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TWIN FALLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMISSION Special Meeting Notice

March 7, 2014
11:00am

Twin Falls Council Chambers
305 3rd Ave East

AGENDA

11:00am Call to Order

1. Approve minutes of the February 12th, 2014 meeting
2. “Friends of Muni” Fundraising Tournament
3. Opening on Commission
4. Other Items from the Commission

Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez al (208) 735-7287

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STAFF REPORT

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The Commission needs to approve or amend the proposed set of minutes.

2. “Friends of Muni” Fundraising Tournament - Staff

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At the February meeting, the Commission directed for Steve and Dennis to discuss with the Hiskey family the following:

- For this year, the tournament could be dedicated to Sonny Hiskey, with a percentage of funds raised over \$10,000 would go to the building of the water fountain feature. The percentage is negotiable.

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Both Steve and Dennis spoke with Doug Harper who is working with Jim Hiskey on the tournament and explain to Doug the direction the Commission gave us. Jim Hiskey will be in Idaho the first part of March, hence the moving of our meeting to Friday March 7th, so Jim Hiskey could address the Commission in person. Dennis spoke with Jim and told him the Commission’s direction. He felt comfortable with them, but wanted to discuss the percentage of the \$10,000, Dennis told Jim that was negotiable. Also Dennis told Jim that a different type of memorial for Sonny Hiskey might be better than the water feature behind green # 18.

3. Opening on Commission – Staff

So far, we have only receive one application for the opening, attached is an application for the opening on the Commission, if any members know anyone that would like to serve, please give them an application or have them contact staff and we’ll get them an application.

4. Other Items from Commission

Other items from the Commission can be brought up to discuss or to be added on next month’s agenda.

Attachments

1. February 12, 2014 Minutes

GALE KLEINKOPF CHAIRMAN	HELEN BROWN	RICH BIRRELL	TEENA THOMPSON	GARY ROLAND VICE CHAIRMAN	BRETT SEMPLE	JACK JARDINE
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

TRAVIS ROTHWEILER	CITY MANAGER
GREG LANTING	CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
STEVE MEYERHOEFFER	PGA PROFESSIONAL
DENNIS BOWYER	PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

TWIN FALLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2014* * * * * 11:00am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Helen Brown, Rich Birrell, Teena Thompson, Brett Semple and Jack Jardine

Members Absent: Gale Kleinkopf and Gary Roland

Council Present: Greg Lanting

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Steve Meyerhoeffer, Dario Marques and Nikki Miller

MINUTES

With the Chairman and Vice-Chairman absent, Brett Semple called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Item # 1 Welcome New Council Liaison

Greg Lanting was appointed to be the Golf Advisory Commission's Council liaison at least the next two years. Greg has served before as the Commission's liaison. Welcome back Greg.

Item #2 Approve minutes of the January 8th, 2014 meeting.

Rich Birrell made a motion to approve the minutes and Teena Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #3 "Friends of Muni" Fundraising Tournament

With the direction from the City Council on sub-committees for Commissions, formation of sub-committees will have to be voted upon and approved by the Commission, and then those meetings have to follow the same format as the regular Golf Advisory Commission meetings. The Golf Advisory Commission was in favor of not having sub-committees, but to have the work done for the "Friends of Muni" tournament at the regular monthly Commission meetings.

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professional champions. One confirmed commitment is Bill Rogers, the 1981 British Open champion. Another possibility is Don January, 1967 PGA Champion.

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Staff is requesting for the Golf Advisory Commission to discuss these items and make a recommendation on the proposals from the Hiskey family.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners were in agreement with the following directions for Steve and Dennis to discuss with the Hiskey family concerning their requests:

- For this year, the tournament could be dedicated to Sonny Hiskey, with a percentage of funds raised over \$10,000 would go to the building of the water fountain feature. The percentage is negotiable.
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Dennis and Steve will take the recommendations and concerns of the Commissioners back to the Hiskey's for their consideration.

Item #4

Opening on Commission

This is Gale Kleinkopf's last meeting; he has served his two full three year terms. Staff has started to advertise for his position. The Mayor's direction for interviews on openings are for the Council Liaison, staff, and the Chairman to interview the applicants, then make a recommendation to the Mayor, and then the Mayor will make an recommendation to the Council on the appointment.

Also Jack Jardine's term will end, but Jack is eligible to serve two full three year terms since his first appointment was only for a partial term. Jack has requested to be re-appointed. Again after the Council discusses the interview, staff will receive direction from the Mayor on re-appointments.

Attached is an application for the opening on the Commission, if any members know anyone that would like to serve, please give them an application or have them contact staff and we'll get them an application. We would like to have this person on board at our March meeting.

Gale was ill today so the Commission could not say thanks to Gale for his six years of service on the Commission. Dennis will present Gale his plaque at a future City Council meeting. Once that date has been set, Dennis will notify the Commission of that date.

Item #5 2013 Golf Report from Steve Meyerhoffer

Steve handed out a report for the 2013 season showing the number of rounds played, season passes sold, and other information along with how it compares to the 2012 season. (Attached).

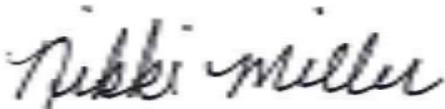
Steve also requested to put sand containers with lids at the par three tees for filling in divots.

Item #6 Other Item from the Commission

No other items were discussed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the City Council Chambers, at 11:00am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Miller".

Nikki Miller
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation

2013 Golf Course Year End Review

Decreases in 2013 compared with 2012

- Rounds of golf down 2% (2012 - 26,720)(2013 - 26,086)
- Restaurant profit down 12%
- Pro-shop profit down 8%
- Green fees down 2%
- Golf cart income down 4%

Increases in 2013 compared with 2012

- Season pass income up 6% (2013 - 192 passes sold)
2012 - 180 " "

Despite the tough weather conditions in the first third of the 2013 year, the golf course was able to still show a profit. However, as you can see we were considerably down from the previous year.

Rounds of golf and profit margins were also down throughout the entire Rocky Mountain Region and the United States as a whole.

Improving restaurant efficiency will be a focus for my staff and me in the 2014 season.