

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-275

DATE October 6, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WILSON AND HARDING GOLF COURSES – REQUEST OF UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 770 TO WAIVE FEES DUE TO A MODIFIED START TIME (10:00 A.M.) FOR A SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR OCTOBER 10, 2005 AT 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board deny a request from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 770 (UFCW) to waive fees in the amount of \$2,816.00, assessed due to an unanticipated request to use the Griffith Park Golf Complex for an approved shotgun tournament on Monday, October 10, 2005 for two hours more than previously approved.

SUMMARY:

On September 21, 2005 the Board approved a golf tournament policy exemption for a double shotgun tournament on both Harding and Wilson golf courses by United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 770 (UFCW) (Board Report 05-254). The tournament was approved by the Board to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

On July 13, 2005 a letter was received from Rod Diamond, Secretary-Treasurer for UFCW Local 770, requesting a shotgun tournament "...beginning at 8 a.m. ..." This letter was the basis for the 8:00 a.m. start time in the report recommending the Board approve a golf tournament policy exemption. After the Board's approval, golf staff was made aware of subsequent advertisement to UFCW membership and arrangements for food and beverage at the golf course that referenced a 10:00 a.m. start time for the tournament. The tournament UFCW's committee informed staff that they assumed that an 8:00 a.m. start meant the start of the event--registration, continental breakfast, putting contest and other activities, with the actual tournament to begin at 10:00 a.m., concluding with a banquet following play. The actual 10:00 a.m. tournament start time was

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unknown to staff until after the original board report had been approved and the tournament's final details were being discussed.

The original tournament fee structure was based on 288 players at the shotgun tournament rate of \$30.00 per player to host this tournament beginning at 8:00 a.m. with an anticipated finish at 1:00 p.m. The total fee based on this structure would have been \$8,640.00. The two-hour delay in the start time would increase the cost of the tournament by \$2,816.00, for a new total tournament fee of \$11,456.00, due to the tournament ending two hours later than originally anticipated. The revenue that would be lost during the additional two hours is calculated at the non-tournament weekday rate of \$22.00 per person, assuming sixty-four players per course (i.e., $128 \times \$22.00 = \$2,816.00$).

The additional costs for the start delay were brought to the attention of the UFCW's tournament committee on September 29, 2005, at which time the UFCW sought a waiver of the additional fees. However, the premise of the Board's initial approval of the exemption from the policy to allow the double shotgun tournament was that the Department would recover all lost revenues from UFCW. Therefore, staff recommends against waiving the additional fees because the Department would lose \$2,816.00 in anticipated revenue that would not be reimbursed by the group benefiting from the exclusive use of two City golf courses to hold their tournament event.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Waiving this additional fee to accommodate the two-hour delay and corresponding additional use would result in a \$2,816.00 loss of revenue to the Department.

This board report prepared by James Ward, Golf Manager.