

**MINUTES OF THE GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS
HELD AT**

Tuesday, July 8, 2008 * 8:00 a.m.

**Waterview Golf Course
9505 Waterview Parkway
Rowlett TX 75089**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Vincent Leal, Geoffrey Nichols, Ronnie Howell, Steven Ritchey (Alternate), Mark Garcia (Alternate)

STAFF: Bradly Houk, General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Dru Bolen, Waterview Assistant Golf Course Manager, Dan Boley, Waterivew Superintendent; Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by Chairman Larry Glick.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Mark Garcia, new Golf Advisory Committee Alternate, was introduced to the members and staff.
4. New Waterview Golf Course Superintendent, Dan Boley, was introduced to the committee members and staff.
5. The minutes of the June 6th meeting were discussed and one change was requested on Page 2, Item 5. Add "7th tee". Geoff Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes with this change and Brad Marshall seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor.
6. Bradly Houk reported on golf course conditions:
 - Cicadas are back on Hole 1.
 - Construction has affected play on the left side of 12, 13 & 14.
 - Better prep work has been done by the new sub-contractor's crew.
 - A shortage of sprigs may cause some delay, but ½ bushel should arrive tonight and ½ bushel tomorrow night. All sprigging should be complete by August 1st.
 - Turf coverage is better than last year.
 - Greens look better since the new superintendent, Dan Boley, change the mowing pattern.
 - Vandalism issues with the kids in the neighborhood are ongoing. The police have added more nightly patrols.
 - Tee boxes look bad because they were scalped during Aerification.
 - Thin fairways have been treated with 100% quick release ammonium sulfate and are being watered more to correct this issue.
 - "Tickling" every other week contributes to the greens holding very well. This process lifts the grass to get air to major roots, and is almost automatically repairing ball marks.

- A comparative market analysis performed by Bradly Houk revealed that Waterview is in much better condition than any other area courses, and drawing many players from neighboring courses. A rate increase will be effective 9/1/08, but Waterview is still the lowest in fees.
7. Larry Glick gave background information on the cleanup of retention ponds to acquaint Mark Garcia with the projects.

The following were also discussed:

- Vincent Leal and Larry Glick suggested the pond at the 6th tee should be cleaned, but Bradly Houk explained that the natural but somewhat maintained "rough look" is becoming popular with golf courses. He also mentioned the residents near Pond 6 like the reeds for privacy. They will watch it and if it becomes an erosion issue, they will be removed.
 - Bradly Houk suggested the pond at #7 should be addressed quickly due to complaints by two homeowners.
 - Bradly assured the members of the committee that as long as he is general manager at Waterview, ponds will never get in bad shape again.
 - Brad Marshall did an informal survey of players regarding the pond on #6 and there were no negative comments about the reeds. On the #7 pond, homeowners are cutting the reeds with weed eaters and do not want them there because they are moving out into the center of the pond.
 - Steve Ritchey commented that he likes the reeds on # 6 and feels the ponds are individual and should have their own look.
8. There were no staff updates on golf course improvements.
9. Bradly Houk has asked Avid Golfer to place Waterview Golf Course last in this year's ranking due to the construction or list it as "under construction" in order to give us a fair advantage, and they agreed.
- Larry Glick noted that signage for the course is poor, and signs need to be posted on Highway 66 (Lakeview Parkway) and at the split for Princeton and Dalrock. Katie Corder explained the turnpike will correct these issues.

10. The new bunkers on Hole #2 (Discussed previously with item #6.)

11. Discuss the 2009 Bond Election. (Larry Glick)

The total amount for the bond election has not been decided but it could be as much as \$100 million. Vincent Leal has applied to be on the Bond Election Committee. Katie Corder explained a decision will be made on who will serve on the Bond Committee at the July 15 City Council Meeting.

12. Discuss and consider the use of the City's option for one free day per year for a golf tournament at Waterview Golf Course. (Larry Glick)

According to the city's contract with American Golf, the city is entitled to 1 free day each year for the city's use of the golf course. In the past this day has been used for a golf tournament in conjunction with the Festival of Freedom, but not this year. Katie Corder informed Mr. Glick this year's tournament will be held by the Chamber of Commerce, for which Mr. Glick is a member. He had no knowledge of such a plan.

In June of 2007, the Golf Advisory Committee discussed using the free day to hold tournaments in September or October each year to raise money for golf course improvements. Ronnie Howell has run tournaments previously and suggested that the Golf Committee should allow the Chamber to have the tournament this year and, since we will need several months for planning a tournament, begin GAC tournaments in the fall of 2009.

Katie Corder mentioned having a joint tournament for the Golf Advisory Committee and the Parks Advisory Board. She also stated the city will not donate any money toward the golf tournament.

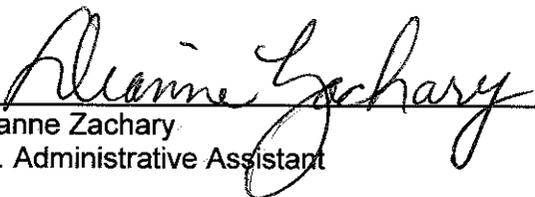
Larry Glick maintained the GAC should make the decision, and the chamber should only have a one-time tournament this year. The revenues should go to the improvement of the golf course.

Ronnie Howell volunteered to organize and run the tournament.

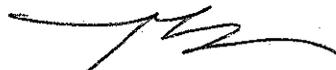
Dan Boley, the new Waterview Superintendent agreed the funds should be used for golf course improvements.

Brad Marshall made a motion that the Golf Advisory Committee release the day to the Chamber this year only and the proceeds should be used for an aeration fountain on Pond #11. Ronnie Howell seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

13. 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.
 - a. Geoff Nichols would like to discuss the Golf Committee Strategic Plan and establish responsibility to determine the contract is executed as written.
 - b. Vincent Leal asked that the Golf Committee be allowed to see all completed invoices for work done on the project at Waterview Golf Course. Mrs. Corder feels the new Director of Culture and Recreation will be on board at the September meeting, and asked that this item be postponed until the position is filled. Mr. Leal agreed.
14. Adjournment was at 9:20 a.m.
15. A tour of the back 9 holes followed the meeting.



Dianne Zachary
Sr. Administrative Assistant



Larry Glick
Chairman