



Minutes Golf Committee September 5, 2007

Minutes of the Golf Committee meeting held on September 5, 2007, 7:00 a.m., at Ken McDonald Golf Course, 800 E. Divot Dr.

Members Present:

Robert Marshak, Chair
Dennis Brady
Arnold Davis
John Bebbiling, Vice-Chair
Alex Walsh
Jim Harelson
Fred Wood
Robert Lofgren

Members Absent:

Fletcher Zimpfer

City Staff Present:

Sam Thompson, Deputy Manager Parks and Recreation – Parks Services
Gladys Pedron, Administrative Assistant – Parks Services
Mike Armfield, Recreation Supervisor - Parks and Recreation
Tim Pfannenstien, Parks & Golf Course Supervisor - Parks and Recreation

Golf Course Concessionaires Present:

Jim Bellows, Golf Concessionaire
Bob Lockhart, Golf Pro Shop
Jennifer Marsh, Golf Pro Shop
James Godfrey, Food and Beverage Concessionaire

Meeting convened at 7:00 a.m.

Robert Marshak called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2007 Meeting

Minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting were accepted as written.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Golf course conditions report - maintenance updates

Tim Pfannenstien, Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor, provided an update on course maintenance activities at both courses.

1. Working with Purchasing on leasing small equipment – appx. \$300,000 for both courses.
2. Rolling Hills – pump station on the north side has been restored and there are on-going main line repairs.
3. Ken McDonald - converting 2500 sprinkler heads from impact heads to gear driven heads. Impact heads are no longer repaired or sold. Had to address pump stations and aerations on the lake. The algae and odor have gone away.

Agenda Item 4 – Over-seeding schedules for both courses

Tim Pfannenstien, Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor, provided the over-seeding schedule.

1. Closing both courses 9-24-07 and re-opening on 10-4-07.
2. Spraying both courses with growth retardant on 9-5-07.
3. On Monday 9-10-07 the front side of Ken McDonald will be scalped and the south side of Rolling Hills will be scalped.
4. The range and restaurants at both courses will be open.

Agenda Item 5 – Update on the status of the Western Canal Bike Path project

Sam Thompson, Deputy Manager-Parks Services, Parks and Recreation Department, provided the updates on the Western Canal Bike Path project.

1. There was a delay on the start date because of an issue with SRP and light poles. This has been resolved.
2. The target start date is January 2008 – for the AZ Mills site not for the golf course area.
3. The plans have not changed. Construction should last about one year.

Agenda Item 6 – Update on rounds/revenue of the Golf Enterprise

Sam Thompson, Deputy Manager-Parks Services, Parks and Recreation Department, reviewed the recent totals for rounds and revenue at both courses.

1. Both courses are still down from last year.
2. Play is down across the valley. Too hot to play.

Agenda Item 7 – Update on greens fee increase

Sam Thompson, Deputy Manager-Parks Services, Parks and Recreation Department, provided information on the greens fee increase.

1. Increase will go into effect November 1st at Ken McDonald only.
2. Fees are still lower than other municipalities in the valley.
3. Bob Marshak made a motion to change the reservation process to allow one Tempe resident to make a tee time, weekdays or weekends, instead of two Tempe residents.

4. Fred Wood seconds the motion – all in favor – no opposition. It was noted they want this motion approved by the City quickly.

Agenda Item 8 – Update on Rolling Hills restaurant concessionaire

Mike Armfield, Community Services Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department, provided an update on the Rolling Hills restaurant concessionaire.

1. Pete Kotsakis' contract finalized 8-1-07.
2. The restaurant transitioned a month early on 7-1-07.
3. Infrastructure of the restaurant is coming along – good progress. New signs, décor, and furniture.
4. A restaurant manager has been hired – Danon Law.
5. Keeping the same name – Rolling Hills 19th Tee.

Agenda Item 9 – Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. Nominations for Chairman: Alex Walsh nominated Fred Wood; Dennis Brady nominated Bob Marshak which was second by Fred Wood then John Bebbling. All in favor of Bob Marshak as Chairman again.
2. Nominations for Vice-Chairman: Bob Marshak nominated John Bebbling which was second by Fred Wood. All in favor of John Bebbling as Vice-Chairman again.

Agenda Item 10 – Chair/Board Member Comments

1. Bob Marshak mentioned the Ad Hoc Committee report from Alex Walsh. The committee is operating and there will be more meetings.
2. This was the last meeting for Arnold Davis.
3. Arnold Davis and Fletcher Zimpfer have termed out. Thank you to Fletcher and Arnold for their participation in the Golf Committee.
4. Make a recommendation/motion to Andrew Ching, City Attorney, to keep the Golf Committee as it currently stands reporting to City Council with advice from Parks and Recreation. Bob Marshak made a motion that the Golf Committee remain as it is, independent, rather than become a standing committee under the Parks and Recreation Board. Second by Alex Walsh – all in favor – no opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

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