



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 ~ 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, George Harris, Michael Daffin, Becky Sebastian, Barbara Holst, Jeff Feyerherm, Brad Marshall

ABSENT: Jonathan Andron, Scotty Lovett, Jerry Daniels

VISITORS:

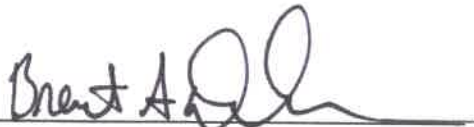
STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Paul Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Dru Bolen, Waterview General Manager; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent.

1. Brent Dorenbecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03am.
2. Jeff Feyerherm appointed as a voting member. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve March 5, 2019 and March 25, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes as written. Michael Daffin seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
 - B. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the March 25, 2109 minutes as corrected. Michael Daffin seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Dru Bolen stated staff are wrapping up the winter season. March weather was not good for golfing.
 - B. Andy Bailey mentioned pre-emergent was used several times and there will be weeds on the course for a while. There are plans for staff to work on striping the greens to help with definition.
 - C. Requests for three pieces of equipment were submitted to American Golf and two have been approved for purchase so far.
 - D. Waterview will not book tournaments for June, July, August nor through September 13, 2019 in preparations for the course renovations.
 - E. Dru Bolen said there are thoughts of possibly placing monument tee markers to include history of the golf course. If this is approved, then it will be added during the course renovations.
 - F. Waterview is still working on filling their staff needs.
5. Renovation Projects Update.
 - A. Replacement of the greens is estimated to cost \$568,404 which is the 2nd lowest bid. The retaining wall cost with Redi-rock will be approximately \$480,538. Both are within the

projected budget. Knight Erosion is the sole bidder for the retaining wall. Matt Grubisich added that certain key components will be looked at with these bids and these projects will happen during summer 2019.

- B. Paul Stevens reported City Council voted to approve the projects on March 19, 2019.
 - C. Brent Dorenbecker expressed concern that during the City Council presentation it only indicated approval for greens, 1 nursery green, 1 practice green and 3 short course greens. Angela Smith clarified that the approval is for 165,000 square foot of green replacement but she will verify with Dan Cortese that it includes the chipping green too.
 - D. The timelines are being worked on and as the timeline gets confirmed the information will be emailed to members.
 - E. The possible addition to the putting green at hole #1 is not part of this initial project. Angela Smith will connect with Dan Cortese about getting Fleetwood to submit a price to find out the cost then get back to us. (Brad Marshall exited meeting)
6. Ad hoc Bunker Committee.
- A. Brent Dorenbecker reported the committee met with Todd Clark, CE Golf Design, and listened to his presentation on sand bunker renovation plan to improve the course. Bunker improvements for each hole was discussed. A follow up meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 8:00am to review the revised design. CE Golf Design will be onsite for the bunker renovation to ensure the recommendations are being followed in the interest of the city. Golf Board will need to make a recommendation. Concern of so many bunkers being removed and/or decreased and how this affects the aesthetics were voiced by a few members.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker inquired about the cost of renovating the bunkers as they are versus the dollar amount for changing designs and renovation. The cost of the different types of sand being considered is also important. Brent Dorenbecker voiced he viewed CE Golf Design website then contacted some of the courses CE Golf Design recently did work to find out about the satisfaction of the bunker renovation. Larry Glick inquired about the city's plan in moving forward before considering making a recommendation. Paul Stevens provided an explanation including that the city is looking at present day's design strategies which are smaller bunkers, as well as the place of play, and the critical things to spend money for maintenance. He continued saying that when reopening this be a new course and the design was based on a full facility assessment. Angela Smith stated the city wants to have a maintainable course. Angela Smith will speak with Dan Cortese to find out more about budget. Brief discussion on the driving force for this type of design plan and the components that are maintainable. (Michael Daffin exited meeting)
7. Plans for the City Council joint meeting scheduled for May 21, 2019.
- Angela Smith presented draft information on the purpose of the board, goals, accomplishments, any budget requests, and future concerns. A revised draft will be reviewed during the May board meeting for better preparation of this joint meeting. Members briefly spoke about the past presentations.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.
- Matt Grubisich was unable to be present therefore no update.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
- A. Jeff Feyerherm expressed thanks to Andy Bailey for the work being done on the course. Fairways were described to be in better condition than Firewheel and the greens are in decent shape.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker acknowledges there is much progress being made on the course from where it was a few months ago. (George Harris exited the meeting)

- C. Becky Sebastian said a couple firefighters played the course and they were pleasantly surprised of the conditions since they last played. They are interested in possibly playing in the future.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - A. Brent Dorenbecker played Waterchase public golf course in Fort Worth and described it as being well-maintained. The course is well taken care of with fast green and lots of sand so paying the high-end fee was okay was acceptable, although the driving range is adjacent to the course with a separate fee.
 - B. Jeff Feyerherm played Firewheel Bridges and the Lake Course. There were lots of poa annua grass on the greens. Mesquite Golf Club greens were mini Verde and it didn't have a smooth putt.
 11. Public Input.
No public input.
 12. Public Announcements.
 - A. Angela Smith said Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13, 2019; Kid Fish and Cardboard Boat Regatta on April 27, 2019; and Pup-A-Palooza April 14, 2019.
 - B. Rowlett High School has a fishing program.
 - C. Reminder of the Boards/Commissions and Volunteer Banquet is on April 6, 2019.
 13. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
 - A. George Harris suggested that when the new developer for existing Bayside is set then Economic Development could speak with this board.
 - B. Larry Glick asked if Dru Bolen could review all the new golf rules such as the top 20 that affect players.
 14. Adjourned at 10:06 am.



Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation