



Committee Members:

Wheatley-Billeter, Martha Lou - Chairperson _E_

Dunau, Andy _x_

Kelley, Ross _x_

Selinger, Samuel _x_

Van Voorhis, Kenneth _x_

*Park Board Members also present: Jim Quigley

*Staff present: Leroy Eadie, Pamela McKinzie-Lewis, LaVonne Martelle, and

Leesa Van Zandt

Golf Professionals present: Gary Lindeblad, Steve Conner Mark Gardner and

Rex Schultz

Guests: John Patrouch and Gary Lawton

**Golf Committee of the Spokane Park Board
September 14, 2011 – 7:00 a.m.
Manito Meeting Room**

Summary

- _ There was presentation on the Qualchan Bank Erosion Assessment.
- _ There was an update on the Indian Canyon Driving Range.
- _ There was discussion on the Budget.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 a.m. by Committee Member Ken Van Voorhis.

Action Items:

No Action Items.

Information Items:

1. Qualchan Bank Erosion Assessment ~ John Patrouch

In the August Golf Committee Meeting the committee recommendation was not to move forward with additional erosion control at Qualchan, however there was a request to provide a risk assessment of the entire creek throughout the golf course. Pamela had asked for a risk assessment previously as part of the FEMA funded stabilization Fall of 2010. URS did the assessment of the entire course. John Patrouch from URS gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Stream Bank Risk Assessment. A brief overview and summary is as follows: the Latah Creek was modified in 1940 due to State Route 195. There was a major flood in 1996. The stream banks were stabilized in 1998. The Hangman Creek Flood Hazard Management Plan was prepared in 2000. In 2008, the stream banks were again damaged by an ice event. Three sites were repaired again in 2010. URS identified eight reaches along the creek throughout the golf course. Reach 2, 4, and 7 have expected high impacts to the golf course. The work done to date and the proposed 2011 work conforms with the regional recommendations of the Hangman Creek Flood Hazard Management Plan. Due to all the agencies involved, grants and permits are becoming more difficult to acquire. It was suggested to: (1) work towards establishing a vegetated buffer; (2) investigate groundwater inputs and flows at the Clubhouse; and (3) develop a Comprehensive Plan for Floodplain and Erosion Control. Committee members suggested any future bank stabilization recommendations include reducing the sediment load to the river which is a goal of the permitting agencies.

2. Indian Canyon Driving Range ~ Pamela McKinzie-Lewis

Jim Harakas of GeoEngineers and Bill Peacock of COS Wastewater Management have concurred on a course of action to reduce the storm water from Assembly away from the driving range. To date a survey of the area has been complete and initial design documents were presented. There are two options to remove the water and direct it to a different location. The water in the catch basins would be piped under the entrance of the driving range through a ductal iron pipe to a catch basin and extended to a greenbelt area above 18 fairway. The water would flow into a spreader and dissipate in the greenbelt area. The second option is to pipe the water under the driving range and create a small, open-ditched swale where the water would evaporate and/or continue to flow down the canyon. The work will start at the end of October and be completed by Thanksgiving. In addition removing the storm water on Assembly, a second pump will be installed next to the current pump. The second pump could work simultaneously with the current pump during high water and will also serve as a backup pump if the initial pump were to fail or the line were to freeze. Bill is working with staff to develop Standard Operating Procedures for consistent operation of the fixes. There was discussion regarding how the agreement between the Parks Department and the

County and COS Streets Department came into existence. Staff will ask the Mayor to serve as a liaison to Parks Department, the County and the Streets Department to open up discussion on the current water problems and solutions being experienced at the driving range. Discussion was had on the claims and settlement for Mr. Lindeblad.

3. **Budget** ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

Pamela presented the 2012 budget proposal however, staff is requesting an addition to the current proposed budget of \$40,000.00 (\$10,000 for each course) for labor costs, \$8,000 (\$2,000 for each course) for sand applications, and \$30,000 for a new vehicle. Staff has proposed a budget transfer from the utilities budget to cover the \$40,000 request for labor costs. Staff has been able to reduce their use of the utilities over the last several years and this would be a budget neutral request. Staff has anticipated the \$8,000 sand application money would come from revenue by enhancing the Jr. Golf program and offering adult group lessons at each of the courses. This suggestion was received from the Golf Professionals at the staff meeting. Currently, there is a \$5,000 sand budget that was created last year which was not enough sand for this year's applications. The proposed \$30,000 vehicle funds would come from the vehicle reserve account. Currently, there is approximately \$175,000 in the vehicle reserves. Committee members requested that staff provide the following: (1) the current reserve fund balances, and (2) the previous 3 year reserve fund balances. Staff will try to get this information before the Special Park Board budget meeting at the end of this month.

Standing Report Items:

1. Revenue Enhancement/Advertising Update ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

Staff has worked with the Missoula Independent and Metro Magazine to update the September advertising. The new ad now has a fall picture and the slogan "Fall is a great time to golf Spokane." The Golf Professionals decided not to run a discount for fall as they have been able to get steady play without any discounts. Indian Canyon was referenced in this month's Golf Digest.

2. Course Conditions ~ *Golf Staff*

All four golf courses are in excellent condition. The Creek at Qualchan aerified two weeks ago. Esmeralda aerified on Monday. Rex advertised, via email blast, an aerification special for Tuesday through Thursday of 20% off the current rate. Esmeralda on Tuesday had 120 discounted rounds. Esmeralda hosted its Club Championship last weekend.

There was discussion on having the Pro-Shop and maintenance staff trained in CPR and acquiring defibrillator paddles to be kept in each Clubhouse. Staff will research possible CPR training opportunities and costs of defibrillator paddles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 19, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. in the Manito Meeting Room, Manito Park.