



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 \* 8:00 a.m.**

**Waterivew Golf Course  
9509 Waterview Parkway  
Rowlett, Texas 75089**

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

**STAFF:** Dan Haag, Interim Waterview Golf Course General Manager; Dan Boley, Superintendent of Waterview Golf Course; Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Pat Baugh, Director of Public Works

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1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glick at 8:07 a.m.
2. All members were present.
3. The minutes of the April 7 meeting were approved with two changes, and the May 5, 2009 minutes were approved with two changes. The votes were unanimous to approve both sets of minutes with changes.
4. Dan Haag, the new Waterview General Manager, was formally introduced and welcomed by the Chair.

Item # 9 was discussed at this time.

Larry Glick gave a report on the meeting between Craig Kniffen of American Golf, Katie Corder, Mr. Glick, Brad Marshall, Dan Haag and Dan Boley to discuss the Waterview Golf Course issues. Mr. Kniffen explained that he is in charge of all capital improvement projects throughout the company and all maintenance issues. No changes can be made to the course without permission from Craig Kniffen, and there will be no changes because Waterview Golf Course is losing money for American Golf Corporation.

Katie Corder explained that American Golf's main concern is that changes would involve maintenance and perpetuity because their budget will not support it. Mr. Kniffen would like to partner with the city and the Waterview HOA to alleviate maintenance issues.

Vincent Leal asked what part of the lease contract between the city and American Golf gave Craig Kniffen the authority to tell the city, the owner of the golf course, what would and would not be done. Every course should evolve or could become functionally obsolete.

Katie explained that the lease contract is for the course as it was on the signing date. American Golf is open to amendments.

Larry Glick stated that change in technology of golf equipment necessitates change in the course in order to keep up. If there is a second meeting with Craig Kniffen, Mr. Glick will ask that the level at which Waterview Golf Course is supposed to be maintained per the contract be discussed, i.e. Gold or Silver Standard.



Item #14 was discussed at this point.

Larry Glick gave a history of the city's attempt to provide an access road to Community Park by extending Princeton Road past the Hinton Landfill. Pat Baugh met with the City of Garland regarding this matter and shared a letter he received from Garland with the Board. The process for creating the access is outlined in the attached letter. Mr. Baugh explained that in order to circumvent the process required by the EPA, an alternate solution was to tear down the mounds near the Par 3 and driving range, but American Golf did not agree to this plan.

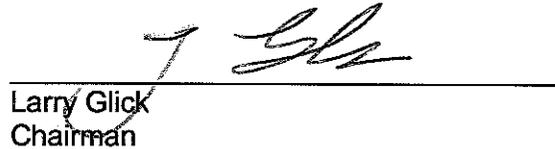
In addition, the Community Park Access Road had dropped off the CIP list with the City of Rowlett, and has now been placed back on the list. The required process will take approximately twelve months to modify the permit held by the Hinton Landfill with EPA since the roadway will go through an area of the landfill covered by that permit. The proposed extension is in the bond proposal, Phase I.

5. Dan Boley reported the golf course condition is good.
  - Restrooms have newly painted particle board planks and fire doors.
  - Sod is down on Holes #15 and #16.
  - Every Monday during the summer, his staff spikes the course to create voids for air and water to penetrate. Sand is then used as filler. Once a month, they spike to a depth of 5". This makes the course healthier.
  - The greens are in great shape.
  - The #12 retaining wall has pushed away from the pillars, and a bid has been submitted by Scott Peck for the repair. He will also do the work on the pond on #14.
  - A new motor will need to be installed on the pump in the pump house at a total cost of \$9,000.
6. Brad Marshall discussed whether to put irrigation in the orphan areas with Knock-Out Roses, a disease resistant, low maintenance shrub. Other low maintenance suggestions were Bald Cypress or Purple Sage.
7. Nothing had been done toward the sign for practice bunker.
8. Brad Marshall explained pool pump issues as they affect the golf course. Homeowners are running overflow drains out to the golf course. Pool pump leaks are also running onto the course and both are bad for the grass. Vehicles are also getting stuck in these areas. Code enforcement is coming out to check on this problem.
9. (Discussed earlier in the meeting)
10. Katie Corder updated the board on bond issues. All bond sub-committees met in May to combine a prioritized list that will be presented to council as early as next week or as late as the last meeting in June. There has been discussion about having a smaller election in November that would not raise taxes. None of the golf course requests made the final list.
11. Dan Haag reported that a company called Sky Caddy can mark the sprinkler heads with yardage with a GPS unit as USGA designates. He will try to make room in the budget for this to be done.
12. Nothing will be done on ponds #6 & #7 at this time as they are not on Craig Kniffen's list of priorities for maintenance. The HOA discussed the tee box at #7 and homeowners who back up to that pond are very unhappy.



13. Cleanup work on the pond #14 will begin next week according to Dan Boley.
14. (Discussed previously in the meeting)
15. No announcements were made.
16. 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 sign for practice bunker.
  - Update on sprinkler head yardage marking.
  - Discuss the Avid Golfer and Dallas Morning News ratings.
17. Adjournment was at 9:25 a.m.

  
Dianne Zachary  
Sr. Administrative Assistant

  
Larry Glick  
Chairman