- 2 positions need to be filled by 1/1/21 (Vincent DiGiano and Bill Hart departing the end of calendar year)
- Application deadline is 7/31/20 (can be extended if not enough applicants)
- Matrix was provided to outline suggested qualifications for applicants
- Members are encouraged to help recruit
- Past members can apply after being off the committee for 2 years. Vincent J. and the Parks Director will update the bylaws to reflect this.

Zari Santner will provide bullet points to Chase M. and Vincent J. with golf history, environmental aspects, enterprise fund, successes, how funds are being used, how helpful the program is, etc. to write a year-end report to council.

Sub-Committee Reports-

- Marketing & Outreach on hold because of the pandemic.
- Preparing for 2021 due to COVID-19
- The week of Aug.3-7th members are to identify which committee they would like to serve on.

PORTLAND GOLF REPORTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- May Activity Report – 393 golf cards were sold this year; compared to the 316 sold last year.
 - Rounds were up 34% from last year for May, 13% up from last year YTD.
 - Greens fees are up 41% for the month
 - Colwood sold 29 golf cards, compared to 7 sold last year. The average cost at Colwood is up from \$15 to \$20.
- May Budget Report- \$1 million over in revenue; excluding Colwood's budget actuals. A net loss of \$292k minus \$190k debt payment. If the program were to pay the debt payment, then there could be a loss in revenue. Next year could be the same because the principle increases. Forecast \$841k net gain with a fund balance of \$1.8 million. The end projected fund balance includes paying off the Colwood debt. Todd Melton will do an analysis of represented employees having to take furloughs.

Maintenance- Supervisor, Jessie Goodling reports that the irrigation pump at Heron Lakes has failed. The new pump will arrive on 6/11 and will be replaced. Maintenance staff are

furloughing one day, every two weeks and it has not impacted the workflow. Rose City, Eastmoreland and Red Tail staff have different furlough schedules. Supervisors are working out schedules and demands on the courses because it could impact 20 workers. The frequency of mowing tees may be affected.

Zari Santner asked if seasonals could be hired to backfill for the staff taking furloughs. However, it is not possible because of the hiring process with the City. Vincent Johnson will ask that the furlough deadline be extended from 10/31/20 to the end of the year so that staff can furlough when the courses are slower.

There was a discussion on how to invest this years' revenue to capture in future revenues and deferred maintenance. Vincent Johnson is working with the Asset team on adjustments with the management plan. The bureau will look at golf sustainability savings.

Vincent Johnson will provide updated information on deferred maintenance during the July GAC meeting. Current deferred maintenance amount is between \$30-\$40 million, with the context and prospective of safety and prioritization.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS- Preparing report for end of the year.

Subcommittees will try to meet in person with groups of under 10, instead of Zoom meetings since Phase I is in effect.

To find out more on golf events or about the Portland Parks Golf Program, please visit the website at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/63560>

INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC- none

Meeting Adjourned