

TENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
ADAMS TENNIS COMPLEX

Commission Members Present: Mr. Dee Jernigan, Chair
Mr. Rick LaLance, Ms. Mary Elam Polk,
Mr. Robert White, Mr. Shawn Wright,
and Dr. Gloria Bonner (ex officio)

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Chris Massaro and Mr. Newton Molloy

City Staff Present: Mr. Nate Williams, MPRD Director
Mr. Thomas Laird, MPRD Asst. Director
Ms. Angela Jackson, Exec. Dir. of Comm. Services
Ms. Katie Driver, Staff Attorney
Mr. Eric Quiroz and Ms. Mitzi Hughes

Others Present: Mr. Jimmy Borendame and Mr. John Kreis

After the meeting was called to order, Mr. Jernigan presented for approval the minutes of the April 20, 2023, Tennis Commission meeting. Mr. LaLance made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mr. Shawn Wright seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jernigan opened discussion of the only item on today's agenda, the Contract Pro Policy. Ms. Mary Elam Polk said that she compared comments of all the pros that she had received, but she thought it would be helpful if staff could develop a categorization of all the pro comments for the commission to compare. She added that some stipulations she read were specific to the different pros. Mr. LaLance agreed that highlights of the pro comments would be beneficial to the commission.

The commission went on to discuss tentative contract pro specifics for the policy. Different options were offered by the commission members. By the end of the meeting, the commission members agreed on the following options for Mr. Quiroz to present to the contract pros for their feedback:

- Independent contract pros who do not wish to assist with at least 3 hours of ATC programming a week (with a commitment to help 40 weeks/year) will be charged \$30 per court for each private or semi-private lesson.
- Independent contract pros who would like to help with the ATC programming for at least 3 hours a week (with a commitment to help 40 weeks/year) will be charged \$20 per court for each private or semi-private lesson.

- When helping with ATC programming, the contract pros will receive 75% of their hourly teaching rate per hour that they assist.
- When attending staff meetings, contract pros will receive one hour of court time free for each hour they attend a staff meeting (which will be to inform the pros of what is expected of them as ATC instructors and help point out ATC goals).

Ms. Katie Driver had several items to relay to the commission. She reminded them that the stipulations being considered for the contract pros currently are just policy now. The policy language will be added to the contract pro agreements later. She also mentioned that there are seven voting members on the Tennis Commission, and the eighth member is ex officio and unable to vote. Ms. Driver additionally stated that Mr. Shawn Wright is a voting member while serving as the Council representative to the Tennis Commission. Another matter Ms. Driver shared was that an official public comment period will be required at every Tennis Commission meeting starting in July for actionable agenda items. More specifics will be shared soon. Mr. Jernigan said that of the City commissions he has been involved with, anyone from the public wishing to speak at commission meetings has always been allowed to speak.

Ms. Mitzi Hughes reminded Mr. Jernigan that the next Tennis Commission meeting date needed to be set so it could be advertised properly to the public. The commission agreed to meet again on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Adams Tennis Complex.

Meeting adjourned: 10:38 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

D. Edwin Jernigan, Jr.
Tennis Commission Chair

Nate Williams
MPRD Director