
**Minutes
Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery
Advisory Board
September 23, 2015**

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on September 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Tempe Public Library – Library Program Room A, Lower Level, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Members Present:

Sharon Doyle – Chair
Fred Wood – Vice Chair
Judy Aldrich
Tiffany Beyer
Maureen DeCindis
Mary Ann Dillon
Christina Hudson
Mary Larsen
Don Watkins

Members Absent:

Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn
John Vack

City Staff Present:

Don Bessler, Public Works Director
Julie Hietter, Public Works Administration- Manager
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II- Field Operations
Dave McClure, Greenscapes/Park Renovation and Restoration
Oliver Ncube, Parks Manager
Kelly Rafferty, Deputy Community Services Director- Recreation
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Sharon Doyle.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mary Larsen to approve meeting minutes of June 17, 2015 as submitted.

Seconded: Judy Aldrich

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Darlene Tussing, north Tempe resident, expressed concern regarding parks rating system and wanting to ensure all Tempe areas are treated equally.

Agenda Item 3 – Tempe Neighbors Together

Judy Tapscott and Sid Frede from Tempe Neighbors Together (TNT), founded in 2012 presented to the board. This group was created to bring together a broad spectrum of Tempe Neighborhood Association leaders to create a round table discussion to share information and resources, discuss citywide concerns and craft approaches to strengthen respective and collective issues with City staff and Council. First priority of group is to find additional ways to get funding, since parks are currently underfunded based on improvement needs. Board is aware of issues and hopes to move forward together with TNT.

Agenda Item 4 – Park Projects Update – Selleh and Scudder

Shauna Warner and Dave McClure provided and explained to the board the Selleh and Scudder layout, equipment and recommendation options that were presented and selected at the public neighborhood meetings. Both of these projects are scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 2015/16.

Agenda Item 5 – CIP Parks Projects – New Communications Piece

Julie Hietter provided and explained to the board the Parks Plan handout which indicates the CIP projects planned for the next five years based on the asset management condition rating system. If additional funding is obtained, projects will be added accordingly.

Agenda Item 6 – Kiwanis Park Fiesta Playground and El Paso Gas Line Ribbon Cutting

Oliver provided details to the board on the ribbon cutting occurring on Saturday, September 26th from 8 to 10 a.m. located at 5775 S. All American Way- where the path and playground meet. This celebration event is being held for the newly renovated Kiwanis Park Fiesta Playground and new El Paso Gasline Multi-use Path.

Agenda Item 7 – Rolling Hills Irrigation Project Update

Oliver explained the RFP was completed and contract awarded to Valley Rain. Construction will start at the beginning of summer 2016 and scheduled to take four months. During this time the course will be closed but the restaurant will remain open for business. This project will eliminate the use of city treated water and will convert over to SRP canal water reducing costs by three times what is currently being paid.

Agenda Item 8 – Fiscal Year – End Report for Golf

Year-end report was provided in packet. This is the fourth year of the new business model and the fiscal year 2014/15 ended with an operating surplus of almost \$250,000. The surplus will go toward the remaining negative fund balance.

Agenda Item 9 – Ken McDonald Clubhouse Discussion

Follow up discussion from previous meeting, motion made by Maureen DeCindis to continue pursuing the concept of a new clubhouse with the purpose of benefiting the community, not just golfers and with the funding mechanism being public-private.

Seconded: Fred Wood

Motion: Approved majority

Don will draft a letter from the board outlining the Board's desire to issue an RFP for a public private partnership. The letter will be reviewed by the Chair and submitted to Council for approval to move forward. Letter to include facility for some sort of food/catering/drinks, community rooms, change parking, may include new building and link to grill/proshop, and cognizance of neighbors.

Agenda Item 10 – Development Impact Fees Update

This has been a two year process and would create a development impact fee paid by developers building in Tempe for residential, retail, business, etc. This is scheduled for adoption on the October 22, 2015 Council agenda and would go into effect 75 days later, (early January, 2016). This is a one-time fee paid at permit issuance, and potentially could add 8 million dollars over 10 years to be used in parks for enhancements/expansion.

Agenda Item 11 – Current Events/Board Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Facility Naming Request - Bridget Cherie Harper Ceramics Studio
- McClintock Pool Update
- Singh Farm Old Rio Salado Golf Course Update
- Double Butte Cemetery Update
- Draft process for review of park donations

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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