

IRONHORSE

Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES **August 24, 2000 Meeting –5:30 p.m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller, Lou Rasmussen, John Campbell, Mike O'Connell, Bob Reid, Charles Lewis, Jim Dickson, and Dave Fearis. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, as well as Pete Spratlin of IRONHORSE .

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Lou Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the July 27th meeting. John Campbell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. General Operations Report

Matt Roberts sent a written report, as he was unable to attend. An overview of the report is as follows: The course is doing well. The main group of events will take place between now and October 15th. Revenues are expected to greatly increase in comparison to budget. Current revenues are at approximately 92% of budget YTD. The "gap" will be made up over the next two months.

Playing conditions are holding strong, despite the drought. Afternoon play is slowing down due to the heat. The range is slowing down also.

Ingrams Magazine voted IH the Best Public Course in Kansas City. There is an awards presentation tonight at Aristocrat Motors tonight. Bobby Davidson and Pete will accept the award.

Three golf shop and five food & beverage seasonal employees have left to go back to school.

The Celebration of Women's Gold was held on Monday, July 31. Approximately 250 people were in attendance. The future of the event will be evaluated to either maximize profits or exposure. All in all it was a favorable day.

II. Course Update

Pete reported that the course conditions are good, despite the heat. As of 08-21 we are pumping from the water hydrant on 151st street as the creek has run dry at the pump. We are pumping approximately one half of what we usually put on the course (250,000 Vs 500,000 gallons per day.)

Pete would like to look at CapX for another source of water. We might have to bring a main to the golf course. The committee's original intent was to get as close to water as possible. At one time

we tried to make a connection to the sewer plant for the effluent but there were problems getting it accomplished. No one could recall the exact reason for the breakdown. Lou suggested that Phil Gibbs might recall. Chris will contact Phil to see what he recollects. Lou further suggested that we might want to go back into negotiations with sewer district. Jim Dickson wanted to know who we should talk with, Doug Smith? Lou said we may want to go to a source above that and feels the committee should direct the city manager to enter into negotiations with the sewer plant. Dick mentioned that when this was first discussed that there was some concern about plugging sprinkler heads. Is this still a concern? Pete says no and that it is becoming more popular to use effluent discharge on the golf courses. Lou said that the city should have records about the issue of using the effluent.

Pete said that Phil Gibbs had told him that the pipe was never taken to the plant. It was dropped when the disagreement came up.

John Campbell made a motion that we ask the city administrator to enter into negotiations via the county commission for City of Leawood to utilize the effluent from the water treatment plant on IRONHORSE golf course. Charles Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pete went on to say that the cool season rough is burning up. This is not a water problem but just the heat. It will come back when the temperature cools.

The greens are still in great condition. Roots are very deep and the canopy is excellent. Jim said we had a great USGA visit. The tee project has been successful and the bunker renovation continues. Paul Vermeulen suggested that we add fan to #13 to improve airflow to the back of the green.

Pete investigated potential drain problem on #13 but found no problems.

Dick said the spot on #6 still might be a concern. Paul said he thought it would fill in fine and that it is doing much better. Should be healed by fall.

Codes Issues

The problems on fairway number four, relating to drains on the golf course, were discussed. Jeff Cantrell came up with some guidelines on how water can drain off property onto the golf course. Must drain 10' back of the property line. One home has done what he asked and it looks pretty good. The other has been cited for improperly installing drain and for the discharge. They are ripping it out as of today.

Lou had directed the city administrator to look at the easements, especially those on lot #16 of Mission Valley Farms. He found that the easement was never filed. As far as the cart path on #13, Sam called Lou today. The home was built properly and the fence is in. The builder, Jim Riffe, is having an engineer look at the height needed for the possible retaining wall. Assuming that the facing and height is ok how will he handle the water. Lou will ask Phil Gibbs about this. Lou pointed out that the height of the wall may be higher than the fence, then what do we do, put a fence on top of that wall? Lou feels that we can work with Mr. Riffe. Lou would go before the BZA and ask them to grant the exception on the wall in the NBZ (no build zone), providing we get his agreement on the cart path. Chris said that Sam had told her that he had been at the BZA this week on the request for a variance on the setback, she thought.

Railroad Bridge

Lou made a motion at the last city council meeting that the bridge go to the golf course, due to its historical significance to the railroad and it's proximity to the course. It was approved. Mike Gill prefers that it go on #18 because it would be more visible. Dick said this would take it away from it's original location and that he thought it might be best on #11 because it would be closer to #10, where it was originally located. Mike O'Connell said it is harder to cross #11 than #18. Chris informed the group of her attempt to contact Mrs. Vrable the homeowner on whose property the bridge is currently located. She needs to talk with Pete to see if he talked with her and then she will follow up with a letter.

Donations

Chris wanted to know if the group wanted any input about requests for rounds of golf. Lou said it was against state statute to give away taxpayer dollars. If IRONHORSE wants to give it away and take it off their end that's fine but the city can't do it.

Jim Dickson made a motion to adjourn at 7:15. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton
Director, Parks and Recreation