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GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM – GATEWAY COMPLEX

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman
2. ROLL CALL: McDonnell, Terry, Bolinger, Herrick, Hufford, Montgomery, Williamson, and Delpech, ex-officio member
3. APPROVAL OF REPORT: Regular Meeting of July 8, 2016 (Attachment)
4. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
5. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. RESIDENTS' FORUM
7. GRF BOARD REPORT – MARY LOU DELPECH, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
8. REPORTS - GOLF CLUBS
 - a. Women's 18-Hole Club – Mary Hufford, Club Representative
 - b. Women's 9-Hole Club – Lydia F. Bolinger, Club Representative
 - c. Men's Club – Robert L. Montgomery, Club Representative
 - d. Happy Hackers Club – Susan Williamson, Club Representative
 - e. Hosting Program Committee – Donald A. Terry
9. REPORTS - STAFF
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Staff Reports – Mark K. Heptig, Director, Golf Courses
Blake Swint, Superintendent
 - c. Chief Marshal's Report – Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Turf reduction/water conservation.
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Golf budget discussion.
 - b. Sanitary District reclaimed water possibilities.
 - c. Suggested amendments to Rule R103.0, Golf Courses.
12. ADJOURNMENT
13. NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room at Gateway Complex

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. Announcements

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-
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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".

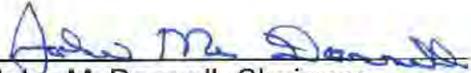
Mr. Heptig stated that he will present budget information to the Committee at the next meeting. Messrs. Montgomery and Herrick have volunteered to follow the budget process along for the GAC.

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

Comments to the GRF Board of Directors on July 28, 2016
John McDonnell, Chairman, Golf Advisory Committee

The report packet from the GAC today, in addition to the financial results and club and course activity, contains the Golf Management Report and the Course Superintendents Report. The course superintendent also has provided the post draught Maintenance and Business Plan. Mark will share time today so that he can present to the board information regarding options that have been developed for the board regarding the request from the owners in Rossmoor Parkway Entry 2 & 5.

I would like to preface his remarks by saying that whatever option the board chooses, Mark and Blake have had to take a considerable amount of time, that was not originally planned for in their annual schedule; to meet, prepare alternate scenarios, prepare the consequence of going away from the plan, explain the unintended consequences of options, redo cost considerations, and have to think about going through this process with the other projects that border the golf course. And still maintain the very busy club tournament, outside tournament, and regular play schedule.

The landscape of a golf course and the landscape of a project have the same goal, which is to preserve and enhance the look. The question before us is, who gets to define the look and who pays and who maintains and for how long.

Mark and Blake have been questioned about course decisions before. There have been people who didn't want a fence around the pond for a variety of reasons, didn't want to have grass removed along their fairway, wanted to have fences in front of their manors, wanted trees removed or planted.

Among the purposes and responsibilities in the charter of the GAC is to be advisory to the GRF Board and advisory to the director of golf about the playability of the courses, which is where the focus of our concern resides. This establishes our boundary for advisement.

I think it would be wise to consider boundaries. For the golfers the out of bounds stakes define the golf course property. For the project directors the stakes define the boundaries of the project. Project Directors do not consult with the Director of Golf regarding landscape projects over which they have a responsibility. We have not expected the Director of Golf to consult with the project directors regarding the maintenance of the golf course. Each has their own particular circumstances that they have to budget time, money, and planning for.

Our golf course has gone through a very damaging period and the work of restoring the golf course condition and providing for its future use is a labor-intensive project. The course is not fully recovered, and there is a sense of urgency to prepare for dry conditions. This work was being done with a short

crew with a daunting task. The course is under construction, in that the work of preparing the golf course is not complete. The ground cover can and is groomed but it can't be done overnight. To judge what the course will look like by its current and intermediate stages is a mistake. The vision is to have the course green in the middle and groomed with defined edges; And to do that within sustainable budget considerations for water, labor, equipment, and materials.

Mark and Blake take great pride in how the course looks and plays because this is what they do, this is how they measure themselves, this is how they are measured by other professionals in the business, this is how we as a community measure them. Their judgments have been solid; their plan is a good plan.

The advisory committee has been witness to the ongoing course management process, month to month, we have seen the struggle to survive. The complications are many within the boundary of the course, weather to hot, weather to cold ground to wet, ground to dry, insects, weeds, grasses, drainage, time to plant, time to mow, time to move trees.

Knowing Mark would present the board with options, the committee felt it was our responsibility to provide our advice to the board regarding the options. A motion was made at the last committee meeting so that the members could have time to express their opinion regarding what advice to give. The motion was to maintain the plan as proposed. The motion is in the minutes. Voting members present took time to express their opinion. The motion passed to advise the GRF board that what will be described as option one in the presentation is our advisement.

All arguments have merit, all interests are sincere. We have in this instance given greater weight to the plan of the Director and Superintendent.