



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011 * 8:00 a.m.

**Waterview Golf Course Clubhouse
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75089**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal

ABSENT: Ronnie Howell, Mark Garcia

STAFF: Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent, Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager, Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager, Michael Carmack, Parks Division Manager, Sebrina Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Geoffrey N. motioned to approve minutes with changes from August 9th, 2011. Brad M. seconded motion, 4-0 in favor.
4. Discussion on golf course conditions:
 - a. Larry shared history on the Bent grass greens. The first committee voted unanimously on Bent grass greens; without wavering. People in the metroplex all talk about these greens. We have had an impossible summer with all this heat.
 - b. Board discussed the heat conditions this summer and if these conditions will continue in this area in the years to come. Bent grass grows in the 70's. Once conditions get over this temperature especially at night it will not grow. These greens go dormant with this type of heat. In September, when the weather breaks they will recover.
 - c. Brad stated that Dan and his team put in a super human effort to keep these greens in good condition. A lot of Bent grass greens died this summer but our greens survived; we really appreciate their effort.
 - d. Brad commented on the letter sent from the City to American Golf; felt the letter should've been sent a little later, the timing was a little off. Brian explained the reason for the letter and that it was sent in an effort to do our due diligence.
 - e. Larry commented on the viability of Bent grass greens.
 - f. Vincent commented on the long term effects of having bent grass greens and their maintenance. Is extra effort necessary or should we change. What if the number of rounds goes up and the course is being used a lot more?



- g. Geoffrey asked about the life of these greens; Dan commented that is has to do with the maintenance of the greens; maybe around 20 years.
 - h. Brad stated that if American Golf came to us and stated they would like to change the greens then we should listen. American Golf will have to justify the cost, this will be their project. We will have these greens for the foreseeable future, not doubt.
 - i. Larry commented that if the course is losing money each year; which is has in the past. We would like to be reassured so we have to ask the hard questions about maintenance. Are the greens being kept up and maintained properly.
 - j. Brad stated that he knows for sure that this team is coming in at 3 am in the morning to keep these greens alive. This was an extraordinary effort provided by this crew.
5. Courses played other than Waterview and their conditions:
- a. Geoffrey played Buffalo Creek; it's better than I have seen it in a long time. Greens were very good; you couldn't make a ball mark.
 - b. Vincent stated that he played all the City of Dallas courses that are open. They do not have bent grass greens; we should have a discussion of the long term care of our greens and maintenance. Waterview's greens right now are in bad shape. Are these greens the best for us; I'm not sure if this is the right place to share this concern.
6. Brian shared on the specific question brought forth to the signage issue. NTTA does not allow any signage on their main lanes that reflect business or anything else other than street names. TXDOT own the service roads; however they do not allow any signage on their services frontage roads directing motorists to businesses if the same signs are not on the main lanes. What NTTA does not allow this then TXDOT will not allow signs. This is for the signage for Waterview Golf Course.
- a. Larry asked about the sign on 190 close to Firewheel. GISD was able to get a sign that states, "Special Events Center". Also, it states Hawaiian Falls, which is the City of Garland's water park.
 - b. It is a brown sign on the road; not on the overhead sign. If they can have a sign why can't we have one? Call Bob Day who is the former Mayor of Garland. He might know more about helping us to get a Waterview sign.
 - c. Brian stated we are still on schedule for our opening celebration. Larry stated you should talk to George Jones with GISD; they have seven marching bands.
7. Dan H. stated that everything is on schedule. # 11 should mobilize this Friday. Final approvals for pumps went out; we submitted a check request for the upfront down payment. We coordinated with Dixon Brothers; they should be ready to go within the next 10 to 14 days.
- a. Brad stated they are still in the process of trying to get the electrical done for fans on # 13. This electrical has bearing on the fountain in this lake as well.
 - b. Dan H. stated the projects should be done by October 1st.



8. Larry stated they delayed the tree planting. After this meeting we starting to plan the locations for over 100 trees, assuming the weather stays the same these trees should be delivered on Thursday.
 - a. Brian stated that the notice to proceed for the trees hasn't been issued. We weren't sure about the notice to proceed because of the weather and conditions.
 - b. Dan H. called Larry and stated they were ready to go. Deciding where the trees should go is first. We were planning to put out the flags.
 - c. Brian stated once he hears from them American Golf he will issue the notice to proceed. There was also a question about having Josh Peter to come out; he wants \$600.00 to come out. This was not a part of the proposal.
 - d. Larry requested that we call Fannin to let them know not to bring out the trees this week.
 - e. Larry stated we really do not need him; we have his plans. Dan H. stated that American Golf would want him.
 - f. Brian stated that the City would like Josh Peters to come out to help with the placement of the trees. The placement of the trees needs to be postponed.
9. Dan B. shared that the bent grass nursery would be a place to grow the grass so we do not have to take it from other sources. Conditions and summers like this and with the Bermuda encroachment we are having each year, it's going to get worse every year. Placement is left of # 1 and between the driving range; the big open space before the creek. No one is every back there. The nursery would be around \$25,000 to \$30,000. It's 6 to 7,000 square feet. This is a rough figure. Materials and preparing the soil is the biggest cost such as drainage and vents.
 - a. Brad stated that when you go to Craig and get approval we can discuss this more.
 - b. Dan B. stated we could start using this or putting it in next spring. City would have to fund this project; American Golf would not.
10. Brian gave good news on the variable rate reset for the bonds. Last year they reset at 1.27 %. This year is set at 1.07 %.
11. Pumps at # 13 & # 14.
 - a. Electrical is waiting on some paperwork to Oncor. Working to get the electrical done within the \$2,500 variance. Hand trench person is lined up and Oncor is lined up; we need to get electrician to run the lines from the meter base to the fans themselves. Other fan is still on order.
12. Response cards are given out when City passes are used.
 - a. Dan B. stated that they will give out these cards to everyone using the course and he requested the City bring him a supply of cards.



13. 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. Next GAB meeting will be at City Hall.
14. 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.
15. Adjournment was at 9:15 a.m.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sebrina Smith".

Sebrina Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant