

CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD COURSE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Sandy Vegh, Chairperson

B. ROLL CALL

Matt Russell – City Council Liaison -Present
Mike Chandler, GC Staff Liaison - Present
Sandy Vegh - Present
Craig Foster – Present
Cody Fox- Present
Donna Sadd- Present

Gordon Irwin- Present
Frank Somera Jr. - Present
Marc Payne – Present
Joe Brown- Dir. Parks & Rec. - Present

C. ACTION ITEM-

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** Sandy motioned to approve the minutes of September 3, which Gordon seconded.

D. OLD BUSINESS-

1. **Priorities List-** Members stated their opinions as to which golf course issues needed addressing. It was agreed that the priorities list should be a living document where the numbers change. Cody, Sandy and Donna will keep the master list.

The board agreed to have the GIS folks make us a map of the entire contour of the golf course, with an overlay of the holes, and also make detailed maps of each quadrant.

The following issues were discussed:

- Damages from drainage- Broken embankment on #2 hole, #5 dam washed out with flood waters now getting to us faster, and dam on #8. Mike stated that the City Engineer said that the golf course has “nothing to do with drainage”. However, that point could be argued, and extra monies might be had in both the general and drainage funds. Matt mentioned that Drainage is re-working its master plan and the timing could be perfect.
- Re-vamp commodes at #2, #5 & #10- Marc mentioned getting materials from big-box donors for naming rights & after few years have sponsorship of upkeep. Joe informed the board about modular units that could be power washed. A higher wall might be needed at #10 for protection from balls. **A committee was formed.**
- Signage is horrible at the entrance of the golf course, and traffic should possibly be re-directed to a more scenic route. Plantings

and color backdrop for stone entrance sign should be considered.

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- Instead of marshals, the course could have a starter who could run gaps in the schedule & monitor the course every 15 minutes. Matt would back banning trouble makers from the course. This move would require a starter shack.
- Improve the short game- Cody provided quote for Synlawn and will go into detail at November's meeting.
- Social media & website improvement- Insert the Lee Letzer overhead video of the course on the website. Joe mentioned an increase in monies for advertising.
- Something should be done to stop washout on car path #11, compost maybe. Fill in sand traps #6, 3, 7, and 10. Number 10 needs dirt and some grass. Additionally, mulch around trees, and get rid of compost at #6.
- The concrete apron is too short up to the bank at the #5 bridge, and the #6 bridge is dangerous.
- The water features need movement, perhaps solar fountains, to combat stagnation and algae.
- Begin carding at the front desk and give military and senior discounts including the players in their party.
- Joe suggested that the pool might work as a band area for a summer concert series. He also added that if we have a structured, systematic approach, we can do a lot internally. The golf course should have its own materials bay.
- Consider eliminating temporary greens.

2. BY-LAWS – Sandy Vegh, Chairperson- The last sentence of Section C of Article II, Membership was struck. Gordon motioned to approve the By-Laws as changed, and Frank seconded. The By-Laws were approved. Numbers were drawn for board members' positions and terms of office:

1. Cody – 1 year
2. Donna – 2 years
3. Craig – 1 year
4. Marc – 2 years
5. Sandy – 1 year
6. Gordon – 2 years
7. Frank – 1 year

3. BUDGET - Mike Chandler, Golf Course Staff Liaison – [Handout- FY2015-2016 Adopted Budget] Parks & Rec. pays 50 percent of electric. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is earmarked for new programs, with 25K going to projects including building maintenance, a camera system, and moving and fitting out the range ball machine to accept credit card payments for evenings and foot golf.

A Maintenance budget of \$15,055.00 will go towards cart paths with \$5,000.00 earmarked for restrooms.

The board will look at actuals from the past several years and the justifications, to try to identify the trend and cash flows to determine where the golf course actually should be.

E. NEW BUSINESS-

1. **FOOT GOLF - Mike Chandler, Golf Course Staff Liaison** – Foot golf will be conducted on the front nine, and Mike reported that the revenue potential is huge. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

2. **COURSE SAFETY- Sandy Vegh, Chairperson-** Safety should be our number one priority, and the #5 bridge and the hole at #8 should be top concern. Mike reported that the low water crossing, pipe rail from bank to bank, needed a resolution from the city, and said that we can't use Drainage monies. The number three culvert just past #10 is also a concern. The #5 bridge was to be fixed within a week of this meeting. Three railroad ties between #3 & #18 might be a quick fix. Matt will ask the Building department about when safety issues are a concern. It was asked whether the board could approach the City Manager and City Council directly.

3. **TAPE RECORDER- Gordon Irwin, Member-** It was agreed that a tape recorder be provided to the secretary.

F. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Actuals for FY09/10, 10/11, & 11/12
2. Details on Foot Golf
3. Short game figures
4. Cart Paths
5. Results of Citizen Engagement & Priority Study
6. Drainage Master Plan
7. Matt's Report
8. Mike's Report

4. ADJOURNMENT

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.