



Minutes
Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery
Advisory Board
March 15, 2017

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on March 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Tempe Public Library – 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Members Present:

Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn – Vice Chair
Judy Aldrich
Maureen DeCindis
Christina Hudson
Mary Larsen
John Vack
Breanna Wells

Members Absent:

Fred Wood – Chair
Chris Kamper
Duane Washkowiak

City Staff Present:

Keith Burke, Deputy Community Services Director- Recreation
Craig Hayton, Parks Manager
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Kelly Rafferty, Community Services Manager
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Steve White, Public Works Planning & Research Analyst

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Motion made by Judy Aldrich to approve meeting minutes of February 15, 2017 as submitted.

Seconded: Maureen DeCindis

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 3 – Urban Forestry Master Plan

Bonnie Richardson presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Urban Forestry Master Plan. Presentation included the following:

- Background
- Existing canopy
- Why plant trees
- What is the right tree canopy for Tempe
- How do we measure tree canopy
- Cooling
- Healthy living
- Guiding principles
- Challenges
- Opportunities for action
- Public/Business sector
- Public/Private partnerships
- Education
- Residents
- Demonstration projects
- Implementation

A copy of the master plan document can be found online at <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/public-works/transportation/urban-forest> along with a link to provide feedback.

Agenda Item 4 – Mountain Park Demonstration Project

Bonnie Richardson included in the Urban Forestry Master Plan presentation a piece on the Mountain Park Demonstration Project. This is public/private partnership with Mountain Park Health Center for a clinic orchard which consists of:

- A \$15,000 grant from AZ State Forestry funding the purchase of orchard trees.
- An ASU private donor also contributing to tree costs & outreach.
- Mountain Park is planting & providing drip & deep irrigation from storm water collection.
- ASU is using funds to create an educational program for K-8 students.
- City of Tempe has organized this project to demonstrate how the community can grow more trees.

Agenda Item 5 – Kiwanis Splash Playground

Kelly Rafferty and Keith Burke presented to the board information about the new splash playground coming to Kiwanis Park in the summer of 2018. It will be located near the north soccer field within the park. The new playground will become Tempe's only large water park amenity. An open house was held on Monday, March 13th to receive public input on the following:

- Elements

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- Toddler play
 - Barrier
 - Paving
 - Shade structures

A copy of the options and comments received can be found online at <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/kiwanis-park-splash-playground> . This item will be brought back to the board to show final design at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Papago Park Preserve

Craig Hayton thanked the board for the input received thus far and asked for any additional feedback to be sent by end of the week. The next steps will be to go through the public outreach process followed by a formal vote by the board on the draft to move forward to council.

Agenda Item 7 – Golf Fee Increase

Steve White provided a 2017 golf rate increase timeline to the board which included:

- March- Table rate discussion/publish RFP for golf management company
- April- Present plan for course improvements
- May-September- Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills course improvements
- July- New golf management company
- October- continue rate discussion

Agenda Item 8 – Fire Station #7 Update

Craig Hayton explained that due to a canceled council meeting this item was postponed and will not go to council until March 16th. This item will be brought back to the board at the next meeting for an update. It was suggested to bring a diagram of the park as well. Craig also reminded the board that they are looking for someone from this board to sit on a board for this project, Mary Larsen expressed interest.

Agenda Item 9 – Ehrhardt Community Garden Update

Craig Hayton explained that a while back Friendship Village had reached out to the city to partner with neighborhood residents, along with the city to create a community garden at Ehrhardt Park, which is located just south of Friendship Village. A public meeting was held at that time with 60-70 people in attendance and feedback was positive. If this moves forward the next steps would be to formalize a lease agreement. The playground at Ehrhardt is scheduled for remodel in FY2017-18 and it would be ideal to incorporate this as a part of that project. If this request moves forward it will be brought back to the board in the future.

Agenda Item 10 – Upcoming Park Public Meeting Notices

Craig provided a flyer to the board for the upcoming public meeting:

- James Elmore Pedestrian Bridge Dedication Ceremony- Saturday, March 18th at noon, outside Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

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

- John Vack thanked staff for listening to what he had to say regarding golf.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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