

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 22, 2022
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course
Tom Penick Board Room
2901 Enfield Road
Austin TX 78703

Meeting Time: 3:00–5:00 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
Kirk Watson – Mayoral Candidate, City of Austin
Max Lars – Campaign Manager, Kirk Watson for Austin Mayor
Anne Ashmun – Nature Conservancy
Melba Whatley – Waterloo Greenway Conservancy
Scott Sayers – Save Muny Conservancy

*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 3:01 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Public Communication)

Ethan Smith (Student Housing Advocate): Mr. Smith discussed his recent meetings with members and staff of the Texas Legislature. He intends to tour the Brackenridge Field lab soon and notes its shared ecosystem with Muny.

Steve Hammond (Division Manager, Golf Services, City of Austin): Mr. Hammond provided an update on the internet service upgrade at Muny. The City of Austin will soon activate 512-978-MUNY as the new phone number for Muny. Pursuing the SHMD proposed yardage marker project would entail marking 170 – 200 heads at a materials cost of approximately \$5 per head.

Scott Sayers – (Save Muny Conservancy): Mr. Sayers informed the Board of a professional survey that will be presented to 20,000 residents re their opinions on preserving Muny.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 8/17/22 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the 8/17/22 draft minutes be adopted. Andrea McWilliams seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Item 3 (Treasurer's Report)

Treasurer's Report: Ken Tiemann reported the vendor account balance is \$65,992.37. The regular SHMD checking balance is \$858.83. Cisco's Restaurant reported August net sales of \$66,071.37 and paid a \$6,607.14 profit share.

5. Item 4 (A Conversation with Kirk Watson)

Mr. Watson was mayor of the City of Austin from 1997 to 2001 and a Texas state senator from 2006 to 2020. As a senator, Mr. Watson authored SB 2553, ultimately creating the Save Historic Muny District. His intent was to call attention to the issue of preserving Muny and to construct a solution mechanism for raising and holding money. Candidate Watson says he, "feel[s] strongly about the preservation of the golf course" primarily due to its historical value. He also believes that there is an expectation when neighborhoods grow-up around a green-space that it will not be taken away. The University should expect a "reasonable value" rather than market value. Candidate Watson believes he is in a unique position to move the ball forward on preserving Muny. He has key relationships with UT officials, including Kevin Eltife, Chairman of the Board of Regents. He notes that current UT president, Jay Hartzell, talks significantly more about the University's ties to Austin than past leaders. One potential solution to preserving Muny could involve green-space development credits for UT properties throughout the city which, in turn, buy-down UT's reasonable-valued asking price.

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

Next Meeting Date:	October 19, 2022
Location:	Lions Municipal Golf Course Tom Penick Board Room 2901 Enfield Road Austin, TX 78703
Meeting Time:	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

7. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.