



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Charles Alexander

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; David Sotelo, Waterview General Manager; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison; 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 June 6, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. The new Rental Housing Program presentation. Chuck Dumas, Engineer Services Manager and Maria Martinez, Community Service Manager.
 - A. City staff are meeting with the various boards and commissions, as well as, stakeholders to seek input on a housing quality standards program and answer questions. Garland has a housing inspection program for rental properties although it has not been received well by stakeholders and others. Due to this Rowlett wants to make the program better. Rowlett is looking to implement the program in October 2017. The program is a property maintenance tool on how to maintain the neighborhoods and help those who rent.
 - B. Rental property standards are to ensure persons live in safe, decent, and sanitary housing. An inspector will enforce property maintenance issues and that rental properties are following codes. Renters will know the city has inspected the rental property prior to occupancy.
 - C. Questions asked and answers provided.
5. Update from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Scott Alford shared how the goose grass is being monitored and controlled, as well as the aerification schedule for the remainder of the year. Used a demo DryJect Aerification to aerify the putting green and chipping green. Explanation of how it worked to help the course was provided, as well as considering to use it in the future.
 - B. For the summer months, a water cooler was placed on Par 3 course at #2 tee box and added a water cooler on the driving range.

- C. Waterview is presently dealing with irrigation issues on the course and in process of getting it fixed.
 - D. David Sotelo stated Waterview course has had more rounds played than Buffalo Creek for July. This shows the impact of moving events from Buffalo Creek to Waterview. Staff is hoping this year Waterview will make some profit.
6. Update on the Audit Action Plan.
- Angela Smith reported Waterview has followed through on the items noted in the audit. An audit is scheduled within the next 45 days. It is likely information from this audit will be available at the October meeting.
7. GAB 5th Annual Golf Tournament to be held September 17, 2017. Set a time to begin and choose teams.
- A. The tournament will begin at 2:00pm.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker was identified as a Team Captain. A request was made for Dru Bolen to be invited and be a Team Captain. A. Smith will contact D. Bolen to inquire. Other board member names will be drawn to make up the teams. S. Alford and D. Sotelo agreed to play.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt
- A. D. Bobbitt briefly spoke about the transitions of the City Council to come further in the year due to the special election this month. Members were encouraged to call her if there are questions.
 - B. At City Council tonight will consider action to approve two public hearings on the 2017-2018 tax rate so please attend or listen to the session. Council will hear a presentation on Collin County Strategy Roadway Plan which can possibly bring more traffic through Rowlett.
 - C. L. Glick mentioned that Governor Abbott's Special Session includes a few items that could place some restrictions on a city. Debby Bobbitt concurred and encouraged members to stay informed.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions.
- A. B. Dorenbecker played twice at Waterview and obvious there is improvement with the greens and agrees the course is better than Buffalo. On #11 on Waterview can't tell where the definition is between fairway and green. A couple tee boxes need to be moved because looking chopped up. #12 green is showing its wear and likely because there is more play.
 - B. M. Daffin played last week and thought the course was in good shape.
 - C. B. Marshall played and described grass on fairways the grass is more lush than ever before, starting to see some definition between the rough and cart path.
 - D. B. Marshall reminded that last meeting there was a brief discussion on sand traps. He showed pictures of a sand trap after a rain. Sand was placed in this particular bunker in February-March time frame. Pointed out the geo-textile liner is gone, after rain there is erosion and there is sand contamination. This process has happened about 15 times since February. Suggestions of ways to improve which will be less maintenance were suggested so board members can make a recommendation to City Council.
 - E. L. Glick inquired if there is still sand available to place in the bunkers. S. Alford responded there is some sand and there are some bunkers that still need to be filled. At present time, there is no knowledge if there will be funds to purchase more sand.
 - F. D. Sotelo played at Buffalo Creek and Waterview recently and feels the conditions of Waterview Golf Course is in better shape than Buffalo Creek.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

- A. B. Dorenbecker played at Buffalo Creek and the greens weren't great and the conditions almost want money back, rocks in traps. Played at Pecan Hollow, a public course and voiced the greens are amazing. The grass is MiniVerde and the course was in immaculate condition. Waters Creek has very good definition. Canyon Creek course just updated some of their bunkers. He played at private courses such as Brookhaven Country Club and Cowboys Golf Club.
- B. Jerry Daniels played at Buffalo and stated the greens were spotty and it wasn't his best experience of playing golf.
- C. D. Sotelo explained about Buffalo Creek's course condition. He also elaborated the priority of focus is greens, fairways, tee boxes and anything else follows.

11. Public input and questions.

N/A

12. Public Announcements.

- A. A. Smith announced the Summer Concert Series begins this Friday at Pecan Grove Park starting at 7pm. Concerts will be held each Friday for the month of August. The band for this Friday is Escape.
- B. Becky Sebastian said a Candidate Debate will be held August 3, 2017 at 7:00pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre.
- C. A. Smith reported the water source issue has been addressed and Waterview is getting water from Lake Ray Hubbard.
- D. The Rowlett Citizen Academy is now taking applications until August 31, 2017. They will begin to meet September 13, 2017 and will be held on Wednesdays from 10:30am - 1:00pm.
- E. Members were reminded that Boards/Commission applications for October 2017 - September 2018 will be due by August 31, 2017.
- F. The City has funds through Governor's Community Achievement Award and in partnership with TxDOT to be used for landscaping projects along Highway 66

13. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.

- B. Marshall requested for further discussion on the face of the bunkers.

14. Adjourned at 9:10am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation