



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board October 19, 2022

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on October 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ. And virtual through Cisco WebEx Events

Members Present:

Shereen Lerner – Chair
Susan Carlson – Vice Chair
William Banks
Sharon Doyle
Chris Kamper
Thomas Klabunde
Lisa Zyriek

Members Absent:

Albert Childress
James Gregory
Gerardo Lopez
Dayna McGrady

City Staff Present:

Craig Hayton, Staff Liaison- Community Services Director
Richard Adkins, Urban Forester
Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Lieutenant John Giltinan, Police Department- Patrol
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager
Erin Kirkpatrick, Community Services Manager- Parks
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director- Parks and Recreation
Jessica Wright, Homeless Solutions Supervisor

Guests Present:

Scott Little, Gemini Golf

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022**

Motion by Chris Kamper to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022 as submitted; second by Susan Carlson. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Shereen Lerner, Vice-Chair Susan Carlson and Board members, William Banks, Chris Kamper, Thomas Klabunde and Lisa Zyriek.

Absent: Board members, Albert Childress, Sharon Doyle, James Gregory, Gerardo Lopez and Dayna McGrady.

Agenda Item 3 – Board Name Update

Shereen Lerner followed up on the discussion from last month regarding shortening of the board name. Item was withdrawn due to non-consensus by the board members.

Agenda Item 4 – Park Safety Update

Craig Hayton, Jessica Wright and Lieutenant John Giltinan presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on Park Safety Update. Presentation included the following:

- Tempe River Bottom
 - Timeline
 - Sections 1 & 2
 - Section 3
- Outreach success in Tempe River Bottom
- Plan for parks
- Outreach opportunities
- Enforcement strategy
- Private security/code enforcement responders
- Code of conduct
- Enforcement
 - Educational contract
 - Trespass warnings
- Field operations
- Central bureau
- Office of community policing
- Park rules updates
- Discussion & questions

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- What is the communication plan as to how this gets pushed out to the public?
- Good information to provide at GAIN night
- Is Moeur Park included in the extra patrols?
- Can you sleep on the grass?

Staff to follow up and forward presentation to board.

Agenda Item 5 – Annual Report

Draft Annual Report was included in packet materials. Staff will update to include items from meeting and send out to board for input/feedback. Will seek approval at November meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Urban Forest Update

Richard Adkins presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Urban Forest Update. Presentation included the following:

- Current conditions
- Activity updates
 - Maintenance
 - Planting
 - Outreach and planning
- Questions

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- How do you plan to keep tamarisk out of the River Bottom?
- What types of trees were used as a buffer on the Price frontage road?

Agenda Item 7 – Quarterly Golf Update

Julie Hietter presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Quarterly Golf Update. Presentation included the following:

- Golf fund- pre and post COVID
- Rounds and revenue
 - Ken McDonald
 - Rolling Hills
- Loyal Tee program
- Operating budget
- Capital improvement project budget
- Questions

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- Any new updates regarding Grass Clippings?
- Are we actively looking at what is driving the increase in golf?

Agenda Item 8 – Parks Renaming Update

Shereen Lerner provided an update from her role representing the board on the Parks and Streets Renaming Ad Hoc Committee. Several Tempe parks and streets are being renamed at the City Council's direction after historical research determined that their namesakes were documented members of a local Ku Klux Klan chapter in the 1920s. The parks included are Harelson, Hudson and Redden. So far two meetings have been held. The first included an overview of the issue, the research, the committee's duties and the public input process. The second included a first review of name suggestions from the community and a narrowing of the list. Board members were encouraged to visit the website and provide feedback on the survey. Updates will be provided to the board as the process moves forward.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Public Art Update
- Pickleball
- Adaptive (Golf) Programming
- Equity Study Update
- Cemetery Update

Agenda Item 10 – Public Meeting Attendance, Notices & Announcements

- Community Events (list was included in board packet)
- 10/25/22- two public meetings to gather feedback regarding a proposed ordinance change for new tobacco sales license; prohibit the sale of flavored vape and tobacco products; and define the minimum age for purchase of products at 21
 - Virtual at noon
 - In person at 6 p.m., Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E Fifth St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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