



COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

CAPITAL HILLS GOLF COURSE SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mike O'Brien, Chair

Meeting called by: Mike O'Brien, Chair Date: 02-22-21 Time: 5:30PM

Joseph Giebelhaus, Department of General Service

Frank Zeoli, Department of General Service

Invitees/Speakers Justin Atlas, Department of Recreation

Committee Members O'Brien, Chair Panunzio Jones Flynn Fahey Love Johnson

Present: Anane

Council Members

Present: Alfredo Balarin, Tom Hoey

City Personnel

Present: Danielle Gillespie, John-Raphael Pichardo

Minutes

Agenda Item (s): DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL HILLS GOLF COURSE WITH DEPT OF GENERAL SERVICES, DEPT OF RECREATION AND GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Discussion:

- Council Member O'Brien called meeting to order.

A meeting of the Capital Hills Golf Course Subcommittee was held on February 22, 2021 to discuss a Request For Proposals (RFP) as a first step towards evaluating some non-fairway portions of the golf course for various recreational/sports uses. At the prior meeting held on September 28, 2020, it was determined that the Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Recreation (Rec Dept) would work together to compose an RFP for a responsible firm with expertise in developing athletic/recreational fields to do the following:

1. Identify a site and identify any limitations that may hinder development
2. Complete a configuration assessment of proposed seasonal recreational sports fields.
3. Evaluate site access.
4. Evaluate parking and site amenities.

This RFP for professional landscape architecture/engineering services was subsequently published on February 25, 2021 and a copy is attached. The proposals are due on March 18, 2021 with a projected “kickoff meeting” with committee members on April 6, 2021. There would be further analysis performed by DGS, Rec Dept and Engineering with a presentation at the next meeting of the Capital Hills Golf Course Subcommittee to be held on May 24, 2021.

Some additional points discussed at the meeting were:

1. An expectation that golf course revenues would return to normal in 2021
2. This is the beginning of a process which will probably take about 3 to 5 years and will include stakeholder participation in the process

Public Comment:

Charlene Shafer, 5 Sawyer Place, Albany, NY 12208

Janice Gavin, 5 Ashwood Court

Paula Binyamin, 199 Euclid Ave

Adjourn:

Council member O’Brien asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded by Chairperson, and passed.

This meeting was held following Governor Cuomo’s executive order 202.1. It live streamed on [Facebook](#) using Zoom as the meeting platform.

Respectfully Submitted,
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