



Golf Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Charles Alexander, Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Guy Hunsaker

VISITORS: Bonnie Masten

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; David Sotelo, General Manager Waterview Golf Course; Matthew Mays, Assistant General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve October 4, 2016 minutes.
 - A. Jerry Daniels motioned to approve minutes as written.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Orientation for board members.

Angela Smith presented information on the board description, primary function, information on the agenda, meeting formats, role of a board member, ideas a member is passionate about, reserve lease, budget lease and a list of long term future projects. Members were thanked for their investment of time, energy and passion to be a part of this board.
5. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. David Sotelo said scheduling of tournaments are starting to slow down and acknowledges the concern of the greens on the course. Matt Mayes mentioned four tournaments were held last week. The golf instructor, Carlos, lost his foot about 2 months ago and Saturday a silent auction is being held. Private events are being scheduled for December.
 - B. Scott Alford reported a 2nd application around the greens to kill the goose grass was completed, trees have started to be trimmed and starting to remove stumps on the course. The bunkers haven't been raked for about three weeks due to the raker being broken but it is now repaired.
 - C. J. Daniels suggested sand replacement in bunkers should be included in the budget on a yearly basis.
 - D. Becky Sebastian asked if it would be ok to donate an item for the silent auction on behalf of the Golf Advisory Board.

6. Update on Audit Action Plan.
 - A. A. Smith reported American Golf is in the middle of their budget. The action plan will not be developed until knowledge of how the budget will be set. D. Sotelo said they are looking at removing bunkers that are no longer in play. He explained bunkers don't make the golf course easier and less bunkers will make it more enjoyable for the average player. Brent Dorenbecker cautioned about removing bunkers before the greens are in better shape and bunkers do contribute to the play. Discussion held on different views about removal of bunkers on the course.
 - B. A. Smith expressed future discussions will occur on specifics such as the bunkers, fence, wall and maintenance building.
 - C. B. Dorenbecker inquired about when the budget will be complete. D. Sotelo confirmed the Waterview budget should be completed by early December, therefore at the January meeting the Action Plan should be presented.
7. Update on the funding for the replacement of retaining wall at hole 8.

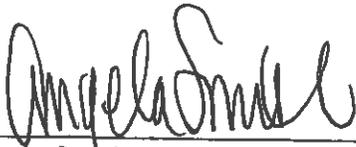
No update.
8. Questions on alternatives for water source.
 - A. Smith summarized information presented last meeting and she sent further information to all board members last week. The Public Works team has come up with a plan that will take several months to complete. Inquiry made in relation to whether the work will have to go through home owner property, if so B. Marshall has a trenching resource the HOA has used before. A. Smith responded she will check with Public Works but believes they are using lines that already exist. Question about the engineering of the interface between the pump house and city line will have the same pressure and flow of water going in as the amount going out.
9. Feedback on the golf course conditions by board members.
 - A. B. Marshall asked if there was much tree loss this year and S. Alford stated there were approximately 5.
 - B. J. Daniels stated several players have asked him what has happened to the greens and what is wrong.
 - C. Charles Alexander said the greens are better than what they were 2-3 weeks ago.
 - D. Larry Glick shared some information from former member Barbara Holst. She played Waterview and greens have improved in the last couple weeks, green at #12 is still weedy, some of fairways are getting bare, and bunkers are generally not good.
10. Members played at other golf courses this past month to discuss condition and overall rating of courses to provide emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - A. Jerry Daniels played at Watters creek and the Firewheel Lakes Course and felt the courses were in good condition.
 - B. B. Dorenbecker expressed disappointment at Watters Creek because there is one hole with waterfall and it rarely works. He played a course in Hawaii therefore he can't compare to Waterview but every hole had some form of danger. Stevens Park Golf Course has been remodeled and looks well maintained. Buffalo Creek Golf Club course is harder to play than Waterview so inquired why there appears to be more players than Waterview. D. Sotelo responded that Buffalo has approximately 600 more members than Waterview so there will be more people playing and the location can play a part too.



- C. Michael Daffin played a course in Port Aransas, TX. and it is a beautiful course. Arnold Palmer helped to design the course and stated this is one of the best courses he had ever played.
 - D. B. Marshall suggested members speak with other players and staff, when at other courses, to obtain information about what they like (i.e. type of grass, type of sand, mow height, etc) and bring the feedback to share with this board.
 - E. L. Glick shared the past board member, B. Host, played at Firewheel and described the course as being in excellent condition and fairways good yet feels their worst greens are better than Waterview's greens.
11. Dedication of a golf course hole.
- A. Discussion on the idea of dedicating a hole or other possible ways to honor someone, such as a bench, a stone set in front of the tunnel, cut something into the concrete wall, or a brass plaque on the front of the tunnel wall.
 - B. Once a decision is made on a specific idea then the board can make a recommendation to City Council. Members were encouraged to visit the tunnel and bring back ideas to board meeting next month.
12. Public Announcements
- A. The Annual Boards/Commissions Volunteer Banquet will be held December 1, 2016.
 - B. Bonnie Masten lives in Waterview and has worked at a golf course before. She explained she doesn't like to play at Waterview although feels it has potential. She attended the meeting today because she is interested in hearing what is going on at Waterview Golf Course.
 - C. A. Smith mentioned Camp Fear was held this past weekend and had approximately 39 families attend. November 11th is the Veteran's Day Ceremony in front of the Rowlett Community Centre; December 3, 2016 will be the Main Street Fest.
 - D. Jonathan Andron asked about there being another entrance for Community Park due to the amount of traffic flow since he lives near it.
 - E. The Waterview HOA annual meeting is tomorrow night and Mayor Gottel is the speaker. Location is at Waterview Golf pavilion. B. Marshall encouraged members to attend.
13. No members requested topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
14. Adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation