



Golf Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, Guy Hunsaker, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Michael Daffin, Charles Alexander, Jonathan Andron

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison; David Soto, General Manager Waterview Golf Course; Matthew Mayes, Assistant General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Shawn Poe, Public Works Director; Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dru Bolen, American Golf Operations Service Manager.

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present. Guy Hunsaker appointed as a voting member.
3. Consider action to approve November 1, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Larry Glick motioned to approve minutes as written.
 - b. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Update from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - a. A maintenance report was provided to members covering tree trimming, plugging, spraying weeds and drainage issues.
 - b. Waterview placed stone tee signs on holes #1 and #18. Direction signage placed by holes #1 and #10. Waterview is waiting on a quote to make repair to the pump house and to replace shingles on restrooms by hole #5.
 - c. The aerification schedule was presented to members. Plans are for the greens to be done in February, May and October, tee boxes to be done in March and July, as well as the fairways to be done in June and August.
 - d. Looking at the 2017 budget to cover some of the audit issues identified. The number of golfers playing at this course is at Waterview's highest number.
5. Update on the Audit Action Plan.
 - a. Angela Smith elaborated on the partnership with Waterview and American Golf and emphasized the role of the board overseeing Exhibit F of the agreement. The audit identified seven areas of concern and these are identified in the Action Plan. This now becomes part of the Parks and Recreation Department's Work Plan for the City of Rowlett to monitor. The Action Plan was reviewed. Feedback from Waterview and from the Golf Board were obtained. This feedback will be brought to City Council next week.
 - b. B. Marshall brought up a concern of funds being spent on new sand for bunkers when a drainage issue exists and the drainage issue effects the traps in bunkers. He indicated the drainage issues



are related to the poor design of the drainage system when it was built, with the use of 4-inch pipe throughout the course that has become crushed in places over time due to soil movement, infiltrated with roots from trees, pressure from irrigation pipes and dirt contamination. Due to this a suggestion was made to evaluate the drainage on the course. If it is found substandard to place focus on the drainage and only place sand in the bunkers draining well. Discussion was held between members on the action plan.

- c. A. Smith mentioned one option is to use the \$30,000 set aside for rebuilding the retaining wall on hole #8 for drainage repairs since it appears American Golf is not able to budget their portion towards the wall for FY2017. City staff plan to recommend the drainage issues be addressed in some fashion. It was mentioned the Waterview HOA owns property on the left side of hole #8 with two drains that hold water. The HOA believes they have a simple repair solution and will test this fix on these two drains.
 - d. B. Marshall recommends an evaluation process be started to find a resolve on the drainage infrastructure problems and recommend to Waterview to not place new sand in the bunkers with poor drainage. Guy Hunsaker motioned the recommendation of an evaluation be completed in order to find resolve on the drainage infrastructure problems. No second made for the motion.
6. Discuss the removal on bunkers.
David Soto voiced he would like to be proactive with this board and Waterview wants to focus on the sand and bunker drainage issues. Some of these bunkers are no longer in play and would like to see the game friendlier. Waterview will make a request for this agenda topic if the need arises.
7. Update on the water source project.
- a. Shawn Poe brought up the proposed improvements on piping and the use of city staff to make repairs. There has been a change with Public Works management and new management wants to look at long range plans. Growth of Rowlett, such as Bayside and Liberty Homestead, has to be considered, as well as, the fact treated water is not the best type of water for maintenance of a golf course. Information on the usage of water and what the city pays was mentioned. Rowlett is now re-negotiating with the City of Dallas. A new pump at Lake Ray Hubbard was purchased less than a year ago and this allows access to untreated water for the golf course. S. Poe wants to work with Waterview Golf to see what their actual needs are, how watering is done, identify specific areas of the standing water, etc.
 - b. Jim Proce shared an update on the situation of working with City of Dallas. The contract is finally being reviewed since City of Rowlett is working with a new person in Dallas. Hopes are to have a new contract by spring.
8. Update on the funding for the replacement of retaining wall at hole #8.
American Golf will not be including funds for this project in the 2017 budget.
9. 2016 Avid Golfer publication.
- a. The new publication was released. The magazine usually provides a list of the best courses in the North Texas area. There was no ranking in 2015 because of torrential rains in the area which caused closures and/or damaged golf courses. This year Avid Golfer ranked the top 15 courses only and the DFW market was split into east and west. Waterview Golf Course was identified in the Honorable Mention list.
 - b. Larry Glick provided some brief history of past rankings of Avid Golfer and voiced the need to



invite Avid Golfer to Waterview so they are able to observe the enhancements made to this golf course.

c. D. Soto shared his experience with Avid Golfer. Dru Bolen shared some comments on the rankings and stated an explanation is also included on page 21 in the Avid Golfer.

10. Discussion on dedication procedures.

Members were asked at the last meeting to take a look at the tunnel in order to consider it as an option for a possible name plate dedication location. It was decided there needs to be criteria set. The department will develop a framework then bring it back to this board.

11. Update from the City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.

City Council meets tonight but there are no updates to present at this time.

12. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- a. Brent Dorenbecker stated he has noticed some improvements with the greens and there has been observation of staff working in bunkers.
- b. Jerry Daniels asked about the possibility of rotating the pins on the greens during weekends.

13. No feedback on condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

14. No public input and questions.

15. Public Announcements.

Main Street Fest has been re-scheduled from December 3, 2016 to December 8, 2016 due to weather conditions. The event begins at 5:30pm. Snow day, pictures with Santa, trail of trees and lighting of trees are activities included in this event.

16. No members requested topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.

17. Adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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Brad Marshall, Chairman

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Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation