



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 ~ 8:00 a.m.
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

ABSENT: Becky Sebastian

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 Chair, Brent Dorenbecker, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Quorum Present.
2. Consider action to approve April 6, 2021.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Barbara Holst seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates with Waterview staff to include update on cart path repairs, cart replacements, and food service
 - A. Cart replacements - EasyGo is the company delivering the carts and although the timeline has changed several times, at present the new carts with lithium batteries are due to arrive in September. Waterview is supposed to receive 48 batteries today which will aid in having a full fleet again.
 - B. Cart path repairs are coming along but there have been delays due to rain. The weather and wet turf are key factors because equipment damages the turf. Lawn & Landscape is one pour behind on phase 1 due to cracking of a panel and having to rip it all up, reset and then inspect. The deposit is paid on phase 2 and the pricing from last year is being honored, even though prices have increased, which enable things to move into next phase. If persons can have patience and understanding of the process and situation it will greatly be appreciated.
 - C. Trey Gainous reported thirteen tournaments are scheduled for May; Stone River Golf course in Royse City will be closing for six weeks for green replacements

and two other courses in the area are closing for maintenance. Waterview Golf should benefit from these closures.

- D. Andy Bailey reported they are trying to stay with the plans to start eradicating the weeds since the Bermuda has started to grow; this process was delayed due to the freeze. The greens are still recovering. Brad Marshall inquired about the poa anna. Andy Bailey replied that the chemical didn't work well in certain areas so uncertain what happened because the process is the same for all areas. Spraying preemergent this late in the year will help everything to last longer (lasts 4-6 months) which means until the fall. Brad Marshall asked about the Ash trees and A. Bailey said the trees seem to be coming back, but the Ash trees seem to have received the most damage from the freeze. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the tee boxes surviving from the freeze. Andy Bailey said several will likely need to be sodded such as #10, but he is trying to be patient because the sod farms received the same winter weather conditions therefore it is not the best time to lay sod. Three or four tee boxes may need to be seeded but staff is adding carbon & nitrogen to help the process. Michael Daffin inquired about the sprinkler head repairs because the one at hole #18 is bad. Andy Bailey mentioned they are working on this daily, but one gets fixed and then another one gets broken.
 - E. Food and Beverage service - Starting 3 days ago staff started working on promoting the pavilion and have partnered with Opa Greek Taverna & Buffalo Bills. Jonathan Andron conveyed there are still many persons in the area who aren't aware this golf course exists and shared some ideas to entice folks to the course through the food and beverage services. Trey Gainous acknowledged the needs with foods and beverages. At one time American Golf looked at having a third party to oversee the food & beverage area, but this never happened. He will speak with Mitchell Laskowitz about some of the ideas, but members should be aware these types of programs take a lot of money.
5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
- A. Election result information can be found on the city website.
 - B. Question was asked about the approved projects for Waterview Golf discussed last month. Angela Smith will present the projects to City Council this evening. Once this information is obtained there will be a better idea of the direction City Council would like to take. Conversations have been held with M. Laskowitz and C. Holston putting together information on the bathroom renovations. Brent Dorenbecker expressed potential concern about the capital expenses and responsibility of the leasee to maintain. Carter Holston briefly explained deferred maintenance situation.
6. Status of Exhibit F rewrite.
- Angela Smith reported a revised draft was emailed to board members last week. Feedback was requested from board members while remembering this is a process of contract negotiation. Angela Smith is working with Sandy Queen on incorporating the board's feedback into the document. The plan is to discuss the rewrite at the next City Council meeting in an Executive Session. If any members still want to provide feedback the deadline is extended until tomorrow. Exhibit F helps to set the standards of what the course looks like. Brent Dorenbecker

encouraged members to provide feedback and pay attention to the verbiage, as he doesn't support the draft as it is right now. Exhibit F should also encompass the performance of the course and help the course be an asset for citizens. Brent Dorenbecker is requesting to view the final draft before it is presented to City Council. Larry Glick expressed disappointment with the latest draft because it appears most of the recommendations made by this board have been "watered down" then explained how this is a legal document and provided a few examples of concern. Words such as "could", "might", "efforts" is a concern because these are not legal terminology to hold accountability for insuring the standards. Matt Grubisich indicated this is not a final draft and this is a negotiation process, therefore it is a working document needing items that are achievable and obtainable which will lead to a good quality outcome without it being overly burdensome to American Golf. Sandy Queen will be monitoring these standards. Larry Glick added that it isn't about the measurements itself but about the quality of the measurements which determine the quality of the golf course.

7. Prepare for the joint meeting with City Council to be held May 18, 2021. (Matt Grubisich exited meeting)
Board members reviewed and discussed the information to be include in the presentation. This will be a virtual meeting for this board and a quorum is still needed and likely will begin at 5 p.m.
8. Discuss future meetings relative to the COVID19 guidelines.
Angela Smith said the tentative plan is for things to return to normal operations as much as possible for June 1, 2021 which includes boards and commissions being allowed to meet in person. Members need to send their comfortability to S. Monroe by May 15th then staff will work with the Chair on the next steps.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
 - A. Jerry Daniels said over 50 members in the senior league and will soon have a tournament. Positive comments from members. The greens are true but slow. Tee box concern but this has already been mentioned.
 - B. Michael Daffin stated the freeze killed the grass on the tops of the hill, but other areas are showing promise; greens are playing well.
 - C. Carter Holston voiced the fairways are looking phenomenal; the fringe around the greens took a hit with the freeze.
 - D. Brent Dorenbecker visited with players on the course and received good feedback in the aspect that Waterview greens are doing better than most other courses which is great news. Concerned about one time there was no 25 carts not working which caused an early shut down. M. Laskowitz is aware of the situation. As T. Gainous mentioned 48 batteries are supposed to be received today.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - A. Carter Holston played at Firewheel where sod is being added to the fringe area because it has similar damage that Waterview Golf is experiencing.
 - B. Trey Gainous stated Firewheel Bridges will be changing some of their greens to TifEagle this year.

C. Brent Dorenbecker played at Pecan Hollow and this course is dealing with damages and the unknown of how things are going to come back similar to Waterview.

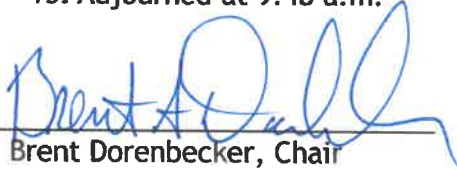
11. Public Announcements.

No announcements.

12. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.

- A. Diameter of Cup sizes and Par 3.
- B. Discuss golf course re-opening.
- C. Follow up on potential projects with allocated funds.

13. Adjourned at 9:48 a.m.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chair


Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager