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**City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department**

**TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Tucson Greens Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2007. 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, Larry Pagel, Frank Salbego, Cyril Shettleroe and Scott Webster. Judy McDermott was absent. Advisory Member Dr. David Kopec was also present.

City Staff in Attendance: Fred Gray (Director), Mike Hayes (Deputy Director for Golf), Brent Newcomb (Golf Administrator), Tom Tatum (Golf Pro – Randolph), Pam Drake (Golf Pro – Fred Enke), Jim Goettel (Golf Pro – El Rio), Paul Noonan (Golf Pro – Silverbell).

**1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

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- 7 members present
- 1 member absent
- 1 seat vacant
- 1 advisory member present

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bowerman asked for a change to his comments regarding inactive DIVOTS. Originally this read . . .

“Mr. Bowerman suggested that volunteers who have not donated any hours for a period of time to be determined”

After the correction it reads . . .

Mr. Bowerman suggested that volunteers who have not donated any hours for a period of time to be determined, be eliminated from the DIVOTS Roster.

Mr. Pagel asked that his comment regarding be changed from

He suggested we consider our current policies on Club and Group play, Employee golf and additional discounts in order to stimulate play on these days of the week.

After the correction it reads . . .

He suggested we re-consider our current policies on Club and Group play, Employee golf and additional discounts in order to stimulate play on these days of the week.

Mr. Bowerman made a motion to approve the minutes, with these corrections.  
Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion.  
All approved, 7-0.

### **3) CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **4) SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mr. Hayes announced that Jim Goettel successfully competed for the Golf Professional position at El Rio Golf Course.

Mr. Pagel mentioned the Mayor's Challenge, and thought it had big possibilities.

### **5) GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. Newcomb gave his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Bowerman asked about the white lines around the greens at El Rio. Mr. Newcomb replied that Maintenance would be extending the greens to those lines, re-capturing the intended size.

Mr. Bowerman also asked if the Hosts at all courses should ask the golfers to take a Sand and Seed bottle with them. Mr. Hayes and the Golf Pros agreed that would be a good idea.

Mr. Pagel asked who was responsible for the Community Service Workers at Silverbell. He was told Mr. Noonan was that person. Mr. Pagel believes they have done some good things and asked if they could paint yardage markers, and possibly the doors on the Comfort Stations. Staff replied that would be discussed.

Mr. Benjamin commented he appreciates the work being done at Fred Enke to remove the Desert Broom, and clean up the desert.

**6) SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**a) Golf Course Maintenance Inspection / Standards**

Mr. Salbego reported that he inspected Fred Enke with Richard Harris on January 9. He believes the course is in very good shape. He liked the sod work that had been done there. He thought the incidents of vandalism on the course were unfortunate.

He also suggested that a bunker be placed on the front right of #3 green to prevent balls from rolling down in to the wash.

Mr. Newcomb asked the Committee to consider advising him to remove the Pepper tree behind #6 green. He also asked that consideration be given removing the bunker through the 16th fairway.

Mr Salbego commented that he does not believe that tree should be removed.

**b) City Amateur**

None

**7) QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – MR. BENJAMIN**

Mr. Hayes asked if there were any questions regarding the memo on this topic. Mr. Benjamin said he understood.

Mr. Ismay said the added communication could not be a bad thing.

**8) TUCSON CITY GOLF STAFF PLAYING ON A RESERVATION – MR. PAGEL**

Mr. Gray told the Committee that City policy prevented him from granting a benefit to staff that's not available to the general public. Although he said it is something that may be reconsidered in the future.

**9) FIRST TEE / EL RIO – UPDATE**

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Goettel reported that programming and classes are continuing.

**10) MAXIMIZING REVENUE SOURCES – DISCUSSION – MR. PAGEL**

Mr. Hayes stated that the over-built situation in the Tucson area has created a very competitive market for the individual golfer. He continued that getting incremental rounds from existing golfer is one of the primary reasons for updating staff's customer service training.

Mr. Pagel suggested that TCG extends the Summer Pass to eight (8) or months

Mr. Benjamin added that he thought the Demo Days on the Driving Range were a good idea. Mr. Hayes replied that Ping and Callaway reps would be at the Randolph Range on weekends, on a regular basis.

**11) D.I.V.O.T.S. – UPDATE**

Mr. Bowerman thanked Mr. Moors for removing those who had not gave any hours in the past year.

**12) BUDGET REPORT**

**13) GOLF PLAY STATISTICS**

Mr. Pagel asked why play is down so much at El Rio and Fred Enke.

Mr. Pagel also commented that he believed that if effort was made to improve appearances at the Fred Enke range that range that revenues would increase.

**14) CONCESSIONS REPORT**

**15) CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

None

**16) NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Thursday, February 22, 2007, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M., at the Randolph Golf Complex, Cactus Room.

**17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Golf 520 Update – Mr. Salbego  
Management Software Update – Mr. Benjamin  
Sling Box for Silverbell Clubhouse – Mr. Pagel

**18) ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Salbego made a motion to adjourn.  
Mr. Webster seconded the motion.  
The motion passed 7-0.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.