



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee March 20, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on March 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Clark Park Recreation Center, 1730 S Roosevelt St., 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
Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant

Guests Present:

Jake Hoselton, Grass Clippings

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

February 21, 2024

Motion by Lane Waddell to approve the meeting minutes of February 21, 2024, with one minor correction of the misspelling of Lane Waddell's name; seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote. In addition to packet information emailed prior, Lane Waddell requested for minutes to be printed as part of the subcommittee's packet information.

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

Absent: Board member Shereen Lerner (late arrival; not present for vote).

Agenda Item 3 – Grass Clippings

Craig Hayton, presented the outstanding issues and the intention of the agenda items related to Hole 3, Hole 9, Hole 2 & Driving Range, Name, and Women's Association Letter. Jake Hoselton presented, on behalf of Grass Clippings, and discussed the outstanding issues regarding hole 3/Zoo. City staff seeking possible subcommittee action to be taken with hole 3.

Regarding Hole 3/Zoo:

- Jake Hoselton gave a background on the Phoenix Zoo issues where golf balls were entering into the cheetah exhibit, or surrounding areas, damaging equipment, and posing as a threat to health and safety to animals and workers.
- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Legitimacy in the number of golf balls flying into the zoo claim and how often; whether the city knew of said claim and/or made aware prior to Grass Clippings taking over the lease.
 - The use of reduced flight golf balls (yellow) compared to full flight golf balls (white). Grass Clippings will only be using full flight golf balls (white).
 - Rearranging the area proved to be successful and established a neighborly relationship with the zoo.
 - Hole 3/changing par issue was prioritized as the most important to render a decision, as it poses a health/safety issue, then subsequently hole 9, hole 2, and driving range.
 - Comments regarding seeing the “big picture” and hesitancy of approving one issue at a time.
 - The board questioned if any of the back 9 will be changed at all. Jake confirmed nothing will change on the back 9.
 - Discussion on the re-angling and shortening of hole 2 and hole 3 proposal and the extension of the driving range.
 - Whether old or new netting can be placed near hole 2 and hole 3 to avoid shortening the yardage.
 - Modification of greens, bunkers, sand, or moving tee box.
 - Dialogue about netting for errant golf balls near hole 2 and 3.
 - Hoping to recycle the old netting at driving range, majority of netting near hole 2 and 3 is very old and unsalvageable.
 - Discussion for not shortening hole 2 and 3.
 - Question on if the holes can be made more difficult via bunkers.
 - Question if greens are being modified at all; confirmation that hole 3's green is not changing, just the tee box.
- Possible Action Item
 - Board members concern on the shortening of the yardage at hole 2 and hole 3, as well as the par.
 - The Golf community has concerns on all of the changes being made and the elimination of par 4 on the front 9 holes.

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- Board members expressed their desire to see the whole front 9 prior to making a decision.
 - Board members want to see Grass Clipping's full vision and will not know what the course will look like in the future, leading to the hesitancy in providing action.
 - Grass Clippings confirmed that they are working to try to make hole 2 as long as it could possibly be, provided golf standards. Grass Clippings will be building an entirely new green complex.
 - Board members want to see stakes in the ground with explanations and go from there to make an informed decision.

Motion by Shereen Lerner to table a vote on Hole #3 to a future meeting, seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 3-2 vote.

Ayes: Vice Chair Susan Carlson, Shereen Lerner, Thomas Klabunde

Nays: Chair Lane Waddell and Mary Farmer

Agenda Item 4 – Ken McDonald

Lane Waddell tabled this presentation to the next subcommittee meeting on April 17, 2024, due to time constraints. Craig Hayton requested if the board has any questions about Ken McDonald final draft site plan, to please send comments by April 15th. On April 17th, the city will seek board recommendation on the final draft site plan and review survey results from the second round of public input.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Hole 18 at Ken McDonald
 - Parking and bike community concerns

Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items

The board members proposes that Glass Clippings will provide a full, conceptual look at the front 9 of Rolling Hills in order to render a subcommittee vote. Additionally, board members will review and possibly vote on the tabled Ken McDonald information presentation of the final draft site plan and survey summary and results.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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