



PUBLIC GOLF COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022
Conference Room 330



I. Call Meeting to Order

President Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Jim Sandness, Steve Kinney, Thomas Griggs, Amanda Crosby, Jessica Peterson

Not Present: David Demmer, Aaron Gorman, Dan Baumgartner, Tammy Sundbom

Quorum was not met for this meeting.

III. Presentations and Informational Updates

- A. New Committee Member
- B. Golf Operator RFP Update

Kinney questioned how widespread was the posting of the RFP. Manager Peterson stated that they used standard posting process, as well as pushing out to operators who had expressed prior interest. Stated that an open Q&A was held for operators to ask questions, and there were 6-7 operators in that meeting, though only one proposal came through. Stated that the renovation process may make it a possible risk for a new operator to sign on.

Kinney questioned what the timeframe is for the new contract. Peterson stated it is designed to be a 3 year contract with a possible additional 2 years should certain terms be met.

Griggs questioned whether reducing the number of golf courses will impact profitability for operators. Peterson stated that they expect it to increase profit for operators, as it will reduce staffing, maintenance costs and consolidate into one course.

Griggs questioned whether the terms of the contract allow them to share in the profits or if they get a flat fee. Peterson stated that the agreement sets a threshold of expected revenue to the City as base level. Stated they did offer the opportunity for operators to propose another financial model.

C. Enger Golf Course Renovation Update

Kinney questioned whether the Buckingham Creek restoration would have any impact on the irrigation of the golf course. Peterson stated that the irrigation system will come from a single water storage pond, not from Buckingham Creek. Stated that the DNR's restoration project brings in dollars to create the irrigation system.

Sandness questioned where this pond would be. Peterson stated that the final design is still in progress. Sandness questioned how the pond would be filled. Peterson stated that the City would pump water into it if rainwater is not sufficient.

Kinney questioned if the grant is a sure thing. Peterson stated that we are moving through a sequence with the DNR. Stated the DNR has received funding through other sources, which is the first step of this sequence. Stated that they expect it to be a strong grant proposal.

Sandness questioned if the clubhouse renovations are a sure thing. Peterson stated that there is a good level of confidence.



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Kinney questioned what kind of budget there is for preparing Lester to reopen next spring. Peterson stated that this is part of the terms in the contract negotiations. Stated that Indigo has taken Lester into consideration for their 2022 budget.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m., Conference Room 330