



Palm View Golf Course
Advisory Board Meeting
June 21, 2006

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting held May 17, 2006.
3. Co-Chairman Selection
4. Other Items of Interest
 - A. Meeting Date Change Request
 - B. Ethics Ordinance
 - C. McAllen 2 Ball Championship
 - D. FY 06-07 Budget Status
5. Director of Golf's Revenue Report
 - A. Revenue Report
6. Golf Course Superintendent's Report
 - A. Maintenance Program
 - B. Special Projects
7. Adjournment

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Present:	Lupe Garcia	Chairman
	Paul Perez	Member
	Guillermo Aguirre	Member
	Felipe Cavazos	Member
Absent:	Bob Almendarez	Member
	Rudy Gonzalez	Member
Staff:	Carlos Espinosa	Director of Golf
	Rex Flores	Assistant Golf Professional
	Tony Montes	Golf Course Superintendent

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

- Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON
March 15, 2006.**

- Minutes approved with no corrections.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Mr. Espinosa presents to the Board the idea of reversing the hole rotation or sequence for the golf course, barring any significant expense for scorecards and related items.
- Mr. Cavazos purposes the motion to the Board, the Board 2nds the motion unanimously.
- Mr. Espinosa explains to the Board that there were a lot of positive comments about the Golf Course from the Futures Tour players.
- Mr. Espinosa also states, that the golf course was presented in better condition than the previous year.
- Mr. Espinosa informs the Board that the irrigation upgrade funds were recalled by City management. Mr. Espinosa also states that the irrigation upgrade project will be resubmitted in next year's requests.
- Mr. Perez asks if the funds were approved by the City Commission, why the funds were recalled.
- Mr. Espinosa informs the Board that City Management withheld the funds to complete other projects of higher priority.
- Mr. Espinosa discusses the golf course reconstruction items from the CIP fund.
- The replacement of parking lot rod iron fence and gate was based on a \$35.00 per linear foot quote installed. Mr. Espinosa states the project cost will be based on a \$40.00 per linear foot price since the project will not begin until next year.
- Repairing broken cart paths is also a priority, but that will be an expensive project since there are many cart paths on the golf course in need of repair.

- Replacing the dining room and conference room carpets with tile is also a priority.
- Replacement of the bridge on the 15th hole, which was recommended by the City Engineering Department last year, was also requested.
- Mr. Espinosa explains to the Board that the golf course budget approved last year was going to be \$121,159.55; this was short of breaking even and paying the loan.
- Mr. Espinosa also states the plan was not place \$50,000.00 into the equipment replacement account, utilizing that money for the two lime applications to the golf course.
- Mr. Espinosa is not as confident this year that the loan will be paid back with the existing revenues budget.
- Mr. Espinosa feels the golf course may be approximately \$88,000.00 short, which may end up at around \$50,000.00 at year's end. From previous years the golf course's fund has a beginning balance, which may be approximately \$50,000.00 less.
- Beginning with the budget request for Maintenance and Operations, Mr. Espinosa explains there is an \$8,000.00 increase which reflects an assumed 3.5% increase in all salaries and benefits, which is usually approved by the City Commission.
- The budget for the maintenance of dining room equipment remains the same.
- Mr. Espinosa also states that expenses such as electricity, credit card processing fees, and chemical applications have increased significantly over recent years.
- The budget for the Pro Shop is approximately the same or less.
- Mr. Espinosa then explains that the upcoming expenditures for next year will be approximately \$1,344,856.00 and estimated revenues will be \$1,195,584.00, with a deficit of approximately \$150,000.00.
- Mr. Espinosa then begins discussing the purposed green fees, which shall include a \$1.00 increase.
- Mr. Espinosa also states, to get closer to the break even point, the green fees would have to be increased by \$3.00 and the cart \$1.00.
- Mr. Espinosa feels that a large increase in green fees will affect the number of rounds, and therefore, the overall revenue.
- After discussion, the Board recommends the green fees should increase by \$3.00 and the cart by \$1.00.

DIRECTOR OF GOLF'S REVENUE REPORT

- Mr. Espinosa discusses the revenue report for the month of March and April 2006.
- Mr. Espinosa informs the Board the golf course is on a record pace for revenues and number of rounds played.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Montes begins discussing the Maintenance Program for the month of April. All items were completed.

Routine Operations:

Fertilizer:

- Weekly applications of fertilizer to greens. *Only three applications were made due to the API and the Futures Tour Golf tournaments.*
- One application of liquid iron to greens. *Completed.*
- One application of fertilizer to tees. *Completed.*
- One application of fertilizer to fairways and tees. *Unscheduled but necessary to green up the fairway in preparation for the Futures Tour.*

Pesticides:

- Spray Rodeo herbicide on rock walls. *Completed.*

Cultural Practice:

- Vertical mow greens. *Completed.*
- Spike greens. *Completed.*
- Aerified 419 areas. *Completed.*

Consultants Recommendations:

Greens:

- Calcium nitrate *Completed*
- Potassium nitrate *Completed*
- Gypsum application *Completed*