



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal, Eric Hatch, Charles Alexander, Brent Dorenbecker, Jerry Daniels

ABSENT: Brad Marshall

STAFF: Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager, Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation, Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Administered Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to newly appointment members, Barbara Holst, Charles Alexander, Brent Dorenbecker, Jerry Daniels, Eric Hatch and Geoffrey Nichols.
4. New board members Brent Dorenbecker, Charles Alexander, and Jerry Daniels were introduced to the board.
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Geoffrey N. motioned to approve minutes with changes. Barbara H. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor. *(5a needs rewording/change out Dan with Brad; 9b "they" become "the"; 10a & 10a 5th bullet last sentence & 11th bullet & last bullet; move 6b to 5b)*
7. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
 - a. Brent D. shared he is new to the area and he has played golf since the age of 6. He has played several courses in metroplex. He feels Waterview is better than Woodbridge. He was happy with the course. Excited to be a part of this organization.
 - b. Larry G. mentioned that 3 free passes are handed out per quarter. Can keep for yourself or hand out to others and ask for impressions on the course. Recommendations are reported to City Council. Next meeting will receive a copy of contract.
 - c. Charles A. stated he played golf for 10yrs and have played several courses. Waterview is close and he loves it. He would like to see some more improvements.
 - d. Jerry D. stated he was able to audit Firewheel as an employee of the City of Garland, a couple times. He has been with Waterview since it opened. He has heard comments such that it is too open but maturing and trees are coming up. He is looking forward to this year.
 - e. Geoffrey N. mentioned that the course was a little rough.



- f. Vincent L. stated that as of yesterday there are still some issues out there: debris patterns on #11 and #13, surprisingly on #16. We have known about the issues with the pumps.
 - g. Geoffrey N. expressed surprise that more than half the fountains are not working.
 - h. Dan H. Dixon Brothers working on projects: 2 circulating pumps from #7 to get reconditioned, one from # 6 reconditioned, and one from #1. Installing the new ones too on #13 and #14. Fountains always going to be an ongoing maintenance issue. Exclusive contract with Dixon Brothers.
 - i. Larry G. voiced the ponds were at first pristine and after awhile became like swamps. This is why the fountains and circulators were added. When they are working good this beautifies the course, stops the algae and weed collection. Everything except #12 will have them.
 - j. Barbara H. played twice in the last week. Thursday it was in great condition. Yesterday greens were mushy. #13 is looking so much better.
 - k. Dan H. mentioned Don Tennant will be the superintendant should be here October 22, 2012.
 - l. Larry G. participated in the Rowlett Chamber Tournament and the tees on #1 had to look for the markers and couldn't find them. Markers were on the front. Barbara acknowledged she noticed the tees are being redone. Dan H. shared that they were under seeding.
 - m. Larry G. shared that the water and Ray Hubbard became an item on the agenda because the main water source for golf course is Lake Ray Hubbard. For the course 1 million gallons a day maximum out of the lake. At one point the intake line had to be put further into the lake and then at some point it became so low that we needed a second source. Two pumps come into #12 (city water sources and Lake Ray Hubbard). When the city wasn't allowing us to water because of the drought, the golf course couldn't be watered. At the critical point it finally rained. We are not completely past this stage but we will keep this item for awareness.
 - n. Larry discussed the dead tree removal and replacement. We have a continuing tree planting process. Obtain trees from a tree farm. Jerry D. had mentioned that the course is a little bit too open and working on this. As a former GAB member Ronnie Howell expressed that the trees are starting to have an effect on his golf game. Larry responded that having some tightness makes it better to play on other courses. We are learning over the years which trees are best to plant.
8. Discuss status of 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.
- a. Larry G. shared that these items were approved through a long process with the City Council. American Golf has a direct say on the projects. We will make recommendations to City Council and for the most part items are approved.
 - b. The bunker on #8 is on the left side and will help make the tee shots more interesting, and the bunker on #18 is third down the right side.

