



TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 19, 2024, 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 3:01 p.m. (start recording)

Committee members present: Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2), Ken Wiley (Ward 3), Danny Medina (Ward 4), Larry Pagel (Ward 5), and Brent Davis (Ward 6).

Committee members absent: Anthony Peralta (Ward 1)

OB Sports staff in attendance: Matt Pfeifle (General Manager/Fred Enke), Robert Spikes (General Manager/El Rio), and Chris Soto (Director of Agronomy).

OB Sports staff absent: Matt Malloy (Senior Vice President of Operations), Robb Palmgren (General Manager/Randolph Golf Complex), and Joe Madsen (General Manager/Silverbell)

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

Public in attendance: Judy McDermott.

2. Recognition of New Committee Member- Brent Davis

The committee recognized and welcomed new committee member, Brent Davis.

3. Recognition of Judy McDermott

The committee recognized and commended former Commissioner, Judy McDermott for her service on the committee. Ms. Judy McDermott served on the committee for eight years.

4. Approval of Minutes- July 18, 2024

There was no discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Davis, duly seconded by Commissioner, Gabriel Nunez to accept the July 18, 2024, minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 5-0.

5. Call to the Audience

There was no audience.

6. Golf Course Operations Reports- OB Sports:

Reports were provided previously with meeting materials.

A. Silverbell Detailed Report:

Chris Soto reported that staff are preparing to oversee the main course at the Silverbell Golf Course. The Nicholas Tree Removal Service removed damaged trees and hanging branches from the last major storm. Staff received bids for service at the Del Urich Golf Course and Randolph Golf Course. The crew's cleaned the bunkers and worked on beautifying the parking lots at the Silverbell Golf Course.

Staff are treating weeds at all the courses with preemergence to assist with reducing the number of weeds.

B. Silverbell Player's First Report:

The Silverbell Player's First Report was provided to the committee previously. There was no additional information provided. There was no discussion.

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

The overseed projects at the Fred Enke Golf Course and Del Urich Golf Course have been completed. A plant growth regulator was used for preparation. Staff hammered a heavy rate to suppress the Bermuda from growing then seed was placed on top of the regulator. The projects were successful and had no issues. Staff are working on a sod project at the El Rio Golf Course. Mr. Chris Soto reported that the greens at the El Rio Golf Course have improved immensely. The bunker presentation and edging have improved the visual appearance. Staff continue to work to improve the potholes and water build up as well as trimming low hanging trees.

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

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson reported that there is no report for the Operating Revenues, Expenses, and Rounds item. Mr. Jackson offered to email the report to the committee when Mr. Jackson receives the information.

8. Television Cost for Silverbell, Randolph and Fred Enke- OB Sports

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson spoke on the agenda item. Staff received television price information for Silverbell and Randolph Golf Course. The television installations at Fred Enke and El Rio are completed.

The television installation cost for Silverbell is \$11,854 and the price quote for Randolph is \$11,850. Staff will hold on to the quotes and consider implementing as staff observe revenue expenses as the year moves forward.

9. Golf course Security Systems and Vandalism

Mr. Greg Jackson mentioned that Mr. Rob Palmgren has information for the agenda item, and Mr. Palmgren is not in attendance. The agenda item will be placed on the next agenda.

10. Volunteer Recognition

Staff are in the process of implementing a volunteer program. Mr. Matt Pfeifle reported that staff organized a rough draft for the Tucson City Golf Divots Volunteer program. The program is based on hours worked. Prizes may include apparel from the golf shop and staff uniforms. Staff will also include a range pass or \$50.00 gift cards. Ideas for the program were shared during the meeting. The suggestions from the committee were calendar tracking on a yearly basis and conducting recognitions with Mayor and Council in the first quarter of the following year and as second option, the recognitions can be conducted with the Parks and Recreation Department.

11. Surcharge

The committee had a discussion regarding the implementation of a surcharge. Different recommendations for a surcharge program were discussed as well.

Motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Davis, duly seconded by Commissioner, Gabriel Nunez to approve the implementation of a committee to organize surcharge initiative. The surcharge committee to present information at the next meeting.

All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 5-0.

The subcommittee members were identified as Chair- Larry Pagel, Deputy Director-Greg Jackson, Commissioner-Brent Davis, and Rob Palmgren. Mr. Jackson will coordinate a meeting for the initiative.

12. Drainage Issue at Silverbell

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson explained the background information on the drainage issue at Silverbell Golf Course. Mr. Jackson provided a map during the presentation of information. The golf property was owned previously by Golf. Golf sold the property in 2004 at an auction for \$2.3 million to Estes Land Development Company. Golf sold the property because of on-going issues with the property and methane gas that came from the ground. Mr. Jackson continued to explain that the Estes Land Development Company requested a slope easement. The Estes Land Development Company received a slope easement from the city. During this time, a person from golf approved that Estes Land Development Company allow water drainage onto the property line. In addition, the agreement includes a requirement to keep trees alive. There were ten trees initially and currently, there is one tree. The Development Services agrees with the Parks Department that there is a legitimate reason to return to the developer and request assistance. Mr. Jackson shared photos of the drainage and erosion areas. Mr. Jackson also shared an idea to build a stormwater structure and install heavy landscape in the area as well as replanting of trees to assist with the storm water and drainage issue. Staff will pursue the subject matter and provide updates to the committee.

13. Randolph Reimagined Update- Greg Jackson

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided an update on the Randolph Reimagined program. The contract with the consultants has been finalized and executed. The department has hired *Duininck Golf* and *Norby Golf Design* for the Randolph Reimagined initiative. Staff scheduled small group stakeholder meetings with the various communities, including neighborhood and club leaders, recreation users, business and non-profit organizations, and special event partners.

14. Meeting Schedule and Time

November 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

15. Future Agenda Items

Surcharge

Randolph Reimagined

16. Adjournment – 4:01 p.m.

Mr. Ken Wiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gariel Nunez. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.