

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

09/26/2018

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. 3rd

PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Charlie Dyer Joe Lopo, Julie Nelson, Chuck Weirauch, Greg Oehmen, Rex Lamoreaux,
ABSENT: Jack Stringer, Jan Wall, Jim Whitenight
STAFF: Mark Esoda, Andrea Sheldon
GUEST STAFF: Derek Turner, Assistant City Attorney II
COUNCIL: Don Overcash
CITIZENS PRESENT: None

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, 09/26/2018 at 5:15 pm.

Citizen Comments No citizens present

Council Liaison Report Councilor Overcash reported that the budget process was underway with Council. Two future issues are Broadband and a proposed Larimer County use fee for the Devil’s Backbone trail area.

Minutes Chuck Weirauch questioned if Jason Smitherman (Risk Management) said, “the golfer IS liable for striking a home with an errant golf ball,” Chuck felt that Jason said that a golfer “MIGHT” be liable. The minutes will be corrected to reflect might.

Julie Nelson arrives at 5:24 pm

DISCUSSION/ACTION

O’Hara Water Contract Mark Esoda introduced Derek Turner, Assistant City Attorney. Derek is the City’s attorney for water issues. Derek briefed the Board on the history of the O’Hara water contract (owned by the Golf Division) and on a possible water rights transaction between the City and the Southside Ditch company as related to those rights.

After a brief discussion related to the offer, Julie Nelson made the motion to recommend that City Council approve an agreement with the South Side Ditch Company whereby the City’s O’Hara contract water right is conveyed to South Side Ditch Company in exchange for 2 shares of South Side Ditch Company

stock. Rex Lamoreaux seconded with unanimous approval.

NON ACTION/INFORMATIONAL

City Council Initiatives for Innovation

Mark reviewed the information contained within the agenda packet. In collaboration with staff, City Council devised goals and strategies for Innovation. The City Manager desires that the various Boards and Commissions be aware of those goals. Golf staff applied the strategies to Golf Division and related to the Board how the Golf Division is meeting those expectations. Charlie Dyer expressed that the golf courses bring economic vitality to the City in tourism dollars, and in turn, do not ask for money from the community via tax dollars. Charlie feels the golf courses should receive financial support from other sources. Councilor Overcash suggested that Staff contact the Community Marketing Commission to see if receiving funding from that source would be possible.

Follow up: Errant Golf Balls/Golfer Behavior

Mark related that Staff had a second meeting with Risk Management and the City Attorney's office regarding errant golf balls. Bottom line, the City is not liable for any damage caused by errant golf balls. The golfer is. Mariana Butte maintenance staff will be installing moveable signs at the #1 and #2 tee, and the #10 and #17 tee stating the golfer is responsible for damages incurred while playing. In addition, Staff will place a notice in the MBGC pro shop.

Credit Book

Andrea presented the issue of the lack of a written guideline addressing credit books and their use at the three Loveland golf courses. She requested the Board's thoughts on several issues. The consensus of the Board is that in the event of death, Staff could transfer credit book balances to a surviving member of that household; credit book holders could request a transfer of all, or a portion of their credit book winnings, to a Loveland 3 Course Merchandise Only gift card one time per year. Staff will draft a proposed guideline Board review at the October meeting.

Preparation for 2019 Policy and Procedure Manual Review

Andrea related that the Board would review the existing 2018 P&P manual for any suggested additions or revisions at the October meeting. Andrea will email a PDF of the manual with the next agenda.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Golf Operations Manager Report

Mark related information regarding the following:

- New tee signs in place at CCGC
- SoloRider golf cart(s) demo at MBGC for possible purchase

- Hosted a fun team-building session at the CCGC Mini-Course for the City's Executive Leadership Team; the team consists of all Department Directors and the City Manager. All had great fun.
- Drought concerns are being addressed at all three golf courses; Staff will take additional measures if warranted.
- Hosted the CHSAA 4A High School boys Regional golf tournament at OCAL – very successful
- Staff has completed the Fall aeration process at all three courses
- Staff is implementing the new VIP texting program and rolling it out to golfers

Board Member Comments

Mark asked the Board if the current meeting time was acceptable or would the Board like to move to a morning meeting. The consensus was to leave the meeting time as is. Rex: Is still planning to bring more information to the Board about the Folds of Honor program and in finding out if a senior men's league at CCGC would work.

Julie: Talked with Staff about her MBGC-area HOA needing to replace fencing adjoining the golf course. Staff was responsive and informative regarding residential access to the golf course through residential gates etc.

Robert: Played Pelican Lakes; the Loveland courses are wat above in maintenance and course condition.

Charlie: Played Fort Collins Country Club; same as Robert. Played with two people from Longmont who like OCAL because of course conditions and care. Charlie inquired about possibility of letting 2 Course pass holders play MBGC, at a discount, in the winter when play decreases.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair