



City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department

TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Tucson Greens Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2006. The meeting was held at Tucson Parks and Recreation, Randolph Golf Complex, Cactus Room, 600 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona.

Committee Members present: Bill Ismay, Jim Benjamin, Don Bowerman, Judy McDermott and Frank Salbego.

City Staff in Attendance: Fred Gray (Director, Parks and Recreation), Mike Hayes (Deputy Director for Golf), Brent Newcomb (Golf Administrator), Steve Moors (Golf Superintendent), Tom Tatum (Golf Pro – Randolph), Pam Drake (Golf Pro – Fred Enke), Jim Goettel (Golf Pro – El Rio) and Sean Nicholson (Maintenance Supervisor – Randolph).

1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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- 5 members present
- 3 members absent
- 1 seat vacant
- 1 advisory member absent

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) September 21, 2006**
- b) October 26, 2006**

Mr. Benjamin made a motion to approve the September and October minutes.
Mr. Bowerman seconded the motion.
All approved, 5-0.

3) CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

None

4) SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Hayes announced the upcoming “Family Festival in the Park”, Saturday, November 18, and the Ping and Nike Demo Day TCG will be hosting at Randolph in conjunction with this event.

Mr. Hayes announced that TCG had a full field of 18 teams signed up for the Willie Kane Memorial Senior Club Cup.

5) GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Newcomb said conditions overall were still very good, due in part to not having had a hard frost yet.

Mr. Salbego mentioned the number of dead trees on Dell Urich. Mr. Hayes responded that the Tree Trimmers from Parks and Recreation would be addressing some of those issues.

Ms. McDermott asked Mr. Newcomb to explain a comment regarding the inadequacies of the El Rio irrigation system. Mr. Newcomb responded that state of the art systems irrigate from the edges of the fairways, and that old style is large sprinklers down the center, which is what we did at El Rio, due to cost constraints.

Mr. Salbego mentioned the unsightly shack on #6 at El Rio. Mr. Newcomb responded that TCG had a contract to the lake aerator installed at Silverbell, and to remedy this problem at El Rio.

Mr. Ismay, asked that the Maintenance Report be forwarded with the remainder of the packet so the members could have more time to review it. Mr. Hayes told him would be taken care of in the future.

6) SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

a) Golf Course Maintenance Inspection / Standards

Mr. Salbego said he was available Tuesdays or Thursdays to inspect.

b) City Amateur

Mr. Hayes reported that there were 64 men signed up for the Senior City Amateur; and 19 women for the Women’s City Amateur.

7) WATER COOLERS – DISCUSSION – MR. BOWERMAN

Mr. Hayes told the Committee that TCG had received the ice chilled water fountains, and would hope to have a crew begin installation soon at Silverbell.

8) FIRST TEE / EL RIO – UPDATE

Ms. McDermott reported that programming is going well. She mentioned a full day of First tee Coaches training was held November 13, and thanked Mr. Hayes and his golf professional staff who attended.

Mr. Hayes mentioned that channel 58 does a golf show each month and that Dave Noble talking about the First Tee Program would be part of TCG's portion of the December show.

Mr. Ismay asked about the program of getting a nickel for old golf balls. Mr. Hayes explained that it is actually a five-cent credit awarded to TCG for Driving Range equipment. He and Mr. Goettel both said that many golfers bring many old golf balls to El Rio for donation.

Mr. Ismay thought TCG should make Clubs and Groups aware of this program. He believes other golfers would like to contribute.

9) SILVERBELL RENOVATION – UPDATE

Mr. Hayes reported the course had been very busy. He added that the new carts should be on property by December 15.

10) MAXIMIZING REVENUE SOURCES – DISCUSSION – MR. PAGEL

Mr. Salbego thought TCG having coupons in the Entertainment Book was a great idea.

Mr. Benjamin mentioned that he believes the A.G.A. may be a good source to work and/or partner with for increasing rounds played.

11) D.I.V.O.T.S. – UPDATE

The 2006 Divots Recognition Day will be Thursday, December 14, at Silverbell Golf Course. The day calls for a 10 A.M. Shotgun start golf event, followed by lunch in the Clubhouse at 2 P.M. At 3 P.M., the monthly meeting of the Tucson Greens Committee will follow lunch.

12) BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Moors reported that these figures probably included most of the large expenditures for overseeding.

13) GOLF PLAY STATISTICS

14) CONCESSIONS REPORT

15) CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Rudy Turner, 7828 E. 34th Street, Tucson - Asked if Greens Committee Minutes and Meeting Notices could be sent to Club representatives.

16) NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, December 14, 2006, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M., at the Silverbell Golf Course, Clubhouse.

17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Greens Committee Agenda to Club Reps – Mr. Salbego
City Attorney Opinion on Call to the Audience – Mr. Salbego
Quarterly Newsletter – Mr. Benjamin
Improved Communication with Clubs – Mr. Ismay

18) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bowerman made a motion to adjourn.
Ms.. McDermott seconded the motion.
The motion passed 5 – 0.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.