



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Dan Walker

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; David Sotelo, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Debby Bobbitt, City Council liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Paul Stevens, Assistant City Manager.

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:59am.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve March 6, 2018 minutes.
 - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve March 6, 2018 minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. It was requested to move agenda item Imagine Rowlett after the 2018 Bond Election and members agreed.

Community Investment Advisory Board presentation on 2018 Bond Election.

 - A. Dan Walker presented some brief history of how the Community Investment Advisory Board originated, their goals and strategy for success. Reviewed their ranking criteria system.
 - B. There are three propositions. Proposition A is for paving and drainage improvements for \$41.47 million; Proposition B is for parks, trails and open space for \$8.955 million; Proposition C is for public safety and facility improvements for \$9.485 million. City Council approved for the call of an election in May. There is no tax increase and each proposition stands on its own.
 - C. Future bonding capacity was explained. Projects that didn't make the list for the 2018 Bond Election will still be on an ongoing 5-year CIP with a long -term outlook, CASH CIP will continue to fund smaller projects and repairs, etc.
 - D. Briefly reviewed an update on the 2015 Bond Election projects and the goal is to have all projects completed under construction by end of 2018.
 - E. Public meetings will be held although information can be found on the city website and there is a page dedicated to the 2018 Bond Election. Important milestones and dates are 1) Outreach during April and May; 2) Information meetings to be held on April 5, 2018 and April 19, 2018 at

6:00pm; 3) Early voting will be April 23, 2018 through May 1, 2018; 4) Election will be held on May 5, 2018; 5) Issuance of bonds will be late summer 2018. Newsletters will be mailed and there will be handouts for distribution soon. There will be information sent in a future utility bill. Members can share information on social media and with any groups in connection.

5. Rowlett Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Rowlett. (Scotty Lovett exited)
Paul Stevens introduced Imagine Rowlett and the plans will focus on the City's core vision and build upon the knowledge and success of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, Realize Rowlett 2020. Stakeholder input is crucial to this process. Citizens can participate by completing the online survey via a computer or cell phone device and can be accessed through <https://clients.freese.com/RowlettCompPlan/>. A town hall meeting was held March 22, 2018 and there is another meeting on April 9, 2018. Board members were encouraged to help advertise, attend and advocate. There will be several poster boards throughout the city that persons can use to jot their ideas on their vision for Rowlett in 10 to 20 years.
6. Discuss golf course tour.
 - A. Angela Smith reported selected persons from city staff, American Golf, City Council, Century Golf, Golf Advisory Board Chair and one other member, and Waterview staff took a tour of Firewheel Golf Courses and the Waterview Golf Course last week to discuss grass for proposed green renovation. The main goal of the tour was to collect facts for a future decision. City Council presently has this topic on their April 17, 2018 draft agenda but as soon as this is confirmed an email will be sent to Golf Advisory Board members.
 - B. Brad Marshall shared he heard a lot of good information.
 - C. Larry Glick voiced his opinion of recommending Bent Grass hasn't changed and understands the big issue is the number of rounds. He learned the 007 was tested extensively and been around for about 7 years and the conclusion is that 38,000 to approximately 41,000 rounds is about all the 007 Bent grass can handle. This would mean Waterview fees would need to be increased which would make it more of a high-end daily fee golf course.
 - D. Scott Alford stated core samples through the grave bed for further information on the potential green renovation will be done at the end of this week. The diagnostic lab is closed this week.
 - E. Becky Sebastian encouraged members to contact City Council members to continue to voice this board's recommendation.
7. Update on the Golf Advisory Board budget requests.
 - A. Improvement to new steps by tee box is complete. Brent Dorenbecker added the steps look so much better with this improvement.
 - B. The improvement projects for the orphan areas will be discussed more at the next meeting. Members were asked to bring ideas for the orphan area projects.
8. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent to include an update on the patio cover.
 - A. Scott Alford reported the redesign on the two bunkers at hole #6 is complete.
 - B. David Sotelo reported they will have to evaluate building something over the patio because there is nothing that can be tied down over the pergola that won't get torn by the wind. They are aware there is a need but this will be expensive.
 - C. David Sotelo shared positive feedback for the month of March due to an increase in number of rounds which surpassed last year's rounds at this same time of year. Waterview is seeing more players pay rack rate fees.

- D. Ongoing maintenance included deep tine aerification of greens, applied first of three applications for goose grass control, and aerification of the fairways and roughs began in April. The greens will be fertilized at the end of the month. Irrigation repairs continue to be made weekly due to leaks. The pumps will be checked for pressure in the lines to make sure this is not the cause for so many leaks.
9. Discuss and plan for the City Council joint meeting scheduled for May 15, 2018.
A draft of the presentation was reviewed. Next meeting members will need to bring their ideas and comments related to the 2017-2018 accomplishments, goals for 2018-2019, budget requests and future concerns.
 10. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.
 - A. Imagine Rowlett will have a town hall-style meeting on April 12, 2018 located at the Rowlett Community Centre from 6pm to 8pm.
 - B. Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held April 11, 2018 and the main topic will be the 2018 bond election.
 - C. Senior Health Fair will be held April 10, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - D. Informational meetings for the 2018 Bond Election will be held on April 5, 2018 at 6pm at City Hall on April 19, 2018 at 6pm located at Rowlett Community Centre.
 11. Feedback on golf course conditions.
Brent Dorenbecker stated he is starting to see some improvements with the greens. He brought to attention ball mark issues and drainage issues. He expressed appreciation for the golf raking. One concern mentioned is the ball washer is broken.
 12. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - A. Mira Vista Country Club in Fort Worth had lots of weeds in the rough areas.
 - B. Brad Marshall shared his experience while visiting a golf course in California where the daily fee is \$250.
 13. Public input and questions.
None
 14. Public Announcements.
Angela Smith introduced Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Business Manager, then explained his role within the Parks & Recreation Department and announced he will be attending Golf Advisory Board meetings.
 15. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
Ideas of how to cover the patio pergola was identified as an agenda item.
 16. Adjourned at 9:31am.

Brad Marshall, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation