Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, January 26, 2023
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Mike Calvert, Matt Herman, Casey Karges, Sherrie Nelson, Claudia Pankoke, Tammy Poe, Alice Skultety
	Members Absent: Bill Allen, Dann Husmann, Jason Hutchison, Todd Johnson,
	Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Wade Forman, Scott Carlson, Chris Myers, Sandra Finn, Kyle Oakley, Jonathan Benson, Pam Hoffman

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Sherrie Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

   Approval of previous minutes: Approval of minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting. Sherrie Nelson requested one change to the minutes under the Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association section: add the words "working on" in the first sentence following "Tournament directors are." Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve: Mike Calvert, seconded by Matt Herman.

2. Public Comment: Frank Pratt, disabled veteran. He was a PGA Hope graduate. In order to play golf, the disabled veterans need to rent carts from the courses. Did the city ever consider a discount for disabled veterans on the cost of carts, since they cannot walk the courses and have to rent carts in order to golf (and private carts are not an option). They would like the committee to consider a discount for disabled veterans. Sherrie Nelson said the discussion will be referred to the Fee Committee for review.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: November rounds were 2% below the target. December had a total of 1,820 rounds due to typical cold weather which limited the number of rounds. Year to date rounds are still ahead of the budgeted number.

ForeUP Golf Software – the transition to the new golf software is February 1st. Machines are being installed. Training and testing are occurring. It is easier to use then the previous software and more modern. There is a 1-year lease on the software, with a 3-year option to renew. Software holds all reports in the cloud and City Golf would still have access to the reports if the software wasn't renewed. Golfers will receive a communication about logging into the new system in the near future.

Maintenance updates – Crews have been working on tree trimming and stump removal at the courses, as weather allows. 31 new oak trees were planted at Mahoney Golf Course. New Irrigation Satellites were installed at Mahoney in December. The old ones would randomly pop on or not turn on when they were supposed to.

Monthly Rounds: November rounds were 2% below the target at 5,841. Numbers were sound, but not as good as 2021. December had a total of 1,820 rounds. Rounds are not budgeted for January, but some rounds were played on the nicer days. Received some good moisture so far and some snow cover.

Financial/CIP: Utilities are still running high, primarily water costs. Will probably be close to the $500,000 range for the year. Pioneers is close to its budget. Matt Herman – do you see fertilizer costs staying high? Wade Foreman – yes, but seed may be coming down in price. Ground maintenance supplies and fuel and oil costs are also running high.

CIP expenditures: Mahoney Golf Course Irrigation Controllers, Pioneers Golf Course sod, Pioneers Golf Clubhouse window paneling. Operations Fund is $430,095; Reserve Fund is $790,833; CIP Fund is -$125,444. Mike Calvert – concerned that the transfer has been pending for over a year. Concerned that this transfer (from the fiscal year ending in August of 2021) hasn't gone through. The issue of a transfer that hasn't occurred and a negative CIP balance is not good. If there is a reason that it hasn't occurred, just let the committee know. Sandra Finn – we don't have the functionality to the transfer from our office, it has to go through Finance. Last year was a budget year and Finance works with all city departments on their budget and Finance has had a lot of turnover and they are trying to train the new employees. We are also frustrated about the time it has taken. Wade Foreman – the budget resolution had to go through City Council. Sherrie Nelson – will the transfer come through all at once or separately? Sandra Finn – It will come through all at once. Wade Foreman – the money is in operating account but needs to get transferred to our account. Finance doesn't do anything with reserve balances. Maggie Stuckey-Ross – will contact Finance Director Lynn Heaton and tell them this transfer needs to happen.

4. Golf Organizations Updates:

A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. Setting up schedule and it should be on the website next month. Working on promotions for the 60th Anniversary. Looking at program with emphasis on getting youth involved. Sherrie Nelson said LWMGA would be interested in partnering on a youth program.

B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Claudia Pankoke. There will be seven events including the club championships and city tournaments. Focusing on women and engaging younger women and girls (high school age and younger). to get involved. 130-135 members.

C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Wade Foreman said they are working on their schedule.

5. Old Business: None.

6. New Business: Thank you to Alice Skultety for her service to the board. Welcome to Claudia Pankoke.

   Subcommittees for 2023:

   Fees: Matt Herman, Casey Karges, Tammy Poe, Bill Allen

   Policies: Sherrie Nelson, Todd Johnson, Claudia Pankoke, 1 open seat

   Facilities: Jason Hutchinson, Dann Husmann, Mike Calvert

   Will look to fill Alice's seat in the future. Sherrie Nelson – subcommittees only meet when there is business to discuss. It is rare to have any more than three meetings with any subcommittee.

   Mary Hoelscher is retiring in February. Worked her entire career at Holmes Golf. Her retirement Open House will be on February 1st from 2pm-4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. Motion to adjourn – Casey Karges, seconded by Mike Calvert.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, February 23, 2023