

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER


NO. 05-254

DATE September 21, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WILSON AND HARDING GOLF COURSES – EXEMPTION FROM GOLF TOURNAMENT POLICY TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVE USE OF BOTH COURSES ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 FOR A CHARITABLE TOURNAMENT CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 770 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ICAZA FOUNDATION

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve an exemption from the Golf Tournament Policy to allow use of all 36 holes of the Griffith Park Golf Complex, in order to permit United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 770, to conduct a "double shotgun" golf tournament on Monday, October 10, 2005, on both the Wilson and Harding Golf Courses.

SUMMARY:

Golf Tournament Policy permits shotgun golf tournaments on Mondays, but limits tournament access to one of the two golf courses at 36-hole facilities per day.

The term "shotgun" refers to the method for teeing off the foursomes. In a regular tournament, every foursome tees off on the first tee and plays the holes in numerical order finishing on the eighteenth hole. The first group could finish playing at least five hours earlier than when the last group finishes. This format makes scheduling banquets, meetings, or awards ceremonies difficult because the first players would have to wait several hours. In a shotgun format each foursome drives out to an assigned hole, begins play on that hole, then plays the holes in order until eighteen holes are played. If, for instance, a group tees off on number fourteen, it plays the holes in order through number eighteen, then drives to the number one tee and continues to play the holes in order until it finishes number thirteen. The advantage of a shotgun start is that all of the players finish playing approximately at the same time, facilitating an event after the game.

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The Golf Division received a request from United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), Local 770, to hold two large shotgun tournaments, starting at 8:00 a.m., on one day on the Wilson and Harding Golf Courses to benefit the Icaza Foundation. The Icaza Foundation benefits leukemia research in the quest to defeat leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndromes.

This request is supported by the past President of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission, Mike Roos. The request is also supported by the Golf Manager and the Golf Advisory Committee.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Regular non-tournament weekday green fees are \$22 per person. Shotgun tournaments players pay \$30 in green fees, \$12 to the electric cart concession, and a \$5 minimum guarantee to the restaurant and pro shop. Mondays are light play days, and the premium green fees paid by the tournament are anticipated to exceed the typical revenue for a Monday. The tournaments would begin at 8:00 a.m., and should be completed by 1:00 p.m., permitting public play after the tournament. Play has declined on the City golf courses, as well as throughout the country. This tournament will also benefit the Department as it is an opportunity to promote City of Los Angeles golf courses to numerous sponsors, members, and out of town guests. Many Local 770 members live in Los Angeles and will be exposed to these golf courses for the first time.

This board report prepared by James Ward, Golf Manager