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Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; September 21, 2021

Present were: R. Judge, M. Briscoe, A. Brantner, A. Tedesco, M. Vera.

Absent: None.

Staff: H. Nagashima, V. Levin, A. Aulenti, L. Albano, B. Ukperaj.

Public: None.

Meeting was held by zoom due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Judge called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Brantner made a motion to accept the agenda with the merging together of items comments from the public and correspondence on the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Vera. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 17, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Comments from the Public/Correspondence

Ms. Brantner relayed to the Commission that Mr. Silinsky has withdrawn his e-mail complaint about the changes to the online lottery system.

Ms. Albano informed the Commission of several film crews inquiring to use the golf course parking lot for storage of vehicles. Details were limited on space needed and timing. Discussion followed on allowing crews to possibly use the lot in the future. In future, if Ms. Albano and Mr.

Nagashima deem an inquiry is feasible based on the details of the request then the Commission will set up an emergency meeting to vote on it.

Mr. Nagashima reported that a neighbor contacted the course regarding a tree on the fence of the course, proposing a similar agreement as in the past where costs would be split between the neighbor and the golf course. The tree is dead and can cause damage to the course fence, though against course property it is not on course property. Discussion followed on estimated cost, location of the tree and the need to have an agreement signed before removal of the tree begins.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a report on rounds for the month of August. Calendar and fiscal year updates on rounds were given. Hurricane Henri's impact on the course and permit sales were items highlighted. Mr. Briscoe inquired on the status of September to which Mr. Ukperaj replied that in next month's meeting a quarterly projection would be provided for the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima reported to the Commission on conditions of the golf course. Hurricane Ida caused flooding damage to the course. Lower garage flooded and equipment had to be drained of water and the underground storage tank also became contaminated with water. Damage is being tracked for claims as well. Mr. Nagashima detailed the conditions of the course tee boxes, the tee boxes being undersized for the amount of play and sodding as a solution. Other work was outlined as well as fall renovations focusing on aesthetics. Mr. Judge summarized the ride along with Mr. Nagashima focusing on items to improve on the course. Mr. Vera inquired about the timing of the cart path paving to which Mr. Nagashima stated it will take place in the fall.

Golf Shop

Mr. Levin explained changes to the lottery are working well. Ms. Aulenti spoke concerning the City Championship to be held in October. Discussion took place on possible future changes to the City Championship.

Restaurant

Mr. Judge stated that work on the permanent structure on the outside patio of the restaurant will begin soon.

Personnel & Union Activity

Nothing to report.

Request for use of the Golf Course

Mr. Levin spoke of outings that have passed and upcoming.

Old Business

Capital Projects – Ms. Albano re-introduced discussion for capital requests, being the last meeting before requests can be submitted. Conversation continued between the Commission and course staff mainly focusing on course irrigation system, the cost, timing, payment of the bond back and other possibilities. Mr. Briscoe made a motion for the course to put in a capital request for the irrigation system in FY 2022-23, followed by bunkers in FY 2023-24, and then possibly pond dredging in either FY 2024-25 or 2025-26. Seconded by Mr. Tedesco. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Hubbard Heights/EGB Anniversary – Discussion to be continued next meeting.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Seeing no further business, Mr. Briscoe made a motion adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tedesco. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted



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