

Transcription of Podcast Episode 377: Jerry Conrad, Board President

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Jerry Conrad 00:00

This is Jerry Conrad, your board president. I want to talk today about two separate issues relating to golf. The first being the conditions on the front nine of the south course and what is happening there and two, the latest on the FAC proposal for removing the loyalty program.

Jerry Conrad 00:16

Some of you may have noticed that Vintage Landscape was hand watering plants and trees along Sun City Boulevard yesterday. This is because all the irrigation for the front nine of the south course and the surrounding common areas are off due to the pump at number four still being down. The pump at number four irrigates all the landscaping in this part of Sun City. There have been some changes lately that I thought you should be aware of. Troon has been able to connect a small line from the back nine pump to the front nine that will allow for watering of the greens only a step up from the hand watering for sure. Unfortunately, this still means the fairways, rough, and common areas are not being watered until the pumps are replaced.

Jerry Conrad 00:56

As for the pumps, an emergency procurement was made to purchase all new equipment for the pump station at number four. This is an FAC sanction purchase as it is a defined emergency. Why did we do this and not wait to see if the equipment would work after being underwater for over a week? The reason is we needed to get on the waiting list for this equipment. To delay to see if the pumps and electrical equipment would work, which is unlikely we would have been too late to have the new unit delivered and installed in time for the seeding. That takes place in several weeks. The risk to the course and the common areas is much too great to take a low chance that there would be no problems with the equipment. The cost was \$308,000. But when you put that next to the value of the course and all the common areas outside of the course, it was the proper decision. Being an emergency procurement due to the lack of time for a full three bid decision, we went with the contractor that the course has used and has been satisfied with. If in fact any of the damaged equipment is salvageable, we will keep it for backup purposes. I believe in climate change, and this could be something we need to be ready for in the future.

Jerry Conrad 02:07

Now for unfortunate news, it appears someone has cut the hose connected to the portable pump that was draining water away from the course to a collecting pond down the street. This is set back the drop in water and thus the time we can get into the pump room to get to the equipment. I understand that a person may be unhappy about a detour to their home. But I'm reaching out to that person to think about



how their actions have potentially costly impacts on the association. I asked Allied security to make this location a priority for the patrols in the meantime.

Jerry Conrad 02:40

Good news golfers is that a round table of the golf Advisory Committee, Troon, FAC, and the full Board meet, and we did so yesterday. The result was a decision to table the FAC proposal to remove the loyalty program and have a subcommittee formed to discuss the program and perhaps find a compromise that works for all concerned. The program will continue without any changes at this time. I want to thank all those who participated in this roundtable.

Jerry Conrad 03:07

Again, I want to thank all of Sun City for their patience in these matters, as I believe answers will be found as long as we are all pulling in the same direction. Thank you.