

Golf Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
July 22, 2020

Members in attendance were Dan Birnley (Men's Rep.), Sam Jarvis (At-Large Rep.), Claudia McNair (Women's Rep.), Councilmember Arlina Yazzie, Golf Pro Micah Rudosky, Golf Course Superintendent Tom Kramlich, and Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist.

Thayer Plewe was a guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Jarvis at 7:00 AM with the minutes approved from the June 24, 2020, advisory board meeting.

Pro Report – Micah shared that the daily greens fees are up 6% for the year compared to last year, and the golf course revenues overall are up over \$11,000 compared to last year. Micah mentioned that the PGA Junior League is continuing, and they have 40 to 50 players participating. Micah shared that the Firecracker Golf Tournament ended up with around 150 players and that the Pinto Bean Golf Tournament may not be held this year. Micah mentioned that the Four Corners Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 1st.

Staff Report – Tom stated that the precipitation is down compared to a typical year at 2.96 inches for the year compared to the average rainfall of 5.67 inches, which is 75 – 80% of the average rainfall. Tom shared some good news that he was able to obtain 10 additional water shares from City's Park water shares, where the parks have not come close to using their allocated water shares for the year. Tom and Micah shared that the Par 3 markers have been installed on the golf course and look so much better than what was previously there. The other golf advisory board members agreed with that. Dean shared that the budget process is moving along and that the parks and recreation department has already reduced its budget by over \$100,000 which is at least a 6% decrease. Sam asked about how much of that \$100,000 was from the golf course budgets, and Dean shared that it was just over \$30,000 from the golf course maintenance budget and that no cuts had been made to the golf course administration budget, as that budget is really tight the way it already is. Dean stated that he is hopeful the other general fund budgets will answer the call to find the remaining reductions necessary to obtain a balanced budget for 2021.

Men's Association Report – Dan mentioned that Match Play is being conducted now, and that there is a Men's Golf Association Tournament coming up this Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26. Dan shared that the Men's Golf Association money deposited to the City for the Par 3 Markers is being checked out to make sure it went to the appropriate account, and Dean is helping with the follow up on that from the City side of things.

Women's Association Report – Claudia shared that the Ladies' Tee Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 11th with a Scramble played on Monday, August 10th. Claudia mentioned that they have seven area ladies' teams playing Match Play on Thursdays and would like to see where each hosting team would get to play on their own golf course, as they have an odd number of teams playing at this point causing there to be a bye for the hosting team.

At-Large Report – Sam shared that the golf course patrons are questioning some of the maintenance issues of several dry spots and yellowing of the grass along the golf course, due to the limited watering and staff. Tom mentioned that he is not watering the roughs as much as he typically would, due to the water restrictions placed upon him from MVI. Sam encouraged the other advisory board members to share with their membership the constraints that Tom is working under, so the golf course membership are more understanding of the constraints that Tom and his staff are working under. All agreed that Tom is doing an exceptional job considering the conditions he is working under. A question came up regarding an irrigation repair project between hole #5 & hole #6. Tom stated that the problem is now resolved.

Youth Report- No report. Thayer Plewe attended the meeting and stated his interest in serving as the new youth representative for the golf advisory board. Sam asked Dean if the position had been posted and for him to check into it and see what the appropriate next steps would be for the youth representative position. Dean said that he would check into it with City Clerk Linda Smith and let the advisory board members know via email. Thayer did interview for the position and will await news of what his next steps will be in the process.

Council Report – Arlina shared that the City is continuing with their budget process. Dean shared that the City's Manager of Events and Marketing Jon Brooks was working on a golf course writer, associated with Colorado Avid Golfer, coming out to the Four Corners Area to do a story about the area golf courses which would be free promotion and a way to help market our golf course.

The next Golf Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 7:00 AM at the golf course pro shop deck area.

Adjournment – 7:56 AM