CITY OF TUCSON PARKS & RECREATION

TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 21, 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 3:01 p.m. (start recording)

Committee members present: Larry Pagel (Ward 5), Anthony Peralta (Ward 1), Gabriel Nunez (Ward 2), Ken Wiley (Ward 3), and Brent Davis (Ward 6)

Committee members absent: Danny Medina (Ward 4)

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), Joe Madsen (General Manager/Silverbell), and Matt Malloy (Senior Vice President of Operation).

OB Sports absent: None

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

Public attendance: None

2. Approval of Minutes- May 15, 2025

Commissioner Brent Davis made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Gabriel Nunez to approve the May 15, 2025, minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the public were present.

4. Golf Course Operations Reports - OB Sports:

The reports were included in the meeting packets distributed prior to the meeting.

A. El Rio Detailed Report:

Staff discussed the report contents. El Rio hosted multiple activities including a Callaway Fitting Day Experience, Friday Nite 9 Hole 4 Person Blind Draw Scramble and Friday Fish Fry.

Staff are preparing for overseed in October. Staff continue to regulate grass conditions and fertilize to encourage growth in sparse areas. It is anticipated that El Rio will receive a delivery of seed product next month. Tree maintenance was carried out around the course as well.

B. El Rio Player's First Report

It was noted that while rounds were lower, the merchandise revenues increased.

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

There was comment made indicating that the potholes at Silverbell Golf Course will be addressed. It was also mentioned that staff are in the process of replacing the ball machines at the golf courses.

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

Staff reviewed the financials with the committee. The revenues for golf fees and merchandise sales showed great progress. It was noted that most of the sales from merchandise comes from clothing items. Food and beverage revenue remains same, with no increase or decrease.

6. Tree Replacement

Deputy Director Greg Jackson gave a brief overview of the protocol for tree replacements concerning irrigation. Tree replacements shall include adequate irrigation, typically through a dedicated drip system. Irrigation needs are evaluated as part of ongoing projects. A mixture of trees including only native trees are used for planting projects. It was noted that non-native trees do not handle hot temperatures well.

7. Del Urich and 22nd Street Improvements Recommendation- Greg Jackson

Deputy Director Greg Jackson introduced the agenda item, mentioning that a recommendation was made to the Parks and Connection Bond Oversight Commission to not use bond funds to replace the entire irrigation system at the Del Urich facility. The Del Urich irrigation system is in good working condition with approximately ten years remaining in its lifecycle. The Randolph North irrigation system will be replaced as it is nearing its end-of-life term. Funds have been allocated for the irrigation replacement project at Dell Urich. The Del Urich and 22nd Street improvement program is at 60% design. The U.S. Army Corps will evaluate the proposed changes. It is anticipated that the project will begin in summer of 2026.

8. Meeting Schedule and Time

It was consensus of the committee not to hold a meeting in September and reconvening in October.

9. Future Agenda Items

- A. Capital Improvement Program (TV's, restrooms, parking lots)
- B. City Manager Invite- Golf Improvement Fund
- C. PFAS Well Update

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10. Adjournment – 4:10 p.m.

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