



## Minutes

### Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee June 26, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on June 26, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library- Cottonwood Board Room, 3500 S Rural Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Tempe, AZ, and virtual through Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mary Farmer

**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:**

None

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Lane Waddell.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2024**

Motion by Shereen Lerner to postpone the approval of meeting minutes to August 21, 2024, in order to provide answers to the questions. Lane Waddell seconded. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell and Board members, Thomas Klabunde, and Shereen Lerner.

Absent: Vice Chair Susan Carlson, Chair Mary Farmer

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### **Agenda Item 3 – Grass Clippings**

Alex Jovanovic also was able to provide context and answer questions related to the driving range, hole 2, and various other topics.

#### **Regarding Drive Range & Hole #2:**

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
  - What is the acreage of the courses compared to Rolling Hills? Would have to do further research, will be provided at future meetings.
  - How many courses are municipal? What constitutes a municipal course from municipal golf? Further research required.
  - Does the course need full flight balls? This is an operational decision.
  - Concerns about construction and when Tempeans can play at a lower rate.
    - Monday – Wednesday closed until 4pm; course should be fully reopened in November.
    - Are there Tempe rates at night golf? No.
  - Women's League Concerns/Requests
    - Safety issues
      - Rocks on side; requesting pavers for a smooth path.
      - When turf was removed, rocks were left scattered; suggesting for the rocks to be scraped off. There are specific holes listed in the letter.
    - Requesting that the Hole 9 tee box be put south of whites.
  - Continuity of the overall goal of "safety"
    - Zoo health/safety solved; Women's League safety issue is not.
  - What is the City's stance on Hole 2 and the Driving Range? City not necessarily supportive of the loss of yardage on hole 2 for a bigger range; hoping for a win-win situation.
  - Members are still overall opposed to Hole #2 and its reduction in yards for the lengthening of the Driving Range.
  - Questions that need answering:
    - Cost of moving nets: Higher nets? Repurposing? Grass Clippings working on estimates/quotes.
      - Less cost for repurposing. There is not a full design team, Grass Clippings does not want to incur cost of a golf architect ahead of approval from the City.
    - Breakdown of costs; residents of Tempe vs non-residents
    - Breakdown of rounds played, residents vs non-residents.
    - City's stance on recommendations for driving range and hole 2? Looking to the subcommittee for a decision on proposal or compromise.

**Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items**

The board members proposed for the driving range and hole 2 to remain on the next agenda. Grass Clippings will be in attendance for the full board meeting in August. Lastly, the board members wanted to agendaize the carry on hole 9 & association concerns soon after.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.**

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