Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, September 28, 2023
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Bill Allen, Mike Calvert, Matt Herman, Jason Hutchison, Todd Johnson, Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe
	Members Absent: Dann Husmann, Casey Karges, Claudia Pankoke
	Staff Members Present: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Chris Myers, J.J. Yost, Sandra Finn, Kyle Oakley, Tim Rowland, Denis Vontz, Pam Hoffman

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Sherrie Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

   Approval of previous minutes: Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve: Matt Herman, seconded by Mike Calvert.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: Golf rounds for August ended up at 31,229. Total golf rounds for the fiscal year ended up at 220,117. In looking at past data, this was the most golf rounds played at the five courses since 1999. Dry conditions of fall of 2022 and spring of 2023 helped push the rounds higher for the fiscal year. New fiscal year started September 1 and rounds will decline each month due to the shorter days and cooler weather.

   Maintenance: Crews have all been working on fall projects. Aeration has been going well up to this point with the good weather and will finish with Mahoney on October 2nd & 3rd, unless rain delays it a bit. Fall overseeding is starting to wrap up and fall weed control will begin soon. Water fill line is being installed at Pioneers. This will be a big improvement and help prevent further water loss from the old fill pipe. Also, Pioneers clubhouse windows, trim, and dormer shingles have all been stained. Holmes forward tee work started on holes 2,5, & 6. Shaping is

finished and should be ready for sod hopefully this fall, possibly today (9/28/23). Pioneers building of forward tees will start this month with the goal of getting three completed. Highlands cart path from 15 green to 16 tee and around the bathroom has all been replaced, but still a little backfill left to do. One of the biggest challenges right now is labor, as many seasonal staff have left. Two line breaks at Holmes.

Monthly rounds: August golf rounds ended up at 31,229, which was 8% above the target of 28,919. Year to date, Holmes had the most rounds, followed closely by Highlands and Pioneers, then Mahoney. Ager rounds continue to increase each year.

Financial/CIP: August income was $372,076. Fiscal year to date profit is $221,138. + $536,524 transfer = $757.662. $237,362 has been appropriated through the City Council budget resolution for transfer of these funds from 510 Golf fund to Golf CIP. Capital Improvement Projects – Mahoney Cart Paths and Club House: went to bid. Six bidders: was awarded to Dax Construction $537,000. EO is still working going through the signing process and have to wait for that to be done in order to execute the contract. The plan is to hopefully start around October 16th and finish in April.

4. Golf Organizations Updates:

   A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. The last tournament was last week. There were 89 participants. Will start planning in the next two months for next year. Ended up with a total of 407 members for the year: 385 full members and 23 associate members.

   B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Tammy Poe. 3 Club last month at Ager and there was a good turnout. Saturday morning brunch on October 14th at the Highlands, followed by a best ball event. Will be the last even of the year.

   C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Presented by Bill Allen. Wrapped up division play with Match Play in August. Have been traveling around to different courses in Nebraska like York Country Club, Beatrice, and Stone Creek. Will be playing at Hillcrest on Monday, Eagle Hills on Wednesday, Tiberon the following Monday and will finish up with the City Courses by the end of October: Highlands, Pioneers, and final event at Holmes.

5. Old Business: There is a net at Pioneers, but no net in the section by the ball picker's shed.

6. New Business:

   A. 2023 10-year golf CIP Plan Updated – JJ Yost. The 10-year plan is updated every two years. It was first updated in 2017 for golf. It serves as a guide for the CIP and identifies things on the horizon for projects and funding needed for the projects. Cost estimates are a ballpark figure, as amounts will change based on cost. Construction prices have gone up 20-25% over two years. Projects in green are completed projects and projects in red are newly added to the list since 2021. Tried to prioritize projects as either as A, B, or C. A projects we try or need to get done in the next two years. B projects are in need projects, but not as urgent as A projects (B projects: four-to-six-year goal). C projects are not in current CIP, but hopefully maybe in six to ten years. Collecting about $316,000 annually with the surcharge. Cell towers generate $135,000 a year towards CIP. The Benchcraft agreement brings in about $20,000 annually. $237,000 last fiscal year and approximately $500,00 the year before. Summary based off $250,000 revenue, estimate $376,000 short of meeting annual cost each

year of 10-year plan. Gap is based on fully burdened projects. CIP/irrigation surcharges – part goes to the debt service. Sherrie Nelson – would like to lobby for the practice chipping bunker to be moved to the B list instead of the C list. It would be a win for the city courses. Jason Hutchison – impressed with all of the projects that have gotten done over the last two years budget cycle. Motion was made by Mike Calvert to add the bunker project to the B list instead of the C list and endorse the 10-year plan to take to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was seconded by Matt Herman.

B. Golf Customer Survey – copy of survey was passed out to committee. Survey is categorized by course. Will be discussed at the October meeting. The Yellow and Green tee questions did not have a lot of responses as many golfers had not played them yet at the time of this survey.

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

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, October 26, 2023