

IRONHORSE
Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 17, 2007
11:45 a.m. – Ironhorse Golf Course Clubhouse

Members in attendance were Dick Fuller (Chair), council liaison Lou Rasmussen, Chuck Sipple, Carl Howell, Tom Davidson and council liaison Gary Bussing. Pete Spratlin and Shane Gardner of Orion Golf Management and Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Claxton and Pete Spratlin were also in attendance. Brett Haugland of Continental Consulting Engineers was also present.

Dick Fuller called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Chuck Sipple moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting and Carl Howell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with corrections that Dick Fuller stated.

I. Construction Progress

Pete Spratlin reported that construction is on schedule and crews have only had to shut down three days on the greens thus far due to weather. As of last Tuesday, eight greens were ready for seed and sod and hole numbers 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 18 should start today.

Chuck asked if they are ready to seed and sod. Dick asked what type of seed is being used on the greens and Pete said it will be Dominant. Plus Sycamore Ridge and Winter Stone have used it recently. It's great to improve ball marks, speed of play and heavy play. The slope on the course should go up-maybe to 140's. Course will definitely be a bargain at \$70.

Chuck asked what has come up as surprises during construction. Pete said that there have not really been any surprises, just some disappointments such as hole #2. It was shelled out and the bottom cleaned out with the old drainage in place and it had a huge gravel bed at the bottom. It rained two inches and that water remained in the green bottom for two weeks so the drainage was extremely poor.

Gary Bussing asked if peripherally the access routes have held up. Pete said that all traffic routes have been pretty well coordinated well to avoid zoysia areas but the irrigation system has really taken a beating. Gary asked if he meant lines or heads. Pete said that pretty much every type of piece of the system. Now we are getting down to turning water on to determine any potential problems.

Gary asked if we have taken good photos and are there as-builts? Pete said we are using a digital camera and both he and Continental Engineers are documenting the construction routinely. We are also doing GPS work before and after.

Gary told Pete to be sure that Chris gets copies of all this for the City's records.

Chuck asked if the greens have moved. Pete said that #6 moved to the north and that #4 did not move. Also, #11 moved 50' south and east a little.

Lou asked who is responsible for construction on the hole #8 work being requested by homeowners? Pete said that the same construction company, Dennis Johnson, will be doing the work but that the homeowners have contracted with John Kahl with Terra Con to do the engineering work. They will use the same access route and as long as the work is done while the contractor is in that area it will not impede progress. Brett Haugland said they were about 2-3 weeks out from pulling out of that area at this point but that could change. Gary asked if the work was rip-rap and Brett said that it was stack stone and some other natural materials.

Dick asked how long it would be to finish seeding and sodding of all the greens and Pete said three weeks max if the weather stays dry. Dick asked how critical the three weeks is and Pete said it is very critical.

Dick addressed the tour of several greens that will follow the meeting. He said when you look you will likely have lots of questions so we need to move on with the meeting to allow time to get on the greens. Greens specific questions can be asked at that time.

Brett said that #13 has lots of changes due to the creek work. He feels that everyone will be very pleased with what they see.

II. Update on Auxiliary Course Projects

Dick asked Pete how many he has on board at this time and Pete said six. Pete said that we will be expanding the tee boxes on #5 and #13 and this is one thing his crew will be working on.

Dick asked if construction contractor is responsible for replacing all cart paths they damage and Pete said yes, if they break it they fix it.

Chuck asked about additional trees-how many have been planted? Pete said that this would take place in the fall of 07 and the spring of 08. Brett said some are called out in the contract, especially on #13 pertaining to the levy work and some will also take place on #7 but it is not a tree-for-tree replacement of what they take out and put back in.

III. Club House Work

Chris reported that club house work will start soon and will include replacement of the ceiling, HVAC system, new paint and carpeting and improvement to the counter in the food and beverage area. We will also be getting a new phone system and relocating it from the basement to behind the food and beverage area in the old bathroom. We are currently waiting on cost estimates and will begin moving furniture and kitchen supplies and equipment off site so they do not take on all the construction dust and debris. New doors have also been installed in the facility.

IV. Status of Marketing Plan

Chuck asked when the marketing of the course was supposed to start. Shane said it depends on how long it takes for council to decide what direction they are to take. Chuck asked if we have missed any major opportunities to date or will we while we negotiate this. Shane said he wasn't sure but that Orion could still do something over the summer. It is on the Council Agenda for approval Monday night.

V. Miscellaneous

The next meeting will be held sometime in June, once greens are completed. A date will be announced closer to the meeting date.

Chuck Sipple moved to adjourn the meeting and Carl Howell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. followed by a tour of construction progress on greens number 1, 13, and 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks and Recreation