



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 \* 8:00 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75089

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Geoffrey Nichols, Brad Marshall, Ronnie Howell, Mark Garcia, Steve Ritchey

**ABSENT:** Vincent Leal

**STAFF:** Brian Funderburk, Interim Assistant City Manager; Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager, Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved with two changes following a motion by Ronnie Howell that was seconded by Brad Marshall.
3. Defer item four on agenda until next meeting in June
4. Work session scheduled for Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 5:30pm, beginning at Par 3.
5. Introduction of Sebrena Smith, Interim Administrative Assistant for Parks Dept.
6. Discuss golf course conditions.
  - Brad Marshall brought people to Waterview last week and got rave reviews. Fairways incredible and everyone was impressed with the course, all the details were in order. Club house amenities very clean.
  - Steve commented greens are in awesome shape. #15 has some patching and some sagging. Fairways were awesome, but one thing was cart path going from green to t-box, there are limbs hanging over cart path.
7. Larry led discussion on clean up of retention ponds.
  - Trees are coming out and the drainage issues seem to have been resolved.
  - Brian led discussion about #17; all issues seemed to have been resolved. The city came out and checked it off and it is okay. The drainage consultant also came out and his response last week was satisfactory. We just need a few pictures where it has flooded so we can get it paid.

8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
  - Steve played Bear Creek West two weeks ago. The whole course was in good shape. The East course was that great. He played Tierra Verde the week before. It is a really nice course, but fairways were cut really short. It's a very nice layout. Gary Stevens designed Tierra Verde.
  - Steve stated Tierra Verde compared with Waterview, the amenities are nice, and the club house is very nice. Waterview's Par 3 is better and Waterview has more trees.
  - Mark played Eastern Hills for the first time and they have fun holes and course layout is nice. Some points it felt like there was concrete under the grass. Looks nice but doesn't roll well. It has challenging holes.
  - Brad lead discussion about Waterview and it entering into a perfect storm. All the other courses around us are going through difficult times and changes. All courses on the east side with exception to Firewheel are going through these changes.
  - Brad commented that Chase Oaks is a very hard course to play.
  - Larry stated Firewheel (lakes) is a pretty nice golf course.
  - Discussion wrapped up with discussion about George Bush and DART, they are about 50% done and this will enhance our traffic, which in turn will also help increase our profits.
9. Sprinkler head project complete. We have to replace 2 and 9 to make them consistent with color.
10. Update from City on settlement with American Golf.
  - Brian updated us that he received a letter from Craig dated April 5th.
  - We are sending a letter this week in disagreement on one item that we feel is a warranty item. This is the grouting on the head wall at hole 4.
  - As soon as the grass grows in this piece of business is behind us.
  - They are paying for grass to go in at 4 and 8 one time.
11. Brad lead discuss on update for #6 and #7, #1, #9, and #14.
  - Total package amount for these two would be \$54,000 (6 & 7).
  - Fountains a little over \$20,000 and rest is electrical and installation.
  - Easements from 2 homeowners have been obtained, and we have to hand trench through their yards. The company that does this is about \$1,800.
  - Our estimates are coming in almost twice as much as we have been thinking.
  - #1 and #9 will be less, about \$30,000 range.
  - Brian led discussion on these numbers. We are hoping to have an agreement with American Golf to do the project. Otherwise, we would have to have two

more formal quotes. I spoke with Brad they are working on a separate agreement.

- Our agreement would be with American Golf is what we are hoping.
- Council action would be needed. It will take some time to get it in front of council.
- We have a formal recommendation on #1, #9, and #14. We do not have any quotes for this. It is going to take a lot of time.
- Let's pull #14 and incorporate it with #12 in the future. Let's delay until we get some formal quotes for #1 and #9.

12. Recommendation to Council for pond #12 has been delayed until next meeting.

13. Discuss lead by Larry about Strategic Plan priorities.

- Brad agreed that the air conditioning is a high priority and a low dollar item. When we can control the temperature in the club house it will be a more pleasurable experience. It would take about \$20,000 to rectify this.
- Expanding the cover storage in the maintenance area may not be a high dollar item and it will make it much easier for the guys to do their job.
- An avenue to get off and on the golf course needs to be looked at also, because there present way is eventually going away.
- Brad commented that retaining wall on #18 estimate came in to \$118,000. This will add some drive up appeal. The retainer wall on #17, because of where the drain is, we have thought about redoing the retainer wall there. These are a very expensive item. These walls will need maintenance or replacing in the future.
- Brian stated we may have to take some interim steps to start the processes on some of these items. Larry, and everyone, I am working with our financial advisor on refunding.
- Brad suggested that we begin to prioritize these items and have a strategic list. We can also prioritize for next year's strategic list.
- Larry wants to reiterate the concern for the funds to being devoted to the golf course itself. There are no problems doing all the suggestions on the retainer walls or expanding the maintenance area, except our focus should be on the course. It seems we have spent 8 ½ years getting our lakes clean and we haven't made any other improvements to our course. We need to look at the golf course at some point.
- On item # 14, first part of our strategic plan on a recommendation to Council on A/C and electrical for club house. Brad Marshall made a motion to put up some funds to renovate A/C at the club house. Larry Glick asked to amend motion to put a cap on the amount. Brad stated \$15,000. Motion second by Don.
- Motion: Brad    Amend Motion: Larry    Second: Don    Vote: 5/0



14. Congratulations to Mark Garcia, Official Chair of Chamber of Commerce.
15. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor taken any action with regard to the announcements
  - Next meeting will be at the Waterview Club House and they will be held there during the summer months.
16. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
  - Invite City Engineer for updates on PGBT and DART projects.
  - Invite representatives of PGBT and DART for updates.
  - Discuss the use of golf passes.
17. Adjournment was at 9:25 a.m.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director