



Winter Pines Golf Advisory Board Minutes

July 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

City Hall | Commission Chamber
401 S Park Ave | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Marc Reicher, Sid Cash Jr., Nancy Freeman, Sean Connolly (V), David Webster (V)

Absent

Paul Smith, Justin Ingram

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Marc Reicher at 8:07am

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the June 12, 2023 Minutes

Tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting due to lack of quorum

3. Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Action Items

a. Winter Park Pines - 436/Hole 7 Property Interest

Mr. Seeley, Parks & Recreation Director, opened the discussion for informational purposes only due to lack of quorum. Mr. Seeley informed the Board that the property in question would cost around \$2.5M and feels there would need to be an additional property/location to use as an offload to avoid having a maintenance shed adjacent to the taproom. This project would be similar to the Swoope Ave project size-wise, and the maintenance shed would cost in the neighborhood of \$1.5M. Board inquired where funding would come from and Mr. Seeley stated possibly the Parks Acquisition Fund. The Tree Farm Property is in the process of being sold which could provide additional funding for the project as well. Mr. Cash feels this it would be a great investment as it opens up opportunities and is in support of the City to purchasing it. Mr. Connolly pointed out it would be good for the neighborhood but the parcel is currently slated for medical office space. Mr. Pascale stated a prior meeting with the neighborhood residents leads him to believe they would be on board with what the City is proposing. Further discussion and action will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. Non-Action Items

a. Fiscal Performance Review for Q1-3 at WP9 and WP18

Mr. Seeley reviewed the fiscal data for both golf courses during Quarters 1 through 3 2023, and provided Board members with spreadsheets to reference during discussion. Board members inquired about an irrigation technician for the course

and Cathleen Daus, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, stated the City intends on hiring a full-time employee that will be responsible for maintenance in not only the city parks but on the golf courses as well which encompasses irrigation. Mr. Reicher doesn't feel the course is up to par and would like the city to focus on fairways and bunkers. Ms. Daus stated that staff has been kept very busy due to wiring that was recently located underground and assured Board members once that is complete the focus will return to those areas. Mr. Webster commented that the recently installed drainage at green 4 is functioning great and inquired about having drainage completed at other bunkers as well. Mr. Pascale stated the drainage is performing as intended and has prevented further erosion in the area, even with heavy rains and that additional locations may be an option.

b. Fee Schedule FY24

Mr. Seeley reviewed the fee schedule and informed the Board that out of the 187 WP18 members, 87 of them are non-residents while WP9 has 238 members with none being non-resident. Mr. Pascale stated they have about forty non-residents on the waitlist. Mr. Reicher inquired if the City has a Ranger for the golf course to inform players of the pace they are expected to play and Mr. Pascale stated there is enough in-house staff to cover that responsibility so there's no need to add a new position. Ms. Freeman stated Ventura is charging \$55.00 for summer play while Winter Park is at \$34.00 including the cart. Mr. Cash Jr. stated the City is so much lower than other courses that he feels we could consider a 20% increase which would help cover maintenance and other expenses. Mr. Connolly agreed with the increase and feels we need to raise pars as it is currently at 67. Overall, the Board feels the City is underpricing their rates/value and should increase them to be more in-line with other courses. Mr. Pascale suggested seasonal pricing. Mr. Connolly suggested making a few changes to holes 11, 12, 15, and 16 in order to raise the par to 70 and feels all of the changes could be completed without having to close the course. Mr. Seeley reminded the Board to keep in mind the increase without any tangibles, such as cost of staffing, cost of living, etc.

6. Staff Updates

a. Project Updates

Mr. Seeley reviewed projects including the Clubhouse Renovation, Hole 3, dredging of the pond at #9 which will extend to the out of bounds area, and the outdoor patio requiring additional grading at an estimated cost of \$20-25k.

7. Board Comments

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am

/s/ Recording Secretary Laura Halsey