



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 ~ 8:00 am
Municipal Building
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT (Remotely): Chair - Brent Dorenbecker; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Michael Daffin, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Jerry Daniels. Alternates: Jonathan Andron, Carter Holston, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Sandy Queen, Profitable Golf; Kenneth Williams

STAFF: Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Mitchell Laskowitz, Head of National Golf Operations/American Golf; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Senior Advisory Board meeting was held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

1. The Chair, Brent Dorenbecker, called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present.
2. Consider action to approve February 2, 2021.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
 - B. Brad Marshall seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. AARP Livable Age-Friendly Community by Senior Advisory Board.
Kenneth Williams with Senior Advisory Board presented information defining what an age-friendly community is and how it supports a community. There are 8 domains of livability and the focus will be on 3 of these, transportation, social participation, and housing. What has been so far was shared with members. Aaron Cleaver explained about upcoming stakeholder meetings and inquiring if any members are interested in being a part of the stakeholder meetings.

5. Updates from Waterview staff to include winter storm repairs.
 - A. Trey Gainous said February was a rough month with being shut down for 2 weeks due to weather. There were a couple leaks in the cart barn which were fixed quickly. Had a few leaks in the parking lot. Held a tournament and three or four big tournaments coming up. The new carts will have usb ports but still no estimated time of arrival. Arrangements for 15 rented carts for the month of March to help with the tournaments. Michael Daffin said the carts will be gas and these go fast and concerned about the drivers. Trey G. said they will have staff trained.
 - B. Andy Bailey said irrigation had some gaskets replaced, had some repairs at the pump house and putting some safeguards in the pump house to protect it better. Feels the greens handled the snow well but won't know for sure until May. Grass is not supposed be below 20 degrees, but the snow cover insulated the turf along with the special preparations done to get ready for the freezing temperatures. All signs show the greens will survive and explained what is being done to monitor and preserve the turf. Michael Daffin mentioned there is a leak at hole #18 to the right of forward tees along the fence. Andy B. said these pipelines are exhibiting more problems because they were not buried as deep in the ground as other pipes, but the issue is being addressed. Larry Glick asked for further explanation of bringing patches of turf indoors. Andy B. said the turf patches are brought inside to provide a warmer temperature to raise the soil temperature. This process manipulates small pieces to see how it will react and gives an idea if the greens will grow after the winter storm. Larry G. asked if there should be a space for this process in the future and A. Bailey explained the limitations for there are with setting up a space for this purpose. Brad Marshall asked how the winter storm effected their plan for treating poa annua grass. Andy B. said staff will need to start the three treatments over. Brent Dorenbecker inquired if there is concern about the fairway and A. Bailey said yes because any slope that faces north or fairways in shady areas, for example the turf on backside of hole #4, so will be more at risk, but the turf surface was healthy prior to the snow.
 - C. Brad Marshall asked M. Grubisich about the well-being of the trees after the snow week and low temps. Matt G. said the oak trees will drop leaves a little earlier than usual, but overall, the trees should hold up pretty well. Crape Myrtles will likely be hit hard. Sandy Q. commented that A. Bailey was really on top of the tasks on the course and happy to hear he is doing the grass plugs.
6. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.

City Council adopted a revised budget and there will be a plan for the funds designated for the Waterview Golf Course. Angela Smith shared that added this topic will come back to this board with the plan options regarding the \$50,000 allocated towards future projects in the Master Plan and \$50,000 for immediate work.
7. Status of the Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan.
 - A. Angela Smith reported S. Queen made a couple revisions to the plans according to the board recommendations. The plans will be presented to City Council soon. Angela smith explained the communications with Waterview Golf staff was throughout the storm and expressed appreciation.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker asked for clarification regarding who is responsible for following through with the different line items of the plan. Angela S. said this

was discussed with city attorney and there is not clear delineation of the responsibilities because it will depend on the project but the regular maintenance items should be covered by American Golf and items related to the infrastructure the city will partner with them to complete or upgrade.

8. Status of Exhibit F rewrite.

Angela Smith stated the feedback from American Golf was received last week but due to the weather storm staff has not been able to review it. Once there is an update the information will be shared with board members.

9. Status of the cart path repairs.

Lawn & Landscape began the project with cutting the concrete, but weather caused some delay. The task of removing the bad sections will begin tomorrow then they will start forming for new concrete with the goal to pour concrete by end of this week. Traffic on the course will be diverted for a couple weeks.

10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

A. Jerry Daniels played a week ago which was the first day after opening from the storm. He thought the greens were in great condition considering the weather and it was easy to play out of the sand.

B. Brad Marshall mentioned there a tournament was played this weekend even though there was fog and it was inspiring to see them hit far putts considering the greens are dormant. Trey Gainous said there was 31 players and was a really good tournament.

11. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

Larry Glick made a notation he was in Los Angeles for a business trip around 1985 and traveled the same road that Tiger Woods had his recent vehicle accident then elaborated on the story.

12. Public Announcements.

A. Angela Smith said Lunch on the Lawn starts March 15th from 11am - 2pm. Planning is in process for other spring events. Texas Governor is supposed to make a new announcement today about the COVID 19 restrictions.

B. Larry Glick stated he will talk more in detail about items on the upcoming ballot. Angela Smith added that someone will be speaking to this board during the April meeting on the upcoming bond election.

13. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No topics requested.

14. Adjourned at 8:58am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chair


Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager