

SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 17, 2020
Location: Video Conference Call
Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2020, was NOT held, due to technical difficulties.

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

Holly Reed – President, W.A.N.G. / Muny Conservancy
Daniel Smeraldo – McWilliams Governmental Affairs Consultants
Bob Ozer – Save Muny
Scott Sayers – Muny Conservancy
Kevin Gomillion – City of Austin, Parks & Recreation Department

*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)

Robert Ozer (Save Muny): Mr. Ozer commented that the statutory options available to the SHMD appeared to be broad in many aspects. He encouraged the board to proceed with its efforts to purchase the historic site.

Kevin Gomillion (City of Austin, PARD): The Parks & Recreation Contracts & Concessions Committee met today and voted to recommend that the City Council negotiate and execute an interlocal concessions agreement with the SHMD. The Parks Board meets on August 25th, where the next vote on the interlocal agreement for procuring and managing food/beverage concessions at Lions Municipal

Golf Course will take place. The tentative date for City Council addressing the item is September 17th.

3. Item 2 (Approval of 7/29/20 Meeting Minutes)

Brian Greig moved that July 29, 2020 draft minutes be adopted. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

4. Item 3 (Reports & Discussion of Previous Items)

Ken Tiemann reported on his attendance at The Parks & Recreation Board Contracts & Concessions Committee meeting that Mr. Gomillion previously commented on.

Mary Arnold updated the Board on the status of opening the SHMD bank account.

5. Item 4 (Review of 2020 Communications between UT, City of Austin and SHMD & Discussion of Possible Approaches Toward SHMD Goal)

Mary Arnold reviewed the history of communications regarding the purpose of the SHMD. Senator Watson's intent was to "create a tool" – the SHMD – to be used to save the historic land. The legislation confirms this intent. A communication from UT System's Director of Real Estate, Kirk Tames, to the City of Austin, states that if the City and UT reach a mutually beneficial outcome regarding commercial development on the Brackenridge Tract, then UT is receptive to granting SHMD an option to purchase the Muni site for a "reasonable" amount. UT representative, Richard Suttle, has proposed preserving 40% open space on the remaining Brackenridge Tract which includes the golf course, along with seeking a new Development Agreement for that land with the City of Austin. The open space provision could provide options for preserving the golf course.

Brian Greig moved that the Save Historic Muni District make an offer for an unassignable Option to Purchase the approximately 141 acre Lions Municipal Golf Course property from the University of Texas for a price to be determined by an appraisal process, valuing the land with restrictions of use such as a golf course, recreational, open space and related activities open to the public. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. The motion was left pending and the board entered Executive Session.

6. Item 5 (Possible Executive Session regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Sale, or Value of Real Property – Sec. 551.071)

Discussion and appropriate action regarding the purchase and preservation of the 141.35 acre tract used for the Historic Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, owned by the University of Texas for the benefit of the University of Texas at Austin.

No actions taken in Executive Session.

Returning from Executive Session, Brian Grieg moved to amend the pending motion. Add to the proposed agreement's restrictions: Nothing shall be done to jeopardize the National Register of Historic Places listing nor the historic integrity of its golf and civil rights history. Mary Arnold seconded the motion. **The motion was approved as amended 5-0.**

7. Item 6 (Items from Board Members)

None.

8. Item 7 (Items from Board Members and Discussion of Future Meeting Dates)

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9. Item 8 (Meeting Adjourned)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.