# SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 28, 2023

Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course

Penick Board Room 2901 Enfield Road Austin TX 78703

Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Mary Arnold\* Brian Greig\* † Volma Overton, III\* † Ken Tiemann\*

Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group †
Ethan Smith – Student Housing Advocate
Steve Hammond – Division Manager, Golf Services, City of Austin
Scott Sayers – Muny Conservancy
Tommy Cowan – Founder Lions Club
Ben Thompson – Reporter, Community Impact Newspaper †

\*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member †denotes attendance via video conference or telephone

#### **Minutes:**

#### 1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### 2. Item 1 (Public Communication)

Ethan Smith (Student Housing Advocate): Mr. Smith updated the Board on recent successes, including frontpage coverage in the *Daily Texan*. Senator Boris Miles has invited Mr. Smith to a meeting, and he has plans to confer with an additional five legislative offices this August.

<u>Tommy Cowan (Founder Lions Club)</u>: Mr. Cowan reiterated that his club's top priority is assisting in a Muny golf tournament or any other

celebrations commemorating the historic golf course's 100-year anniversary.

<u>Bob Ozer (Save Muny):</u> Mr. Ozer gave a summation of recent negotiations between the City of Austin and the University of Texas.

<u>Scott Sayers (Muny Conservancy):</u> Mr. Sayers discussed grants for Muny from the Spieth Foundation and the Sergio & Angela Garcia Foundation. Beginning this year, a Champions Dinner will become an annual occurrence at the historic Firecracker golf tournament at Muny. The next ACL Live fundraiser is scheduled for March 24, 2024.

# 3. Item 2 (Approval of 5/24/23 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that the 5/24/23 draft minutes be adopted. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

### 4. Item 3 (Treasurer's Report)

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Ken Tiemann reported the vendor account balance is \$120,600.14. Cisco's Restaurant had May net sales of \$93,522.28 and paid a \$9,352.23 profit share. The regular SHMD checking balance is \$1,310.17. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Traveler's Insurance will deduct a \$396.75 payment, resulting in a future balance of \$913.72.

#### 5. Item 4 (Status of Golf Course Projects)

Mr. Hammond updated the Board on the pending golf course projects. Netting replacement on #14 is anticipated to begin in July. Grassing bids for #10 tee and #1 fairway are more expensive than anticipated. Inhouse labor will be the likely choice for that work, with the SHMD funding materials and rentals. The golf course is in excellent shape for the Firecracker.

## 6. Item 5 (Next Steps re Achieving Legislative Purpose of SHMD)

Mary Arnold led a discussion on reviving the "Muny Summit" gathering.

Ken Tiemann suggested that SHMD make a focused effort to obtain from UT what Mayor Kirk Watson referred to as a *reasonable value* asking price for Muny. He further added that representatives from the Board directly engage UT, with the goal of seeing how the SHMD's support of UT's development goals can coincide with preservation of the historic golf course.

Mary Arnold spoke about preparations for 2024 Muny Centennial celebration.

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

Brian Greig asked that a discussion related to the three expiring SHMD Board terms be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: July 26, 2023

Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course

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

August Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

Location: Lions Municipal Golf Course

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

#### 8. Item 7 (Adjourn)

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.