



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75089**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Vincent Leal, Eric Hatch

ABSENT: Geoffrey Nichols, Mark Garcia

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Eric Hatch and Barbara Holst will be regular voting members.
3. Brad M. motioned to approve minutes from the March 6th regular meeting. Barbara H. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor. Brad M. motioned to approve minutes from Special Work Session from March 13th, 2012 meeting, Eric H. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor.
4. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
 - a. Brad M. asked about what is going on the golf course from the standpoint of maintenance in different areas on the course and what is going to be happening in the future.
 - Dan B. stated they have been working on drainage by putting in a lot of French drains. #13 on the left side and several places we had added drainage and repaired some, #10 on the left side and on the right side of # 5.
 - Brad asked Dan B. to talk about weed control and what is being done on the course concerning this. When we went into the winter months this past year the Bermuda wasn't strong enough to fight off the weeds so this is a bad year for weeds.
 - Barbara asked about being short on golf carts, is it because of tournaments. Dan H. stated there isn't a problem; we are just busy.
 - Vincent stated there were just four carts at 10:00 am in the morning last Sunday. Are there a lot of carts in repair? Dan H. stated there were more carts in the barn, and there are only four carts in repair at this time.
 - Brian gave an update on the water conditions. We have gone from stage 3 enhanced to stage 3 de-hanced. April 1st you will be allowed to water once per week. They have relaxed their standards on hydro mulching,



sprigging, and hydro-seeding which are not allowed in stage 3. You can refill your swimming pool. It's almost like being in stage 2; but they won't go there until they fix their water problems long term. We here at the City are trying to change this whole conversation from one of drought to water supply. It's doubtful we are going to get out of stage 3. For the golf course; right now we have no restrictions on the amount of water we are providing.

5. Discuss status of February recommendations to City Council including: bunkers on #8 and #18, circulator at #11, pump and circulator at #13, Bent Grass Nursery, and removal of bunkers at #4 and #8; as revised at the March 13th, 2012 Special Work Session meeting.
 - a. Brian updated the board that this is on the agenda for this evening. The schedule is here, we have removed the \$35,000 donation and we added the \$10,000 roof repair for the Waterview club house. That brings everything to \$80,000, which will leave us with about \$25,000. We did put in here from staff's perspective; while we have adequate funds, providing funds for repairs to the roof of the club house is a dangerous precedent, per the lease agreement with American Golf. We expect the Golf Board to come and make their opinions known at the work session at 5:30 tonight to Council.
 - b. Larry stated that tonight the only issues being brought up should be removing the bunkers or allowing the money for the roof.
6. Discuss condition of bunkers:
 - a. Larry stated that he noticed after the rains some of the bunkers looked pretty bad. Dan B. and Dan H. stated they look great now.
7. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. Brad played Westridge and it's in fantastic shape. They over seed their greens in the winter time and about four weeks they will transition and it will be in horrible shape. If you watched the golf tournament this weekend the course in Houston was flawless; I haven't played it looked great.
 - b. Barbara stated she played numerous courses in addition to Waterview twice and Firewheel Bridges. She played Stonebriar, which was in really nice condition, and the greens were horrible to putt, very fast. There are lots of breaks you can't see. I also played Pine Dunes, they have very unusual holes. I also played Mesquite and it was in better shape than expected. Also, played Buffalo Creek which was in great shape.
 - c. Larry commented on the insert in the Dallas Morning News this past Sunday. Barbara stated that she has played these courses mentioned in this insert, and Waterview is just as good as, if not better than these courses. Larry stated that Waterview didn't even make the list. Barbara stated the people that do the rating; there is one person from Rowlett, and there is one that actually plays at Rowlett.
 - d. Brad stated that it is frustrating that it wasn't listed in there because our course is in great shape.



8. Discuss signage of Waterview Golf Course on the President George Bush Turnpike and on roads leading to the course. Note: there is a brown sign on North Dallas Tollway mentioning the Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco.
 - a. Larry commented on the brown sign in Frisco of the Dr. Pepper Ballpark on the Dallas Toll Way.
 - b. Brian shared about some rules set by NTTA and the reasons why they allow these signs. We believe we will be able to get City Hall and the RCC on a sign on the toll way, but we are not sure whether or not we can get the golf course on the sign. Jim has the paperwork to fill out the application and hopefully the person we are talking to about this can give us more information.
9. Discuss orphan area adjacent to 10th tee.
 - a. Larry asked about the quotes or if we could find out who could help us from the city. Jermel stated he will work on this for the board.
10. Discuss potential new material for wall at the #18 tee.
 - a. Tabled until future meeting.
11. Discuss status of replacing golf course boundary markers including water hazard and out of bounds.
 - a. Larry asked about the boundary markers. Dan H. stated they are ready with all the materials and if you bring the help it will not take too long. Saturday or Sunday will be a good time to do this one weekend. Larry stated he will work with Sebrena to post a possible quorum once we settle on a date.
12. Discuss course rating and new yardage book.
 - a. Dan H. stated the yardage book will be out in the next few weeks. We also have our new course ratings. Dan H. shared with the board the new ratings.
13. Discuss board members thoughts on the establishment of a non-profit golf course group.
 - a. Larry stated Geoffrey wanted to have this group. Brad stated if you are able to get people involved it would be great. Getting people involved is a chore; I'm for it and I will participate if we can get it started.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Adjournment was at 8:50 am.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation