

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 \* 8:00 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street \* Rowlett TX

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Geoffrey Nichols, Ronnie Howell, Vincent Leal, Steven Ritchey, Mark Garcia

**VISITOR:** Mike Wise

**STAFF:** Pat Baugh, Public Works Director for City of Rowlett; Dan Boley, Waterview Golf Course Superintendent; James Kelly, Assistant to the Superintendent of Waterview Golf Course; Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glick at 8:08 a.m.
2. The chair selected voting alternate Steven Ritchey in Vincent Leal's absence. Mr. Leal arrived at 8:12 a.m. and no alternate was needed.

Item #12 was moved up on the agenda and discussed at this time.

Pat Baugh, Rowlett Public Works Director, gave the Board an update on Highway 190 construction as it concerns the Waterview Golf Course. Merritt Road East will be closed, and access to the golf course will be via service roads. It is unknown at this time where the Merritt Road interconnector will be located. The north side of Princeton Road goes out for bid next month. By December 2011, all pieces should be in place.

Brad Marshall suggested changing the name of the road from 190 to the golf course, Waterview Boulevard.

Mr. Baugh will keep the board updated on road conditions after his presentation to council. The city's website also has traffic updates.

3. The minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting were approved by a vote of 5/0 after a motion by Geoff Nichols that was seconded by Brad Marshall.
4. Katie Corder gave an update on the bond subcommittee. The Parks & Recreation Subcommittee gave its recommendations to the larger bond committee and the two golf course items that were included were the club house renovation and the completion of the tree plan. Katie will send the entire list of included items to the Golf Board.
5. Dan Boley reported on golf course conditions. The course is greening up, and pre-emergent will be applied by the end of the month.

Item # 13 was moved up on the agenda and reasons for numerous drainage backups on the golf course were discussed at this time.

- Steve Ritchey reported standing water on the right side of the fairway on #5 and in front of the green on #15 or #16. Dan explained it was caused by pieces of foam that broke off and clogged the drain. They were flushed and the water drained quickly.
  - Vincent Leal reported standing water on #10's left side is still an issue, and stands 2-3 days after a rain. The contractor did not use the right materials, and the pipe is not big enough to manage the drain. This may be an ongoing problem.
  - Larry Glick reported water on #15 in an area he has not been before. There is water covering 17<sup>th</sup> green making the turn to the 18<sup>th</sup> tee, and there is a lake now over the pathway.
  - Brad Marshall noted the following:
    - a. Going in and out of Broadmoor on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee, drainage is very slow. There are 3 drains but they are not venting. Larger 12" drains are needed to replace the 4", and sod needs to be laid to prevent the soil from filling the drains.
    - b. Brad explained that scalping this time of year causes grass to fall into drains and cause backups. The drains just need to be cleaned out. James Kelly will keep them clean once he learns where all the drains are located.
    - c. On the left side of #10, grass covers 60-70%, but it is still 20% weeds and 10% dirt.
    - d. Back of #11 and left of #10 needs mowing.
    - e. #11 on the north side of the pond needs weed eating.
    - f. There are several dead trees on the back of #9, but Larry Glick suggested they may just not be out yet. On #16, six or seven trees on the fringes are dead.
    - g. The area behind # 16 has water standing and may be a new sprinkler line lead.
    - h. The grass on the left of #16, standing on the tee box, is not as green as on #15 or #10. Dan explained they will be doing some sodding when the grass begins to grow this spring.
    - i. The greens look good and firm, and there are not many ball marks.
    - j. The practice course has several spots that look like thatch, and may be just dormant. The rough areas on the practice course look great.
  - Mark Garcia mentioned there is a great deal of trash, debris and trees down on #12 in front of the retention pond. The orphan area looks bad where a homeowner has dumped, and needs to be cleaned up. (Photos were presented to the Board by Mike Wise, Waterview resident whose property backs up to the course.)
6. Completion of the work on the new tee on Hole #11 has not and may not be completed due to the economy and American Golf's hesitancy to add anything to the course that adds labor costs at this time.

Geoff Nichols suggested an agreement be put in place for the completion of all the promised and needed work on the course. Katie Corder will speak with Craig Kniffen about these issues and report to the board, but cautioned the issue is bigger than the board can appropriately discuss today.

Brad Marshall suggested a "master improvement plan" that is approved by American Golf and the City.

7. Shaved areas make the holes more punitive, and Larry Glick requested that more be done.
8. The mistletoe problem in the trees on the golf course will need to be addressed in the fall of 2009 due to the greening up of the trees on the course now. Brad Marshall suggested this might be a good volunteer project.
9. The orphan areas were discussed earlier in conjunction with item # 5.
10. The cleanup of retention ponds relative to American Golf's commitment to clean up the ponds on Holes # 6 & #7 over the winter may be delayed due to workforce issues for American Golf.

Brad Marshall would like to clean up the two ponds behind the club house with new fountain pumps to aerify and clear the ponds.

The course superintendent has been told to maintain the course by "silver standards", and Larry Glick maintains the contract between the City and American Golf clearly states that Waterview Golf Course should be held to the "gold standard". Staff will investigate this matter and report back to the board.

11. Katie Corder explained that personnel changes within American Golf have delayed the city's agreement with American Golf to hire a subcontractor to perform the cleanup work on the pond on #14.

Larry Glick informed the board and staff he has purchased 27 more trees for the golf course: "What I've been doing in the last few weeks is adding more trees, the last of which were being planted this morning.

There are 4 different species.

- One tree on #1 making it more of a forest on the left side.
- 4 trees on the left side, continuing the pine trees on the left side.
- Four Chinese Pastiche are being planted on the right side of #4 by the bunker to try to tighten that hole.
- On #9 more pines going in on the right hand side to eventually make that hole a little better in the driving area.
- One tree on the right hand side of #12 to continue to try to make that forest on the driving area of 12.
- 1 more live oak on the right side of the 14<sup>th</sup> green
- 2 more Pastiche on the left side of 14
- A whole bunch of trees went in on 18 all down the right hand
- 9 trees went in on the right hand side

12. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

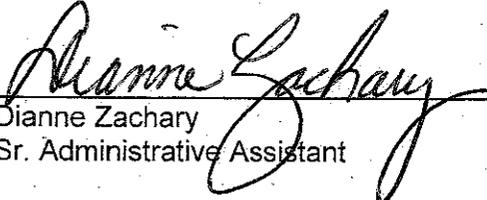
13. Pat Baugh addressed this item earlier in the meeting.

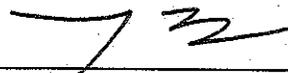
14. The City will perform financial audits of American Golf relative to the Waterview Golf Course, and Brian Funderburk will report back to the Board with the results. Golf passes made available per the city's contract with American Golf allow members of the board to inspect the course on a monthly basis to report their findings to the city.

15. Katie Corder explained that Economic Development will be awarded the free golf tournament day allowed through the contract with American Golf. She explained that we are allowed one day free and two additional days that can be used, but for which payment is expected.

Katie suggested developing a process for groups to request use of the free tournament day. If the city cannot use the day, a form will be developed for requests by other groups, and the Board will be free to request the day.

16. 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.
- DART groundbreaking – Thursday 10am behind Big Star Burger. A reception will be held after the ceremony at Big Star Burger.
  - The city has been named a finalist for All American City.
  - Geoff asked that golf course information be added to the email blasts the city sends out on a weekly basis to give the course more visibility.
17. 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.
18. Adjournment was at 10:30 am by acclamation.

  
Dianne Zachary  
Sr. Administrative Assistant

  
Lary Glick  
Chairman