

Meeting Minutes

Lago Vista Golf Course Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Call to Order: 6:31PM

In Attendance:

Larry Russell, Chair - Dave Williams - Mike Foye, Secretary, Imelda Faught, Frank Robbins, Gary Tupa, Jackie Goodwin and Gage Hunt, Council Liaison

Public Comments: None

Council Liaison Report: Gage Hunt

Recommendations from the GCAC regarding golf course renovation proposals should be completed by May 31 and should include public probability of approval of options presented. GO Bond would be prepared for November 2023. Safety concerns like fire hazard of gas carts being stored inside and other issues will also be included as part of the GO. Effluent issues, renovations, etc. will all be addressed in August in a CO Bond

Golf Course Superintendent Report: Sean Vance

- Fairway mower heights have been lowered and their blades have been sharpened. This generated several questions regarding how this was being done (grinding vs backlapping). Proper maintenance of the equipment will require the purchase, at some point, of a blade grinder.
- #18 green is in bad shape due to the ice storm. This green is at a lower elevation than the rest and as such was more affected. Both 9 and 18 will come back.
- Greens are dying around the edges because of poor drainage watering issues.
- Fertilizers are being applied and greens. Greens most affected by the black algae coating are being scraped and blown off. Sean indicated “there is grass under there – you can see the roots”. Affected greens are to be sprayed Monday (May 1st) and as a result we might see additional dying and curling.
- Sean and Gary Tupa agreed that frequent and regular aeration of the greens is vital to get the moisture and treatments down to the root base. The practical solution would be for us to have our own machine, instead of renting or borrowing, to get this done. It was indicated that the purchase price of such a piece of equipment would be about \$20k.
- Some soil and water samples have been taken. Sodium levels have been high and treatment is being done. Dead fish in pond on 14 are the result of poor aeration of that pond.

Golf Course General Manager Report: Amanda Harkins – Absent -Nothing to report.

Frank Robbins made a motion to approve the Minutes from GCAC meeting on March 28, 2023. Dave Williams seconded and all approved.

Dave Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes from the GCAC work session on April 12, 2023. Gary Tupa seconded and all approved.

Considerable discussion regarding options for the Golf Course Master Plan Options as originally presented by the Architect, Jeff Blume. After much discussion the following was concluded:

- CC focus seemed to be centered on the greens since that is where the most visible problems are and the source of most all the negative comments and reviews.

- Need to do whatever it takes to determine why the greens have so significantly deteriorated significantly over the last few years. (Irrigation, weather, changes in effluent??).
- We need to get Mr Blume to provide us with alternatives to his originally proposed Concept 3 that addresses just the Greens Complexes in order for us to present options to CC.
- A letter will be drafted by Larry and Mike to Mr Blume outlining what we need in the form of proposals.
- There will be a Special Called Meeting of the GCAC at 10:00AM on May 3, 2023, at the Pro Shop Conference Room with Mr Blume to discuss these proposals.
- We would like to be able to present two options to the CC.

It was agreed that the proposals presented to the CC should take into account who our customers are. The significant majority of our “revenue” is from outside play.

Next meeting to be the Special Called Meeting on May 3.

Other agenda items were tabled for future discussion.

There being no further discussion a motion was Made by Mike Foye to adjourn and seconded by Jackie Goodwin. All approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully Submitted and approved by full Committee May 23, 2023,

Mike Foye,
Secretary

Larry Russell,
Chairman