

**Minutes
Ad Hoc Golf Committee
December 18, 2009**

**Minutes of the Ad Hoc Golf Committee meeting held on December 4, 2009 9:00 a.m.
Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd.**

Members Present:

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City Staff Present:

Sam Thompson, Deputy Manager – Parks and Recreation
Tim Pfannenstein, Parks and Golf Supervisor – Parks and Recreation
Terry Hernandez, Administrative Assistant – Parks and Recreation
Mike Armfield, Recreation Supervisor – Parks and Recreation

Concessionaires:

Jim Bellows, Golf Pro Shop
Jennifer Marsh, Golf Pro Shop

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Thompson called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 - Review of Minutes

Meeting minutes from December 4, 2009: Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Final Input and Comments from committee members on proposed recommendations.

1. Recommendation of a play card.
2. Play Card would have a major discount.
3. Suggestion of 2 play cards – Play anytime (weekends, holidays, etc) and play card for weekdays and after 10 a.m. 10 plays on each card.
4. Play card will be plastic with barcode.
5. New card will still sell for same rate but with restrictions.
6. Existing cards will be honored until new play card is approved with no restrictions.
7. New card would possibly impact 45,000 rounds both golf courses.
8. Sam and Mike will meet with Mark regarding new play card idea.
9. Water will be cut back in unplayable areas at Rolling Hills.
10. City is paying \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons of water.
11. Every 10 head plug is a savings estimate of \$1,000 per year.
12. Possible cut of 51 million gallons of water.

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13. Tim will continue to research exact number.
 14. Response from water department – Discharge of credits to Ken McDonald was declined.
 15. Possibly transfer funds into the park program.
 16. Possibly get credits from the Kiwanis Park well.
 17. No dollar amount available at this time.
 18. Water department is waiting to hear back from the state.
 19. Rounds are down.
 20. Economically golf is low as a whole.
 21. If Rolling Hills was privatized it would save about \$100,000 to 150,000 dollars.
 22. 25,000 to 30,000 would be saved in credit card fees.
 23. City is absorbing 60 to 70% in credit card fees.
 24. The possible belief is that the expense will go away with privatization.
 25. Discussed 501c3 and how it eliminates federal tax and would be something to research.
 26. The 501c3 in 1985 helped the city of Baltimore.
 27. The city went from losing \$500,000 a year to paying the city \$400,000 a year.

Agenda Item 3 – Discuss and start drafting a report from committee, for final recommendations to City Manager.

1. Discussed several options.
2. Option 1 - Water credits and maintenance credits.
3. Option 2 - Contract maintenance and new irrigation system.
4. Option 3 - Private to Independent contractor.
5. Option 4 - The use of 501c3 leasing.
6. Option 5 – Approach City of Phoenix/Zoo on buying or leasing land.
7. Option 6 – Privatization of Rolling Hills.
8. Option 7 – Make Rolling Hills a park by 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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