



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, Vincent Leal

**ABSENT:** Steve Ritchey

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

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.
2. Motion brought forth by Geoffrey Nichols to approve minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, second by Brad Marshal, 3-0 approval.
3. Brad led discussion on golf course conditions.
  - a. We have had a rough August and the greens are very weak, however they are coming back. Dan has worked hard to keep them alive.
  - b. Larry discussed with the Board the use of fans on the course.
  - c. Dan Boley discussed with Board that they were asked to cut back on the use of water. The course has had to use a lot of water because of the sprigging process.
  - d. Brian stated he will review the City's contract for water usage. Brian also discussed the process of the pricing of our water.
  - e. Dan Haag stated they will start to aerate ½ of the greens on Monday.
  - f. Larry stated the 16th of September is City Day and the Chamber will be out on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Brian stated they are bringing in some developers on the 16th. Brian asked if this process of aerating could wait until after 16<sup>th</sup>. We would really appreciate your help but we don't want to risk our greens.
  - g. Brad stated that maybe they could put off aerating all the greens and then do them all at once.
4. Courses played other than Waterview and their conditions.
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- a. Mark played Firewheel and it was very muddy. The first hole was embarrassing and wanted to stop playing after 9 holes. Brian asked Dan and Brad about the differences with Waterview and this course to prevent this from happening to Waterview. Brad stated it is because of the amount of trees around the greens versus other courses; we have air movement. Brad stated Garland has the same trouble.
- b. Larry asked if the Shores Country Club is still closed. Dan Haag stated that the deal to purchase didn't go through so it is still closed.
5. Update from Brian on settlement with American Golf.
  - a. Brian stated that he and Jermel went out to the course and took some pictures. Brian presented Board with slideshow of pictures. He showed the Board the pictures on hole # 4. The grass is growing in great and we were really surprised.
  - b. Brian stated that we are really done with the settlement; it is just down to the grass. Hole #8 is looking really good, at the front close to the road is where it will take the longest to grow in.
  - c. Dan stated that with the temperature dropping at night we still have a few more weeks of growing.
6. Brian updated the Board on ponds #6 & #7 about how great they look great. Dan Haag stated that we are going to receive the checks tomorrow to start the project.
  - a. Brad discussed with the Board about the circulatory pumps that will go into #7.
7. Agenda items 9 & 10 tabled with no discussion until October meeting.
8. Discussion on retaining walls led by Brad.
  - a. HOA has been in discussions concerning the retaining wall. We are not coming to any really good solutions. HOA wants it to be esthetically pleasing.
  - b. Mark asked about the financial obligation for the retaining walls. Brad stated that the City is responsible, however if these walls starting falling down the HOA may help take care of it because of esthetics, the cost is split.
9. Brad discussed the T-box at # 17.
  - a. Can we ask American Golf to level it or do away with it. It doesn't match any of the other T-boxes. We should all go out to take a look at this. We receive complaints on this from everyone we talk to.
  - b. Brad stated he would like to put it on the agenda for next month.
  - c. Larry asked if we could obtain the cost for doing this.
10. Vincent opened discussions on future contingencies by asking about American Golf and what happens after American Golf.
  - a. Vincent voiced his concerns about what happens after the contract runs out with AG.



- b. The Board agreed we are in year 11. Brian stated that we are just past the 10 year mark.
  - c. Vincent stated that we need to be smart consumers and to have a contingency plan in place. If AG does bail out on us then what is the City going to do?
  - d. Brian and Jermel discussed with Board that the City has discussed if this problem arises with American Golf. A more comprehensive plan needs to be put into place.
  - e. Brian stated that the very best scenario will result in the course not being able to operate for at least one month.
11. Larry commented concerning future contingencies and how frequent they are brought before Council. Brian suggested we make a list when we come back in October, especially after the settlement with American Golf is out of the picture, Council will be in a better place to listen to these requests.
12. Discussion for setting priorities was tabled until October meeting.
13. Brian led discussions on the use of golf course passes.
- a. Discussions were previously brought forth about having those that actually play the course to fill out a questionnaire so we can relate it back to staff. We have the ability to put together a database to keep track of these comments. What would the Board like to see on these questionnaires?
  - b. Brian stated that we should be heavily suggesting those that use the passes to fill out these questionnaires.
  - c. Brian stated that Ben White was using these passes regularly; however, Ben is leaving us. He made a great initiative to use these passes and to support Waterview.
  - d. Ronnie state that he would like to see different questions such as grill areas, customer service, pace of play, etc.
14. Discussion on fall issue of Lakeside Leisure magazine.
- a. Larry brought attention to an error on page 2 of the Lakeside magazine concerning the meeting place of the GAB meeting. The GAB meets in the City Hall conference room. Jermel stated we will correct this for the next edition of Lakeside Leisure.
  - b. Larry stated that on page 17 concerning Waterview Golf Course being selected one of the "Top 10" golf courses in the Dallas area by Avid Golfer Magazine. This was not in Avid Golfer, it was in another magazine. He will find out the name of the magazine where this article ran and report back to Jermel.
  - c. Larry stated that he will get the name of the magazine where this story ran.
15. Discussion of the Volunteer Fair (Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm @ Rowlett Community Centre.
- a. Jermel addressed the Board with information on the fair. He asked the Golf Board to have a representative attend this fair to represent their Board. This fair



is to educate the public about the multiple Boards and Commission within the City, as well as other departments within the City.

- b. Brian stated that he will address the question of a possible quorum with all members being present at the fair.
16. 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.
- a. Board was addressed concerning the expiration of Board membership and they were given instructions on how to reapply for the Golf Board.
  - b. Mark announced the Golf Tournament being held by the Chamber of Commerce on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$100.00 per person. They are serving lunch and dinner.
  - c. Brad stated that Lynda came to the HOA meeting a week ago and stated that all 5 stages of 190 is ahead of schedule right now. This is really exciting.
17. 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.
18. Adjournment was at 9:44 a.m.

  
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Larry Glick, Chairman

  
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Jerrel Stevenson, Parks Director