



Minutes

Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee

April 17, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on April 17, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, and virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Members Present:

Lane Waddell – Chair
Susan Carlson – Vice Chair
Thomas Klabunde
Mary Farmer

Members Absent:

Shereen Lerner

City Staff Present:

Alex Jovanovic, Deputy Community Services Director – Parks (Staff Liaison)
Craig Hayton, Community Services Director
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director – Recreation
Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant

Guests Present:

Alexandra Lemos, Douglas Fredrikson Architects
Chandler Eskew, Douglas Fredrikson Architects
Tom Bugbee, CourseCo

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Lane Waddell.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

Motion by Susan Carlson to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2024, seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell, Vice Chair Susan Carlson, and Board members, Thomas Klabunde and Mary Farmer.

Absent: Board member Shereen Lerner

Agenda Item 3 – Open Meeting Law

Alexander Jovanovic wanted to remind the board staff about open meeting law and highlighted best practices when communicating via email, phone, or fax.

Agenda Item 4 – Ken McDonald

Craig Hayton provided an overview of the April 15th public meeting presentation regarding the renovation and construction of Ken McDonald Clubhouse.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Funding source of the City's portion of the clubhouse.
 - Original distance on hole 18, related to the reduction of ~65 yards lost due to moving the tee.
 - Ensuring there is a plan to lengthen the course back once the clubhouse and parking lot is built.
 - Adjacent neighbor's attitude/opinion of the new site plan.
 - Clubhouse operations when under construction.
 - Parking lot at Ken McDonald and if the overflow parking (shared with YMCA) will remain for future events.
 - Future Community Event Pavilion. Chandler Eskew discussed the setback and natural buffer so that there is noise absorption. Alexandra Lemos stated the term "pavilion" is used lightly, looking to do more of an outdoor, open concept.
 - Entry landscaping into hole 10 from the western canal.
 - Overview of the main level floor plan – where the pro shop is located, where the kitchen is located, where storage and delivery would be, etc.
 - Construction timeline; completed project timeline.
 - Irrigation from Kyrene Water Plant; when the water plant is coming back, if it is federally funded, and what water source is the golf course using instead?

Motion by Lane Waddell to approve the current conceptual site plan of Ken McDonald to take to the full board, seconded by Susan Carlson. Motion passed on a 3-1 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell, Vice Chair Susan Carlson, and Board member Mary Farmer

Nay: Board member Thomas Klabunde

Absent: Board member Shereen Lerner

Agenda Item 5 – Grass Clippings

Craig Hayton, presented on behalf of Grass Clippings related to outstanding issues, hole 9, hole 3, and the request for possible action.

Regarding Hole 9/Par 4 Tee Box:

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Concerns regarding hole 9 and if it is being designed to be a par 4.
 - Statements regarding haphazardly placing a tee box will not lengthen the course.
 - Discussion of the design in relation to "community golf" and the carry is too long for *anyone* to place, only experienced golfers.

- Question if the cage around the tee box would be needed.
- Conversation about the landing area.
- Comparison of hole 18 carry/landing area compared to hole 9.
- Discussion on playing on a forward tee set for those who cannot compete at par 4 distance.
- Conversation about the previous management compared to the current management of the course and how the clientele is now changing.
- Definition of “community golf” and what it means to Tempe-ans.
 - All board members feel the course is now moving in another direction, not as originally proposed.
- Possible Action Item
 - Board members expressed concern of intention/responsibility of the subcommittee and its power in relation to operational changes on the course.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

The board members proposed that the Ken McDonald information presentation shall be five (5) to ten (10) minutes maximum to allow enough time for discussion of Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills discussion for the May 15, 2024, meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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