



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

## Golf Advisory Board Minutes

September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM

- Call to Order
  - Call to Order: 4:28 PM by Chair, Pat Gilliam
- Roll Call
  - Members Present (6): Pat Gilliam (Chair), Patti Brug, Melissa Jensen, Kim Spencer, Patrick McMillen, and Mike Sage
  - Members Absent (1): Jeff Collins
  - City Employees Present (2): Alexa Schubin & Chris Colling
- Approval of Minutes-July 10,2025
  - Correction noted: On page 2, change year “202” to “2025.”
    - Motion to approve (with correction): Patrick
    - Second: Melissa and Kim
    - Motion passed: 6–0
- Approval of the agenda
  - Additions/Corrections: None
    - Motion to approve: Patti
    - Second: Kim
    - Motion passed: 6–0
- Citizen Input
  - No public comment.
- Old Business:
  - Triennial Report Presentation
    - Pat confirmed he will present the Triennial Report.
    - Mike and Patti will attend; either Diana or Jill will also be present at the work session.
    - Patti requested a completed copy of the Triennial Report — Alexa will distribute it to the team.
  - Work Plan Topics and Discussion
    - Triennial Report Priorities
      - Pat reviewed key priorities identified in the report, including the fee structure update and the assessment of population growth.
      - These topics will be addressed further at the upcoming City Council meeting.
    - Golf Operations and Expansion
      - The board discussed the potential for course expansion and improvement projects:
      - Possibility of adding 8–9 additional holes.

- Development of a sand practice area at Boomerang.
- Continued focus on pace-of-play improvements.
- Chris provided printed reference materials related to pace-of-play initiatives.
- Course Development and Community Engagement
  - Melissa suggested exploring a new golf course on the city's east side to support expansion.
  - Kim agreed, noting the opportunity to engage youth and low-income golfers through expanded facilities.
  - Patrick shared that the Mike Lee 9 course is performing well.
  - Patti inquired about course rates (\$7 for 9 holes; \$2 for replay).
  - Pat emphasized the importance of continuous course maintenance and providing feedback to the city for improvements.
- Fee Structure and Public Access
  - Mike reiterated that the existing fee structure should continue to serve the general public, not a select few.
  - Chris agreed that the proposed updates align with that principle.
  - Pat reaffirmed the board's role in ensuring transparent communication between golfers, the board, and city leadership.
- Board Engagement and Membership
  - Pat raised concerns about previous challenges with board staffing and meeting quorum.
  - Chris noted that a promotional video had been created to encourage applications, though many city boards face similar volunteer shortages.
  - Patti suggested considering longer member terms to enhance consistency and institutional knowledge, referencing Finn's earlier comments about removing term limits.
- New Business:
  - Patio Conditions – Highland Hills Patio @ Bogey's
    - Patti presented photos of the area near the water station/fountain.
    - Alexa provided supporting email correspondence regarding squirrel and smoking issues.
- Discussion Highlights:
  - Concerns raised about cleanliness, cigarette butts, and ash accumulation.
    - Chris: Will review the issue; noted it has been previously addressed.
    - Kim: Referenced relevant smoking and wildlife regulations.
      - Pat: Suggested involving the County Health Department for further action.
        - a. Chris: Confirmed the Health Department can inspect upon notification.
    - Patti: Reported the area is not being adequately cleaned around sides and doors.
      - Chris: Confirmed power washing occurs every few months.
    - Kim: Suggested signage discouraging feeding squirrels.
      - Patrick/Patti: Mentioned a table frequently used to feed squirrels.
      - Kim: Recommended contacting the Division of Wildlife.
    - Pat: Stated that the county can issue warnings or fines if necessary.
    - Mike: Proposed sending a formal letter to the Health Department to prompt action.

- Action: Alexa will draft and send in the board's concerns.
- Additional Discussion:
- Mike: Asked if golf courses are financially self-sustaining.
  - Chris: Confirmed operational costs are covered by the courses, while capital projects are city-funded.
- Pat: Mentioned reports about Yamaha golf cart recalls.
  - Chris: Responded that the local provider (Denver) had only minor issues previously (accelerator spring).
  - Mike: Asked about the number of carts (55 per course, plus 1 ranger cart).
  - Chris: Confirmed and noted electric cart costs (approx. \$7K Xcel bill).
- Good of the Order:
  - Revenue and expense reports were distributed for board review.
- Staff Reports:

Chris's Updates:

  - Rounds Played (as of August 31):
    - Highland Hills: 28,921 (9 or 18 holes)
    - Boomerang: 32,390
    - Short Course (opened August 14): 353 rounds
  - Financials: Approximately \$3.3 million needed to cover expenditures.
  - Performance: Slight decrease at Boomerang (5,942 rounds this June vs. 6,031 last year).
  - Tee Times & No-Show Policies:
    - Chris distributed reference sheets for review.
    - Members currently have 16-day online reservation access; will reduce to 5 days by 2026 and move to online-only by 2027.
      - Alexa noted an in-shop physical option may assist those without online access.
    - Cancellations allowed up to 2 hours prior.
    - No-shows will be tracked to individual players (not the booker).
    - Chris emphasized flexibility for accessibility and maintaining affordable public golf.
  - Maintenance Updates:
    - Boomerang: Needle-tining greens scheduled for Monday/Tuesday.
    - Highland Hills: No fall aeration of putting greens.

- Sand Traps: Additional sand being added; John will focus on bunkers during front-nine closures.
  - Pat mentioned a tree obstructing the #5 tee box—issue noted for review.
- Business for Upcoming Meetings
  - Mike: Suggested exploring GPS installation in golf carts.
    - Chris: Noted it's not budgeted for 2026 due to irrigation replacement at Boomerang but could be planned for 2027 alongside fleet replacement.
  - Upcoming Projects:
    - Front nine closures (Dec–Feb)
      - Pond dredging at Hole #4 for increased water storage
      - Target completion: May 1, 2027 (prior to event on May 2)
      - No weekend work: weekday closures expected
  - Melissa: Recommended additional social media promotion for the Mike Lee 9 course.
  - Chris: Confirmed this is in progress as part of the city's website redesign.
- Scheduling of Meetings:
  - The next Golf Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday November 13th, 2025, at 4:30 PM, located at the Family FunPlex.
- Adjournment:
  - Motion to adjourn by Pat; second by Kim.
  - Motion passed: **6–0**
  - Meeting adjourned at **6:00 PM**.



---

**Patti Brug–Vice Chair**

Signed by:



D16D0EC8B464460...

---

**Chris Colling – Golf Manager**