GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Mary Jane Hargrove, Mary Hufford, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. William L. Herrick and Susan Williamson were excused, and Robert L. Montgomery was absent. Also attending were Timothy O’Keefe, CEO; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and one resident.

The report of the Committee’s regular meeting held on April 14, 2017 was approved as written.

The Chairman read correspondence from a resident who noted that the railing on the stairs at the first green on the Creekside course, which was damaged and then removed, should be re-installed. Mr. Heptig reported that when the railing was hit by a golf cart several months ago, it was removed. Staff is reviewing whether or not a railing is needed at all and should be replaced.

The Chairman then acknowledged Mr. Terry for his dedication over the years to the golf community. Mr. Terry was President of the Rossmoor Men’s Golf Club in 2010 and served on many committees before and after that time, and has long list of volunteer service to the community. The Committee thanked Mr. Terry for his service and as is the GAC’s custom, a retiring member takes his nameplate with him. The Chairman also commented that he’ll see Mr. Terry regularly on the golf course and will always seek his counsel. He has served the GAC admirably and with the highest degree of integrity, and will be missed as a member of the Committee.

Ms. Delpech reported on the Compensation Committee’s recent recommendations to the GRF Board, the formation of an Ad Hoc Technology Committee, and the recent traffic study.

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women’s 18-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) there are currently 127 members; and 2) there were 112 entries in the 25th Annual Invitational. She read descriptions of the first event from that time period, which were instructive, amusing, and a reminder of where the Club was at that time and hopes not to return to. The Invitational was a success and was supported, in part, by sponsors.

Ms. Hargrove, representing the Women’s 9-Hole Club, reported that the Club currently has 148 members and team play has started.
In Mr. Montgomery's absence, Mr. Nitta gave the report for the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club (RMGC) and reported the following: 1) The Club currently has 359 members; and 2) the 23rd Member Guest Invitational was held on June 2nd. Sponsors included Xfinity, Walnut Creek Honda, Mike's Auto Body, and Manor Care. Also participating this year was ACE Hardware. The Member Guest Invitational is the RMGC's signature event and more will be reported later.

In Ms. Williamson's absence, Ms. Delpech gave the report for the Happy Hackers and reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 157 members; and 2) during the big tournament in May, the hot weather caused a number of golfers in the field to cancel play.

Mr. Terry, representing the Golf Hosting Program, reported that the hosting program will continue and there are two events planned.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report, which are attached. He reported that sales and rounds played are back on track now that the weather has moderated. Of note is the extremely busy tournament season. Mr. Heptig also reported that Chris Andres, an assistant golf pro, is getting married on June 17th.

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. He supplemented his report to the GAC with an update on the Turf Reduction Program, and reported that there has been some remarkable water savings as a result of converting some of the turf areas. This allowed 251 sprinkler heads to be removed saving close to million gallons of water during the month of May. Consequently, use of EBMUD water was not necessary during May. Much of the water savings is from past efforts and continuing efforts by Mr. Heptig and Mr. Swint to capture and redirect as much surplus water as possible. The GAC then discussed the loss of trees and replacement efforts.

Mr. Nitta gave the Chief Marshal's report. He reported that there was an accident on the Dollar Course's first fairway that required emergency response and noted that the emergency plan coordination with Securitas and the medical units worked well.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee

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