



TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 21, 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 3:00 p.m. (start recording)

Committee members present: Anthony Peralta (Ward 1), Ken Wiley (Ward 3), Larry Pagel (Ward 5), and Judy McDermott (Ward 6).

Committee members absent:
Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2)

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), Matt Malloy (Senior Vice President of Operations) and Chris Soto (Director of Agonomy).

Public in attendance: There was no one in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes- January 18, 2024

Mr. Ken Wiley made a motion to approve the January 18, 2024, minutes, seconded by Ms. Judy McDermont. 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. Fred Enke Detailed Report:

Mr. Matt Pfeifle reported there were 4,600 rounds for the month of February and budgeted for 3,860. Budget is over 700 rounds. Revenues for the month were \$69,000 over budget and \$32,000 over year-to-date budget. The facility hosted a few events in the month of April including the American Legion Post 23, and the Fred Enke's Men's Major's Memorial with 64 players. A commercial shoot for KOLD took place as well.

Mr. Chris Soto reported that staff started out in January replacing a main line valve that allows them to get more pressure to the driving range and practice positive. Mr. Soto said that the guys have done a good in presentation and the playability has been exceptional. Staff were able to needle tine the greens just once around and then applying pre-emergent to prevent goose and crab grass from coming up this season. There is one more main line valve that staff plan to fix which is in the fairway of #9. It was discovered that it doesn't allow water to flow from one direction. Once staff can equalize the pressure, there will be better utilization of the heads on holes #1 and #9. There will be overall better irrigation and pressure. Mr. Soto thanked the crews for their work. Staff partnered with KOLD to do a series of commercials; digital marketing, and email campaigns through KOLD with focus on El Rio, Fred Enke and Silverbell. Part of the campaign is for the Tucson Golf Program.

B. Fred Enke Player's First Report:

The Fred Enke Player's First Report was provided previously to the board. Mr. Robb Palmgren explained that the report was run for the months of January and February. The report metrics showed to mostly exceed benchmark. There are a few items that are in line with the benchmark.

Mr. Palmgren explained that the restaurant was closed last Sunday due to issues with the floor drains in the kitchen. The drains began backing up on Saturday then a plumber was sent out for repair on Sunday. Staff were unable to get a plumber out in time to clear the drains. The drains were full, and staff could not run any of the sinks to wash their hands. Per health code law, the restaurant had to close. The drain blockage is caused by food. The situation was addressed to staff.

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

There was no discussion.

D. Tucson Golf Program:

There was no discussion.

5. Operating revenues, expenses, and rounds report- OB Sports

Mr. Palmgren explained that January was a bad month with the weather issues. The month of February was a much better month with revenues at approximately \$1.14 million. Month to date, \$164,000 ahead of budget and \$278,000 ahead of prior year. Revenues year to date are approximately \$6.7 million and approximately \$3,000 behind budget and approximately \$659,000 ahead of prior year. Mr. Palmgren said that the new rate ordinance that is in place has increased the average green fee \$2.74 per round, and that's over the prior year. The range revenue was up \$28,000 over the previous year in the month of February. Expenses were \$668,000 for the month, and \$11,000 over budget and \$20,000 less than the prior year. Year to date, \$7 million in expenses which is about \$384,000 over budget and \$708,000 over prior year. The \$487,000 of that is due to the livable minimum wage increase. \$50,000 of that is for tree work at Randolph. Water

is over with approximately \$250,000 for the year, currently. Mr. Palmgren said that the billing looks correct, but staff need to look at the meters. Staff plan to investigate to see if there are any issues with leaks. Staff anticipate a water credit to hit in March or April, and based on usage that water credit should be stronger. It is hoped that the credit will offset some of the overage.

The rounds for the month were 24,274. Ahead of budget by 2,600, and 3,400 ahead of prior year. The rounds for year to date is approximately 165,000 which is about 2,100 behind budget and about 10,5000 ahead of prior year.

6. Randolph Reimagined- Greg Jackson

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided an update and explained the current RFQ process which has been closed out but runs through end of February or early March. The project will begin when a contract is in place. Staff received three proposals. The previous contract with Wadsworth to do the turf reduction and irrigation replacement on Randolph North has been cancelled. Mr. Jackson explained that staff cannot keep the contract for three or four years while this process is in place. Mr. Jackson continued to explain the next processes to the board. The department received approval from the Mayor and Council to proceed with trying to look at how do we expand the pathway along 22nd Street as well as what accommodations that must be made to Dell Urich to do that. Staff will go through a community engagement process and course design then go back to the community. Other improvements ideas will be taken back to the Mayor and Council for direction. There was discussion.

7. Meeting Schedule and Time

May 16, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

8. Future Agenda Items

PFAS Presentation
Randolph Reimagined (standing item)

9. Adjournment – 3:32 p.m.

Ms. Judy McDermott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ken Wiley. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4-0.