



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee August 21, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on August 21, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library- Cottonwood Board Room, 3500 S Rural Rd., 2nd floor, Tempe, AZ, and virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

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
Joshua Bell, Management Assistant
Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant

Guests Present:

None

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

May 15, 2024

Motion by Shereen Lerner to approve the meeting minutes of May 15, 2024, seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024

Motion by Shereen Lerner to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2024, seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell and Board members, Thomas Klabunde, and Shereen Lerner.

Abstain: Vice Chair Susan Carlson and Mary Farmer.

Agenda Item 4 – Grass Clippings

Alex Jovanovic was able to provide context and answer questions related to the driving range, hole 2, and various other topics.

Regarding Drive Range & Hole #2:

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Grass Clippings desire for hole 2 shortening by 60 yards (170 to 110 yards) and driving range lengthening to 300 yards.
 - Zoo issue – reach out to zoo director for data of balls going over into the zoo.
 - Rolling Hills was established in 1950, whereas Zoo was established in 1978; was this only recently an issue?
 - Members requested the net cost estimate to be presented to the full board.
 - Any discussion on Woman’s Club? *This will need to be an agendized item for a later meeting.*
 - Discussion about growing the game of golf as it pertains to the extension of the driving range and shortening of hole #2.
 - Board feels that Grass Clippings is not upholding the original deal that was agreed upon.
 - Hole 2 should remain as is and still have room for driving range expansion.
 - Golfers do not need a 300-yard driving range, especially not beginners. Not many can hit over the net.
 - Is there an alternative plan or compromise for a solution? Is there a distance that the board would be comfortable for the driving range and hole 2? *The board wants Grass Clippings to come up with a new yardage for the driving range and hole 2 in order for a compromise.*

Motion by Lane Waddell to *not* approve the driving range extension and hole 2 shortening proposal by Grass Clippings, seconded by Tom. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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

Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items

The board members proposed for more discussion regarding the driving range, hole 2, and Women’s League concerns to remain on the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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