TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING OF MARCH 13th, AT 2:00 P.M.
T OR C MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

1. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Vivian Bonner at 2:05 P.M.
2. Members Present: Larry Mullenax, Mary Ann Weaver and Vivian Bonner.
   Absent: Les Dufour and Claudia Reames.
3. Welcome Guests: Brian Jensen
4. There were no comments from the public.
5. Approval of the Agenda: Mary Ann made a Motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Larry. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
6. Reading/Approval of the Minutes from the January 14th meeting. Larry made a Motion to approve; Mary Ann seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
7. A. Status of $1 fund: tabled.
   B. Long Range Plan: No report - tabled.
   C. O & M Plan: No report - tabled
8. A. Course Condition: Howie not sure at this time if he will be able to plug greens
   B. Pump relocation: No word lately on progress. Work started but nothing done last two weeks.
   C. Patio Enclosure: Project basically done.
   D. Golf Course Improvement Fund: No report.
   E. City Match fund: Tabled.
   F. RFP status: still haven’t heard anything.
9. New Business: A. Discussion about letter to City Commissioners and Manager. Vivian will make a few revisions and letter will be sent next week.
10. Adjournment: Larry made a motion to adjourn at 2:47 P.M.; Vivian seconded; vote was unanimous.

The next meeting will be April 8th, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the T or C Municipal Golf Course.

Approved: Les Dufour
Chairperson

4/8/15
Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and Commissioners,

It is the duty of an advisory board to assist, to be a resource and to research and gain knowledge in any area possible. This board is serious in doing a good job for the city, therefore we request clarification in writing of this boards’ powers and duties as specified in the memorandum establishing the board. Sec.2-212.(a) of Article IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 1. GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD, states that the board shall make reasonable rules and regulations for the use of the facilities under its jurisdiction. We feel it is within our duties to assist in developing a reasonable contract that reflects the current needs of the golf course. Perhaps it is time to update Article IV since it is over 20 years old. Rewrite the document so that it reflects a more useful and collaborative working relationship between the City and the Board.

The recently released request for proposal (RFP) clearly indicates that the document needed to be thoroughly reviewed prior to publication. We reviewed the RFP and attached contract and concluded it contained numerous errors and did not adequately address shortcomings recognized with the current contract. We discussed the RFP with golf professionals from outside the area to confirm our conclusions. They all indicated that this released RFP raised a "red flag" that would possibly prevent quality candidates from responding or at the very least would increase the bid substantially. When talking to the representative for this region from the Professional Golf Association, he stated that they (PGA) would not endorse this RFP to their members.

The Golf Advisory Board would like to make strides towards improving the future of the course. We also would like to work towards a collaborative working relationship with the City and Commissioners. As the commissioners well know, we all gain in improving our course and our community. We would hope that the Commissioners would solicit our input during review of qualified applicants to the current RFP. If the current RFP obtains no qualified responses, we petition for the commissioners to use our knowledge in renewing the RFP and improving it in a manner that the PGA would recommend it to its members of the PGA. We appreciate the commissioners reading and responding to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Les Dufour

Chairman, Golf Course Advisory Board

cc: Juan Fuentes - City Manager