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GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM – GATEWAY COMPLEX

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: John McDonnell, Chairman
2. ROLL CALL: McDonnell, Herrick, Buehrer, Dull, Hufford, Wener, Weisenberg, and Anderson, ex-officio member
3. APPROVAL OF REPORT: Regular meeting of February 14, 2020 (Attachment)
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
5. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. RESIDENTS' FORUM
7. GRF BOARD REPORT – KENNETH ANDERSON, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
8. REPORTS - GOLF CLUBS
 - a. Women's 18-Hole Club – Mary Hufford, Club Representative
 - b. Women's 9-Hole Club – Sarah Buehrer, Club Representative
 - c. Men's Club – Michael Weisenberg, Club Representative
 - d. Happy Hackers Club – Carol Dull, Club Representative
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
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Justification for Water Reclamation (Attachment)
12. ADJOURNMENT
13. NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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cc: GRF Board

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020, AT 9:05 AM

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were William L. Herrick, Vice Chair, Sara Buehrer, Carol Dull, Mary Hufford, Michael D. Wener, Michael Weisenberg, and Kenneth Anderson, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Also attending were Timothy O'Keefe, CEO, Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf, GRF; and Dickey Nitta, Chief Golf Course Marshal.

Attendance

There being no corrections, the report of the regular meeting of the Committee held on January 10, 2020, was approved, as written, by unanimous consent.

Report
Approved

The Chairman explained the importance of the water reclamation plan and invited Mr. O'Keefe to comment.

Chairman's
Report

There was no correspondence or announcements.

There were no Resident Forum speakers.

Mr. Anderson, representing the GRF Board, had nothing to report.

Ms. Dull, representing the Happy Hackers, reported that the Club currently has 125 members. More are expected to join following new member orientation on March 11, and the first scramble and dinner of the season, which will be held on March 21.

Club
Reports

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, had nothing to report.

Ms. Buehrer, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported that the Rossmoor Niners currently has 150 members and 2 social members. The first General Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, February 27. Regular Thursday league play will begin on March 12. She thanked golf personnel for putting up a sign on the Creekside #7 hole warning pedestrians to be aware of players teeing off.

Mr. Weisenberg, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club (RMGC), reported that the Club currently has 311 members. A total of 96 members attended the Club's Spring Meeting on the evening of February 10. At the meeting, Club President Brent Atkins gave a presentation about the workings of the Men's Golf Club and introduced members who joined since last year. Members have passed an amendment to the RGMC Bylaws allowing resident-sponsored guests to play in regular weekly events, excluding trophy tournaments.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial reports, which are attached.

Staff
Reports

Mr. Heptig presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached.

Mr. Nitta, the Chief Golf Course Marshal, reported that one of the marshals has taken a 6-week leave of absence, but the other marshals have volunteered to cover for her. Marshals Report

There was no Unfinished Business.

