Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes
5/21/19

Attending: Steve Wilson, Charlie Denham, Brandon Crim, Linda Estes, Bobby Kincaid, Scott Nicholes, Dave Clausen, Scott Jacobsen, June York, Darrin Johnson, Jennifer Vanderpool

Absent: John Lewis, Craig Stensgaard

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM by Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen

Golf Course Lease Update: Mayor Kling updated the Commission on the status of negotiations with Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) on a long-term lease or lease-to-own agreement. She met last week with DHW Director Jeppesen, who had just met with Governor Little on this issue. The director confirmed again that DHW intends to keep and probably expand its footprint in the center of the property. They wish to sell the golf courses and have engaged a firm to appraise the golf courses as golf courses, not potential commercial property. That appraisal is not expected to be completed until August. The director also indicated they are open to discussion about a lease-purchase once a value is established, and depending on how long that takes, also open to extend the current leases until a sale is finalized. Mayor Kling indicated she believes DHW and the governor want to work with the city on this issue, but we are on hold until the appraisal is completed.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 4/16/19.

Revenue & Expense Reports: Centennial revenue for April was above the comparable period in recent years. Ridgecrest revenue was slightly down from April of last year, but Scott Nicholes indicated there may have been some posting issues that impacted that number. Jennifer Vanderpool indicated she was aware of these issues and adjustments will be made for the reports next month. Darrin Johnson indicated that expenses for both courses were as expected for this time of year. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.

Operations and Public Relations Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that greens were punched on 5/13. All the recent rain has slowed mowing, but other maintenance issues are as expected for this time of year. Bobby Kincaid reported that the course appears to be in good condition. Dave Clausen added that he played Centennial just before the greens were punched and he found it to be in excellent shape. Charlie Denham reported for Ridgecrest that greens were punched on 5/6 and top-dressed yesterday. The rain has hampered that process somewhat, but other maintenance is as expected for this time of year. Dave Clausen reported that the course is in good shape and the greens seem to be coming back well from the winter.

Linda Estes reported for Centennial that a Family Justice Center event was held on 4/19 with 16 teams. Treasure Valley Ladies Travel Teams played on 4/25, and the Elks Weekly Golf League began on 4/29. A boys and girls district JV tournament was held on 5/2, a Kiwanis tournament on 5/10, a full field Mecham tournament on the morning of 5/11, and a US Kids tournament was held that afternoon. Greens were punched on the 13th and a SNAG Golf event was held on 5/15 & 16. June York reported for Ridgecrest that a Ridgevue High School boy’s tournament was held on 4/16 and a Players PGA Ability Test was held on 4/18. The first Ladies Sip & Chip event was held on 4/19 with 20 players and Ridgecrest Ladies Golf League played on 4/25. S.M.E., company held a reverse shotgun event on 4/26, the first US Kids Golf tournament of the season was held on 4/27, and the first session of Get Golf Ready was held on 4/30. The Second
Chance Program (for junior probation program high-risk kids) held an event on 5/3. The annual Mayor’s Tournament with a full field was played on the morning of 5/3, and Idaho Power held an event in the afternoon. Taylor Made Demo Day was held on 5/4, along with an LPGA Amateur outing followed by lunch. On 5/5 Ridgecrest hosted the local Drive, Chip & Putt qualifying with over a hundred boys and girls. The top 3 boys and top 3 girls qualifiers in each age division advance to the sub-regionals, regionals, nationals and then to Augusta to compete the Sunday before the Masters. PGA Junior League held their first practice and parent meeting on 5/6, Ridgecrest Ladies participated in a pro clinic conducted by Scott, Tim and Tom on 5/9, and a PGA Junior League scrimmage was held on 5/11. A church group with 30 participants played foot golf on 5/11 and a youth soccer team played foot golf on 5/16. Family Fun Night kicked off on 5/18. Over 100 hot dogs were provided along with free range balls and $5.00 green fees on the Wee Nine. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations and Public Relations Reports.

**New Business:** Six applications were received for reduced-fee Pepsi Youth Scholarships. After review and discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to approve all six applications. **Mayor’s Tournament:** The Commission discussed results of the Mayors Tournament. Traditionally, $1000.00 is given to the host course to offset loss of revenue for that day, and $1000.00 to the Mayor’s Teen Council. After brief discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to award $1000.00 each to Ridgecrest and the Mayors Teen Council from the proceeds of the tournament. Scott Nicholes indicated that in past years the Commission also awarded some funding to the Nampa Junior Golf League to pay for things like trophies, awards and snacks. That has typically also come from proceeds of the Mayor’s Tournament, but there was also a suggestion that it could possibly come from the Pepsi Youth Scholarship Fund. Scott will put together a proposal that will be discussed at the June Golf Commission meeting. **Other:** June York inquired about signs posted at Centennial that water would no longer be available on the course. Brandon Crim indicated that was due to concern about possible contaminants in the water that have resulted in poisonings and lawsuits at other courses. While acknowledging that concern to be very valid, several commissioners also expressed concern about not having water available on the course in hot weather. Darrin Johnson indicated that he would work with his staff and come back to the Commission at the June meeting with a proposal to address the issue. **Adjournment:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM.

**Next meeting scheduled for 9:00 AM, June 18th in the Mayor’s Conference Room**

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary