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Meeting Minutes GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, November 1, 2012

4:00 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Golf Subcommittee was held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2012 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave. Dan Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Joni Dye, Don Knapp, Jim Kopp, Marge Olson, Warren Onken, Emanuel Scarbrough and Dan Smith.

Members Absent: None

Parks Staff Present: Kevin Briski, Charlie Romines, Eric Knepp, Rob Muranyi, Mark Rechlicz, Tom Benson, Bill Scheer and Ray Shane.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kopp, seconded by Knapp to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

Supported retaining the golf professionals, but didn't wish to speak:
Diane Marx, Linda Marx, Sharon Fallon, Mary Schlaak, Kay Lindekugel, Tayrn Rettig, Dennis Hill, Eric Buffat, Greg Barker, Pam Brandon and Steve Klaven

Spoke in support of retaining the golf professionals:
Chris Lynch, Jim Caldwell, Jerry Kelly, Jan Shade, Mike Vega, Dorothy Borchardt, David Rhode, Mark Buffat, Bill Graham, Peggy Gierhart, Linda Bellman, Mike Sloan and Bob Glebs

Glenn Dahl and John Jenson neither supported nor opposed retaining the golf professionals and Joe Stadler spoke, but neither supported nor opposed.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Commission for any item on the Agenda.

V NEW BUSINESS**A 2013 Proposed Golf Greens Fees**

Ray reported that in the packet is the proposed 2013 golf and pass fees. All of the fees proposed are the same as they were 2012. This will be the 3rd year that fees will have been frozen. Staff will continue to have the ability to offer "specials" and promotional prices for incentives to attract players when the courses are being under-utilized.

MOTION by Onken/Scarborough to recommend approval as presented with a request for consideration of offering a season pass for the 19-35 age group. MOTION CARRIED

B 2013 Golf Clubhouse Operations

Eric Knepp and Charlie Romines provided a slide presentation on the financial position of the golf program going back the past several years. Also included in the presentation was outlining steps that staff has already implemented to bring the program back to a financial stable position, the need for improving the financial position so that capital improvements and re-investing into the program can return and the process staff has taken to make those changes. It was emphasized that the proposed changes is not a reflection on the job performance of the current Golf Professionals and they were recognized for their years of service and dedication to the City's golf program.

Staff and committee members had a great deal of discussion on the process that has been utilized, options that have been considered and what compromises may be available.

Mr. Briski reminded the committee that he valued and respected the current golf professionals, provided them the first opportunity to provide a proposal for a new contract and informed the Golf Committee at the 9/18/12 meeting of his process. Once the proposals have been reviewed by a staff team and recommendation been made to him, he would have the option to accept, reject, negotiate the proposals, open to the public for competitive bids or internalize the operations. Based on the review committee's recommendation, the decision was made to proceed with internalizing. Mr. Briski informed the current golf professionals of this decision on 10/12/12.

MOTION by Scarborough/Knapp to recommend to the Parks Commission to consider a 1 year moratorium on the Parks Department's plan to internalize clubhouse operations and direct the Parks Superintendent to meet with the golf professionals individually for the purpose of negotiating an agreement. The Parks Superintendent was asked to report the results of these meetings at the November 7, 2012 Park Commission meeting. MOTION CARRIED

VI OLD BUSINESS**A ATC Update**

Ray reported that ATC has moved into Odana and has started on clearing the vegetation along the beltline. Ray thanked Charlie Romines for his negotiations with ATC that provides for monetary restitution for disrupting play and clubhouse sales and limits the clearing activities to occurring on Mondays-Thursdays while the course is open for play. During that time period, Odana will remain open, but play will be restricted to 9-holes for the safety of our golfers and the workers doing the clearing. Odana Hills will be back to an 18-hole course on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

VII NEXT MEETING

April 23, 2013

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.