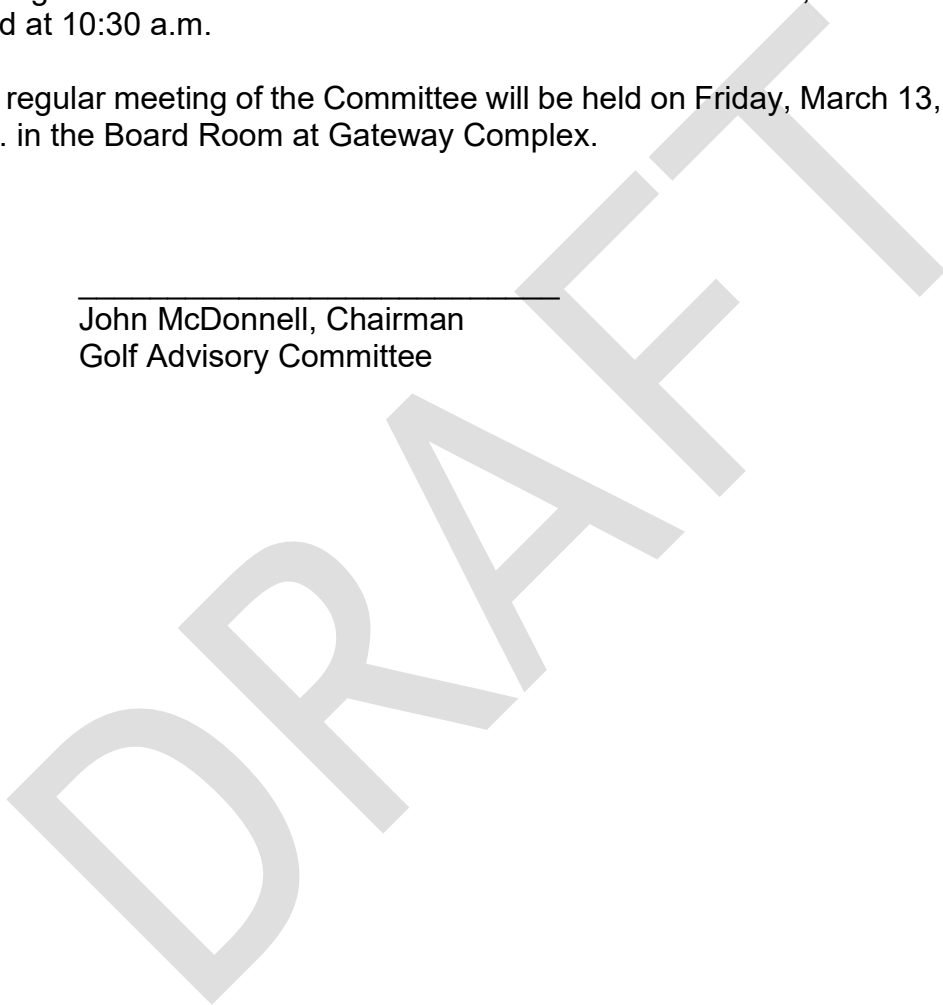
There was no New Business.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex. Next Mtg. 3/13/20

John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee

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JUSTIFICATION FOR WATER RECLAMATION

Direct Benefits for Residents:

- **GOLF:** The original developer created Rossmoor as a golf course community because he believed that golf represented the epitome of a relaxed, retired lifestyle. Water reclamation would keep the golf courses green so that the thousands of golfers in Rossmoor each year can continue to enjoy the game even during drought years. If the golf courses were to die from lack of irrigation, GRF will not have the millions of dollars necessary to rebuild the golf courses without large special assessments, likely in excess of \$1,000 per manor. Even if the funds were available, a rebuilt golf course is only good until the next drought.
- **PARK:** The golf courses are park-like. They are tranquil, quiet and serene. Hundreds of walkers enjoy the golf course as a park in the evenings and on most Mondays. They also host numerous species of birds including raptors and owls, raccoons, rabbits, and foxes, to name just a few of the favorites, as well as a few we are not quite as enamored with like coyotes, gophers, pigs, turkeys and Canada geese—all of which contribute to the natural beauty of the valley.
- **EQUITY:** Thousands of homes in Rossmoor have a view of or border the golf courses. Green golf courses preserve home equity value if properly maintained. Dead golf courses reduce home equity value if courses die. In addition, bankrupt golf courses around the country often result in expensive litigation due to the loss of home equity value due to dead golf courses or the transition of golf courses to housing over the objection of residents. The equity in every home in Rossmoor—including those nowhere near the golf courses—benefits from having 6 million square feet of park-like green space running down the middle of the valley as the golf courses are core to Rossmoor's identity.

Benefits for the Community:

These may be even more important than the items noted above!

- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** In California, water is increasingly viewed as a scarce resource rather than the abundant commodity we have been accustomed to for most of our lives. Water reclamation provides a sustainable source of irrigation water for the golf courses by redirecting tens of millions of gallons of potable water annually to more suitable uses than irrigation across the water district's territory.
- **FIRE SAFETY:** The devastating fires throughout the state in recent years have elevated everyone's concern about fire and evacuations. In the last two years, probably no issue has generated more feedback and comment from the Rossmoor community. Water reclamation would ensure that the golf courses remain green, even during a drought, and provide a critical fire break for the valley. Green grass embedded in irrigated moist soil does not burn.
- **EMERGENCY:** An irrigated green golf course allows the golf courses to be used as staging areas for emergency personnel and equipment during a disaster and allows the golf courses to be used as evacuation triage during a disaster.