

TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration, Mesquite Room
900 S. Randolph Way
Tucson, Arizona

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Committee members present: Larry Pagel (Ward 5), Anthony Peralta (Ward 1), Ken Wiley (Ward 3), Danny Medina (Ward 4), and Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2)

Committee members absent: Brent Davis (Ward 6)

OB Sports staff in attendance: Matt Pfeifle (General Manager/Fred Enke), Brett Gilmore (General Manager/Randolph Golf Complex), Robert Spikes (General Manager/El Rio), Chris Soto (Director of Agronomy), and Matt Malloy (Senior Vice President of Operation).

OB Sports absent: Joe Madsen (General Manager/Silverbell)

City staff in attendance: Greg Jackson (P&R), Davita Mueller (DTM)

Public attendance: Nancy Kate Grayson, Bill Travis

2. Sun Tran Route by Silverbell - Davita Mueller

The agenda item was a request from the previous Call to the Audience, and an inquiry about extending Sun Tran bus service to Silverbell Road. Transit Planning Manager Davita Mueller addressed the agenda item and highlighted the obstacles that prevent the establishment of a bus stop at the location. Challenges include insufficient funding, a potential one-time expense to acquire property as overflow parking, and inability to accommodate a bus turnaround.

3. Approval of Minutes - March 27, 2025

Commissioner Danny Medina made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Ken Wiley to approve the minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Call to the Audience

Nancy Kate Grayson with Rodeo, Kittens and Pups Fostered in Tucson, Arizona, addressed the commission regarding a proposal to expand the bus service to Silverbell Road.

Bill Travis spoke to the committee regarding golf course usage and expressed concerns about maintenance at the different properties. Bill Travis is seeking funding to support necessary maintenance initiatives.

5. Golf Course Operations Reports - OB Sports:

Reports were provided in meeting materials.

A. Fred Enke Detailed Report:

Financial details were shared with the committee, reporting that March went smoothly. Additionally, progress on the Fred Enke Golf Course is moving forward successfully. Staff are carrying out normal tasks, including grass mowing and applying top dressing. The other city golf courses are receiving the same services. Sapphire, an herbicide designed to manage grass types, has been applied to the Fred Enke grounds. The other golf courses use a different and more cost-effective transitioning chemical that will gradually eliminate rye and promote Bermuda grass. Crews are maintaining lower cutting heights to encourage Bermuda grass growth and are carefully managing the water usage. Overall, golf course conditions are progressing significantly.

B. Fred Enke Player's First Report

The report was included in the meeting packets distributed prior to the meeting. Staff reviewed data with the board. The scores are above the benchmark.

C. Randolph/Dell Urich, El Rio and Silverbell- General Report:

There was no additional information provided.

6. Operating Revenues, Expenses, and Rounds Report- OB Sports

Revenues, expenses and rounds report were not available at the time of the meeting. The financial reports for March will be sent out when available. Troon is transitioning to a new accounting system, causing the delay.

7. Golf Course Security Systems and Vandalism- OB Sports

The Randolph Golf Complex General Manager Brett Gilmore shared a few updates. Staff are reviewing a proposal from Titan Alarm Company for a security system for the city golf courses. A security system will be in place soon.

8. Contracts for Golf Events

The item was a request from the previous meeting. There was discussion about raffle items that include liquor. Liquor items are not allowed to be opened at City golf courses due to State Liquor License requirements. The topic of legal requirements for streaming music was also addressed. A suggestion was made to include a contract fee for music. As contracts are currently being updated, staff will incorporate fee details into the revised contract language.

9. Randoph Reimagined Update- Greg Jackson

Deputy Director Greg Jackon spoke on the agenda item. There were no significant updates to share at this time.

10. Election of Officers

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The topic of holding an election for vice chair was discussed, as the position has been vacant for an extended period. Chairman Larry Pagel requested to add the item to the next agenda.

11. Meeting Schedule and Time-

May 15, 2025

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. Capital Improvement Program (TV's, restrooms, parking lots)
- B. City Manager Invite- Golf Improvement Fund
- C. Vice Chair Election

13. Adjournment – 3:41 p.m.

Commissioner Ken Wiley made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Danny Medina to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.