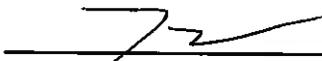


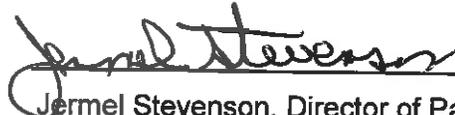
- c. Larry G. reviewed the list project list and gave an overview of the process to get projects started and approved through the recommendations from the board. Dan H. stated Scott Peck beginning work was to take place September 22nd, 2012. Initially there was going to be two crews but now down to one crew. Now suppose to be October 22, 2012. The crew will spend 2 weeks on the projects. Mr. Peck is the go to man for American Golf. His work is in demand due to his great work.
9. Discuss opening of new tee on # 11:

Larry G mentioned this has been a long project. This will be one of the best shots. Dan H. could open up now but decided to wait when Scott comes out because would hate to open it before it's mature enough.
10. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. Barbara H. plays in three traveling leagues. She would like to have a women's league at Waterview but it requires a lot of work. Thorn Tree in Desoto is in excellent shape and has challenging holes; Legacy Ridge is completely open to public and in excellent shape although there are some weeds on the fairway.
 - b. Eric H. played at Coyote Ridge and the course was fantastic and pretty tight. Waterview's green are rolling better.
 - c. Larry shared he played at Boot Ranch in Fredericksburg. It opened up in 2006 and ranked 3rd golf course in Texas closed down and reopened in March of 2011. It is an amazing golf course. It is not open to the public.
11. Chairman will review his discussion with Craig Kniffen of American Golf at Waterview on September 20th, 2012.
 - a. Larry G was playing in the Chamber tournament and saw Dan H. speaking with Craig Kniffen. He is the Director of Maintenance over American Golf in United States and for the most part he is the "yes" or "no" person on making any changes to the course. Larry G. spoke with Mr. Kniffen about some priorities. American Golf is losing money and so from his point of view cannot add any new maintenance items. Craig K. wants the most is to enclose the pavilion at the club house. He feels this will generate most new revenue for the dollar. Ponds, trees, bunkers, and new tees are Larry's desire. At one time looked at this but Craig K. would like us to obtain some numbers. Dan H. says he can get some rough numbers.
 - b. Barbara H. says that Westridge has the exact same issue and in bad weather it doesn't work. In the summer time it's hot so tournaments are scheduled early in spring.
 - c. Larry G. asks if this is something we should approve or is it American Golf's responsibility. So can discuss this more on the next line item.
 - d. Brian F. says we have a true turnkey operation where you turn it over to the vendor. Essentially it is their gain or their loss therefore we cannot interfere with the operations. We have to approach it in a partnership. American Golf has lost millions of dollars when you include the loss of profit and cost of debt service.
12. Discuss and recommend new projects for the upcoming fiscal year.



- a. Larry G. shared a list of possible projects and reviewed information about each item on the list. It is important to understand this \$180,000 is the only money we will receive.
 - b. Geoffrey N. would like #1 - #5 and #12 then remaining money spent on the enclosure. Suggested splitting it between two years. He would like to see this happen and would like to see American Golf to make money.
 - c. Barbara H. feels #10 as priority; second choice is #12 and third choice is #5 followed by would #13; does have an issue with #4 because would like a smaller pond.
 - d. Vincent L. expressed likes with #16 & #10 first choices, choice #13, and #12 is a wish list. Opposed to lights until there is back road access to the park. Because doesn't want more traffic in the neighborhood and will put more stress on home owners.
 - e. Jerry D. stated that American Golf needs to make money #10 and #13.
 - f. Brent D. would like to have people come to the course so chooses #10.
 - g. Charles likes first choice #12, second choice is #10, and third #13
 - h. Eric H. list is #3 - #5, #10 - #12, #14
 - i. Larry G. #14, #10 then look at #4, #1, #2, #12.
 - j. Larry G. voiced that we need to have a vote on this for November so we can get this to City Council for the December agenda. Dan H. says we can get some rough numbers and if we are serious that should prompt American Golf to get the numbers. If working towards a partnership then the City Council will give it consideration.
13. 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.
14. 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. Next meeting Brian will provide a formal board orientation.
 - b. October 18th at 7:00pm is general orientation at the City Council Chambers.
15. Adjournment was at 9:53 am.


Larry Glick, Chairman


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation