

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

March 19, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Michelle Wells

Date: 2026-02-10

Subject: Resolution 26-05, establishing the Golf Club Advisory Committee

Presenter(s): Michelle Wells, City Clerk

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-05 and the establishment of the Golf Club Advisory Committee.

Strategic Themes: Good Governance

Boards & Committees: Golf Club Advisory Committee

Budget Impact: N/A

Past Action: Consensus direction was provided at the February 3, 2026 Workshop to bring forward the finalized resolution for approval.

Next Action: Open application window, bring forward applications for review and selection, finalize initial membership.

Attachments: [A. Resolution 26-05 Establish Golf Club Advisory Committee.pdf](#)

Background: The Dunedin Golf Course opened January 1, 1927 but closed during the Depression. The architect, Donald Ross, designed over 400 courses and is known as one of the top golf architects of all time. His courses emphasized minimal dirt moving, natural beauty, and strategic challenges. He called Dunedin Golf Club his masterpiece.

The City of Dunedin became the owner of the golf course in 1938, and the course reopened in 1939. Since 1939 the golf course has been operated by different groups under an operating lease with the City of Dunedin. From 1945-1962 the course was named PGA National Golf Club and the club was run by the PGA of America. Thereafter, the course was managed by a Board of Directors appointed by the membership.

In 2022 plans were made to restore the golf course to the original of Donald Ross design. Golf course architect Kris Spence, a

Donald Ross restoration expert, was hired to restore the course focusing mainly on the greens and the bunkering. The restoration started March 1, 2024 at which time the City of Dunedin assumed full operational control of the course. At that time the City committed to forming a citizen advisory committee appointed by the City Commission to advise the City Commission and City Manager on matters concerning the course.