

**Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of February 14, 2007

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Rick Pieper
- 2) Roll Call: Members of committee present: Rick Pieper, Martin Lipp, Gary Anderson, Prebble Potter, Sally Brun (for Dorothy Owen). Absent: Pete Tansill, Pete Houser
Staff: City Manager Jim Colangelo, Director of Finance Jim Becklenberg, Golf Course Director Mike Leach, Golf Professional Joe Riekema, Sheelagh Riekema
Guests: Museum Director Paul Finnegan, John Fisher, Bruce Obink, Nancy Mollring
- 3) Approve Minutes of January 10, 2007: Gary Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of January 10, 2007. Second by Martin Lipp. Unanimously approved.
- 4) Oral Communication: Museum Director Finnegan reported that a Lighthouse Advisory Board will be formed to oversee restoration and maintenance of the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse, one of the City's greatest assets. Mr. Finnegan requested a GAC member serve on the Board and suggested an annual golf tournament might provide funds for lighthouse maintenance. Nominations will be on next GAC meeting agenda.
- 5) Correspondence: Director Leach thanked Dr. Lipp for his draft of golf fee adjustments, which will be discussed during budget review with his guidelines in mind. The Agenda Report approving the Golf Lesson rate structure approved by City Council on Feb. 7 is included for files. Director Leach assured the committee that further such actions would be brought to their attention in advance of City Council meetings. The Clubhouse received from national publication Golf, Inc. a second place architectural award for the daily fee clubhouse of 2006, quite an accomplishment considering we were up against the likes of Bandon Dunes. The City of PG community budget meeting letter is included, Jim Colangelo reported that both meetings were fairly well attended. Mike Kelly sent his thanks for the net installed to help prevent stray golf balls from entering his property and the possible need for additional netting. A compilation of information on the herbicide glyphosate, also known as Round-Up, is included. This topic is an agenda item for the March 7 City Council meeting, at which time a biologist from the dunes restoration company, RanaCreek, will be present to discuss the use of this chemical for ice plant eradication.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a. Clubhouse Use: We have retained an engineer to complete the lighting plan for the parking lot. He will attend public meetings with the planning commission and City Council to determine how the City would like to proceed. Computer generated images of the lighting scheme will be presented for residents to see. The lights must be approved before the clubhouse can be used in the evening. It was suggested that the work necessary for the planning commission to change the use permit be done at the same time as the lighting approval process so less time is lost before the City and golfers benefit from increased use of the facility.

b. Review Golf Budget and Fees for Fiscal Year 2007-08: Following a long discussion about the current golf course rate structure as compared to other local facilities, the history of the enterprise fund, the need for reserve funds and the City's desire to take advantage of the golf course as an asset, a subcommittee was formed to compile recommendations for the City Council meeting on March 7. Rick Pieper, Martin Lipp and Gary Anderson will meet with staff members on Feb. 20 to prepare their proposal.

7) New Business: None

8) Reports of Staff:

a) Update of Activities at the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course Pro Shop – Golf Pro Joe Riekema reported that A T & T week was very busy. On Monday Acura filmed a commercial with Davis Love on the 16/17th holes and paid \$1000 usage fee for the golf course. The Pacific Grove High School golf teams have begun weekly play – three daily tee times starting at 3:15 Monday through Thursday. Please treat them with respect. Tentative schedules for Junior golf summer activities start June 9, with \$10 clinics each Saturday morning for children 17 and under. In June, July and August we'll host three-day (Mon. – Wed.) junior golf camps, two hours per day for approximately \$40. Groups will be limited to 6-8 children. Sally Brun mentioned that the Ladies group would be happy to help with the Juniors. Additionally, golf shop staff has entered golf clubs accumulated "sweep dollars" into the POS and can provide credit information to club members. A brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding some social tournaments on a regular basis.

b) Update of Activities at the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course – Director Mike Leach stated that work rolling the greens has been ongoing since the last meeting. The first weekend in March (3 & 4) we host the Monterey County Two Man event, 100+ players, so the course is closed Sat. and Sun. We have contacted the contractor on the counter tops in the restrooms and restaurant. The teak furniture has been stripped and refinished, may be a yearly task. A nice, cohesive meeting was held for all golf staff to discuss council policies and department activities since Jan. 1. Great to have GAC members, golf shop and maintenance staff all on the same team! We have new brochures, a new bulletin board and name tags for golf staff. At the March 14 meeting we need to discuss rescheduling the April meeting due to Mr. Leach's impending 50th birthday.

9) Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Leach, Golf Course Director