



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee September 18, 2024

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board – Golf Subcommittee meeting held on September 18, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library- Cottonwood Board Room, 3500 S Rural Rd., 2nd floor, Tempe, AZ, and virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Members Present:

Lane Waddell – Chair
Thomas Klabunde
Shereen Lerner
Mary Farmer

Members Absent:

Susan Carlson – Vice Chair

City Staff Present:

Alex Jovanovic, Deputy Community Services Director – Parks (Staff Liaison)
Craig Hayton, Community Services Director
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager
Joshua Bell, Management Assistant
Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant

Guests Present:

None

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Lane Waddell.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2024

Motion by Mary Farmer to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Thomas Klabunde. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell and Board members, Thomas Klabunde, and Shereen Lerner and Mary Farmer.

Absent: Vice Chair Susan Carlson

Agenda Item 3 – Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills

Alex Jovanovic was able to provide context and answer questions related to the driving range, hole 2, and various other topics.

Regarding Design Charette:

- Board members asked questions and made comments about:
 - Reiteration that it is not to re-pitch the design, the meeting is to discuss the options to address range balls entering the zoo property.
 - Does Grass Clippings know that the hole 3 was not decided through the golf subcommittee? Yes
 - Curious how Grass Clippings will solve the zoo issue in the current circumstances.
 - Members are fine with the design charette and believes the meeting should have happened prior to hole 3 decision.
 - What does the city think about hole 2 and the driving range? *City is not supportive of change and the subcommittee supported the decision not to approve.*
 - Is there a win-win where public health and safety where playability is not compromised?
 - Current issue: Balls into the zoo and balls from the range onto hole 2 green and training
 - Is there an opportunity to provide a better driving range experience by adding length while not interfering with hole 2 playability?
 - This is what can be on the agenda for the proposed design charette.
 - The board wants to find out how much Grass Clippings wants/needs to spend on netting and how much that should be added to the top of the range net? *This is a question that could be asked directly to Grass Clippings.*

Motion by Lane Waddell to approve the proposal to participate in a design charette with Grass Clippings by sending two (2) members of the subcommittee to speak on their behalf. Motion seconded by Shereen Lerner. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell and Board members, Shereen Lerner and Mary Farmer.

Abstain: Board member Thomas Klabunde

Absent: Vice Chair Susan Carlson

Agenda Item 4 – Rolling Hills Women’s Association

The board members discussed the Women’s Association concerns with Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills regarding cart path rocks, rock fairways, and music near hole 9.

- The xeriscape (with NGA help) for erosion control where turf is removed is ongoing.
- The rocks for cart path are the biggest issue and can be easily remediated by putting pavers in instead. This is also a health and safety issue.
- Holes of concern where the rugged rocks most prevalent: hole 9, hole 7, hole 8, and hole 15 (on holes 8 & 15, specifically, add an opening on side).
 - Board is willing to give Grass Clippings more time (one year) on the holes where they are xeriscaping for erosion control.
- Board is interested in giving Grass Clippings a list of what the concerns are in order to obtain an update on the progress and plan moving forward.

-
- The music near hole 9 was confirmed to be turned down and no longer remains an issue.
 - Board requests City staff to draft a letter addressing Women's Association concerns. The draft letter will then be sent to Tom Klabunde for edits. Then the edited letter will be presented for all subcommittee members to edit on the October 9th meeting to finalize and send to Grass Clippings.
 - Board members expressed the importance of bringing in a representative from the Women's Association to voice concerns as a public appearance discussion.

Motion by Lane Waddell for subcommittee to edit and approve a letter written by City staff addressing association issues which would to be sent to Grass Clippings. Motion seconded by Mary Farmer. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Lane Waddell and Board members, Thomas Klabunde, Shereen Lerner and Mary Farmer.

Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items

The board members proposed for more discussion regarding the design charette and editing of the letter to Grass Clippings addressing association concerns on the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Prepared by: Shelbie Meyer, Management Assistant II, (480) 350-8353

Reviewed by: Alex Jovanovic, Deputy Community Services Director- Parks, (480) 350-5811