

OKLAHOMA CITY GOLF COMMISSION

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A meeting of the Oklahoma City Golf Commission was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at Lake Hefner Golf Course, 4491 S. Lake Hefner Drive.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mick Cornett, Chair
D. Eliot Yaffe
Mike Cassady
Tom Caraway
LeeAnn Fairlie

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Leroy Richardson
George Barnes
Andy Coats
Cesar Armenta

GOLF PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Langford, Earlywine Park Golf Course
Brad Sliauter, Lake Hefner Golf Course
Brandon Alford, Trosper and Stewart Golf Courses
Aaron Kristopeit, Lincoln Park Golf Course
BJ Howard, Earlywine Park Golf Course
Jabrey Howell, Oklahoma City Golf Courses
Troy McCollum, Oklahoma City Golf Courses
Jim Gonzalez, Earlywine Park Golf Courses

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Fairman, Parks and Recreation Department
Sean Simpson, Parks and Recreation Department
Richard Mahoney, Municipal Counselor
Karen Wiley, Parks and Recreation Department
Ken Stier, Public Works Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

I. Call to Order at 11:03 a.m.

Chair, Mick Cornett presiding.

II. Items from the Chairman.

Chairman Cornett reported he would have commission assignments next month and that he would like to try and wait until the new commissioners are appointed by Mayor Holt.

III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023, Oklahoma City Golf Commission Meeting.

Approved. Motion by Cassady. Second by Yaffe. AYES: Caraway, Cassady, Cornett, Fairlie, and Yaffe.

IV. Receive Financial Statements and Round Reports.

The financial statements and rounds report was received. There is no action needed at this time.

V. Discussion/Action on Reports from Committees

A. Report from Finance Committee

None.

B. Report from the Marketing Committee

None.

C. Report from Policies and Procedures Committee

None.

D. Report from Building Committee

Commissioner Yaffe reported on the progress at Earlywine and stated the building is coming along. There has been a lot of concrete work, and the building committee is investigating moving the location of the trash containment area.

VI. Monthly Reports from the Golf Courses.

Earlywine:

Dan Langford introduced the new Food and Beverage Manager for the Earlywine Golf Club, Mr. Jim Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez will be in charge of the new clubhouse restaurant and has begun planning for the opening this summer.

Mr. Langford reported the shut-off/bypass valve project has finally been completed. Staff is working on replacing irrigation heads and limb cleanup. Regarding construction, the range will be closing sometime in January, but the timeline has changed due to asbestos in the old range building that needs to be addressed. Mr. Langford also stated that parking is becoming an issue as the new parking lot is starting to be constructed.

Lake Hefner:

Brad Sliauter reported revenues are up for the month compared to 2022 but slightly down compared to 2021. Staff are continuing to work on the south course bunker project. He also reported that the irrigation project contractor has repaired all remaining leaks.

He unfortunately reported that someone drove a car across the 12th hole fairway on the North Course overnight and believe they have about \$1200 worth in damages to fix. He also reported that the stakes are down for the new clubhouse footprint if anyone would like to see where the new clubhouse will be constructed.

James E. Stewart:

Brandon Alford reported December was excellent. Staff have been working on equipment and repaired the art gate. He also reported the restaurant continues to show an increase in revenue with the new clubhouse.

Trosper:

Brandon Alford reported staff is working on doing some repairs to the cart barn and are looking at bids for repairing the roof. Mr. Alford also reported that the parking lot has been restriped. We also received the new top-dressing machine.

Lincoln:

Aaron Kristopeit reported Lincoln had a great December and ticket sales are going well. Both the Restaurant and the Driving Range were up over 40% in revenue for the month compared to 2022, and total golf course revenue was up 22%. He reported they had five non-golf events for the month.

Mr. Kristopeit also introduced Mr. Jabrey “Jay” Howell who will be taking over for Troy McCollum later this year.

VII. Items from Commissioners.

Chairman Cornett acknowledged the passing of Golf Professional Pat McCray who was a long time Director of Golf at La Fortune Golf Course in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Langford added the memorial service was well attended and that Mr. McCray was one of the best in the Oklahoma Golf Community.

VIII. Items from Staff.

None.

IX. Items from Citizens.

None.

X. Adjournment at 11:53 p.m.