# SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 31, 2022

Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course

Tom Penick Board 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\*

Kurt Cadena Mitchell – City of Austin, District 10 Chief of Staff\*\*
Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Junie Plummer – Real Estate Negotiator
Scott Sayers – Muny Conservancy

#### **Minutes:**

### 1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

### 2. Item 1 (Public Communication)

Bob Ozer (Save Muny): Mr. Ozer shared highlights from his recent travel in Mississippi. His experience led to thoughts as to how the early desegregation of Muny could be presented by UT, the City and others, as part of our civil rights history. Mr. Ozer suggests the Board members should try to visit Mississippi's many worthy museums related to America's civil rights history.

<u>Scott Sayers (Muny Conservancy):</u> The Austin Community Foundation awarded the Muny Conservancy a \$10,400 grant. Mr. Sayers recounted historian Doug Brinkley recently stating that Muny should be showcased an example of positive history. The National Golf

<sup>\*</sup>denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

<sup>\*\*</sup>denotes partial attendance of meeting via phone

Foundation has released the following statistics showing the increasing popularity of golf: since 2006, municipal golf has grown 5%; there are 3.2 million beginning golfers in the USA, with an increase of approximately 700,000 since COVID-19. The Muny Conservancy continues to finance improvements at Muny. The Tom Penick board room has received cosmetic updates. More projects are being planned.

Kurt Cadena Mitchell (City of Austin, District 10 Chief of Staff): Rezoning of UT properties by the City has been a slow process. City Staff needs to come back with land use recommendations for the public and the planning commission. Alison Alter's office will seek to have City Manager Cronk acknowledge SHMD letter and its authority. Director Truelove is the City contact most intimately familiar with the UT zoning process.

Junie Plummer (Real Estate Negotiator): Ms. Plummer met with the new council member, Jose "Chito" Vela, regarding Muny and its history. She will be meeting with City Law Department next week.

### 3. Item 2 (Approval of 1/17/22 & 2/24/22 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the 1/17/22 & 2/24/22 draft minutes be adopted. Andrea McWilliams seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

## 4. Item 3 (Officer Reports)

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Ken Tiemann reported the vendor account balance is \$23,641.07. The regular SHMD checking balance is \$901.58. Cisco's Restaurant reported February net sales of \$34,592.52 and paid a \$3,459.25 profit share.

<u>Muny Tree Project</u>: Andrea McWilliams distributed the list of Muny heritage trees that will be recipients of the project's fundraising. The names of ten historically significant individuals—one associated with each heritage tree—were also provided. Those historic individuals are: G.W. Brackenridge; Mildred Neill; Harvey Penick; Alvin Propps; Taylor Glass; Emma Long; General Marshall; Joe Louis; Volma Overton; and Bertha Means.

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

The Board continued its discussion of how to best achieve a positive fulfilling role as assigned to Save Historic Muny District by the Texas Legislature.

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

Volma Overton III: Based upon Erik Lopez' responsibilities and successes overseeing golf operations at Muny, Mr. Overton would like the Board to assist him in achieving his PGA Class A designation. Mr. Sayers pledged the Muny Conservancy's financial support as a fifty-percent partner if the SHMD steps in financially. Mr. Overton and Mr. Sayers will meet with Erik to gain further clarity on his plans regarding the PGA Class A designation and what assistance could be provided.

Board members thanked Ms. McWilliams for generously providing individual name plates for each member, to be used at our meetings.

Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2022

Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course

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Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### 7. Item 7 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.