



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 * 8:00 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75089

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Geoffrey Nichols, Brad Marshall, Ronnie Howell, Mark Garcia

ABSENT: Steve Ritchey (ex), Vincent Leal

STAFF: Brian Funderburk, Interim Assistant City Manager; Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager, Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Chairman Glick selected voting alternate Mark Garcia.
3. The minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved with two changes following a motion by Brad Marshall that was seconded by Geoffrey.
4. Discuss golf course conditions.
 - The course is very wet, and we may have three more months of more rain.
 - There may be more disease this summer due to the amount of rain and snow.
 - Waterview staff sprayed wall-to-wall roundup and did the front nine for the spring weeds.
 - Patching of #15 is growing in. March is usually grow-in time.
 - A beaver den collapsed around irrigation pond #12 green in the orphan area and is affecting homeowners' property as well. Fill dirt needs to be brought in to prevent erosion. It may also be dangerous to the kids who walk through that area.
5. Dan Boley repaired the flooding on Par 3.
6. Update on the marking of sprinkler heads and placing of boundary and hazard stakes.
 - Fairways are being done right now. They have completed through #6 and should complete the remainder by the end of March.
 - Boundary stakes should be done by the end of this month, weather permitting.



7. Discuss cleanup of retention ponds
 - Work started about 10 days ago on ponds # 6 and #7.
 - Weather permitting; ponds should be completed within a month or two.
8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - Some of us played Buffalo Creek, and felt the greens looked good for a change.
 - Old Plano course may be closed to redo the course.
 - Shores Golf Course in Rockwall meeting did take place, and the owner offered to sell to anyone who is interested.
9. Update from City on settlement with American Golf.
 - Brian Funderburk reported that we are down to a true punch list and should not go past May. A couple of pipes deviated from the design, but still meets the design intent.
 - Brian has an executive session with City Council tonight and will let them know this information. This project should have been completed a year ago.
10. Update on financial status.
 - Golf revenue is not a part of the general fund. Revenues from American Golf are the only funds that should be in this account, the drainage project funds were supplemented by \$300,000 from another fund. Course improvements came in under budget. The \$300,000 may be spent on course improvements, and technically we have over \$500,000 in this fund for course capital work. When the settlement is complete, we may have more funds for the recommendations the board will be sending to the City Council.
 - The city should have approximately \$253,000 plus \$55,000 for work on the golf course. If the \$300,000 is not transferred back out by the city, that amount will also be available to Golf Course work.
 - There should be a surplus for the next couple of years of approximately \$100,000/year.
 - It will take a formal recommendation to City Council to advise work that needs to be done on the golf course.
 - Larry feels we need to have an understanding what American Golf's responsibility and what the city can do.
 - A prioritized list was prepared for the bond committee last year should be made as recommendations to the Council. Geoff mentioned that anything we do on the course affects American Golf's responsibilities and necessitate revamping the agreement.
11. Dan Boley needs to have funds from the city to repair drainage issue on #17 from the pipe that is uphill as soon as possible. Brian will recommend to Lynda that we take it out of the \$55,000. Brian will address this issue with City Council on the March 16 agenda.



12. Discuss upcoming joint meeting with the City Council on March 16, 2010.

- Meeting will be at Waterview, and will be around 5:30 pm.
- We need a tree replacement plan.
- Brian passed out copies of a PowerPoint presentation that could be used by the board at the presentation. Members can email additions, deletions and changes to Larry Glick.
- Brian has to work with Craig Kniffen when it comes to any recommendations that affect maintenance issues on the golf course with the GM and Superintendent involved.
- Suggested enhancements: new tees, bunkers and tee boxes.
- Brian suggested that at the next meeting talk about strategic plan and prioritized plan on how we will recommend to Council.
- Without the input from American Golf on what their plans are, we do not know how our recommendations will affect them. Dan Haag explained that the improvements should also help them make more revenue and we should work together to insure we make changes will be best benefit of the course.
- Need feedback from Craig Kniffen as to what will help build revenue.
- Brad suggested having a special strategic planning meeting to discuss these issues.

13. Discuss upcoming high school tournaments at Waterview.

- Dan Haag, in March Sachse, Rowlett & Rockwall will hold 3 tournaments. 4-A and 5-A's will play tournaments. Parents come and see the golf course. The number one player in the nation plays for Jesuit in 5-A. We should make it a real professional tournament because no one else is doing it. It would be a great marketing tool.

14. Discuss making a recommendation to City Council to add fountains to ponds #6 & #7.

- The quote was \$16,000 for fountains only. The amount was based on the premise that we can get electrical access to the ponds. Electrical box is near #6. There is no electrical anywhere near #7, and we will have to get an easement down the homeowners property line to the electrical box in front of the house.
- If we have to trench down from #7 to the street, it may cost more. The HOA spent \$1,000 to get electrical to #11 from St. Andres. Total for these two ponds could be an additional \$3,000.
- Dixon Brothers does the fountains for Waterview, and Brad asked them for recommendation. Dixon Brothers deferred to CASCO and another fountain manufacturer to make a formal recommendation. This will keep the ponds pristine. Ronnie stressed that if we are helping by spending money to keep ponds clean, they should reciprocate in other areas.
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 - Motion was made by Brad that we make a recommendation to Council that fountains and circulating pumps be placed in ponds #6 & #7 in order to maintain the pristine condition and enhance aesthetics. Seconded by Geoff. 5/0 vote.
15. Discuss making a recommendation to City Council to add fountains to ponds #1, #9 and #14.
- This would include every pond except 12, because the water turns over all the time.
 - Electrical service is already available to these three ponds.
 - Mark Garcia asked if 12 could be added, but under open meetings act, this cannot be added to this motion.
 - Motion was made by Brad Marshall that circulating pumps and fountains be added as appropriate to 1, 9 & 14 to help with the maintenance of those ponds. 2nd Geoff.
16. Discuss naming the new connector road from George Bush heading in the direction of Waterview Parkway.
- Brad feels that 2 roads will be connecting there, and we should name it something that has to do with Waterview. Waterview Boulevard or Lane as a marketing tool.
 - Connector from 190 to Liberty Grove. The exit off the freeway is the issue. Whatever the road becomes to the east of the new bridge, and the east extension should be named reflect.
17. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor taken any action with regard to the announcements.
- Golf Course will have a ½ page ad in the Lakeside Leisure coming out in April.
 - Larry has been added to the Chambers Board.
18. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
- a. Ask Pat Baugh to come to next meeting to discuss connector road.
 - b. Strategic Plan priorities discussion.
19. Adjournment was at 10:00 a.m.


Larry Glick, Chairman


Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director