GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING July 16, 2024

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Greg Fair.

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

2. Approval of the 3-11-24 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

The new clubhouse is open and operational according to schedule, with a few warranty items being addressed.

Construction on the convention center began recently, and they are awaiting the delivery of iron materials. The contract completion date is November 7th, but there is optimism it might finish by the end of October. Storage plans are in place for the interim.

City council unanimously voted to permanently close the bridge. As a result, Village Green Street will undergo changes to accommodate two right-turn lanes, aimed at improving traffic flow. Additional parking for Village Green is also planned.

c. Future Golf Course Survey (Questions/Feedback)

The city council approved hiring Chet Williams to develop a master plan focusing on improvements over the next 8-10 years. Key areas include rebuilding greens, addressing drainage, and upgrading tee boxes, all of which can be done with minimal impact on play. Redoing the greens would be a 9-month process with temporary greens and reduced fees. Staff will discuss with finance about setting aside funds each year for future major expenses related to course improvements.

A customer and resident survey is being created to gather feedback on important areas, pricing, and course improvements, particularly focusing on drainage and lake depth (which need to be 6-8 feet). There's concern that people may be reluctant to complete surveys, so offering a prize drawing or a terminal in the pro shop is suggested. The database is being improved to assist with the survey, and they're exploring if GolfNow can support survey functionality.

d. Golf Course Projects/Improvements Completed to date

Since the storms in May, projects have focused on cleaning up fallen trees, but some projects were put on hold due to storm-related damage. Additionally, a lake has developed a leak.

Progress is being made on the logo, and it is expected to look good once completed. The junior camp included a fun activity where participants took pictures with the cow.

There is an issue with a bank of three lights near the starter shack that blink on and off, which is noticeable to people on hole 15.

5. Staff briefings

a. Golf Course Operations Report - Matt Jones

Tournament Bookings are doing well, though space is limited at the moment. Smaller tournaments are being accommodated on the deck, but larger tournaments will benefit from the additional building once it's ready.

The restaurant is performing well, with the first two months meeting expectations, including sales from the restaurant, beverage cart, and snack bar. The restaurant now has phone lines, but there's no dedicated person managing reservations. Jake is the manager, and the phone number should be added to the website. The restaurant is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sales at the snack bar have doubled compared to previous figures.

b. Golf Course Maintenance Report – Wade Warms

Some greens have been restored to their original sizes, but the process will take time. Recent storms have consumed most of the maintenance team's time. Fairways were fertilized today.

Soil samples were sent off to assess the soil's physical properties. Core samples were taken from the 15th green, which showed that the top 8 inches are at the minimum required levels for water retention, porosity, and infiltration. There is too much organic matter, but with airification and the DryJect process, the greens are expected to last another 4-6 years. Typically, greens last around 25 years with proper maintenance. Work is being done to relocate drains and cleanouts.

6. Future agenda items request

7. Next Meeting Date:

September 9, 2024 at 5:30pm

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by David and was seconded by Ron. The meeting ended at 6:10 pm.