

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4th, 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,

Jerry Daniels

ABSENT:

Eric Hatch, Brent Dorenbecker

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; Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.
- 2. Quorum present.
- 3. Larry G. read a letter from Eric Hatch regarding his resignation.
- 4. Barbara H. made a motion to approve the October minutes after noted changes and Geoffrey N. seconded. Approved 4-0. Brad M. made a motion to approve the November minutes after the noted changes and seconded by Geoffrey N. Approved 5-0.
- 5. Discuss golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources, and status of dead tree removal and replacement.
 - a. Larry G. recommended members seeing the nursery if haven't seen it yet. The nursery is a great change.
 - b. Brad M. shared he was at Club House on Friday and on Sunday. He heard much positive feedback and expressed appreciation regarding all the work being done. He checked all the lakes and pumps and all seem to be working properly.
 - c. Larry G. commented that standing from the Club House looking out towards the course is a beautiful view.
- 6. 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. mentioned #13 is looking good.
 - b. Don T. expressed the seeds have been planted for the nursery since Thursday. He is just waiting for the seeds to pop up.
- 7. Discuss re-sodding grass at new tee on #11
 - a. Don T. acknowledged there are some bare spots so re-sodding may be needed. He did share that by mid-summer there will be a full tee.



- b. Brad M. stated #11 has a new look with the two rear tee boxes. Don T. shared he is thinking of rotating use of the two tee boxes.
- 8. Discuss changing/refurbishing monument signs on golf course.
 - a. Larry G. mentioned to keep in mind monument sign changes will need to be added due to the new changes on the course.
- 9. Discuss Board and Commission Dinner
 - a. Larry G. reminded members of the banquet which is Thursday, December 6th at 6:30pm.
- 10. Change the January meeting date
 - a. Larry G. brought to attention that the January meeting date falls on January 1st which is New Year's Day. He suggested moving the meeting to January 8th, the following Tuesday. All were in agreement.
- 11. Discuss Avid Golfer, Best of Public Ranking Issue
 - a. Larry G. handed out to each member an issue of Avid Golfer which included the Best of Public Rankings information. He also distributed a letter he provided to the Mayor, members of Council, City Manager, and Assistant City Manager about the publishing. Waterview Golf Course continues to move up the ranking list.
 - b. Dan H. is aware of when persons come out to judge the course for the ranking. He shared they did voice to him that Waterview is one of the greenest public courses they have played.
 - c. Brad M. said his interpretation of the ranking comment "Eyesore of fields on front nine needs to be treed" is in relation to the soccer fields. He is wondering if Parks and Recreation could look at irrigation to help it look green. Jermel S. says the issue is budget but this request is noted.
 - d. Larry G. asked if the picture of the golf course on the city website could be changed with a newer picture. Brian F. and Jermel S. responded with a yes.
- 12. Discuss drainage issues on the left side of hole #10
 - a. Don T. mentioned that Wade Williams with Public Works did make a visit to the golf course but he did not get to speak with him. Brad M. did speak with Mr. Williams over the telephone about the concern. Jermel S. and Brian F. shared that Public Works is looking to see if the City structures contribute to the drainage issue. If this is the finding then the funds could come from the city but if it appears the drainage issue is due to the design of the golf course then there will not be any repair funding coming from the city.
 - b. Brad M. requested if Public Works could give a general idea of the cost estimate for such a repair. He also shared a concern of any repercussions if any residential homes would flood.
 - c. Larry G. agreed to keep this item on future agendas until there is a resolution.
- 13. Discuss status of Fiscal Year 2013 recommendations and Board member attendance at the December 18th City Council meeting.
 - a. Brian F. confirmed that GAB is on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Dec. 18th. Brian F. mentioned he spoke with Craig Kniffen, American Golf Director of Maintenance, about the different projects proposed by GAB. He explained the list is in the order of priority. Brian F. clarified there is \$201,000 available for the projects to be completed. The pavilion will be a

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community asset. Discussion held in regards to the need to have an architect for the pavilion design and the options if the cost is over \$100,000 budget. Brian F. shared brief feedback on each project item. Dan H. voiced an architect is coming out Monday.

- b. Brad M. talked about some of the positives and negatives of the pavilion at Ridgeview to keep in mind before work begins on Waterview pavilion.
- c. Barbara H. shared that her interest in having the enclosed pavilion is to start a women's league. This would require her making invites for the traveling league individuals who will not come out until there is an enclosed pavilion.
- d. Vincent L. asked questions in regards to who has the final approval of the pavilion design. Brian F. responded the City will make the final decision. Vincent asked if the information could be shared with the board members before the final decision and Brian F. stated this could be provided. Brian F. mentioned there will be a process and there is a criterion for choosing the architect.
- 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 9:38 am.

Larry Glick, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation