



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 \* 8:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett TX 75088**

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal, Eric Hatch

**ABSENT:** Dan Haag, Dan Boley

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

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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, 2012 regular meeting. Brad M. seconded motion, 4-0 in favor.
4. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
  - a. Vincent stated the course isn't in good condition and is very disappointed. He feels that a good part of it is because of neglect. He would give it a condition rating of C. He stated there are brown patches in the fairways, native areas are overgrown, drainage issues at #13 and it is not being maintained. He shared that there are broken branches, tree debris, and weeds all over the place on #7 and #13. He commented about # 11 and the money just spent, it's in the worst condition ever. He stated the greens were terribly slow and is attributing this to them not being cut. #13 looks somewhat better than it has in the past.
  - b. Eric stated that he wouldn't totally disagree with what Vincent is saying. Eric played yesterday and stated that there are still two little dead trees between # 17 and # 18 that should be just pulled out.
  - c. Brad stated that he hasn't been out on the course and wasn't here when we had the big rain. He stated he does know that we received 8-inches of rain in less than 24 hours. He stated that he would guess that every sand trap was completely washed out and that there would be a lot of debris from the rain.
  - d. Larry stated that Fannin needs to be informed about the dead trees and we need replacement for 15 or 16 of them. Replacement of these trees should be done in about 2 months. We do not want to get in a contract issue with them on the warranty because it's been a little over one year ago, and they should replace them.



- e. Vincent asked about the circulating pumps and if we are having issues with these. Brad stated that they are working on these.
5. Discuss status of recommendations to City Council including: bunkers on #8 and #18, circulator at #11, pump and circulator at #13, Bent Grass Nursery, and removal of bunkers at #4 and #8.
  - a. Larry spoke with Dan H. two days ago and he stated that Scott Peck is due out on September 11<sup>th</sup>. He stated the whole project should take two weeks; one week for the bunkers and one for the nursery. Larry asked about the circulator and fountains on #13 and #14. Dan H. will be working with people from Mesquite.
  - b. Vincent commented that they told us that the opening would be June to late August.
6. Discuss opening of new tee on # 11:
  - a. Larry stated that Dan stated that Scott will be bringing out new sod and that a lot of time has been lost on the opening of # 11; about 6 months now from the original time quoted for opening.
7. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
  - a. Barbara shared that she played at Stone Creek Country Club in Sherman. She liked the course and they have bent grass greens, except for 4, 5, and 6. Shared that they changed these out to miniverde greens because they are in the woods and they weren't getting the air and light needed. The bent grass was very long and very wet; like walking on a sponge. She stated they are struggling with their greens; but the miniverde greens in the woods were doing very well and they were cut down smooth. She played Firewheel twice, and the bent grass greens were a little long and soft.
  - b. Geoffrey played on the East Coast at a public course. It has a lot of the same problems we have. It was a short course with a lot of elevation changes. He stated it was all Bermuda and the fairways were fair. He stated they put signs in the floor of their carts that stated if you damage anything you are responsible to fix and they were very careful about their carts by having time sheets of when you turned in your carts and who was in them.
  - c. Eric shared that he traveled to Washington and was able to play at Birch Bay, Blaine, and Salem. The Salem course looked fake because it was so perfect; the spin on the ball was unbelievable compared to what you get here. We had a lot of fun. Three of the five courses I played were municipal courses, and you couldn't tell the difference.
8. Discuss board members thoughts on the establishment of a non-profit golf course group.
9. Discuss volunteer fair.
  - a. Larry stated that in all honesty that it is very unsuccessful pertaining to the people who come to work at the fair outnumbers the visitors 1 to 6. We average 3 or 4 people per session and they come in the first hour. Larry suggested that we advertise better, change the format or time, or just revamp it, or do incentives. Larry suggested we entice people in some way. Larry



stated that he can't think of anyone that thinks it's successful. Our issue is how do we get more people involved and to attend.

- b. Vincent shared that the way that it's being advertised is adequate. Maybe targeting the people that participate already would be helpful. He feels that the program and layout of the program is fine.
- c. Larry shared that another way to approach it would be to have information spread throughout specific groups, such as the Library Board would have information at the library, and information about the Golf Board at the golf course, and such.
- d. Brian shared that the city is doing a lot to advertise this event. Next year we will have access to technology that we didn't have before this one. Brian wants to know if there is anything we could've done different? Larry shared that for the last two years we have had the introduction from Todd and Lynda early in the meeting. It may be helpful to delay this for a little bit. Maybe you can have Lynda speak first and then Todd later in the evening.

10. Discuss and recommend new projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

- a. Larry asked Jeff if he could use his list of projects he submitted. Larry reviewed the list with the board. This list goes over almost everything discussed over the past few years.
  - New tips tee box on #6, move the other tee boxes back and eliminate the current forward tee box. Estimate \$8,000
  - New tips tee box on #16, move the other tee boxes back and eliminate the current forward tee box. Estimate \$8,000
  - New fairway bunker on #2 (as previously planned). Estimate \$10,000
  - Add pond at the left front of the green on #2 (as previously planned). Estimate \$35,000
  - Adjust tee boxes on #18 to point away from the right side and add trees and other vegetation to discourage a shorter approach to the green. Moving it to the curb line, estimate \$8,000.
  - Add trees to the Par 3 course. Estimate \$5,000
  - Add fourth hole to the Par 3 course as proposed by Brad. Estimate \$125,000
  - Add lights to the driving range.
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  - Enclose the open area to the club house or build a new club house. Estimate \$50,000 - \$100,000 (\$250,000)
  - Landscape the orphan areas on #9 or #10. Estimate \$20-\$35,000 each.
  - Repair the settled sprinkler trenches throughout the course. Estimate \$5,000



- Replace the retaining walls on #17 and #18. Estimate \$150,000 (AG & homeowners)
  - Vincent shared that going forward we need to think ahead on issues and how they will affect us in the next 10 to 15 years such as climate changes and things such as west nile virus. We have spent huge sums of money on drainage and still do not have the issues repaired on #10.
  - Drainage on left side of #10. Estimate \$100,000
  - Water reclamation project.
  - Larry stated that the board will go over this list at the next board meeting and prioritize them.
11. Larry asked the board members that have terms expiring at the end of the month to complete the online application and the city will contact you about interviews with city council.
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 take any action with regard to the announcements.
- a. Jermel announced that the Movie on Main event is being held at the Community Centre at 6:30 pm.
  - b. Brian announced that there will be a public hearing tonight, September 4th in regards to the water rate increase.
  - c. Brian announced that the city will begin services with a new waste management company and they are now distributing new poly carts and over the next few weeks. Services will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
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.
14. Adjournment was at 9:35 am.

  
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Larry Glick, Chairman

  
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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation