

City Council Work Session Handouts

October 20, 2014

- I. Review and Discuss the 2014 Huffhines Art Trails
- II. Review and Discuss the Sherrill Park Golf Course – Course #1 Renovation Project
- III. Review and Discuss the Code of Ethics Ordinance Renewal



Saturday & Sunday
October 25-26, 2014
10 am-6 pm
Huffhines Park
Richardson, TX

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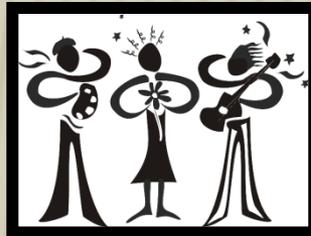
HISTORY

- Richardson tradition for 38 years
- Created in 1976 to provide local artists and craftsman a venue to promote and sell their work
- Annually on the 4th weekend in October
- Variety of Contemporary and Traditional Crafts
- Live entertainment, food, activities and fall photo ops



MARKETING

- Utility Bill Inserts
- NeighborsGo Ads
- Posters
- Press Releases
- Website



FEATURED ARTIST: JAMIE ROOD

AUSTIN, TEXAS



ART



Masha Aziz©
prismela-arts.net



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ART



ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday's Line Up

10:00 am Melva Smith School of Dance

11:15 am J. R. Byrd

12:45 pm Jumpbilly Trio

2:30 pm Benton Lawson

4:30 pm Devil's Hollow



ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday's Line Up

11:00 am Merry Miller

12:30 pm August & J

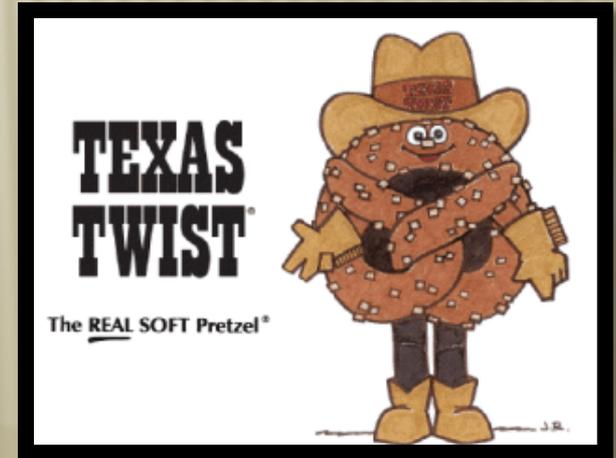
2:30 pm Black Dirt Tango

4:30 pm Matt Ingram



FOOD

- Conway's Corndogs
- Texas Twist
- Hillbilly Kettle Corn
- Wound Up Café
- Bunch Of Nuts
- Taylor's Concessions
- Taste of Cuba



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



Huffines Scavenger Hunt

Please circle one answer.

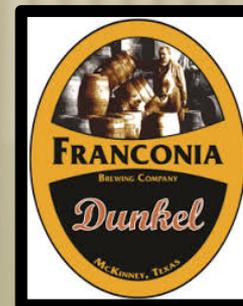
1. How many scarecrows can you count in the park?
12 20 36 or more
2. What are the round green things in the trees called?
tennis balls horse apples Granny Smith apples
3. What is the name of the flat tree?
Texas Apple Tree Bois d'arc Horse Apple Tree
4. Did you find Hay-man, the giant scarecrow?
jean coveralls are _____
5. How many wheelbarrows can you find in the park?
1 3 5
6. Find the Hay Maze and go through it. How many bales of hay were used to construct the maze?
100 130 175 200 or more?
7. How many park benches can you find? _____
8. Can you guess how many pumpkins are used to decorate the park? _____

Turn this form in at Huffines Headquarters and pick up your treat!

The scavenger hunt sheet includes several small illustrations: a scarecrow in a red shirt and orange pants, a red wheelbarrow, a wooden park bench, and several pumpkins of various sizes and colors (orange, green, and striped).

WHAT'S NEW IN 2014

- Scarecrow named- “Hay-man”
- Craft Foods in the Courtyard
- Local Craft Beer Garden
- Dance Floor



HUFFHINES PEOPLE & PLACES





See you
on the
trails!



Sherrill Park Golf Course – Course 1 Renovation

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Course 1 Improvements

- On June 23rd City Council Work Session staff provided an overview of the condition of Course 1 at Sherrill Park.
- 17 years after Course 1's renovation, the golf course continues to be a quality course with solid hole routing and shot making opportunities.
- However, there are several areas in need of improvement and maintenance:
 - New turf on the greens
 - Irrigation pond and drainage improvements
 - Improvements to select green complexes
 - Bunker shaping and maintenance
 - Tree planting in key areas
 - Tee improvements
 - Cart path renovation

Course 1 Improvements

- Based on the needed improvements for Course 1 and the recent renovations made at other area courses, the City Council directed staff to prepare for a renovation of Course 1 in the 2014/15 fiscal year.
- The City hired Weibring and Wolfard Golf Design to conduct a master plan and scope of work for the Course 1 renovation.

Master Plans Goals and Objectives

- Create environment for optimal playing conditions on a course with a high volume of play
- Create a course with heightened interest where possible to increase customer return %
- Update damaged or deteriorated infrastructure to improve appearance and functionality
- Increase maintenance efficiency & water conservation

Greens Condition

- The present greens were constructed in 1997 which means that they are entering their 17th year.
- Changing the turf on the greens should be a consideration because the existing Tiffdwarf Bermuda grass, which was the best choice in 1997, has been surpassed by newer varieties of Ultradwarf Bermuda grasses.
- Most of the golf courses that compete with Sherrill Park for golf play have an Ultradwarf on their greens.
- Sherrill Park Course 2 has the Ultradwarf Tiffeagle. Course one greens will need to be converted for improved putting conditions in order to compete.

Greens Condition

- Also relating to the design, several of the greens would benefit from additional surface contouring to aid in drainage but most importantly to create additional interest and playability.
- Due to the encroachment of the Tifway 419 into the Tiffdwarf, the greens are smaller than when first constructed. This size reduction is somewhat typical in the south because of the aggressive spreading nature of bermuda grasses. The lost green space should be “recaptured” during the conversion of the turf.



Showing #16 green

Tees

- Course one has been very popular for the past 17 years and the tee boxes are showing signs of wear and tear that you might expect from the golf traffic. The sloughing of the edges and settlement are typical signs of an aging tee that is in need of re-building and/or resurfacing.



#12 tee Showing Settling on the Tee and Along the Edges

Bunkers

- There are 27 bunkers on Course One. They represent a variety in depth, size and function.
- Originally built as a blend of sand up for visibility and grass down for ease of maintenance, the sand flashing has increased due to 17 years of edging.
- Some of the bunkers have high sand flashing that is unnecessary and problematic after rain events.
- The typical life span of a bunker is 5 to 7 years and the Course One bunkers are in need of re-building.



Trees

- Sherrill Park is a flood plain property and as a result the site is characterized by many large mature trees. The framing that these trees provide is outstanding but they are also very important safety buffers for golf play and for the surrounding homes.
- Because many of the signature trees have died and many more are in the last stages of their lives, an aggressive and consistent tree planting program should be instituted and followed.



Dead tree on hole #12

Water Features

- It is typical for lakes in a flood plain and lakes that are used as drainage outlets for development to exhibit a reduction in depth over time due to the silt depositing during rain events.
- The lakes that look to have significant siltation are located on holes 2/3 and 13. Unfortunately the 2/3 lake is the irrigation lake and the siltation is getting into the irrigation intake and being passed through the irrigation system and onto the playing surfaces of the golf course.



Lake Erosion Near Hole 12

General Improvement Summary

Improve the Quality of the Putting Surfaces

- Convert Tiffdwarf to new Ultradwarf Bermudagrass.
- Remove the layering that is inhibiting drainage.
- Create additional surface contouring and adjust a selection of green surrounds to improve playability and aesthetics.

Improve the Quality of the Bunkers

- Replace drainage and sand.
- Reduce the sand flashing to reduce maintenance.

General Improvement Summary

Improve the Quality of the Tee Surfaces

- Re-build settled tees.
- Re-build trafficked tees.

Establish a Tree Planting Plan

- Additional trees are needed for screening, framing and safety.

General Improvement Summary

Improve Cart Paths

- Replace aging and deteriorating cart paths.

Improve Irrigation Water Quality and Storage Capacity

- Remove silt from the irrigation lake.
- Established littoral shelves with water plants in irrigation lake.

General Improvement Summary

Improve the Aesthetics of the View from the Clubhouse

- Re-grade overflow swale to improve drainage and aesthetics.
- Shift 18 green towards clubhouse.
- Plant trees to define play corridors.

Reduce Irrigated Area and Maintenance Requirements

- Convert non-play areas to low maintenance grasses.

