



**TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, January 19, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration  
900 S. Randolph Way, Mesquite Room  
Tucson, Arizona

## **Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

A quorum was established at 3:00 p.m. (start recording)

Committee members present: Thomas Flanagan (Mayor), Anthony Peralta (Ward 1), Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2), Ken Wiley (Ward 3)- \*joined the meeting at 3:14 p.m., Judy McDermott (Ward 6), and Larry Pagel (Ward 5), Ken Kavanaugh (P&R)

Committee members absent: John Antonnen (Ward 4) and David Kopec (P&R)

City staff in attendance: Greg Jackson (P&R)

OB Sports staff in attendance: Robb Palmgren (General Manager/Randolph Golf Complex), Matt Pfeifle (General Manager/Fred Enke), Matt Malloy (Senior Vice President of Operations), and Joe Madsen (General Manager – Silverbell Golf Course).

Public in attendance: None

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**A. September 15, 2022**

Motion was made by Mr. Flanagan to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022, duly seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. The item passed by a voice vote of 6 to 0.

**B. November 17, 2022**

Motion was made by Mr. Flanagan to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022, duly seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. The item passed by a voice vote of 6 to 0.

**3. Call to the Audience – None**

**4. Golf Course Operations Reports – OB Sports**

**A. Randolph/Dell Urich Detailed Report** – Mr. Palmgren provided report.

Troon (Golf & Club Management & Marketing) listed Randolph North as golfers' choice- #25 most improved golf courses in the United States.

**B. Randolph/Dell Urich Players First Report** – Mr. Palmgren provided report.

Survey-Exceeded the national benchmark with 66 score. 71% said that they would promote the golf course.

**C. El Rio and Silverbell, Fred Enke- General Report** Mr. Palmgren provided information.

Connect and meet with Best Buy to evaluate the facilities to see what type of equipment is needed to hang TV's. Order TV's through Best Buy and Geek Squad to do installation. Mr. Palmgren to set up the meeting in next couple of weeks.

**D. Tucson Golf Program** – Mr. Palmgren provided report.

Landon was selected as winner of the Southwest section PGA Player Development Award and receiving recognition for efforts with the Tucson Golf program as well as for one of the philosophies he teaches, called Operation 36. Mr. Landon ranked #50 nationwide as an Operation 36.

**5. Operating Revenues, Expenses, and Rounds Report – OB Sports**

Mr. Greg Jackson explained that the board did not receive a digital version of the information. The city converted the financial system to Workday and the information and the City system and OB Sports financial system have not been synced. The focus is going to be on revenue numbers and rounds of golf because accurate expenses numbers can't be provided at this time.

Mr. Palmgren provided the following report:

There were 18,770 rounds played system-wide in the month of December, which is approximately 847 rounds short of budget, and 794 rounds short of previous year. There were 7 more frost delays than last year in the month of December which affects cancellations. Year-to-date, 113,000 rounds and about 2,800 rounds behind budget, however, 1,700 rounds ahead of prior year.

Revenues for the month were a little over \$1,000,000. System-wide, exceeded budget by \$3,400. For the month, \$2,700 behind last year. Year-to-date, almost \$4.3 million which is approximately \$51,000 behind budget, and \$177,000 ahead of last year. Exceeding prior year numbers and last year was a solid year. Expenses not finalized yet due to Workday transition.

**6. Walking Paths and Mayor and Council Direction from December 6- Greg Jackson**

Mr. Jackson shared that in December, Mayor and Council gave direction to look at Randolph golf courses as a whole and think about connectivity as same as the Reid Park Master Plan, and to reimagine amenities such as clubhouses and locker rooms which have very old infrastructures. Also, to look at golf courses as opportunity to create park space around it. Mr. Jackson continued to say that the department reached out the consultant that helped with the Reid Park Master Plan. The consultant company gave a proposal which the department is reviewing. The department will do community engagement and receive feedback. The Greens Committee will be involved, and stakeholders have been identified. Questions and answers took place.

**7. Randolph North Irrigation Improvements and Pump and Treat Plant- Greg Jackson**

Mr. Jackson provided an update on the item. The department signed a contract with Wadsworth to begin looking at the irrigation system and had a kick-off meeting in December. The irrigation perspective is on hold until the community engagement process takes place; however, the GPS tracking activity to collect data will still happen. The data will help

determine which areas of the golf course are used; which areas are an opportunity to reduce turf; and which areas to replace ground material with other landscape elements.

Mr. Jackson reported that Tucson Water is putting in a pump and treat plant on the northwest corner of Randolph Golf Course. The purpose is to address contaminants in the drinking water but will result in free water to the golf courses. The project is in preliminary design.

There was a brief discussion.

**8. Update on Clubhouse and Restaurant Improvements at El Rio, Fred Enke and Silverbell**

Mr. Palmgren reported that El Rio is complete for the exception of the installation of the TV's and speakers. He also mentioned that the golf shop and restaurant at Silverbell is complete, and installation of TV and speaker will happen there as well. The project at Fred Enke will be completed in 3 or 4 weeks.

**9. Meeting Schedule and Time**

March 16, 2023, 3 p.m.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- CIP Review
- Alternate Recreational Uses of Golf Courses
- Tucson Clean and Beautiful Update
- Redoing Parking Lots

**11. Adjournment-**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Ms. McDermott made a motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Mr. Flanagan. The item passed by a voice vote of 6-0.