

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 17, 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**

Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Steve Hammond – Division Manager, Golf Services, City of Austin
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group
Junie Plummer – Real Estate Negotiator
Ethan Smith – Student Housing Advocate
Tom McConnell – Save Muny
Kristen Ylana – Chief of Staff, Representative Donna Howard

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

**denotes attendance via video conference

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Item 1 (Public Communication)

Ethan Smith (Student Housing Advocate): Mr. Smith discussed his recent meetings and encounters. He proposed a solution that included the City of Austin trading Morris Williams Golf Course to UT for Lions.

Junie Plummer (Real Estate Negotiator): Ms. Plummer informed the Board that City of Austin presented to UT a response to the UT proposal from May 2020 re city zoning for certain UT owned land

including the Brackenridge Tract, but have not heard back from UT. The City proposal included protecting all 141.35 acres of the Lions Municipal Golf Course. No further details of the City's proposal were given.

Scotty Sayers (Save Muny Conservancy): Mr. Sayers began by stating that the Conservancy could not support a trade for Muny involving Morris Williams Golf Course, as suggested by Mr. Smith. Mr. Sayers noted recent publicity involving UT syllabus language that included, "McCombs school of business apologizes to indigenous peoples for Turtle Island." Developing a historic site tied to Texas civil rights history does not seem to align with University values. Urban Forestry again turned down a grant proposal, likely due to Muny's uncertain future. The Conservancy continues to fund tree work on the golf course, primarily focusing on the removal of invasives.

Holly Reed (West Austin Neighborhood Group / Save Muny Conservancy): Ms. Reed discussed University non-academic land uses. Ms. Reed believes that Muny has several worthy candidates for the Austin Tree of the Year Awards.

Steve Hammond (Division Manager, Golf Services, City of Austin): Mr. Hammond echoed Mr. Sayers comments regarding not being able to support the trading of Morris Williams to UT for Muny. The Firecracker was a wonderful success, with a winning score of -13. Muny and the other City courses are at early 2000 traffic levels for rounds played. The numbers are even more impressive considering traffic has been throttled back to 10-minute tee-time intervals, rather than the standard 8-minute spacing. This has resulted in improved course conditions and shorter average round times for the golfers.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 7/20/22 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the 7/20/22 draft minutes be adopted. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Item 3 (Treasurer's Report)

Treasurer's Report: Ken Tiemann reported the vendor account balance is \$59,203.75. The regular SHMD checking balance is \$858.83. Cisco's Restaurant reported July net sales of \$70,937.83 and paid a \$7,093.78 profit share.

Muny Tree Project: Andrea McWilliams will update the Board on Friday.

5. Item 4 (Approaching City and University of Texas re fulfilling goal of State Legislation for Save Historic Muny District)

Prefiling 2023 bills in Texas Legislature begins in November. Ms. McWilliams will reach out to Senators Eckhardt and Campbell, and others in Travis County delegation. Representative Howard's Chief of Staff, Kristen Ylana offered her assistance.

The Board agreed that it would be advantageous to contact Kirk Watson and seek his counsel.

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

Next Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 22, 2022
Location:	Lions Municipal Golf Course Tom Penick Board Room 2901 Enfield Road Austin, TX 78703
Meeting Time:	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

7. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.