



## Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee May 15, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on May 15, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, and virtual through Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present:**

Lane Waddell – Chair  
Susan Carlson – Vice Chair  
Thomas Klabunde  
Mary Farmer  
Shereen Lerner

**Members Absent:**

None

**City Staff Present:**

Alex Jovanovic, Deputy Community Services Director – Parks (Staff Liaison)  
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager  
Craig Hayton, Community Services Director  
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager  
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director – Recreation  
Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant  
Joshua Bell, Management Assistant

**Guests Present:**

Brooke St. George, Council Assistant  
Regina Ponder, PRGDBC Advisory Board Member

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**

**April 17, 2024**

Motion by Susan Carlson to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2024, with one minor edit to the Grass Clippings comments section; seconded by Mary Farmer. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.  
Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell, Vice Chair Susan Carlson, and Board members, Thomas Klabunde and Mary Farmer.

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Absent: Board member Shereen Lerner

### **Agenda Item 3 – Ken McDonald**

Craig Hayton provided an overview of the survey feedback regarding the renovation and construction of Ken McDonald Clubhouse.

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - Confirmation that there are no changes to the final conceptual design.
  - If any holes are being changed in terms of par or yardage? Only temporarily, not permanently.
  - The identification of the community room space.
  - The shade of yellow paint chosen for the clubhouse.
  - Whether the architects are specialized in the construction of golf courses.
  - The timeline for the irrigation project?
    - Its effects on the shortening of hole 18.
  - The communication with the leagues about shortening hole 18.
  - Ensuring the exterior signage is up to date to inform the community.
  - The survey had some good ideas/feedback (i.e. bike racks, YMCA parking concerns, etc.).

Motion was taken at the April 17, 2024, golf subcommittee meeting to approve the current conceptual site plan of Ken McDonald to take to the full board for action.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Grass Clippings**

Craig Hayton also was able to provide context and answer questions related to the decision to approve hole 3 to continue to be par 3. Overview of next steps, such as, outstanding issues, hole 2, hole 9, driving range, and the women's club concerns.

#### **Regarding Memo/Hole 3 Decision:**

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - Where the decision-making authority of Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills lies.
    - What exactly is required by contract, mayor and council, staff, or golf subcommittee?
      - *Assist City staff by providing recommendations for non-operational items.*
  - Crafting the memorandum to the golf subcommittee made it seem like they did not do their due diligence. The golf subcommittee feels they have never seen any changes or received any answers or response from Grass Clippings.
  - No study of how many golf balls went into the zoo/cheetah exhibit or for how long the issue had occurred.
  - Expectations/Job duties of golf subcommittee when making decisions.
    - Review of the Parks, Recreation, Golf & Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board Ordinance.
    - Definition of “municipal golf” and being an advocate for community golf.

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- The desire of having data-driven decisions through a third party for the other outstanding items (hole 2, hole 9, and driving range) going forward.
  - What the importance of making a decision about hole 3 is at this time.
    - How will Mayor and City Council know that the golf subcommittee board does not agree with the decision on hole 3? *Through the approval of staff minutes or full PRGDBC board meeting.*
    - Reiteration that the golf subcommittee does not support the decision on hole 3.
  - Requests of data going forward on miscellaneous items:
    - Cost of moving the nets? *The estimate of cost is unavailable without a golf architect.*
    - Change of reduced flight versus non-reduced flight balls?
    - How much money will Grass Clippings generate from the driving range by lengthening it? What the true benefit would be?
      - How many other executive driving ranges are as long as Grass Clippings? To be provided at the next meeting.
    - Hole 9's landing zone due to its carry. *This would be in the wash area.*
    - Revenue report information (must be provided via public records request)
      - Full board operational data update.
      - Information between residents versus non-residents.
      - Rounds played (not written into CourseCo, it is for Grass Clippings).
  - Question was asked if the golf subcommittee can write a letter to Mayor/Council that they do not approve of the decision of hole 3. Yes.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items**

The board members proposed the remainder of Grass Clipping agenda items shall remain as a “possible action item” until issues are resolved.

### **Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.**

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