



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 6th, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Eric Hatch

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Shelly Monroe, Dept. Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation, Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager, Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Brad requested that the roles/duties of the Chairman and Vice Chairman be reviewed before nominations. Larry G. voiced the Chairman's main duty is to keep the City Council informed of updates and situations on a continuous basis; both may attend City Council meetings to share the positive information and the impact the golf course has on the city, as well as attract new members. Larry G. has taken almost every City Council member to the golf course for a tour. This helps the council better understand when things are brought up in the budget. He expressed that if the golf course ever becomes a burden to the city then everything stops.
Floor was opened for members to express if he/she is interested in the positions of Chair or Vice Chair. Brad M. nominated Larry Glick as Chairman and Vincent L. seconded the motion. Mr. Glick shared that he would only serve one more year as Chair. Geoffrey N. nominated Brad M. for Vice Chairman and Barbara H. seconded the motioned.
4. Introduction of new Waterview Superintendent, Don Tennant.
 - a. Dan H. introduced Mr. Tennant. Mr. Tennant shared he has been in the business for 14 years in locations such as Florida, Coastal Carolina, and Boytown George Tech. He does see things from a golfer's perspective and he is open for suggestions. His ultimate goal is to enhance the golf course. He expressed he is happy to be in Rowlett.
 - b. The Advisory Board welcomed Mr. Tennant. Larry G. informed Mr. Tennant that this committee will make recommendations, go to the City Council staff and city manager (formally, non-formally, voting, etc) then get back with responsible parties. This board judges the golf course and have a set of regulations followed. Larry G. requested that Dan T. share with this board if he needs anything and/or if he has any concerns or issues.
5. The approval of the minutes is postponed until the next meeting due to Sebrena, Sr. Administrative Assistant on leave.



6. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources, and status of dead tree removal and replacement.
 - a. Brad M. stated that he worked with Dan H. on the greens and they are fast. He stated the greens are really holding up and this is nice to see.
 - b. Jerry D. voiced that he played every week in October. He did notice last week how fast the greens were. He mentioned that the sprinklers went off on the driving range so things were real wet but issues did get taken care of. It is hard to look around at things while playing but things seem to improve every week.
 - c. Brad M. asked how the condition of the lakes and pumps are. Dan H. responded that both pumps are circulating on #7 and 1 pump on #6. #14 is cleaner. Larry G. stated that it was great to see the fountains working on #13/#14.
 - d. Charles A. asked about the sand divots. Don T. said they are incorporating a system to change the grain sand in the morning when they move the pins. About 6ft around the pin the sand is smoothed out. It looks cleaner and this is done on a daily basis. Mr. Tennant feels this looks better and separates the course from others that do not do this.
 - e. Stephanie Sajac, who has a home on right hand side of near 18th fairway. She and her husband attended a previous meeting in June to report their concerns. She is present today to obtain updates as to the status of changes to prevent golf balls being hit in her yard. These golf balls have broken lamps, hit her husband, and some are found in her front yard. Larry G. stated there are potential solutions such as moving the black tee to cart path, or plant more trees in that area as a barrier, or raise the grass. He continued to voice that he would like to discourage golfers from venturing into that area. Mrs. Sajac said she was concerned when she heard that the possible plan of planting trees had not occurred because she would like to see some progress. Another issue that I have is golfers are not yelling "fore". Stephanie understood that Dan would train ambassadors to remind about this because the golfers she has spoken with say they forget. She also suggested putting stickers on the cart window to remind golfers about saying "fore" due to homes being nearby and to prevent injury. She feels this could be done quickly and a less expensive approach. Larry G. shared that the trees will be planted through December 2012 - March 2013.
 - f. Vincent asked about the gas lines in the middle of the tree line and fence line so would this be an issue in planting more trees in that area. Larry G. stated that the trees need to be placed more near the tees. Don T. says it would be a good idea to plant a variety of trees to protect the nearby homes. Larry G. says that presently there is 1 red oak, 2 cedars but both have died, and 3 Chinese pistache trees. Geoffrey N. mentioned that it also makes a difference where the tee marks are set up. Dan T. spoke about mowing out, painting if we need to in order to shape it for more immediate resolution.
 - g. Brent D. played twice with a total of 7 friends. He heard from them the greens were great. Some frustrations shared were the tees on #17 because the blue tees were way back. Dan T. mentioned a possibility of workers working in the dark and not using as much light as needed. Tee boxes are in great shape.
7. 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. All of these are approved.
 - b. Larry stated that pump and circulator at #13 is complete.



- c. Don T. stated that Scott Peck is due at the end of this week (he has been held up in a job in Houston)
8. Discuss opening of new tee on #11
 - a. This still needs some work.
9. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. Barbara H. shared that she played several tournaments in October at locations such as Legacy Ridge which was good; Old Brickyard in Ferris in which she disliked because of the tall grass and it's more natural surroundings; Firewheel course which she reports is in good condition and likes since it has a public course therefore easier for her to make comparisons.
 - b. Geoffrey N. played at Grey Rock and it is well maintained, has modest elevation changes, narrow and short, their blue 6,378, flower beds almost at every hole, a large practice area, and 8 holes had dramatic doglegs.
 - c. Brad M. played at Oak Hollow golf course in Allen and it was okay but low scale of a course; Pecan Hollow in East Plano and reported that it has been redone, created unique nature areas, and has miniverde greens.
 - d. Vincent played at the Cowboy Club a couple times and it is in really good shape.
 - e. The discussion of miniverde greens developed and Don T. says he has managed with both and both are good services. Cool weather downfall for Bermuda. Larry G. discussed the issue that the course would have to be shut down for a period of time and need to consider a loss in revenue. Don T. added that a course in Atlanta, GA was only closed for 4 weeks only for change over. Jerry D. mentioned he heard this on television and that the PCA tour was on that course 2 months after the change.
10. Chairman will reiterate his conversation with Craig Kniffen of American Golf at Waterview on September 20th, 2012.
 - a. Larry G. stated while at the Chamber Golf Tournament he had discussions with Mr. Kniffen about ideas for revenue purposes then an idea of enclosing the pavilion was addressed. Also had a conversation about the 2 bunkers being put in and losing 2 bunkers so would like to see a lake on #2. Thinks they reached a bargain.
11. Discuss and recommend new projects for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - a. Larry presented the list of projects which were introduced at the last meeting in order for the members to review and prioritize. The list of items is in no particular order. While prioritizing projects the members need to keep in mind the bench mark of \$180,000 for the year. These recommendations need to be done before January 2013.
 - b. Brad M. handed passed around a drawing of noted changes to make Par Three golf course safer but very expensive so expects it to be at the bottom of the list. First page is who course is now and the second page is suggested changes. The information was provided to Barbara H.
 - c. Comments in regards to the list of projects:
 - 1a. Geoffrey N. chooses the first 5 items and then #10
 - 2a. Brent D. would like to focus on the trees



3a. Barbara H. stated first choice is #10, second choice is #5, third choice #12, fourth choice is #14, and fifth choice is #4

4a. Jerry D. chooses #10

5a. Vincent L. chooses #10; has no interest in #s 1 & 2 nor #s 6-9; expressed that #12 should be more maintenance issues for American Golf; yes for #16 because there continues to be issues in resident's back yards and ground saturation.

6a. Brad M. chooses #10 and concurs with Barbara's recommendations; he would like to see \$25-30,000 spent on trees.

7a. Charles chooses #10; would like to see the trenches filled; #5

8a. Larry agrees with #10. He mentioned that the return on the investment will take at least a year. Then #5, #4, #14, and #12 are his recommendations. Larry took notes of member's votes and will speak with Brian F. then will have a report for next meeting.

- d. Vincent's comments on work needed on hole #10 brought about a discussion in which Brad M. led recalling that 1.2 million dollars were spent on irrigation and drainage which the city's utility funds paid for some of this work. Somehow the work needed on #10 was omitted therefore it is being asked if there is a way for Jermel S. to investigate the possibility of utilizing the Utility Fund for this project. Jermel explained that the Utility Fund goes to drainage issues within the city. Jermel S. stated that he will investigate this possibility and bring information back to GAB.
- e. Geoffrey N. asked Dan H. what American Golf is willing to spend on the projects. Dan H. stated that American Golf is set on a budget plan where it usually spends on projects in the first quarter then the remaining ends up being spent on emergency funds. Each course is usually allowed \$10-\$15,000.

12. Orientation for new board members

- a. Jermel S. presented a slide show reviewing orientation information about GAB

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.

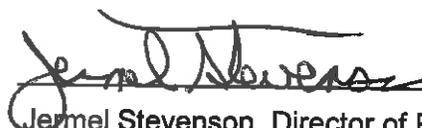
- a. Jermel announced that the Veteran's Day Ceremony is being held on November 9th located downtown Rowlett at 4:30 pm.
- b. Jermel announced that on December 1, 2012 there will be Ride the Rowlett Express (DART) from 3:00pm – 6:00pm and other events include Touch a Truck, Lighting of the tree, and fireworks.

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. Charles A. asked about the contract with American Golf
- b. Funds for drainage project

15. Adjournment was at 9:35 am.


Larry Glick, Chairman


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation