



## **Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee November 20, 2024**

**Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on November 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S All America Way, 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  
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director - Recreation  
Josh 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**

Both Karen Christen and Bobbie Littou were present to speak on Agenda item 4 on behalf of the Rolling Hills Women’s Association.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2024**

Motion by Susan Carlson to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Mary Farmer. 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.

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### **Agenda Item 3 – Ken McDonald Clubhouse Update**

Alex Jovanovic was able to provide a brief update on the design process for the clubhouse project.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - Under contract working with RMA for irrigation project; Chase Building will be constructing the clubhouse.
  - When does the construction start? July 1<sup>st</sup> depending on time, the coordination on the irrigation project, and availability of contractors. Plus, the timing of overseed, green construction, etc.
  - When is the construction of green? Staff is currently looking into it being self-contracted.
  - What is the goal construction time from start to finish? Ideally, 1 year for clubhouse.
  - Will there be communication or newsletters to the neighborhood and players? Once it gets closer to construction, yes.
  - Who is looking at the overall design? DFA & Forest Richardson.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills Design Charette Update**

The board members discussed the outcome of the Design Charette at Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills. This meeting consisted of GCRH staff, GCRH Men's Association representatives, GCRH Women's Association representatives, two (2) PRGDBC Golf Subcommittee members, and City staff.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - Both Lane Waddell and Shereen Lerner summarized the dialog from the Design Charette and updated the rest of the Golf Subcommittee.
    - Ideas to address safety concerns of balls exiting the driving range.
    - Both Men and Women's Association concerns.
    - Go over potential options and the cost.
    - Felt that there was a fixation on the driving range and zoo as a safety issue, while there were plenty of other items to address with no resolution.
  - What was the reaction of changing the course? No objection.
  - Where exactly are the balls going into the zoo? Near maintenance yard. Golfers would have to aim to hit balls into the zoo.
  - Have they done any of the Women's Association changes during overseed? Waiting on confirmation.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Rolling Hills Women's Association Concerns**

The board members discussed the Rolling Hills Women's Association Concerns that were brought up from the Design Charette.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - Working through the cart path rocks and entry points accessibility.
  - Grass Clippings talked about maybe implementing another tee box for younger and older golfers.
  - Cancellations for tournaments

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- The ability for corporations to buy out Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills on specific days and it causes a shift in league or game play.
  - Is there anything in the contract to restrict this? No.
  - Communication about resident rates; the website should be more visible (on the front page).
  - Does the Golf Subcommittee still feel the need to write a letter to Grass Clippings? No.
    - After the Design Charette, the Women's Association felt a lot better about Grass Clippings response in looking into options.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Remaining Subcommittee Meeting Calendar**

- Board Members discuss whether or not to meet in December, as January 2025 meeting is the last meeting of the Golf Subcommittee.
  - If we skip a meeting, can we extend to another month? No.
- Can we reform a subcommittee with a different purpose? Yes, must be a different, non-related issue and it would need to be specific.
- Once the subcommittee is completed and issues are not resolved, could we still have Design Charette meetings externally to report to the full board? Yes, sparingly.

Motion by Lane Waddell to skip the December 18, 2024, meeting and reconvene on January 15, 2025, seconded by Shereen Lerner. 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 7 – Future Agenda Items**

The board members proposed for members of Grass Clippings to attend and give information about the changes from construction during overseed. Lastly, discuss the potential of more Design Charette meetings in the future.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

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