

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 24, 2022
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course
Tom Penick Room
2901 Enfield Road
Austin TX 78703

Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

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

Ethan Smith – UT Student Housing Advocate
Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group
Scotty Sayers – Save Muny Conservancy
Steve Hammond – Interim Golf Division Manager, City of Austin
Rudy Metayer – Pflugerville City Council Member / President & Executive
Director, Texas Legislative Black Caucus Foundation

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)

Ethan Smith (Student Housing Advocate): Mr. Smith graduated from UT School of Music and UT Human Dimensions of Organizations. He described his advocacy efforts for increasing the availability of UT student housing. Mr. Smith prefers that UT allow Lions Municipal to remain as an 18-hole golf course based upon its historical value. He believes that the Cooper-Robertson proposal for increasing student housing on the Gateway tract is a good plan. It would remove the aging existing housing and replace it with 715+ units.

Scott Sayers (Save Muny Conservancy): Mr. Sayers reported on the recent Save Muny Conservancy fundraising event at the Moody Theater. The sold-out event exceeded expectations both financially and in raising public awareness. Mr. Sayers commended the many people who helped make the event a success and was particularly complementary of the video work donated by Tom McConnell and Holly Reed, focusing on Muny's historical significance. Mr. Sayers noted that the Conservancy will be donating to the First Tee to address recent vandalism on their golf course and will also be supporting the upcoming Huston-Tillotson Alumni Golf Tournament.

Brian Grieg moved for a resolution, commending, and thanking the Save Muny Conservancy. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLVED, that the Save Historic Muny District commends and thanks the Muny Conservancy for Imagine Muny, a wonderful event raising funds for the preservation of Lions Municipal Golf Course. The evening of music, celebrities and dinner reflected the love of the Austin community for the historic, public golf course and the excitement surrounding its preservation in perpetuity.

Steve Hammond (Interim City of Austin Golf Division Manager): Mr. Hammond introduced himself to the Board. He has been in the Golf Division since 1995. He stated that he supports any solution that maintains Muny as an 18-hole public golf course. Mr. Hammond reported welcome news of a significant roof repair and an upgrade to the aging golf cart fleet. There is a pressing need for irrigation repairs that may be an appropriate use of the SHMD's concession income.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 1/17/22 Meeting Minutes)

No action taken.

4. Item 3 (Officer Reports)

Treasurer Report: Andrea McWilliams reported the vendor account balance is \$20,181.82. The regular SHMD checking balance is \$203.98

Concession Report: Ken Tiemann reported that the Cisco's profit share total for the month of January was \$3,901.01 from net revenue of \$39,010.0

Andrea McWilliams requested to resign from the SHMD Treasurer position to better maintain focus on fundraising efforts. Ken Tiemann volunteered to claim the vacated position.

5. Item 4 (Discussion regarding assuring participation of all relevant parties necessary and desirable to reach a positive fulfillment of role assigned Save Historic Muny District by Texas Legislature)

Ms. Arnold reported that there remains no response from City Manager Cronk or UT President Hartzel re the SHMD's December 7th letter. The only official comment thus far accepted by the City during the zoning process has been the one minute allowed to citizens during the lone public comment session on June 21, 2021.

Ms. McWilliams suggested that the authors of the State of Texas legislation, creating the SHMD and tasking it with a specific role, be asked if they would like to ask the City and UT why they are not responding to the letter(s). This idea was received with unanimous agreement by the Board.

6. Item 5 (Items from Board Members and discussion of next meeting date)

Ms. McWilliams discussed the SHMD fundraising campaign, providing care to ten of Muny's most significant heritage trees. The campaign will feature one tree per week on Instagram and allow supporters to make a pass-through donation to Heritage Tree Care. Each tree will be associated with an individual associated with Muny's history. Those ten historical figures are: G.W. Brackenridge; Mildred Neill; Harvey Penick; Alvin Propps; Taylor Glass; Emma Long; General Marshall; Joe Louis; Volma Overton; and Bertha Means.

Next Meeting Date:	March 31, 2022
Location:	Lions Municipal Golf Course Tom Penick Room 2901 Enfield Road Austin TX 78703
Meeting Time:	2:00–4:00 p.m.

7. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.