

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 16, 2020
Location: Video Conference Call
Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

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

Andy Linseisen – City of Austin, Assistant Director of Development Services
Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Daniel Smeraldo – McWilliams Governmental Affairs Consultants
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group
Kevin Gomillion – City of Austin, Parks & Recreation Department
Scotty Sayers – Muny Conservancy
Christopher Neely – Community Impact Newspaper

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)

Holly Reed (West Austin Neighborhood Group): Ms. Reed restated West Austin Neighborhood Group's continued support of the SHMD's mission to preserve historic Lions Municipal Golf Course.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 8/17/20 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the August 17, 2020 draft minutes be adopted. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Item 3 (Reports & Discussion of Previous Items)

Mary Arnold discussed UT System’s Director of Real Estate, Kirk Tames, acknowledged receipt of the SHMD’s option to purchase the Muny tract.

Andy Linseisen briefed the Board on the current perspective of the City re Brackenridge Tract negotiations with UT. Mr. Linseisen says Council has signaled its support for UT reaching a contractual agreement with SHMD to preserve Muny as a historic public golf course and parkland.

Mary Arnold advised the Board that the interlocal agreement with the City regarding appointing the food & beverage vendor for Lions Municipal Golf Course is scheduled for Council vote on Thursday, September 17th.

Andrea McWilliams discussed outreach to potential concession vendors.

Kevin Gomillion discussed current events at Muny. A gift of seven golf carts from H-E-B has been received and put into the rotation. Netting repairs will be done in the near future, also using donated funds from H-E-B. The kitchen is being upgraded with a new grease trap. There is a roof leak in the concessions storage area that will require additional funding.

Mary Arnold suggested the following draft resolution to thank H-E-B:

WHEREAS H-E-B has long been a part of the City of Austin community, and

WHEREAS H-E-B is developing a new store that is located within the boundaries of the Save Historic Muny District, and

WHEREAS That new H-E-B will be across the street from historic Lions Municipal Golf Course, and

WHEREAS Save Historic Muny District, created by the Texas Legislature in 2019, for the purpose of helping provide a way that the golf course could remain a historic public golf course and recreation area, wished to aid the golf course in accomplishing needed maintenance and repairs, and

WHEREAS H-E-B responded to a plea for help from SHMD by generously offering to donate funds for such projects, namely, for repairs to netting around a portion of the perimeter of the course, and, in addition, for the purchase of seven new, and sorely needed golf carts, and

WHEREAS On August 27, 2020 the new golf carts arrived at Lions Municipal Golf Course, bearing the logo “H-E-B”, and the very appropriate message “Helping Here”,

Now therefore be it resolved that:

The Board of Directors of Save Historic Munny District does recognize and applaud H-E-B for its gift and donation, considering it a most needed and most welcome sign of H-E-B’s commitment to this community, and does look forward to the completion of its new facility just across the street from Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Brian Greig moved that the draft resolution be approved without changes. Andrea McWilliams seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** A copy of the resolution will be sent to H-E-B.

Volma Overton discussed potential advertising opportunities at the golf course.

Holly Reed discussed reaching out to the various parties, asking that Munny stakeholder meetings resume before early November.

Scotty Sayers discussed the rescheduling of the Munny Conservancy fundraising event, featuring Sergio Garcia, Ben Crenshaw and Verne Lundquist, to October 22nd, 2020. A Forever Green golf tournament will be held at Munny in the spring.

5. Item 4 (Discussion of Board Work Plan For SHMD)

Brian Greig and Mary Arnold will secure information about insurance coverage that SHMD will need, if SHMD enters into the interlocal agreement with the City of Austin.

Mary Arnold will send an email to the Austin City Council in support of Agenda Item 32 (proposed interlocal agreement with SHMD for concessions oversight at Munny).

6. Item 5 (Discussion of Future Meeting Dates)

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 14th, 2020
Location: Video Conference Call
Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

7. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.