

**SAVE HISTORIC MUNY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: June 22, 2021  
Location: Penick Room, Lions Municipal Golf Course  
2901 Enfield Road, Austin, TX 78703  
Meeting Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

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

Bob Ozer – Save Muny  
Holly Reed – President, West Austin Neighborhood Group  
Scotty Sayers – Muny Conservancy  
Ben Thompson – Community Impact Newspaper

\*denotes Save Historic Muny District (SHMD) Board Member

**Minutes:**

**1. Call to Order**

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 2.:04 p.m.

**2. Item 1 (Citizen Communication)**

Bob Ozer (Save Muny): Mr. Ozer stated that the zoning meeting went well in his opinion. He noted a large amount of support for preserving Muny as a historic 18-hole golf course.

Holly Reed (West Austin Neighborhood Group): Ms. Reed echoed Mr. Ozer's opinion that the first public input session regarding rezoning properties on the Brackenridge Tract, including Muny, went well. Approximately 480 people registered via email to speak. Many of those were unable to access the Zoom platform due to capacity caps. The chat feature was lively, presumably due the format not including a question-and-answer component.

**3. Item 2 (Approval of 5/11/21 Meeting Minutes)**

Brian Greig moved that the 5/11/21 draft minutes be adopted. Ken Tiemann seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Item 3 (Final Legislative Report re HB 681& SB 390, Future Prospects)**

Andrea McWilliams reported that the passage of the legislation—renewing the SHMD for at least two more years—was a helpful opportunity to reeducate the Legislature on what the SHMD is doing and what its authority is.

Andrea McWilliams suggested that the Board begin strategic planning sessions, capitalizing on the momentum of the legislative support and best utilizing the subject knowledge that has been accumulated over the past several months.

Mary Arnold reported that Muny’s preservation is supported by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. Representative Sheryl Cole, former Austin Mayor Pro Tem, took time to write the Governor in support the recent legislation.

**5. Item 4 (Reports & Discussion re Vendor and Execution of the Agreement with Vendor)**

Ken Tiemann reported that the City is in possession of a signed agreement from UT that, once signed by the City Manager, approves Cisco’s Restaurant & Bakery to operate the food and beverage concession at Muny; as required by the City lease and the interlocal agreement.

**6. Item 5 (City of Austin zoning cases filed for major portions of UT Brackenridge Tract, including Lions Municipal Golf Course - report re public input session 6/21/2021 and discussion of next steps)**

Mary Arnold reported that the first public hearing on the potential rezoning of Muny took place last night (as noted earlier in Citizen Communication). The date and time of future hearings or meetings involving the Brackenridge Tract zoning cases—as well as any next-steps in the process—are currently unknown.

Brian Greig noted that it may be helpful for the supporters of open-spaces to be further educated on golf being the key for the Muny

acreage to remain free of development and be accessible by the public. Specifically, the only known efforts that can potentially satisfy a UT purchase price, while keeping the historic green space open and accessible to the public, is coming from the Save Muny Conservancy and its supporters.

**7. Item 6 (Items from Board Members, review of SHMD legislation re Board Member terms of service, replacement provisions, and discussion of next meeting date)**

Brian Greig suggested that the SHMD Board consider ways to attract additional golf tournaments to Muny that are associated with communities of color.

Volma Overton volunteered to research what groups have annual tournaments on City courses, as a first step in advancing Brian Greig's suggestion.

Ken Tiemann noted that the drinking water traditionally provided in coolers at Muny has been discontinued due to City policy.

Brian Greig suggested that the SHMD consider contacting a sponsor to help find a creative solution that insures adequate drinking water on the course for golfers and staff.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 22nd, 2021

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**8. Item 6 (Meeting Adjourned)**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.