



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 ~ 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, George Harris, Michael Daffin, Scotty Lovett, Becky Sebastian, Barbara Holst

ABSENT: Jonathan Andron, Brad Marshall, Jeff Feyerherm

VISITORS:

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; David Berman, City Attorney; Paul Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Brian Funderburk, City Manager.

1. Brent Dorenbecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Quorum present. Becky Sebastian appointed as a voting member.
3. Consider action to approve January 8, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Becky Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Executive Session
 - A. The Golf Advisory Board shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to the City's lease with American Golf Corporation and the Waterview Golf Course. (Barbara Holst entered meeting)
 - B. In Executive Session at 8:02am; Out at 8:57am
 - C. No action was taken.
5. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members. (Scotty Lovett left the meeting).
 - A. Dan Cortese, Vice President of DFW Operations provided his experience background.
 - B. Michael Daffin expressed concerns 1) Ball washers smell because water doesn't get changed or sometimes there is no water, and this provokes concerns about the drinking water available on the course; 2) Frequently there is a sewer smell in restrooms and club house; 3) Maintenance area fence is falling is not visually appealing; 4) Fire ants are all over the course; and 5) A specific issue regarding the Players Club was described.
 - C. Becky Sebastian stated the gate from the road into the Maintenance Shop area is frequently open and this leads to safety issues. Michael Daffin and George Harris provided some examples of what persons do in their vehicles when the gate is left open.

- D. Larry Glick inquired about American Golf's vision for golf course after the reopening. Dan Cortese shared a few things such as new fees, instructional components, club house cosmetic changes, new set up in golf shop. In addition, Waterview may have to look at a soft opening depending on how much of the work is able to get completed by that date. Michael Daffin inquired about Annual Membership being available again and D. Cortese responded this will be considered.
- E. Brent Dorenbecker shared 1) An observation of a sign being placed in the club house to pay 50 cents for a cup of water; 2) Poor definition between the fairways and the rough, although visited Pecan Hollow and Mesquite courses and their courses had definition; 3) T-boxes are more circular and looks more like a crown and doesn't appear that players are using the back tees. D. Cortese concurred he hears from Waterview staff that golfers do not play the back tees often and provided a brief explanation; 4) Golf carts were dirty with trash on Sunday and frequently there is no cart person; 5) Some tees look over-seeded and others brown looking; and 6) Bunker on driving range is not usable. Brent Dorenbecker inquired about the interest in marketing events in the pavilion to help mainstream revenue. Dan Cortese replied his understanding was that the enclosed pavilion concept was more for tournaments and not so much as events but asked for board members' opinions. While B. Dorenbecker was visiting the course on Sunday the GM was out on errands, AGM was playing golf and a group of the ambassadors/marshals were playing golf. M. Daffin and G. Harris explained the scheduling and rotation of the ambassadors. A couple positives shared is that the ponds are looking clean and the planter area by hole 13 is much better.
- F. Barbara Holst and Brent Dorenbecker provided feedback about the snack bar not being open and/or someone not present to serve visitors. Dan Cortese voiced they will have a new plan with retail section in the golf shop that will improve service.
- G. Paul Stevens mentioned this board may want to look at making recommendations regarding the bunkers, but likely can't wait until the next meeting. Maybe consider an ad hoc committee. To receive update on the progress on project.
- H. Larry brought up about the vegetation type of design project near the pavilion and pond.
- I. Dan Cortese stated that when the golf course is closed for construction of the projects, the Waterview staff will be on site using this opportunity to bring back areas such as fairway aerification.

6. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.
No updates

7. Public Announcements.
No announcements.

8. Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.
A. Budget for orphan area projects.
B. Flipping of the nines.

9. Adjourned at 9:42 am.

Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation