GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 ~ 7:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Chair Brad Marshall; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Barbara Holst, Michael Daffin, Noel Wardrope, Carter Holston, Jonathan Andron; Alternates Larry Young; Becky Sebastian

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Sandy Queen, Brian Galuardi

STAFF: Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Matt Grubisich, City Council Liaison; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager

1. Chair Brad Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present.

2. Consider action to approve March 1, 2022 minutes.
   A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes for March 1, 2022.
   B. Barbara Holst seconded the motion.
   C. Approved 7 - 0.

3. Citizens Input
   Brent Dorenbecker, past Golf Board member, shared some recent experiences playing at Waterview compared to other various courses. There was good vibes at Waterview course, although there were a few disappointments: a) Greens had lots of poa annua weed grass; b) Newly installed bunkers aren't being maintained and liners are being destroyed; c) Weeds seem to be more prevalent than should be and elaborated on other components listed in the exhibit F. Brent stated that his contact information can be given to any of the existing board members. He encouraged members to be vocal and voice opinions on golf course issues to City Council members and thanked members for their time.

4. Special message from City Council.
   Matt Grubisich expressed words of appreciation to board members for their commitment and time volunteered and presented a short video from City Council. A breakfast was provided for members.

5. Discuss the ranking of potential golf course projects and make a recommendation to City Council.
   A. Members submitted their individual rankings of the project and then collective scoring was done to compile a prioritized list. The list was emailed to members last week. The top 5 projects of 19 projects are: 1) Continued funding for capital projects outlined in the long-range plans, 2) Clubhouse bathroom upgrades, 3) Clubhouse HVAC upgrade in kitchen area, 4) Improve landscaping at end of parking and right outside front door, and 5) Replacement/new wiring for fountain at pump on #4 and #5. Members discussed the project ranking and funding needs to be requested each year for the number one. Becky Sebastian suggested that future projects should focus on the golf course. Brad Marshall inserted that lots of the funds have been spent on the

course itself and this project list focuses on the infrastructure which is an asset for the city. Angela Smith will work with T. Gainous on obtaining prices for the top four or five projects. Brad Marshall suggested staff reaching out to board members for possible vendors for some of these projects then A. Smith recommended if members know a vendor to send information to S. Monroe.

B. The two previous projects recommended by this board will be presented to City Council this evening.

C. There is only one quote for the outdoor bathroom repairs but working on obtaining a second quote. A vendor for the parking lot striping has been selected. As a reminder $30,000 encumbered to be used for the approved projects and $70,000 set aside for future projects.

6. Remediation Tree Plan subcommittee update.
   A. The ATMOS check has not been received by the city, although expecting the amount to be approximately $38,000.
   B. Larry Glick reported the committee met at Fannin Tree Farm but cannot make final decisions until know dollar amount is known to spend on the trees and to know if trees may be placed back in the easement. The types of trees being considered are live oak, Chinese Pistache, little elm, etc. The third meeting was held at Waterview Golf Couse with Sandy Queen from Profitable Golf and Andy Bailey to review the Tree Plan. Meeting results: 1) Planting will occur in the fall; 2) Looking at about 19 trees installed from the 28 trees removed: 3 trees on hole #12 and the other trees on #13. The committee will meet again in July to present specific placement locations. Angela Smith and Matt Grubisich voiced that this board can make a recommendation to City Council for the tree placements in the best interest of the course and then the next steps will follow.

7. Operational and maintenance updates from Waterview staff to include an update on the status of the sand traps.
   A. Andy Bailey said there has been small struggles with the greens and believes the chemicals fell apart, so therefore there is so much poa annua grass. Their contact for the chemicals is unable to visit Waterview Golf to figure out what happened, but more chemicals are being sent free of charge by FedEx. Matt Grubisich added that this appears to be happening with other places too so it could be contributed to the weather. The greens were not pre-emerged last year due to the cold weather the prior year. Waterview has switched to a different chemical and will pre-emerge with a two-step process. The 6-to-8-inch roots saved the greens this year.
   B. Trey Gainous indicated they had a really good first quarter, aside from the weather. This past weekend there were 600 rounds. There are 7 leagues a week happening right now. There are 15-20 tournaments scheduled starting in May. There are pavilion reservations. The new golf carts have taken minimal damage thus far.
   C. In reference to issues with the bunkers, the Sand Pro had been broken but a new one was purchased and arrived last week. Therefore, staff spent working on the sand traps last week. Ordering three truckloads of sand today, although there is a 6-week delivery period for premier white sand. The prices have increased. One bunker closed until the sand arrives.
   D. Brad Marshall shared some comments about the greens at #3 green and inquired if aerification can be done in that area.
   E. Larry Glick stated he has been asked if the driving range can stay open past 6:00pm since the day light savings time has changed. Trey Gainous responded they are looking at pushing time back a little but won't be too much later because staff needs time to collect the balls for next day.

8. Discuss GPS systems on golf carts.

   Brad Marshall explained the history on this topic which is basically the suggestion was pitched to American Golf (AG) and they declined. Angela Smith mentioned the idea was recently suggested to AG again, but the only response thus far is they will do research. Sandy Queen inserted moving towards this change could be considered an investment. The City of Carrollton spent funding on a new GPS system for golf carts. Matt Grubisich voiced he would like to know the cost and add this need to this board's presentation to City Council, although still need to hear from AG on their plans. Trey Gainous replied that the last time they looked into the cost it was around $17,000 but some of the things to consider is does the package include the computer program and training for staff to use the system, as well as what is the maintenance cost on damaged carts; and would golfers need a tutorial to know what to do with the carts if there isn't a screen.

9. Joint meeting with City Council scheduled for May 17, 2022.

   For members to assist with preparations for this meeting they were asked to submit thoughts by April 18th on this board's accomplishments from May 2021 - May 2022, item requests for funding.

10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
    A. Sandy Queen is on site for the spring audit on behalf of the city and reported there are no bunker liners exposed.
    B. Larry Young interviewed various players with a focus on those playing their first time at Waterview. Feedback was 1) Water not draining on the course; 2) Lack of a beverage cart; 3) Women's bathroom doors don't lock; 4) Green, old holes are raised and not flat; 5) Uneven tee boxes, excessive wear and tee's not moved; 6) Grill takes too long receive food and beverages; 7) Several compliments on playability of the course, firm fairways and fast greens.
    C. When there is a lot of rain Waterview staff must pump water. A pump was used on #14 and after 10 hours of running there was no visibility of improvement. Staff received approval for an excavator to work on the drainage at #14. Drainage issues with #6 still continue.
    D. Carter Holston reported that sod seems to have failed at #18. Andy Bailey responded that the sod will grow.
    E. Michael Daffin spoke with golfers who play multiple courses and was new to Waterview. They thoroughly enjoyed the course and stated they will return to this course.
11. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

    Sandy Queen visited Buffalo Creek Golf Club and they've had a major problem with their greens, basically described as close to dead turf.
12. No Public Announcements.

    Angela Smith announced Lunch on the Lawn is held every Monday from 11:00 am -2:00 pm. Farmer's Market starts this Thursday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm and will run for several weeks. Early voting starts at the end of April.
13. Members of the Board or Commission requested topics for future agenda meetings.
    A. Carry over item: Update from American Golf.
    B. Update on Exhibit F revision recommendation.
    C. Discuss the golfer feedback that Larry Young presented today.
14. Adjourned at 8:15am.

Brad Marshall, Chairman

Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager