



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009 \* 8:00 a.m.**

**Waterivew Golf Course  
9509 Waterview Parkway  
Rowlett, Texas 75089**

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal, Steve Ritchey, Ronnie Howell

**ABSENT:** Mark Garcia (Ex)

**STAFF:** Dan Haag, Waterview Golf Course General Manager; Tim Hightshoe, Parks Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant;

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by the Chair.
2. A quorum was present.
3. The minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Geoff Nichols that was seconded by Brad Marshall.
4. Dan Haag gave an update on golf course conditions:
  - Due to the amount of rain there have been several ball marks on the greens. Dan will set up a program to educate players on ball mark repair and post signs in the pro shop.
  - Some bunkers hold water after the rainfall.
  - In response to questions about high water, Brad Marshall explained that if drains are blocked for some reason, the high rain water has no place to go, and they will need to be opened.
  - Geoff played the course and thought it looked great, especially after playing two other courses.
  - Larry played on the practice course. Half of the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is blocked by willow trees. Dan will schedule them to be pruned.
5. Geoff played Firewheel and found the greens had numerous diseased spots and very little definition. He played Pecan Hollow three days later which has mature trees, but their greens could not hold a candle to ours at Waterview.

Ronnie played Spanish Bay which is in good shape and a beautiful course. DAC is in great shape, but experiencing a lot of ball marks due to wet conditions.

Brad played Oak Hollow course in McKinney, the old municipal golf course that has been redesigned. He played three months ago, and conditions were not good. When he played two weeks ago, it was in great condition. Hole 8 on that course is one of the most difficult holes he's ever played and in his opinion this is the most improved golf course he's seen.
6. The Board decided to make the orphan area on hole nine top priority due to visibility to clubhouse. Geoff will talk to Joe Covington about giving discounts or donations. They would like to make this area a showplace.

Waterview Staff may be available for labor of installation of material since their overtime has been cut and are qualified to work in the orphan areas. Brad suggested using them to do the work since they are already familiar with this type of work. A controller for sprinkler system and layout logistics will be needed. Dan Haag will talk to Craig Kniffen today about a joint effort. Geoff will ask the Arboretum in Dallas to get volunteers to come over to do a landscape layout before the sprinkler system is laid out. Brad suggested putting in irrigation throughout the orphan area, but block off the sprinkler heads in areas that do not need water so they can be opened if plants change. February and March would be the best time to plant.

7. Two signs for the practice bunker should be done this week. Dan Haag also purchased eighteen signs to use for tournaments.
8. Waterview staff is still working on closing out the native area project. Dan has received bids on cleaning out the ponds on holes six and seven he has obtained bids per Katie Corder's request. He will speak with Katie when she returns. The work on pond fourteen is complete.
9. Tim informed the board that Katie has contacted code enforcement and they are in the process of identifying violations with respect to pools draining onto the golf course and will act accordingly.
10. All bond subcommittees met with Council to give them bond election recommendations. Staff was directed to look at the top 20 to figure maintenance, etc. Larry Glick stated that Waterview Golf Course is the most valuable city asset, and we were not on the list of top 20. On August 24, there will be a CIP budget update. The City Manager is moving personnel around to different locations to better serve our customers.
11. The marking of sprinkler heads and placing of boundary and hazard stakes are still on the plan before the end of the year per Dan Haag.

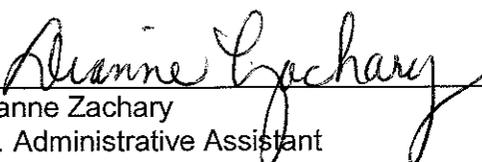
Brad explained there are supposed to be drains on every green and a cleanout which may hold a pair of wires that outline or define the boundary of the greens. What may be interpreted for Bermuda grass encroachment into bent grass greens may be the result of mowing too far past the defined area of the green. Staff will check to see if "as builts" are available for the course that would show this information.

12. 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.

Buddy Wall, former mayor, who has been intimately involved in golf course passed away. His funeral is 11am Wed, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Garland.

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.
  - Geoff Nichols' report on his discussions with Joe Covington and the Arboretum about the orphan areas.
  - Brad Marshall will report on hiring Waterview staff for orphan area work.

14. Adjournment was at 8:55 am.

  
Dianne Zachary  
Sr. Administrative Assistant

  
Larry Glick  
Chairman