

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 12, 2020
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse
2901 Enfield Road, Austin, TX 78703
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mary Arnold*
Brian Greig*
Andrea McWilliams*
Volma Overton, III*
Ken Tiemann*

Scott Sayers
Robert Ozer
Boyd Morgan, M.D.

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)

- a. Scott Sayers (Muny Conservancy): Mr. Sayers updated the Board on the Muny Conservancy's (MC) fundraising efforts. An April 2nd event at the State theater will feature Sergio Garcia, Ben Crenshaw and Verne Lundquist. Save Muny's April 18th Forever Green Tournament will also target potential MC donors.
- b. Robert Ozer (Save Muny): Mr. Ozer discussed a phone call he had with Darren Walker, UT Distinguished Alumnus recipient and head of the Ford Foundation.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 1/15/20 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the January 15, 2020 draft minutes be adopted. Andrea McWilliams seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

4. Item 3 (Report Status of CoA's Request to Extend Muny Lease & BDA)

Mary Arnold: Discussion of a motion passed by City of Austin (City) Parks board, supporting amending the Brackenridge Development Agreement and extension of the Muny lease as requested in the City's January 23 letter to the University of Texas (UT).

Mary Arnold: Discussion of news that West Austin Neighborhood Group anticipates also passing a motion of support.

Brian Greig: Discussion of UT Board of Regents inclusion of Muny lease extension on their February agenda.

Andrea McWilliams: Discussion of the SHMD soliciting and accepting donations to meet specific items on the City Park & Recreation's *Lions Municipal Golf Course – Improvements Priority List*.

Volma Overton, III: Discussion of the importance of educating City Council on the approximately break-even financial position that Muny operates under at the current lease rate.

5. Item 4 (Discussion of Draft SHMD Resolution re Lease Extension)

Brian Greig: Discussion of SHMD draft resolution regarding a lease extension and an option for the District to purchase the site.

Brian Greig moved that the draft resolution be adopted with amendments and presented to UT and the City of Austin. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

*Resolution
Save Historic Muny District
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In SB 2553 the Texas Legislature expressed an intent to create a district to obtain a contract to purchase the Lions Municipal Golf Course tract from the University of Texas or otherwise preserve it for its historic use as a public golf course, publicly available parkland, or a combination of those uses and provide possible funding related to the tract from persons within the District as well as from donations and other sources of income.

In order to comply with the directive of the Legislature, the Save Historic Muny District supports an extension of the current lease on the Muny property under current terms until December 31, 2022, to allow time for fundraising, and seeks a grant to the District of an assignable option to purchase the historic property for a public 18-hole golf course and recreational use for a reasonable price that recognizes various public purposes and benefits the University has derived from the City of Austin.

Both the City and the University have expressed the willingness to extend the golf course lease on a month to month basis with a five month notice of cancellation, and we wholeheartedly support that agreement. The District also seeks to have the lease between the University of Texas and the City of Austin amended so that should the City cease to be a party to the lease the District would have the right to step in to replace it.

In return for an option to purchase Muny at a price achievable by reasonable fundraising efforts over an adequate period of time, the District would support University efforts to develop the other parts of the Brackenridge Tract, including traffic improvements that do not impinge on the Muny tract. The District also wishes to maintain and develop a partnership with the University for stewardship of the historic site.

Mary Arnold: Discussion of verifying that the Muny lease extension is on City Council's February calendar.

6. Item 5 (Information re Potential SHMD Proposition on Election Ballot)

Mary Arnold: Discussion of timing and logistics regarding any potential 2020 election ballot.

Brian Greig moved that the Board include a statement in the minutes declaring that it has no current intention to seek a vote or fee from residents of the District and would only potentially revisit the subject should it ever have a reasonable and achievable option to purchase Muny from UT. The motion was seconded by Ken Tiemann. **The motion passed 5-0.**

7. Item 5 (Discussion of Future Meeting Dates & Agenda Items)

Future agenda items will be compiled after February meetings have concluded for both the UT Board of Regents and the Austin City Council.

Meeting Date: March 11, 2020
Location: Penick Room, Lions Municipal Golf Course
2901 Enfield Road, Austin, TX 78703
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m.

8. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.