

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016, AT 9:04 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:04 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were William L. Herrick, Mary Hufford, Donald A. Terry, Susan Williamson, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Lydia F. Bolinger and Robert L. Montgomery were excused. Also attending were Leslie Birdsall, President, and Stephen D. Roath, Director, GRF; Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; Fran McDonnell, Event Coordinator, Women's 9-Hole Club; and several residents.

Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on June 10, 2016, was approved as written.

Report
Approved

The Chairman reviewed the items on today's agenda and asked the Committee to consider, under Unfinished Business, recommending one of the evolving options regarding the turf reduction plan to the GRF Board. Mr. Heptig is scheduled to present alternatives to the GRF Board at the July 28th meeting.

Chairman's
Report

A motion was made by Ms. Williamson to nominate Mr. Terry as Vice Chairman. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Terry was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Vice
Chairman
Elected

Mr. Heptig announced that the Rossmoor Games will be held on either September 12th or September 19th. Golf staff will once again sponsor the popular putting challenge. Mr. Heptig will be asking each of the Clubs to provide a volunteer to be scheduled for an hour between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the event.

Announce-
ments

It was also announced that two First Tee events have been scheduled this month. The Niners already hosted First Tee girls from the surrounding area, and a mixed group of First Tee players is scheduled for Monday, July 11th. Mr. Heptig said that he invited interested seniors from the Clubs to play with the up-and-comer golfers.

During the Residents' Forum, a resident addressed the Committee regarding the rules for play on Thursday. Mr. Heptig clarified the rules. A second resident, representing the Entry 2 and 5 manors along the golf course, summarized the activities since the last meeting and presented for consideration a drawing from Rebecca Pollon, Landscape Manager, who had been asked to recommend types of trees and shrubs consistent with MOD-recommended trees and shrubs in Rossmoor.

Residents'
Forum

Ms. Delpech reported that the golf cart registration policy is now in effect. She also reported that at the June 30th GRF Board meeting, the Board discussed Fitness Center improvements, renewed the Creekside Grill lease, and approved moving forward with a traffic/pedestrian safety study.

GRF Board
Report

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Women's Invitational Tournament held on June 16th was a success; 2) the Club currently has 125 members; and 3) the Club has a full schedule through the summer.

Club
Reports

In Mrs. Bolinger's absence, Mrs. McDonnell gave the report for the Women's 9-Hole Club and reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 158 members; 2) the First Tee girls event was well received by all; and 3) the Club has regular tournaments scheduled on all Thursdays going forward until the fall.

In Mr. Montgomery's absence, Mr. Nitta, President of the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported the following: 1) the Club has 368 members and is having record turnouts for its tournaments and events; 2) the ever-popular monthly twilight event has 174 players made up of all Club members with handicaps, and there are an additional number of guests for the dinner afterwards; and 3) the Club will be proposing an initiative aimed at taking care of the course by the players. How this initiative will work will be presented to the boards of all the Clubs. The idea is to reinforce what players should be doing anyway, which is to repair divots and pitch marks, and rake the bunkers. Specific holes will be assigned to players according to the first letter of their last name. That hole would then receive special attention from those whose name is associated with the hole. Details to follow. In closing, Mr. Nitta reminded the Clubs that Mr. Heptig was scheduled to make a presentation on Monday, July 11th, on the Turf Reduction issues.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 202 members; and 2) the latest clinic, open to all Rossmoor residents, was oversubscribed to the delight and chagrin of Ms. Delpech. The group clinics are designed for a maximum of about 15 people who pay \$5 for instructional time with the golf pros. While Ms. Delpech wasn't looking, 45 people signed up. Luckily, the Pro Shop came up with a plan for rotating stations and threw additional Pro Shop staff into the mix. A good time was had by all and no one was the wiser!

Mr. Terry, reporting on the Golf Hosting Program, reported that most of the recent activity has been with Rossmoor Realty. More information will be forthcoming in future office presentations about the program.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report, the Golf Management report, and the Golf Course Superintendent's Report, which are attached.

Staff
Reports

Mr. Nitta reported that his crew is at full strength. He also reported that there seems to be an uptick in the number of walkers on the golf course during twilight hours. This is dangerous to the walkers and is in violation of policy regarding use of the course. Some residents feel that the right to use the course is included in the coupon, but are probably not aware that additional fees are charged for use of the course.

Chief
Marshal's
Report

Regarding the turf reduction matter, Mr. Heptig handed out a map of the course indicating areas that had been completed, those areas in progress, those areas on hold, and those areas that are not golf course related. Discussion followed. The Chairman then asked the Committee to consider a motion so that the Committee could present a recommendation on the turf reduction plan to the GRF Board at its July end-of-month meeting.

Recom-
mendation
to GRF
Board re.
Turf
Reduction
Plan
Phase 2

A motion was made by the Chairman and seconded by Ms. Hufford to recommend to the GRF Board that the current Turf Reduction-Water Conservation Phase 2 continue as planned. Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken and the motion CARRIED, with four members voting "yes", and one member voting "no".

Mr. Heptig stated that he will present budget information to the Committee at the next meeting. Messrs. Montgomery and Herrick have volunteered to follow the budget process along for the GAC.

Golf
Budget
Discussion
Deferred/
Adjourn-
ment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, August 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee