



**City of Albuquerque**

**Municipal Golf Advisory Board July 2015 Minutes**

**Meeting Held: 7/16/2015**

**Location: Arroyo Del Oso Course**

Members Present	Concessionaires Present	Staff Present	Members Not Present	Public
Los Altos Women's Margarett Terpening for Elaine DeLand	Todd Kersting	Assistant Director, Garry Wolfe	Ladera Men's Henry Lucero	Lucy Gray
PDS Men's Rusty Arrighetti		Superintendent, David Salas	Youth Golf John Perner	
Senior Golf James Crane		Asst. Superintendent, Tim Martinez	At Large Dan Shipman	
ADO Women's Bev Quinlan		Christine Allison	ADO Men's Dennis Vigil	
PDS Women's Jean Maher				
Los Altos Men's Gerry Quinlan				
Ladera Women's Linda Knight				

Meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by John Gerry Quinlan.

**Introductions**

Gerry Quinlan opened the Golf Advisory Board (GAB) meeting dialogue. We went around the table to have self-introductions of everyone in attendance which included: Board Members, Concessionaires, City Staff and General Public. Margarett Terpening is attending on behalf of Elaine Deland for Los Altos Women's

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Rusty Arrighetti and seconded by Beverly Quinlan to approve the minutes from the June 2015 GAB meeting.

**Public Comments**

None

## **Golf Management Reports and Updates**

### **Personnel Updates**

**David Salas:** David provided the following personnel status update: Not a lot of movement since last meeting. Los Altos Golf Course Supervisor position has been offered to Loisel Sotelo but is still not “official”. Interviews were held for the B-20 position for Los Altos. ADO has two open positions - Irrigator and Mechanic. Ladera has two open positions - Mechanic and Operator. Puerto Del Sol is full. We have 11 temporary employees spread throughout all four courses. Golf Management has offered the M15 position and is waiting for HR to process.

### **Rounds and Revenue**

**Tim Martinez:** Tim provided a Rounds and Revenue update through June 2015 FY15 - Golf Rounds YTD decreased by -3.24%. Revenues decreased by -1.17%.

**Gerry Quinlan:** Has not reviewed the detail income report and Tim Martinez offered to review it with him at our office.

### **Concessionaire Comments**

**Todd:** The course is looking good. (I) have not seen any brass button (weed) issues on the greens. Henry is doing a great job. Keep doing what you are doing. Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins came out to the golf course. She is open to help out with whatever she can in regards to safety lighting, parking lights, putting green lights.

**David Salas:** You can also talk to David Garduno to see if there are monies set a side.

**Garry W.:** How old are the lights?

**Todd:** They came from Los Altos.

**Garry W.:** I am currently working with the Department of Municipal Development (DMD ) for lights at Bullhead softball field. It might be possible to do the same at PDS. DMD has an allotted 3% of budget for energy savings.

**Todd:** I am talking to someone about energy savings, Ballast T20 replacements. He will forward the information to Garry W.

**Gerry:** What is the process for items that have to be paid for from CIP? If someone gives up the money can we identify where it goes to?

**Garry W.:** We can identify the needs. The money is hard to get.

### **Golf Advisory Board (GAB) Member Comments**

**Jean:** The course is good. There are some patches on the fairway. Greens fee gift card cannot be run to see balance.

**Tim:** Management can look up how much remains on the cards. It's unfortunate, but due to the data formatting it would be difficult for us to email that information to the concessionaires. The pro shop should keep a paper trail to track the amount used for each gift card. Asking for an ID, writing down information, and the use of an index box could help with tracking the card amounts. It will come to an end with the new gift card system. Lot numbers will be given to each course and the dollar amount put on each card. The new Gift cards will be held in escrow until used. POS system will track use and the monies deposited, we'll have 100% accountability. The new POS system allowed for accountability. We just did not anticipate the full implementation taking so long. In the mean time we still have to honor the gift cards under NM law.

**Margarett:** Elaine says thank you for the stakes. Parking restripe still has not been done. How are the City cards renewed?

**David:** If the cards are expired they cannot be renewed at the courses. They would have to be renewed by Management. Garry W. is working on a program to have Concessionaires sell passes at the pro shop.

**Margaret:** Lucy gray is thinking about taking Elaine's position on the Board.

**Jim:** Ponds are stagnant and there are dead fish.

**David:** We are aware. Aquatic Consultants take care of the ponds. I will inquire as to why the fish are dying and if the solution is aerating the ponds.

**Jim:** RFP?

**David:** It closed on July 13, 2015. I am going to the City Clerk's office to pick up Proposals.

**Jim:** Will the GAB have any input?

**David:** Yes.

**Jim:** Fairway rough and bumpy, and rough is tall.

**David:** Fairway equipment is a problem, we are pulling resources together.

**Jim:** Jen is working on promos for the courses?

**Garry W.:** Yes. We are working on a Ladera specials. For example, specials for "bad" times specials. The Vendors for online tee times are being reviewed. We are looking at GolfNow. The cost will have to be approved from the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and the concessionaires. We will have a better idea as to the cost for utilizing their service this week.

**Jim:** (Hole) #11 there are pieces of sod. Why? There is dead fish fishing stinking up the course.

**David:** We will find out.

**Rusty:** PDS in good shape.

**Beverly:** Successful tournament at ADO. Crystal did a good job.

Discussion was held as to why the Women's tournament is not held on a City course.

### **Old Business**

Discussion was held about lowering green fee rates at PDS and raising other fees. Garry W. advised that the GAB can render an opinion.

**David:** The status of the Los Altos well is that it is dead. We need to discover a new vein for the new well. The other 2 wells at Los Altos belong to the Water Authority. The ownership of the wells is being questioned and a meeting with the Director, CAO, and Water Utility Authority will be held next week.

### **New Business:**

**David:** The tournament was a success. Many folks were happy that it returned to Ladera. There were 114 participants.

**Garry W:** Cosmic Golf demo to be held at Balloon Fiesta Park. Basically it's a night golf activity using lighted stuff on the course. All the LED fixtures are portable. The cost would be under 15k. Balloon Fiesta Park is a 6-hole pitch and putt maintained by Parks and run by Rec. Golf Management is assisting with care of the greens.

**Linda:** Informed GAB about the newest game taking over extra space in major Cities – pickle ball. Thought the City might look into it.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jean and seconded by Gerry. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

August meeting will be held Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Ladera banquet room, commencing at 3:00pm.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

John Perner, Vice Chairperson