Key Hole Improvements

- Hole 1, 10, 18 fairway shaping
- Hole 18 green relocation
- Relocation of practice green



Key Hole Improvements

- Green shaping for Hole 2, 4, 5, 14, and 17



Bidding Process

- The project will be bid as a competitive sealed proposal allowing for the City to consider quality/experience of the bidder and the ability to negotiate pricing.
- Bids are anticipated to be awarded in January.
- Based on the submitted bids, staff will work with the finalist to negotiate the scope to fit the available funding for the project.

Course 1 Renovation Funding Strategy

- Included in the 2015 C.O. debt series is \$2.1 million planned for the golf course renovation project.
- Due to the significant drainage improvements associated with the project, \$450,000 has been identified in the City's Drainage Fund.
- Total funding available for the project is \$2.55 million.

Project Timeline

- Bid award anticipated in January 2015
- Construction to begin February 2015
- Course 1 to reopen September/October 2015

2014 Code of Ethics Renewal

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Background

- Establishment of a Council Code of Ethics in 2009-2011 City Council Near Term Action items.
- Code of Ethics adopted September 27, 2010.
- Applies to City Council and Board & Commission members with a separate Ethics Policy for city employees.

Current Status

- Provides ongoing guidance for city officials.
- No complaints submitted.
- Biannual review required in the ordinance.
 - Renewal of the ordinance required after September 27, 2014.

Ordinance Features

- Purpose
- Title/Application
- Definitions
- Standards of Conduct
- Additional Standards
- Disclosure of Substantial Interest
- Complaints Against Officers
- Violations
- Interpretation of Content
- Review
- Reserved

Title/Application

- Applies to the City Council and all City Boards and Commissions.
- Applies to City officers while the person holds the position/office.
- City employees are not covered in the ordinance.
 - “The standards of conduct for employees are governed by the City of Richardson Personnel Policies and City Charter.”

Ethical Standards

- No Officer of the City or relative thereof shall:
 - Have a financial interest in the sale of land to the City
 - Ownership interest greater than 10%
 - Participate in a vote or decision on any matter in which the officer has a substantial interest
 - Request or appear on behalf of private interests (excluding HOA representation)
 - Accept any gift that might influence decision making (see prohibitions)
 - Use official position to secure special privileges or benefits
 - Grant special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen
 - Disclose confidential information
 - Engage in outside activities which will conflict with the person's official position and/or duties
 - Use City supplies, personnel, property, equipment or facilities for any purpose other than official City business

Additional Standards

- May not vote on any funding request for a nonprofit in which the person is a board member.
- May not appear on own behalf before City Council, City board, commission, or committee.
- No member of the City Council, City Plan Commission or Board of Adjustment shall participate in , or vote on, any land use matter in which such officer has a substantial interest in any real property within 200 feet of the real property, the subject of the land use matter.

Disclosure of Substantial Interest

- File an affidavit stating nature and extent of substantial interest prior to discussion of item by Council, board or commission.
- Officer must also abstain from participation in such a matter.

Features of Complaints Against Officers

- Written complaint, sworn to before a notary public, shall be filed with the City Secretary's Office.
 - Must describe details of complaint
 - Anonymous complaints not considered
- The City Secretary will provide a copy of the complaint to the affected officer, the City Council and City Attorney.
- City Attorney will submit a written report to City Council not later than 15 business days after the receipt of the complaint.
- City Council shall cause a meeting to convene consisting of the Mayor plus 3 Councilmembers.

Features of Complaints Against Officers

- City Council will consider the complaint and the City Attorney's report at an executive session.
- The affected officer may request the review to take place during a public meeting.
- City Council may appoint outside legal counsel, direct the City Attorney to appoint outside legal counsel or at the City Attorney's discretion, may appoint outside legal counsel.
- A complaint may only be made against an officer while they hold the position or office.
- A complaint made against an officer will continue and be processed even if such person resigns from, or ceases to hold such position or office, prior to resolution of the complaint.



Violation Features

- The City Council may take any 1 or more of the following actions in an open meeting concerning a complaint:
 - Issue a statement finding the complaint is totally without merit
 - Issue a letter of notification when the violation is unintentional
 - Issue a letter of admonition when the violation is minor or may have been unintentional
 - Issue a reprimand
 - Remove the officer from their position, other than a City Councilmember
 - Pass a resolution of censure or a recommendation of recall

Next Steps

- Take City Council feedback and direction about renewal of the ethics ordinance.
- Prepare for the ordinance to be placed on Council agenda for adoption on October 27, 2014, if directed.