



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Municipal Building
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Brent Dorenbecker

VISITORS: Sandy Queen, Profitable Golf

STAFF: Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Matt Grubisich, City Council Liaison

1. The Vice Chair, Larry Glick, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Quorum Present. Jonathan Andron, Carter Holston, Becky Sebastian appointed as regular members.
2. Consider action to approve May 4, 2021.
 - A. Carter Holston made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates with Waterview staff to include update on cart path repairs, cart replacements.
 - A. Cart replacements - supposed to receive 20 rental carts from EzGo this week. The new lithium battery carts are still expected to arrive in September.
 - B. Cart path repairs are coming along but the rain has been a hinderance in progress. Phase 2 is funded, and the contract signed.
 - C. Trey Gainous stated May was a rough month due to the amount of rain, a kitchen manager was hired, and starting to book events for the pavilion.
 - D. Mitchell La is no longer with American Golf city was informed May 19, 2021. Drive Shaft who owns American Golf does have a local office.
 - E. Andy Bailey reported working on upping fertility rates to get grass to grow and get rid of the weeds. Plan to aerify next week and push fertility then replace areas that doesn't respond to the aerification. Carter Holston asked about the t-boxes & fringes in relation to the weeds and replacements. Andy Bailey said Waterview will pay someone to do replace the sod and explained the process. The cart path sides will be done too.

5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
 - A. Thanked members who joined the joint meeting.
 - B. City budget meetings this month. Larry Glick inquired about potential bond in the November election. Matt Grubisich replied this is a possibility although no decisions have been made yet.
6. Follow up from joint meeting with City Council held on May 18, 2021.

Matt Grubisich shared the meeting spurred some good discussion and expressed appreciation of this board's recommendations. Angela Smith said a budget request is due today for FY22.
7. Update on ATMOS projects related to the golf course.
 - A. Angela Smith shared a map of the driving range and explained a project for the gas line. Project One - Driving Range has been approved by City Council and staff has been communicating with city attorney, City of Garland and Waterview Golf. ATMOS will pay for the easement and it will go to the Golf Fund.
 - B. Project Two - Line 028 Upsize is upgrading the pipeline with another easement that starts at the nursery and runs along the edge of the course from Hole #10 through #14. City staff is working with ATMOS, American Golf staff, and Waterview staff to put together the details of this project. ATMOS has an easement that runs along the edge of the course in the area which allows the right to work but they are working with course staff to make the best decisions possible for the course. This project is slated to take 30 days and begin in August. Final details are still being negotiated between American Golf and Atmos.
 - C. Andy Bailey says the course is marked for the project. Carter Holston voiced the most concern is at hole #12 and explained. Larry Glick asked for the planned mapping to be sent to board members. Larry Glick asked if there will be an say as to what trees are planted back and the size of tree. Angela Smith replied she is not aware at this point but will ask. Michael Daffin suggested using the Tree Plan as a resource for identifying the replacements and it appears the nursery is going to need to be moved because is there is an issue with the pipeline again then the nursery will have to be torn up again. Andy Bailey stated the relocation of the nursery will need to be a discussion because it needs to be done before September.
8. Status of Exhibit F rewrite.

Angela Smith reported she will send the rewrite final draft to all members.
9. Discuss ideas for course improvements.
 - A. Cup size diameters - Jonathan Andron suggesting things to possibly get AVID Golfer and others to talk about Waterview Golf Course. Larger cup sizes shorten play time by 45 minutes. Not one in the area is doing this so it could create a buzz. Barbara Holst said the larger holes are not USGA or R & A approved, so it would change the rating of the golf course and explained how it can affect the "high end course". Jonathan Andron added an alternative is using chalk line or shaded area around the hole. There are several articles out there. Maybe the holes just cut on the Par 3. Larry Glick said a solution is to pin locations with different color and feels this topic is worth talking about because speeding up play is a hot topic, although he understands the maintenance will be an issue. Trey Gainous mentioned large cups have been around since 2012 but it is more for a tournament play or for fun and suggested the board try this during a tournament and then provide feedback. Andy Bailey expressed at other courses they

- have done similar things for tournaments but not for regular play and baby powder or sand was used. Two days a week used bigger cups and there is quite a bit of work involved. Larry will mention to the next Chamber meeting to see if there is an interest.
- B. Food and beverage - Jonathan Andron said there are opportunities to make a splash such as have a local restaurant or franchise to have assigned cook days.
 - C. Par 3 - Add lighting and in driving range. Trey Gainous said lighting is expensive and this is more of a long-term conversation.
 - D. Carter Holston agrees we need to look at the different services for golf courses from the parking lot to the bathrooms, etc. Thinks these are healthy discussions.
10. Follow up on potential projects with allocated funds. (Sandy Queen exited)
- A. Angela Smith showed a list of the budget requests. \$100,000 funded in December 2020 allocated for non-operational projects. In early May City Council approved \$30,000 for five projects: 1) Re-stripe parking lot; 2) Improve parking lot lighting; 3) Rebuild fencing on roof; 4) Replace monument signs #1 & #18; and 5) Remodel restrooms on the course. There were additional projects suggested for consideration for the remaining \$70,000. There is a list of additional future funding projects. We do not need to decide today about the priority of the remaining projects. She will know more for July meeting.
 - B. Larry Glick expressed concern in that funds aren't allowed to be used on the actual golf course that is important rather than on the buildings. He has a strong interest in the practice greens. Brad Marshall agrees with L. Glick's comments but some of the items on the list are things really needed because acreage has been added over time therefore more space is needed for equipment and the infrastructure is owned by the city, therefore the right resources should be provided to do what they need to do. Larry Glick agreed, although reiterated the issue is where the responsibility lies. Carter Holston asked how this moves forward with the initial cost proposals. Angela Smith said she will get with A. Bailey for an update this week to coordinate on the information. Carter Holston suggested it be a good idea for the bathroom improvements be presented to the board.
 - C. Larry Glick shared that Waterview Golf Course didn't exist in two resources such as the Dallas Morning News or AVID Golfer during the week of Byron Nelson. We are in the East range and don't really score. Angela Smith suggested this board should look at ways to promote the course.
11. Discuss golf course re-opening.
We can look at possibly doing something in the fall. Let's wait until the grass to recover first and see where ATMOS project is. Postpone discussion until the August or September meeting.
12. Discuss meeting in person for the month of July.
Future meetings can be held in person at Waterview. Members are to inform S. Monroe by June 15th if uncomfortable on meeting in person. A decision will be made, and members will be informed of the status.
13. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
No feedback.
14. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
No comments.

15. Public Announcements.

Board applications are now open for reappointments and the deadline is June 30, 2021, whereas new appointment deadline is August 14, 2021.

16. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.
Ideas of how this board can help market the golf course.

17. Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Larry Glick, Vice Chair



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager