



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 \* 8:00 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75089

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**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

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Discuss of recommendation of City Council to add fountains to ponds #6 and #7.
  - ❖ Based on estimates on #6 and #7 it is going to be a considerable amount of money, close to \$25,000. We need formal approval of bid with counsel for contract with someone to do this.
  - ❖ We need at least three proposals pulled together to do this work.
  - ❖ There is an option to use American Golf and this has not been discussed with American Golf yet. It would be a separate agreement with them and they can do it under the terms of their agreement. This may be faster because we would not have to submit proposals.
  - ❖ The quotes that were forwarded were for the fountains themselves it is not for the electrical.
    - Easement needed from the homeowner to determine how many feet we need to go. If this is not attainable then it could be about 1500 feet. Hopefully, the homeowner is in agreement.
  - ❖ We have already given the Council recommendations about what everyone wanted to do from the beginning. We need an agreement or proposals to say we want to award this to the lowest and most responsible bidder. This needs to be an action item. American Golf would be the easiest one to go with. There are going to be two parts anyway, none of these guys can do electrical. One to do the fountains and another to do the electrical. This can be done in two phases. #6 and #7 just were finished and they are the ones that should be done first.

- ❖ The Golf Board has done its part by making the recommendation and now it is time to get moving on this.
  - ❖ Do we need to get quotes? No, not at this point.
  - ❖ Let's understand here. Is American Golf involved with this at this point? No, not at this point. If they are going to take on the responsibility then that is a negotiation within their legal department. Will those steps be taken prior to April 20<sup>th</sup>? Yes, that is correct. In order to get this on April 20<sup>th</sup> we would have to go ahead and start that process. If we have to get a separate agreement with American Golf we are not sure how long this is going to take. Will Allison get involved? Yes, Allison (Purchasing Manager) has a very formal process. If we get involved in the bidding process Allison will get involved with this that is correct.
  - ❖ We have combined number 10 and number 11 together correct? Your thoughts are to do 10 first and then 11?
  - ❖ Let's start with American Golf to see if we can get these ponds done. I was thinking about doing #6 and #7 and then figure out the rest of them. If we get them all done all together that is fine too. If there is a reason to phase it and if not that is okay either way.
3. Brian gave an update on settlement with American Golf. Brian stated we received a call from Dan Boles on March 17<sup>th</sup> that they had not received the letter we had sent. He gave me Craig Kniffen's personal email and I emailed the letter to him. I have not heard back yet from that. They now have our official response to where we are at on all the different issues. This is the punch list items. Yes, and I would think that now with the grass growing in that hopefully some of those minor items would get done quickly. If I remember correctly there are a couple of things having to do with the head walls and safety railings. The safety rails are done.
4. Dan Haag discussed the golf course conditions on item 4. The grass is coming in very well and the greens are looking very good. The markers are done. 7 and 9 are done. We ordered the wrong ones but they are coming. That is just a matter of two hours of work.
- ❖ Drainage from 11 down the left side of 10 and it has been repaired. So these mini lakes hopefully will not fill up during a heavy rain. We have repaired this and now it will drain but not too quickly.
    - Dan Haag commented that we need to put this item on the list to replace this pipe with a 12 or 18 inch pipe from pond 11 all the way down through there. This is a big project. We need a backhoe to dig a trench and off the top of my head this is a \$50,000 or \$60,000 project.
5. Larry gave update on agenda item 5. Let's talk about the hazard stakes. They are all in there you said? I know Brad said he was doing some painting. Did you do any yellows? There are three types of stakes. White is out of bounds, red is called a lateral hazard meaning if you hit in the water you can place the ball on the spot where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard. Yellow stakes is behind the hazard. So if there is a pond it gets into you have to drop it behind the hazard. We can put yellow takes up there. It is saying that it is impassable and nowhere to drop. It is not about look it is about the rules

of golf. These markers are going to stay there right? We are going to keep the course marked right. We are going to maintain it.

- ❖ Brad was out on course right at sunset the other night looking at ponds #6 and #7. He stated there were families out with their kids out on the golf course all over the fairway. This was on #7. #6 and #7 are the most actively used as a park. There were 30 people out there coming out using the grass. The kids see those stakes. They are like sticks they can run with. There is no one to police it. It is definitely going to be an issue trying to keep them in place.
  - ❖ Jeff wanted to know if we have had any more issues with the public nuisance person. The one using the bathroom on #10 and other places? The question is has there been any other complaints? I am making another one right now. On more than one occasion I saw him with his daughter once and he did it. At one point he was so inebriated and he playing golf with his daughter he was beyond reason.
  - ❖ Some of the kids are hasty while picking up the plugs and they are making holes.
6. Final cleanup of retention ponds at Holes 6 and 7.
- ❖ Brad gave report that some of the reeds are coming back and there are a few Willows there and a Cypress. But for the most they look okay and most are happy with the ponds.
7. Larry discussed #13 on agenda. At the last meeting we had a discussion about the surplus amount of money that needs to be spent on golf course. If we don't come up with a plan we will not be able to spend that money on a reasonable basis.
- ❖ Larry stated that Dianne sent out the list of priorities that we sent to the bond committee. Because of the enormous cost of enclosing the club house pavilion, I think we should eliminate that as one of our priorities.
  - ❖ Larry discussed that we can come up with all new priorities, if you can remember what we had. One would have been trees, two would have been lighting of the driving range, and three was work on the par 3 course.
  - ❖ Larry discussed that at the next one or two meetings we should discuss what we are going to spend this money on. This money is here to be spent. We have done this on the recommendations of the fountains. We need to do this fast.
    - The club house needs to have heating and air conditioning. It is a reflection of the course. The cost should be around \$12,000.
    - Two bonds left on the golf course, American Golf, and other factors have given us a surplus.
    - Shouldn't we take some of this money to pay down our debt?
    - We have asked our financial advisor about this and we are working on this.
    - Can we restructure the debt? Are there any other ideas?
    - Lighting for the driving range. Let's maintain what we already have instead of adding that we have to maintain.



- Larry stated that we haven't had any changes to it in over 13 years other than irrigation. Josh Peters from IRI said, "That is unheard of". We need to do some changes to compete. We have never done this.
- Brad discussed that in the maintenance area at the end of the day you can't walk through there because it is full. I suggest that we enclose this building and put a fence around it. There is too much equipment in there. We have had vandalism. We can add this or not add this.
- Brad discussed Retaining walls on #18 tee. He stated that they have a bid from Scott Peat for \$118,000 to stone that wall. On 17, where it floods all the time. That is the same type of retaining wall. Scott gave us a quote on raising this wall and the quote is \$67,000. Every time we get a heavy rain it floods. It was not because the wall was too low. It is because the drain is too high. Can we lower the drain? It is the over flow drain. What about the traps we talked about putting in place on 2 and 9.
- Brad discussed the costs associated on 2, 8, 15, 18; these are the ones I talked to Scott about. The cost is similar to what Scott had told us before. It is about \$30,000 for all of them. What if we put \$10,000 in each one of these?
- Larry asked about what simple things would enhance the player's experience? We can put some water jugs or enhancing the markers. We want to make an impression where they remember us. Something where they remember to rank us.
- Larry stated that at Craig Ranch someone stole every one of their tee markers and it was in the paper. Let's do some type of enhancement, I like those ideas.
- Larry asked about water jugs. We can do a water fountain type house. There is a thing with carts now that have a cover. It is an attachment that you add.
- Larry suggested in this economy it is going to be tough to get Council to approve all these projects. So far we have come up with \$250,000 worth of stuff. This covers much of the stuff except the practice area.
- Brian what are your comments? I think it is going to be hard for council to approve this and watch us spend all the money. The \$52,000 left over from the tax note will be used on the fountains. This should be a go. As far as the variable rate difference, that is the next pot of money that we start pulling from as we get these things scheduled. I think it is going to be hard to get the staff to agree spending the \$300,000 we put in there three years ago.
- Brian stated that as a board you have the right to make any recommendations to the council that you want. What if we took a number between 100,000 to 150,000 to council? I don't know, and don't have a read on that.



- Larry stated that these projects are going to take two to three years at the least. Let us start working on the priorities at the next meeting.
  - Larry stated that we will bring all this back at the next meeting and then we will start with recommendations.
8. On #14 on the agenda, let's discuss this, a meeting at the Waterview par 3 course. Brad put this on the agenda.
- ❖ Brad suggested that we gather together here at the practice course and discuss the future projects. Let discuss what types of things need to be done at the practice course.
  - ❖ Larry suggested we do an offsite work session. As long as the agenda is posted it will be fine to have one this type of session. Let's try to schedule this for the 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's do this at 5:00 pm on scheduled date.
9. Let's hold off on discussing 12 on the agenda. We do not have a price yet.
10. Jermel presented Lakeside Leisure advertisement. It is nice to have #11 as a signature hole. #11 and #17 were going to be signature holes originally.
11. On agenda let's discuss #7, are there any overall ratings of courses played other than Waterview?
- ❖ Brad has driven by some. The one in McKinney looks pretty good right now. They are building a new club house there.
  - ❖ Mark stated that there is a course in Plano that was in the newspaper recently. They put 7 to 8 million in it.
12. 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 take any action with regard to the announcements.
13. 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.
14. Adjournment was at 10:00 a.m.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director