

OKLAHOMA CITY GOLF COMMISSION

The agenda was filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City at 8:58 am, June 28, 2024.

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mick Cornett, Chair
Mike Cassady
Andy Coats
Eliot Yaffe
LeeAnn Fairlie, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Leroy Richardson
Cesar Armenta
George Barnes
Tom Caraway

GOLF PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Kristopeit, Lincoln Park Golf Course
Dane Williams, Lincoln Park Golf Course
Brad Sliauter, Lake Hefner Golf Course
Brandon Alford, Trosper and Stewart Golf Courses
Dan Langford, Earlywine Park Golf Course
Jennifer Freidhoff, Earlywine Park Golf Course
BJ Howard, Earlywine Park Golf Course

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Fairman, Parks and Recreation Department
Sean Simpson, Parks and Recreation Department
Karen Wiley, Parks and Recreation Department
Ken Stier, Public Works Department
Richard Mahoney, Municipal Counselor
Michelle Nance, Finance
Steven McMillan, Finance

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathryn McNutt, The Journal Record

I. Call to Order at 11:10 a.m.

Chair, Mick Cornett presiding.

II. Items from the Chairman.

None.

III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the June 3, 2024, Oklahoma City Golf Commission Meeting.

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

IV. Receive Round Report.

Sean Simpson gave a brief update that he is working to develop a new financial report and hopes to present a draft version at the August meeting. He stated he would take input from the Golf Commission on what all information they would like to have reported.

V. Discussion/Action on Reports from Committees

A. Report from Finance Committee

Chairman Cornett commented that there was not a committee meeting but there were several activities going on. The bids for the Lake Hefner clubhouse project will be opened later today. Chairman Cornett stated the Ribbon Cutting event for Earlywine Golf Course's new clubhouse is scheduled for July 10, 2024, and that Director of Golf Aaron Kristopeit is continuing to work on quotes for their HVAC issues.

B. Report from the Marketing Committee

Chairman Cornett gave update about television and radio advertising opportunities for OKC Golf System. He stated that he and Dan Langford recently appeared in two TV segments that OKC Parks helped organize.

Sean Simpson gave details of the final live radio remote spot at Earlywine on Tuesday July 9th through The Franchise.

C. Report from Policies and Procedures Committee

Commissioner Cassady reported Aaron Kristopeit contact Bench Craft about outsourcing the selling of ad space on the golf cart GPS system and he is still awaiting more information.

D. Report from Building Committee

Sean Simpson gave a brief update about the remaining furniture to be delivered to Earlywine. Dan Langford stated that some of the furniture will arrive after the ribbon cutting but most items have been delivered. Chairman Cassady stated he has heard a lot of positive comments about the new look of Earlywine's new clubhouse.

VI. Monthly Reports from the Golf Courses.

Earlywine:

Dan Langford reported on moving into the new clubhouse and how excited customers have been to check it out. He announced the restaurant (The Overlook Pub) has opened for business. He stated the grass tee area of the new driving range is sodded and will be opening in late July, along with the new practice area.

Mr. Langford also reported that the north side of the parking lot will begin construction mid-July and that they will be managing golf times to match up with the limited available parking. He also stated they are still having a few issues with some of the new clubhouse coolers, fans, etc. but these items are to be fixed by the building contractor.

Lake Hefner:

Brad Sliauter reported Lake Hefner had a good month with revenues up 8% and rounds up 2%. He believes this year is one of the best for rounds played at Hefner over the past 15-20 years. Mr. Sliauter announced the club championship is scheduled to be played July 27-28th.

Mr. Sliauter stated maintenance crews are continuing to work on the tee boxes, and they have ordered more sod for needed areas of the course. He also said they have ordered all needed new maintenance equipment. The new clubhouse pictures have been printed and hung up in the clubhouse so customers can see what the new clubhouse will look like. The groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for August 29th.

James E. Stewart & Trosper:

Brandon Alford reported that Stewart had another good month with rounds up over 1900 from the previous year. He also reported they have ordered a new greens mower and that they have ordered a new door for the entrance of Stewart golf course.

Mr. Alford reported Trosper has ordered several pieces of maintenance equipment and that the golf course is in great shape, maybe the best it has ever been. He stated they are working on replacing the roof on the cart barn and had a new sign completed out on 29th street for the golf course.

Lincoln:

Aaron Kristopeit reported that June was very busy but down slightly 2% overall. Revenue and the restaurant were still up overall by about 6%. He reported their club championship had about 82 players and they are looking forward to hosting the kids drive, chip, and putt competition in July.

Mr. Kristopeit reported on the continued efforts to get the HVAC system working correctly and is working on getting more quotes to hopefully determine a solution. He reported that the storm on June 25th knocked out a few trees, but they got it cleaned up quickly. He also announced they are looking for a new mechanic.

VII. Items from Commissioners.

Commissioner Coats shared that Golf Commissioner George Barnes had passed away a few weeks ago.

Commissioner Fairlie announced the senior games qualifier will be at Lincoln Golf Course in September. She also gave positive feedback about her visit to Earlywine's new clubhouse and commented that the service from staff was outstanding.

Commissioner Fairlie gave praises to the Golf Pro's and their staff for their hard work and keeping the golf courses ready for play.

VIII. Items from Staff.

Dan Langford commented that the rental rooms policy needs to be looked at and determine what opportunities may be being missed.

IX. Items from Citizens.

None.

X. Adjournment at 12:07 p.m.