GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE
December 18th, 2003 – 7:45 a.m.

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Councilman Lou Rasmussen, Councilman Scott Gulledge, John Campbell, Dave Fearis, Charles Lewis III, and Mike O’Connell. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, Pete Spratlin, Shane Gardner and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m.

A motion was made by Scott Gulledge to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2003 meeting. Dave Fearis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Course and Project Update

Pete reported that the course had a lot of open play days due to weather and one foot of snow, which is already more than last season. They have been doing work on the maintenance building, replacing ceiling tiles, painting walls, and scrubbing floors.

They have taken a tree down by #14. The lake on #6 is clear of duckweed at this time. They will treat the lake with chemicals as soon as they can get out on the course. The irrigation pumps have shut down and they have drained the system. The residents are aware of what is being done. Pete said that he has ordered 30 grass carp and will put those in around March. Scott Gulledge asked about the effect of the carp and Pete said that it will not control the duckweed but it will help. Pete said that they would have to put wire mesh over the overflow and down the dam to keep from losing the fish. Pete said they are on schedule as far as treatment.

Pete said construction is going well. The storm drain on the west end of Mission Reserve was installed incorrectly and that will be corrected. No plans have been submitted to the City as to how they will reinstall it. Pete said he had plans for a proposal for the storm drains coming onto the course from Ironhorse Center. The construction on Nall behind #14 green has been completed with trees and grass. Pete said that there has been some damage to the course because of sledders.

Pete said that they are sending out advertising for bids for the perimeter irrigation and minor upgrades to the system in order to connect the system together. John Campbell asked how many bids he thought he would get. Pete said that he had already talked with three suppliers and that there would probably be several more. Pete said that he was going to get help from Brian
Anderson with the specifications. He said that they would also have to replace most of the satellite system.

Pete talked about the concrete curbs and turnarounds for #7 and #3 and that they need to be bigger to accommodate through traffic. He said they would also be doing curbing and cartpath repairs and they have budgeted $15,000 in 2004 and $15,000 in 2005 for this project.

Pete said that they have $30,000 for perimeter fencing for securing the property. They will try to do the work in-house. Dick Fuller asked what were their priorities. Pete said that the first area would be behind #11 green, a gate across the path going down to #12 and across the practice course. He said they would be putting up more signage.

John Campbell asked about the resolution of the kids that vandalized the golf course. Pete said that there had not been one as of this time. Chris said she is waiting for an update from the prosecutor’s office.

**General Operations Report**

Matt said that due to the weather, they started remodeling the golf shop and they are doing general maintenance on the clubhouse that can be done in-house.

He said that they have had 90 rounds in the month of December and budgeted 160 rounds. Revenues will be over budget due to Christmas parties. They had the neighborhood open house last Thursday and it went well. Next year they will plan some of these events earlier in the month. They received good feedback from the Triple Crown party.

Shane did a revised financial and it will be sent out this week.

John Campbell asked about painting the clubhouse and will it be done in 2004. Matt said that yes it would be in 2004. Chris said that public works would be working with Orion in getting the bid out.

**2005 Capital Items and Priority Ranking**

Shane handed out information for the Business Plan. Lou Rasmussen suggested that we add the lake problem to the 2005 budget list. Lou Rasmussen made a motion to add $6,000 for the lake problem into the 2005 budget. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Campbell wanted to know if we couldn’t take the $6,000 from the 2004 operating budget as opposed to waiting for 2005. Dick Fuller didn’t think it should come out of the operating budget. Pete said that he would rather not take the money out of his operating budget.

Lou Rasmussen asked why we are not able to convince the City that the computer software is important. Chris said that specialized software had to be paid by the golf course and not with City funds.

Chris said that the clubhouse chairs and tables would go into the expendable equipment budget and not into the capital improvements budget.
Lou Rasmussen suggested that we put the $6,000 lake problem above the concrete projects in the schedule. Dick Fuller made a motion for the approval of the capital items as listed with the addition of the $6,000 for the lake project to be listed above the concrete projects. John Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lou Rasmussen asked where they were with the perimeter-fencing project. Pete said that at the end of the year 2004 they would only have a little over a quarter completed.

Lou Rasmussen made a motion that we increase the perimeter-fencing amount to $30,000 in 2005. Mike O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chris asked that it be identified as Phase II. Dick Fuller asked that they prioritize where the fencing would be done. Lou Rasmussen asked that the zoning projects be taken into consideration when figuring the fencing. Lou Rasmussen said that this project would continue the phasing in of the perimeter fencing. John Campbell wanted to know that if the project were being funded by Special Parks fund in 2004, would there be funding for 2005. Chris said that the parks department will have needs in 2005 and that requests for all needs would be presented to the City Administrator for discussion on funding options.

Mike O’Connell made a motion to approve all changes to the plan as amended and submit to the Council. Dave Fearis seconded. The motion carried.

There was discussion on the equipment replacement schedule. Chris said that the equipment replacement items needed to be included in the prioritized capital improvement schedule. Mike O’Connell asked that Chris got to Scott Lambers and ask how it should be presented. Chris said that it should be on the rolling stock schedule like the rest of the City equipment because it is replacement equipment. Chris said that she would clarify this information.

Mike O’Connell made a motion that the committee agrees with the items listed for 2005 equipment replacement schedule and in addition that Chris confirm with the City on how they will be classified and further presented within the other operating capital items and going forward. Lou Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Misc.**

Dave Fearis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Lewis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks & Recreation