

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 12, 2021
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course
2901 Enfield Road
Austin TX 78703
Meeting Time: 2:30–4:00 p.m.

Mary Arnold*
Brian Greig*
Andrea McWilliams*
Ken Tiemann*

Volma Overton III – Former SHMD Board Member
Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group
Junie Plummer – Real Estate Negotiator

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)

Junie Plummer (Real Estate Negotiator): Ms. Plummer reported to the Board that she has witnessed progress with the City's current zoning cases involving UT-owned properties throughout Austin, including the 141-acres of Lions Municipal Golf Course. Ms. Plummer noted the leadership and attentiveness of Rosie Truelove, City of Austin Director of Housing and Planning, as a significant positive factor in the progress.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 10/5/21 Meeting Minutes)

Ken Tiemann moved that the 10/5/21 draft minutes be adopted. Brian Greig seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Item 3 (Officer Reports)

Treasurer Report: Andrea McWilliams reported that funds have been deposited into the SHMD primary checking account to temporarily cover the Board's insurance and bond renewal obligation. Each member's share is \$350. Per the interlocal agreement with the City, all profit share income from the Cisco's concession at Muny will be deposited into a newly created vendor account.

Concession Report: Ken Tiemann reported that the Cisco's profit share total for the month of October was \$4,968.41. Cisco's management says they exceeded their sales expectations for the soft opening. There is an excitement and pride that the profit share proceeds go directly towards deferred maintenance and improvement at Muny. The grand opening date has yet to be determined.

5. Item 4 (Discussion and possible action re consideration of filling vacant Board Member position, due to unexpected change of circumstance of new board member)

Mary Arnold reported that the City of Austin approved Andrea McWilliams and David Parks to serve the two vacant Board Member positions on 9/30/21. Soon after his approval, David Parks unexpectedly had to leave Austin and vacated his role prior to attending a meeting and taking the oath of office. The Board currently is tasked with recommending a candidate to the City Council for approval.

Brian Greig moved that the discussion of filling the vacant Board Member position be moved to Executive Session. The motion was not seconded.

Mary Arnold and Andrea McWilliams provided the Board with analysis re the requirements of a Board Member.

Andrea McWilliams moved that the Save Historic Muny District Board submit a recommendation to the Austin City Council that the City Council appoint Volma Overton III, a fully qualified candidate, as the succeeding Save Historic Muny District Board Member to fill the Board Member position that he held previously. Brian Greig moved to table the motion. Andrea McWilliams objected to the motion to table. The motion to table was not seconded. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion to recommend Volma Overton III. **The motion passed 3-1** (Brian Greig voting against).

Andrea McWilliams offered to collect legislative letters of intent from the bill authors regarding the qualifications for a SHMD Board Member.

6. Item 5 (Review and continued discussion re City of Austin, UT and zoning cases for Lions Municipal Golf Course, other Brackenridge Tract parcels and two additional UT properties – as related to the purpose and goal of the Save Historic Munny District)

Holly Reed reported to the Board that the West Austin Neighborhood Group submitted the following statement to the City zoning officials on October 28th, 2021:

We advocate for a zoning district for MUNY that will fulfill the community desire for Lions Municipal Golf Course to be preserved in its entirety and in perpetuity, as an 18-hole publicly accessible and affordable golf course, with added Austin community assets, including a teaching / history center honoring the integration of the course, athletes of color who have played a role in civil rights history, and the progressive work of Col. George W. Brackenridge, who believed that education was a human right, regardless of one's gender or ethnicity. The goal is to keep MUNY uniting historically separated areas of Austin, and serving diverse communities of all ages, throughout Austin. I have attached a rendering of plans that illustrate the proposed continuing land use, with improvements, funded and operated by the Munny Conservancy.

*We appreciate your expertise in discussing a specific zoning district for MUNY. After consideration, **we have concluded that P (Public) Zoning District, with a CO (Conditional Overlay) limiting the uses to an 18 hole golf course and teaching center, with a Restrictive Covenant, prohibiting the land from being used for anything other than a golf course, comes closest to achieving the goal for preservation in perpetuity.** We hope the University of Texas and the City of Austin will support this important goal for Austin's future.*

Brian Greig moved that Mary Arnold be tasked with writing a letter to the City, incorporating likeminded elements in the WANG position on the zoning and uses of Lions Municipal Golf Course. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

7. Item 6 Items from Board Members and discussion of next meeting date)

Andrea McWilliams suggested a review of Muny's deferred maintenance list and potential collaboration with the Muny Conservancy in addressing specific high-priority needs.

Meeting Date: December 6, 2021
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Meeting Time: 2:30–4:00 p.m.

8. Item 7 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.