



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board November 16, 2022

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on November 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting- Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ. And virtual through Cisco WebEx Events

Members Present:

Shereen Lerner – Chair
Susan Carlson – Vice Chair
William Banks
Sharon Doyle
Chris Kamper
Thomas Klabunde
Gerardo Lopez
Dayna McGrady
Lisa Zyriek

Members Absent:

James Gregory

City Staff Present:

Craig Hayton, Staff Liaison- Community Services Director
Julie Hietter, Community Services Administration Manager
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Rebecca Rothman, Community Services Manager- Public Art
Shawn Wagner, Deputy Community Services Director- Parks and Recreation

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Shereen Lerner.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Motion by Chris Kamper to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022 as submitted; second by Susan Carlson. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Shereen Lerner, Vice-Chair Susan Carlson and Board members, William Banks, Sharon Doyle, Chris Kamper, Thomas Klabunde, Gerardo Lopez, Dayna McGrady and Lisa Zyriek.

Absent: Board member, James Gregory.

Agenda Item 3 – Annual Report

Draft Annual Report was included in packet materials for board approval.

Motion by Chris Kamper to approve the Annual Report with additions as needed; second by Lisa Zyriek. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Shereen Lerner, Vice-Chair Susan Carlson and Board members, William Banks, Sharon Doyle, Chris Kamper, Thomas Klabunde, Gerardo Lopez, Dayna McGrady and Lisa Zyriek.

Absent: Board member, James Gregory.

Agenda Item 4 – General Plan 2050 TAG Update

Shereen Lerner, representative on behalf of the board on the General Plan 2050 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) provided an update to the board on what is included in the plan and topics covered so far during the meetings. Board members were encouraged to go online to make comments. The draft plan is tentatively scheduled for adoption in April 2023.

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- Does Tempe need to grow at all
- Was there a sense of how much open space remains?
- Concern regarding if council reviews requests coming through one at a time and how it impacts the overall remaining open spaces
- Concern of park space loss for additional needs- example fire station
- Parks and Recreation board member previously had representation on Development Review Committee

Staff to follow up and provide to the board list of who was included on the General Plan 2050 TAG Group and the website for review and comments.

Agenda Item 5 – Cemetery Update

Craig Hayton presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Cemetery Update.

Presentation included the following:

- Tempe Historic Preservation survey and needs assessment update
- Needs
 - Conservation of historically significant elements
 - Repair and replacement of existing infrastructure
 - Opportunities for improvement
- Next steps
- Questions

As part of the budget process, staff is submitting a request to seek funding for a needs assessment/study. Staff can connect back with Amy Douglas regarding any updates from the Tempe Historic Preservation survey. General clean ups still occurring two times a year and can revisit clean up items with permanent items placed that occurred prior to COVID.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Art Update

Rebecca Rothman presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on the Tempe Arts and Culture Public Art Program Update. Presentation included the following:

- FY 18/19
 - Estrada Park- artist Mary Shindell

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- FY 19/20
 - Corbell, Hollis and Indian Bend Parks- artist Christopher Jagmin
 - FY 21/22
 - Alegre Park- artist Oliverio Balcells
 - Meyer and Mitchell Parks- artist Muta Santiago
 - Clark and Redden Parks- artist Shachi Kale
 - FY 22/23
 - Clark Park Recreation Facility- artist Nicole Mueller
 - What's next
 - FY 22/23- Escalante and Creamery Park play area surface designs
 - FY 23/24- Kiwanis North, Optimist and Campbell Parks play areas
 - FY 24/25- Joyce and Waggoner Parks play areas

Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the following:

- Are we able to have representation from this board on the selection review committees?

Agenda Item 7 – 2023 Calendar & Officers

Craig Hayton confirmed there are no faith-based conflicts with meeting dates for 2023. Chair/Vice-Chair positions and schedule to be confirmed/voted on at next meeting. Susan Carlson, current Vice-Chair is willing to move into Chair role and Lisa Zyriek volunteered for Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item 8 – Board Goals & Priorities in 2023

Shawn Wagner provided additional information regarding board follow up discussion from prior months which included the following:

2022 Board Goals & Priorities

3. Evaluate opportunities for more diverse use of public spaces
 - Dementia Friendly (supporting other boards/commissions/efforts)
 - Disabilities (multi-generational: children & adults)
 - “Peaceful Playgrounds” & other retreat-type spaces

Parks and Recreation Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Programs and Initiatives

- City ADA Transition Plan
- Equity Study
- Playground Inclusivity Guide
- Certified Autism Center
- Dementia Friendly Tempe
- Heat Relief
- Scholarship Program
- Inclusion Requests
- Hearing Loops
- Adaptive Recreation
- Recreational Opportunities

Community Partners

- Tempe School Districts
- Special Olympics Arizona

- Boys & Girls Club of the Valley
- Tempe Community Action Agency
- Maricopa County
- Neighborhood Associations
- Arizona @ Work
- Arizona Health Start

Staff to follow up and provide to the board a summary of what currently exists for the Parks and Recreation Diverse Use of Public Spaces.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Pickleball
- Adaptive (Golf) Programming
- Arts in the Parks Update
- January meeting aligns with Meyer Park Re-Opening- possibly meet there prior to meeting

Agenda Item 10 – Public Meeting Attendance, Notices & Announcements

- Community Events (list was included in board packet)
- Kiwanis Park North Improvements- Saturday, November 19th from 8-10 a.m. at the Kiwanis Park North Playground
- Parks Monument Signage- View options and provide input online through month of November

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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