
**Minutes
Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery
Advisory Board
November 16, 2016**

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on November 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Tempe Public Library – 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Members Present:

Sharon Doyle – Chair
Fred Wood – Vice Chair
Judy Aldrich
Maureen DeCindis
Mary Ann Dillon
Mary Larsen
Duane Washkowiak

Members Absent:

Tiffany Beyer
Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn
Christina Hudson
John Vack

City Staff Present:

Craig Hayton, Parks Manager
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Kelly Rafferty, Deputy Community Services Director- Recreation
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Sharon Doyle.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Darlene Justus spoke in support of Papago Park Preserve as long as the master plan and General Plan 2040 are followed.

Deb Gain-Braley spoke regarding Papago Park Preserve asking for Board to consider Segways and E-Bikes being permitted on paved paths.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. October 19, 2016

Motion made by Duane Washkowiak to approve meeting minutes of October 19, 2016 as submitted.

Seconded: Judy Aldrich

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 3 – Tempe Beach Park Splash Playground Update

Shelley Hearn provided an update on the Tempe Beach Park Splash Playground. As previously discussed due to unforeseen construction complications the project could not continue as planned. Staff had provided options to the Council for consideration at the August 11, 2016 Work Study Session. Staff will provide follow up information requested at that meeting for City Council consideration at the December 15, 2016 meeting. At this point an overall look at aquatics is going to be completed that will look at three types; splash playgrounds, pools and spray pads in order to evaluate and prepare a city plan. In the meantime, instead of leaving the area fenced off the proposal would be to level it off and put in grass in order to open the area back up for use. Updates will be provided to the board once the aquatics plan is completed. Comments from the board included:

- Concern with spending money to put in grass if it would just be taken back out. Staff explained costs would be minimal and eliminate the fence rental fee.
- Importance of swimming pools, kids cannot learn how to swim on a splash pad.

Agenda Item 4 – Kiwanis Tennis Lights Update

Kelly Rafferty explained that the Kiwanis tennis court was built in 1975 and still has the original light poles which no longer meet playing requirements. Staff is looking at lighting plans and will be presenting to Council on December 15th potential options. Board asked that all tennis court locations be evaluated.

Agenda Item 5 – Tree Canopy Coverage

Bonnie Richardson presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on What is the Right Tree Canopy for Tempe. Presentation included the following:

- Background
- Assessment of Tempe's tree canopy coverage
- Results
- NAIP data set
- What is the right canopy for Tempe
 - How do we measure tree coverage
 - Other considerations
- How to increase canopy across private properties

At this time Tempe is at 13.4% canopy coverage on city owned property and would like to set a goal to increase that by 2040 and is proposing an increase to 25%. Bonnie is also putting together a draft for the Urban Master Plan and will bring that information back to a future meeting.

Board member Mary Ann Dillon left meeting at 6:35 p.m. followed by Maureen DeCindis at 6:50 p.m. at which time members present fell below quorum therefore the meeting was ended prior to completing agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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