

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 4, 2023
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course
Penick Board Room
2901 Enfield Road
Austin TX 78703

Meeting Time: 4:00p.m.

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

Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group
Scott Sayers –Muny Conservancy
Carl Richie – Counsel, 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 4:05 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Discussion of Legislation related to Save Historic Muny District and possible Amendments)

Andrea McWilliams updated the Board on the status of the SHMD renewal bills. SB 1316 (Eckhardt) & HB 2867 (Howard) are identical bills *relating to the date of dissolution of the Save Historic Muny District.*

The Board was provided the following proposed amendments by Muny Conservancy:

*Amend **HB 2867** (house committee printing) as follows:*

(1) On Page 1, line 22, strike “ May 31, 2025” and substitute “twenty-four months after the closing on the transaction that transfers the land used for the historic Lions Municipal Golf Course from the owner to the district.”

*Amend **HB 2867** (house committee printing) as follows:*

On Page 2, Line 3, insert after “uses.” the following:

The land transfer provided for by this section shall occur before December 31, 2025.

Discussion of potential amendments to either of the bills ensued. Specific questions included why SHMD Board was not consulted about possible amendments earlier and why Muny Conservancy was advocating for an amendment of either renewal bill rather than working from the beginning of the legislative session to present a standalone bill of its own. Concerns were expressed that, although the proposed amendment could significantly help the SHMD to achieve its mission, it could also potentially risk the very existence of the SHMD past the end of May. Muny Conservancy’s counsel explained his reasoning and his strong belief that there would ultimately be at least one unamended bill that should alleviate any added risk of the SHMD’s renewal.

Brian Greig moved to support the proposed language to HB 2867 or other legislation to extend the life of the SHMD by transfer of the land to the District. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. Discussion resulted in an agreement to meet again on May 8th, allowing the Board to have more time to examine the motion language. **No vote was taken.**

Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2023
Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course
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Meeting Time: Austin, TX 78703
2:00 p.m.

3. Item 7 (Adjourn)

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.