

Advisory Greens Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Notes in red by Bill Marsden

Attendees: James Birchall (Touchstone VP), Stan Korich (Shoreline GM), Dave Tuttle (, sst GM), Randy Perea (Head Greenskeeper), Teruh Harada (Men's Club), Bill Marsden (Senior Club), Brady Reubusch (City of Mountain View Parks & Rec), Brenda Sylvia (Assistant Community Service Dir.)

This meeting was originally scheduled for September 28, but postponed in order to get a quorum..

Golf Operations

- Bridge to 1st Tee will remain closed until the first half of 2023. Temporary repair options for this sinking, earthen bridge have been thoroughly reviewed, but none considered practical or safe by City engineers. **It looks like the new bridge needed will not be built until sometime between April and September of 2023.**

In the interest of maintaining greater positive control/visibility of the 1st Tee Area and given the fact that if the 9's were reversed, player round travel from Green #18 to the 1st Tee would **not** facilitate easy food/drink stops nor the use of the Shop Restrooms, Touchstone has recommended to the City that the 9's not be reversed until a new bridge can be installed east of the current one.

- After much consideration, including discussions with our three Golf Professionals, Touchstone anticipates that Mark Diamond's proposed program will be accepted to provide additional instructional classes at Shoreline that focus on the short game. Accordingly, we anticipate that an Independent Contractor Agreement for such instructional activities will likely be signed by the parties and such classes will commence in early 2023. **Mark will be leaving the Advisory Greens Committee, and a member to replace him (as an 'at large' member) will be sought. Anyone interested can contact Stan or Dave.**
- Labor Day Tournament was a success and the runners-up were a very young team.
- The City Championship Golf Tournament had a field of 60 players spread over three flights.

Michael's Restaurant

- Car Show was successful with 32+ cars from three local car clubs participating and 200 to 300 guests enjoying the show, perfect weather, free shaved ice refreshments and live music. All this fun while never interrupting golf play or use of the practice activities. Michaels Café benefited from the extra lunch foot traffic too.
- Management has recommended to the City a sign change for Michaels at Shoreline (see photo illustration provided). **To let people passing on the road know that Michael's is open as a restaurant, bar, and for events. More outside advertising will be utilized, as well. Touchstone is trying to make Michael's profitable.**
- We are developing a simple but fun *Sunday Football* promotion. Buy one order of nachos and get one free or similar.

Maintenance Activates & Cultural Practices

- As you know, the righthand bunker and frontal area of this bunker inside the Green #1 Surround has been refurbished inhouse. Such included the addition of rodent protection screening and an all-new drainage system. Thanks to Randy and his Crew for completing this most recent improvement! **Both Teruh and Bill were impressed with this improvement.**
- Given the sealcoating Contractor's unilateral change for which we have no control, we've moved the large tine aerification of the fairways, tees, and greens back to coincide with path pavement seal-coating work being conducted by City. Hence, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12, only an alternating 9 holes will be open to provide for golf play during this work. Eblasts have and will be sent to players, so advising them of this change.
- From priority and funding standpoints, we've decided that refurbishment of the rear bunker at Green #1 will be postponed in favor of commencing Green #8 bunker refurbishment.
- In preparation for the City Golf Championship, we have recently fertilized the green surrounds and tees with nitrogen and have lightly fertilized fairways.
- The Pond #2 (near #11 and #12 holes) fence installation location and height recommendations, including illustration, were submitted to City. This new three-rail wood fence will run nearly the entire circumference of the dry Pond habitat to discourage golfer foot traffic in this protected habitat and thereby protect against injury to the habitat and golfers looking for balls (see fence design photo). **This should help speed up play. Timing of this work is to be determined.**
- Tree trimming and canopy lifting at four locations to be undertaken at: **1)** #5 fairway rough, **2)** next to #3 Green cart bath (hanging over path) and **3)** next to #18 Green and bunker (hanging over path and bunker). **4)** Limbs over bunker next to #9 Green. All regarding interference with and/or safety of golf play. **Additional locations include trees to the right of #17 green, and trees behind #14 green.**
- Interceptor (sewer) line joint leak repairs commenced last Monday. All work conducted overnight in three (3) locations (Parking Lot, Driving Range and #10 Fairway). Parking Lot and Driving Range locations are now completed.
- **Stan mentioned that Randy's staff is down by 5 people. Work to staff these positions is ongoing, though it is difficult in these times.**
- **We have reached our quota on the number of squirrels that can be trapped. Randy and his crew, working with the city biologist, Phil, will continue to try to fill ground squirrel holes particularly where they come into play.**

Projects

- The low, often wet fairway area that is located about 200 yards out from the Hole #7 Green will be filled by the City on October 14 and 15. During this extensive earthwork, temporary tees will be set, so that modified play may continue.
- Paths will be seal-coated on October 11th and 12th. Such will require alternating closure of the front and back 9 holes.
- Architectural designs, including drainage and irrigation plans, for re-design and re-construction of the #2 and #12 Green Complexes will be sent out to bid this or next month. This delay was due to further review and still potential modification of RFP language to provide for additional rodent protection (wired) areas within the complexes. **Brady mentioned that he understands this project keeps getting delayed, but at least we are learning things to do or not to do based on smaller projects that we are working on – like how best to keep sand traps from being ruined by animals.**

Open Forum

- Bill thanked Dave Tuttle and the Michael's staff for their large parts in making the Jim Whitaker Memorial Tournament a success.
- James mentioned that we will have a meeting next month, and that the budgeting process for the next fiscal year will have started by then.