

**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Greg Fair.

Daniel Alvarado	<i>present</i>	Kevin Ross	<i>present</i>
Greg Fair	<i>present</i>	Sheri Sheppard	
Jane Arnett	<i>present</i>	Matt Jones	<i>present</i>
David L. Lock	<i>present</i>	Wade Warmes	<i>present</i>
Ronald Schielke	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	
Ceri Davies	<i>present</i>	Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

2. Approval of the 11-13-23 meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by David and was seconded by Ronald.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Items for individual consideration

a. Old business

None

b. Construction Updates and Construction Golf Operations Updates

Getting close to finishing up the new clubhouse. It's about 90-95% finished. Waiting on furniture - will start arriving next week, but pro shop furniture won't come in until April 1st. The goal is to open all together, but may not be able to - may open by the second week of April.

The kitchen and restaurant are mostly done. Some of the wait staff have been hired.

The contest for choosing the restaurant name was advertised in the papers.

Some concerns about Little Kitchen's speed of service were expressed. Some have experienced slow service at the restaurant even when it was not busy. Greg asked if the restaurant would sign up with Uber Eats. Matt will inquire. Restaurant will seat about 50-60 and outside can seat another 50-60

Landscaping is in around the new clubhouse. Matt is looking at contracting the landscaping job out to a landscaping company.

Gregg brought up the lighting around the course. Some of the lights are not turning off the way they should. Matt will investigate.

Ceri asked about the feedback about the clubhouse. Matt said that everyone is looking forward to it.

c. Golf Course Parking Discussion

Parking has been a challenge. Course has had many days with 200 plus rounds. The clubhouse and restaurant will attract more residents in addition to the golfers.

Staff thinks the bridge should be closed to vehicle traffic and that will allow for more parking spaces. Matt asked for recommendations from the committee about closing the bridge permanently.

Ronald made a motion to urge City Council to consider the permanent closure of the

bridge to vehicular traffic. The motion was seconded by David Lock. Committee members voted. Ayes: David, Ronald, Greg, Ceri, Jane, and Daniel. Nays: Kevin
There are plans for a parking area for privately owned golf cars and handicapped spaces.

5. **Staff briefings**

a. **Golf Course Operations Report – Matt Jones**

Matt talked about the new carts. Has received good comments. The GPS is not working 100% yet. Working on the back-office. The carts are programmed to slow down around the clubhouse.

Pro shop sales have been great. Revenues are up over 100K compared to last year. There will be changes, dress code, operations, hitting bays will be open late. Restaurant and bar will be open late. Hitting bays weekdays will be priced at \$30 per hour, and \$40 per hour on the weekends.

Jane said that the card stock of the scorecards makes it difficult to erase. The new score cards will be better and smaller.

Changes staff – Steve assistant golf pro and Kim merchandiser are no longer here. Matt will not refill the merchandiser position but will add two assistant golf pros instead. He already has 8 or 9 applicants

Greg brought up concerns about the huge numbers of rounds and expressed concerns over the condition of the greens. Suggested to close three Tuesdays per month instead of just two,

b. **Golf Course Maintenance Report – Wade Warms**

Wade said that the winter has been a little more challenging than expected and the course has had a lot of play. Greens are not as far along as they had hoped. Some of the greens are doing well. They are bringing in a person who will map everything with ground penetrating radar to find the original greens, and drain lines.

They have plans for deep tine aerification in June. Course will be closed tomorrow – so they will put down pre-emergent and will vent the greens to allow exchange of gasses. Wade took a class on eliminating Poa. Learned about a process called fraze mowing. Will remove the Poa seeds that are in the top area of the soil. Has someone coming in with a machine to do that.

Ron said great job on getting the pampas grass removed. Matt said that there will be only grass leading to the water. Matt has not decided what to do on the island yet. Greg mentioned that the resident at 37 Parkway Place is looking at repairing the metal fence. Matt will look into

6. **Future agenda items request**

None

7. **Next Meeting Date:**

May 13th at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

8. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ron and was seconded by David. The meeting ended at 6:35 pm.