



TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 18, 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 3:02 p.m. (start recording)

Committee members present: Anthony Peralta (Ward 1), Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2), Larry Pagel (Ward 5), and Judy McDermott (Ward 6).

Committee members absent: Ken Wiley (Ward 3) and Danny Medina (Ward 4)

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

OB Sports staff in attendance: Robb Palmgren (General Manager/Randolph Golf Complex), Joe Madsen (General Manager/Silverbell), Matt Pfeifle (General Manager/Fred Enke), Robert Spikes (General Manager/El Rio), and Chris Soto (Director of Agonomy).

Public in attendance: There was no one in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes- May 16, 2024

Ms. Judy McDermott made a motion to approve the May 16, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Anthony Peralta. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Call to the Audience

There was no audience.

4. Golf Course Operations Reports- OB Sports:

Reports were provided previously with meeting materials.

A. El Rio Detailed Report:

Mr. Robert Spikes and Chris Soto spoke on the items. It was reported that there were just over 3,563 rounds for the month. There were over 52,500 rounds recorded for the fiscal year and 3000 rounds ahead of budget. The revenue areas were up or at budget for the month. There were 773 club rounds. A few small events took place including golf tournaments as well as Sunnyside boosters, and the PGA Junior League. To add, Disc golf takes place on Monday afternoons. There were over 2,500 rounds of disc golf which is roughly over \$33,000 in revenue. The average ticket was \$13.28.

Mr. Soto reported the grass continues to grow. Aerifications were done in June. Staff are managing the height of grass on the greens and trying to bring it down. The recent storm caused a lot of damage and extra work for the crew. Staff worked hard to get areas cleaned up and playable. Currently, there is a bid for some specific trees especially the one on 11. Staff continue to slice and open areas around the course to promote Bermuda grass growth and those area with voids. Staff continue with aerification of tees as well. Mr. Soto has a plan for number 7 with focusing on going after those dilapidated areas. Recently, the Sand Pro went down and the bunkers haven't been groomed as much. Mr. Anthony Peralta inquired about the aerator in the lake. Mr. Soto explained that the smell was always the biggest issue. Staff keep dye packs in the lake to block out the light which keeps the sun from allowing the algae to bloom.

B. El Rio Player's First Report:

Information was reviewed with the committee.

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

Staff continue to promote grass growth at Silverbell. Staff are on a big tree cleanup, currently. Mr. Soto spoke briefly about the PFAs plant at Randolph, and the main line should be fully connected today. Then staff can get the water back on at the 7 fairways. The team has done a good job trying to maintain moisture in those areas.

Mr. Soto said that Fred Enke transitioned very well. Staff continue to try to promote Bermuda grass growth and prep for the overseeding season. In January, staff replaced a valve that allowed better pressure to the driving range and then a T valve was dug up in 9 fairway that staff managed to open. The valve was sealed closed. There is now a full loop of pressure for holes 1 and 9 that will drastically improve how those areas are watered. In addition, a mainline crack at Fred Enke was repaired as well.

Deputy Director, Jackson and Commissioner Peralta inquired about the overseeding schedule and asked if the overseeding at El Rio and Silverbell will be done at the same time. Mr. Soto said they are scheduled for the same time. Overseeding will take place at Fred Enke along with Del Urich in September. Overseeding will take place in October for El Rio, Silverbell and Randolph Golf Course. Ms. Judy McDermont mentioned that there is an agreement with the city to not overseed El Rio, and the course will be in better shape if the course was not overseeded. Ms. McDermont also said that she thought it was decided that there would be one course every year that didn't get overseeded to give it a rest. There was an extensive discussion.

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

Mr. Rob Palmgren mentioned staff do not have final financials for June as staff are reconciling items. The revenues for the month were \$660,078 ahead of budget and 5,000 behind prior year. Year to date hit the \$11 million mark for a first time ever. Revenue budget is ahead by \$347,000, and \$1 million ahead of prior year. With the new rate ordinance in place, the average green fee is up \$2.79 per rounds month to date. The range revenue for the month was \$13,000 ahead of budget. The year to date for range revenue is \$106,000 ahead of budget and is \$82,000 ahead of prior year. The rounds for the month is 18,000 which 639 ahead of budget and 2,600 behind prior year. There was 263,994 rounds year to date which is 4,500 ahead of budget and 9,100 ahead of prior year.

6. Volunteer Recognition

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson introduced the item and the idea of a letter or something to thank the volunteers that take time to work on the courses. Mr. Matt Pfeifle suggested an award once a year and name the award, John Antonen Volunteer Award. It was decided to gather some ideas and bring the item back to the next committee meeting.

7. Randolph Reimagined Update

Mr. Jackson provided an update and mentioned that it was hoped to be under contract by June, however, the negotiations have taken much longer than anticipated. Staff will have a contract in the next few weeks.

8. Meeting Schedule and Time-

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

9. Future Agenda Items

Cost estimate for new televisions at Silverbell, Randolph and Fred Enke.

Randolph Reimagined as a standing item.

Drainage at Silverbell

El Rio menu

El Rio cart windshields

10. Adjournment – 3:49 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Peralta made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gariel Nunez. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4-0.