

Randolph Golf Complex and Park Opportunity Study

In a [July 18, 2023 memorandum](#), Timothy M. Thomure, Deputy City Manager, apprised Mayor and City Council of findings and recommendations from a Tucson Parks & Recreation Department (TPRD) “study on increasing open space around the Randolph Golf Complex and Randolph Park, while maintaining the integrity of golf and identifying opportunities to increase the audience for the clubhouse and restaurant amenities.”

TPRD initiated the study at the direction of Mayor and Council following stakeholder input during the Reid Park Master Plan process. “Comments were received about the lack of greenspace around the Randolph Golf Complex, the desire for connectivity from Alvernon Way to Reid Park, and the current conditions of the David Bell Multi-use Path, including many stretches of the current path where users are in immediate proximity to vehicles traveling on the adjacent arterial roadways.”

Thomure’s memorandum recommends “Mayor and Council review and discuss the [Concept Map](#) demonstrating opportunities at the Randolph Golf Complex, shared in Attachment A. This Concept Map resulted from input gathered through stakeholder engagement and professional assessment of the entire Randolph Golf Complex and nearby amenities.”

The [Concept Map](#) “demonstrates the feasibility of meeting all the identified feedback within the current footprint of the Randolph complex” (as stated in the memorandum):

- Developing a new championship quality, public Randolph North Golf Course, which accommodates many acres of non-golf public open space.
- Minor modifications to the Dell Ulrich Golf Course to accommodate public open space.
- Significantly improved multi-use path experience, which includes routing through previously excluded green space areas as well as the potential for separate paths for rolling/riding and walking.
- Converting dozens of acres of underused green spaces that are currently excluded from the public to open and accessible pocket parks in and around the golf courses.
- Opening public access to small lakes in strategic locations to the benefit of both golf users and recreation users.
- Creating a major east-west public pathway between the two golf courses to provide infinite options for pathway users, exposure to the expanses of green space still to be occupied by golf activity—while not impacting the golf experience and connecting Reid Park access to users east of Alvernon Way.
- Expanded economic opportunities at the clubhouse, restaurant, and potential new event spaces.
- Maintaining the integrity of the existing flood control topography.

Please see the [July 18, 2023 Memorandum](#) for details on study considerations (stakeholder engagement, adherence to Plan Tucson goals, financial and legal aspects, etc.) and its Attachment A [Concept Map](#) for a visual guide to proposed changes.