



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board August 16, 2023

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on August 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ. And virtual through Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Susan Carlson – Chair
Lisa Zyriek – Vice Chair
Sharon Doyle
Kara Espino
Elizabeth Hatch
Thomas Klabunde
Gerardo Lopez
Dillon Moore

Members Absent:

Shereen Lerner
Amanda Stewart

City Staff Present:

Alex Jovanovic, Deputy Community Services Director- Parks (Staff Liaison)
Josh Bell, Management Assistant II
Alex Cortese, Community Services Manager- Parks
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Mercedes Payne, Community Services Manager
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director- Recreation

Guests Present:

Amy Douglass, Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation
Jake Hoselton, Grass Clippings
Connor Riley, Grass Clippings

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Susan Carlson.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023

Motion by Lisa Zyriek to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2023 as submitted; seconded by Elizabeth Hatch. Motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Susan Carlson, Vice-Chair Lisa Zyriek and Board members, Kara Espino, Elizabeth Hatch, Thomas Klabunde, Gerardo Lopez and Dillon Moore.

Absent: Board members Sharon Doyle, Shereen Lerner and Amanda Stewart.

Agenda Item 3 – Golf Update

- **Grass Clippings**

Jake Hoselton, Grass Clippings presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on Grass Clippings Rolling Hills. Presentation included the following:

- Operations
 - Driving Range
 - Front 9
 - Back 9
 - Restaurant
- Construction
 - Permit 1- Golf Course Lighting
 - Permit 2- Site + Driving Range + Outdoor Bar
 - Permit 3- Proshop Improvements
 - Permit 4- Restaurant Interiors
- Zoo Topic/Potential Solution
- Q/A

- **Financials**

Julie Hietter presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022-23 Golf Financials. Presentation included the following:

- Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills
 - Rounds
 - Revenue
- Loyal Tee Program
- 2022-23 Revenue and Expenses
- Questions

Agenda Item 4 – Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation- Cemetery

Amy Douglass from Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation provided information along with a handout on the Double Buttes Cemetery Project Status. Information included the following:

- 2021 cemetery tour
- Restoration project
- Needs Assessment through private donor funding
- Logan Simpson
- Scope of work
- Phase 1- completed
- Phase 2- completed
- Phase 3- in progress
- Drafts

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- Next Steps
 - Identify city resources
 - Fundraise for implementation
 - Address challenges
 - Future presentation from Logan Simpson

To increase communication between the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation and this board regarding the cemetery. Motion by Lisa Zyriek to nominate herself to act as a liaison to report information back to the board; seconded by Kara Espino. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Susan Carlson, Vice-Chair Lisa Zyriek and Board members, Sharon Doyle, Kara Espino, Elizabeth Hatch, Thomas Klabunde, Gerardo Lopez and Dillon Moore.

Absent: Board members Shereen Lerner and Amanda Stewart.

Agenda Item 5 – Equity Study- Making Space

Mercedes Payne and Shawn Wagner presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Equity Study- Making Space. Presentation included the following:

- Schedule
- City Priorities and plan principles
- Community engagement goals
 - 1- Centering underrecognized groups
 - 2- Number of participants
 - 3- Utilizing creative engagement strategies to get quality
- How did we hear from the community?
- What questions did data help us answer?
- What did we do with all this information?
- Navigating the StoryMap

Staff to follow up and send link for board member comments.

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- Great information for 2050 General Plan.
- To ensure future green space is land being purchasing to increase park acres.
- Not enough park space as we become more dense.

Agenda Item 6 – Board Operational Updates

- **Goals**
- **Next Steps**
- **Opportunities**

Susan Carlson provided an update on the Board Goals and Priorities that were included in the packet materials. Staff Support/Initiatives were added to show what is currently happening. This agenda item, Board Operational Updates- Goals, Next Steps, Opportunities will become a standing item on the agenda to report what work is continuing toward meeting board policy goals and priorities.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Prior discussion of holding meetings at various city facility locations- possibly an option if it could accommodate virtual meeting. Board to email requests to Bobbi Lloyd.

Agenda Item 8 – Public Meeting Attendance, Notices & Announcements

- Community Events (list was included in board packet)
- 9/9 Backstage Pass with CM Garlid- Clark Park
- 9/22-23 Boots in the Park- Tempe Beach Park
- Arts in the Park- various locations (flyer included in board packet)
- Alex Cortese was introduced as the new Community Services Manager- Parks & Preserves Operations
- Ruben Wilkinson will be starting in his new role as the second Community Services Manager- Parks Asset Management, CIP & Safety on 8/28/23

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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