Tempe

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Board
September 19, 2012

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Board meeting held on September 19, 2012 6:00 p.m., Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Members Present:
Chuy Carreon – Chairman
Carolyn Hutchens
Fred Wood
Don Watkins
Sharon Doyle
Ron Cosner

Members Absent:
Kerri Rosson-Bates
Scott Hamilton
Karen Barno

City Staff Present:
Travis Dray, Community Service Deputy Director – Recreation
Jodie Garth, Assistant Recreation Coordinator – Recreation
Tim Pfannanstein, Supervisor – Public Works
Jerry Judkins, Sr. Recreation Coordinator, Public Works
Oliver Ncube, Manager, Public Works
Bob Pohlit – Public Works Parks Project Coordinator
Tanya Chavez – Community Relations Neighborhood Services
Dan Brown – Police Department

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

   The May 16, 2012 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

3. **Public Appearances**

This Board welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Board may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agenda. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Board. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

Robert McNally, President of Evergreen Neighborhood Association. Neighborhood is adjacent to Daumler Park. 363 homes in the neighborhood. Mr. McNally stated that neighbors have had problems with noise, trash and litter as well as additional undesirable things such as left drug paraphernalia and used condoms. He is suggesting that the park closes a little earlier in hopes that it would give law enforcement a handle to interview people who are in the park after hours and to get rid of some of these negative issues.
Robert hopes that the park can be closed at 10:00pm or 10:30pm. Neighborhood meetings have been held and at the last meeting there was a unanimous vote to close the park at this recommended time.

Wally Olsen, past President of Evergreen Neighborhood Association. Mr. Olsen feels that the negative issues that they are dealing with in their neighborhood park may be due to the proximity of Daumler Park to undesirable neighborhoods across the city line. He indicated that there is another park in Tempe with a similar situation and an attempt to rectify their problem was to close their park early. His recommendation is to close Daumler Park as 10:30 pm.

4. **General Plan Community Working Group** – Nancy Ryan
City is starting to update its General Plan (vision document that provides guidance in a policy direction that the city would take for growth and change over the next 30 years.) Public meeting on September 24, 5-7pm at the Tempe History Museum, all are invited to attend.
All members of the community are invited to be a part of a Citizens Advisory Group. Applications were handed out and participation was encouragee. Please turn applications in to the city Clerk's Office. The committee plans to have monthly meetings for about 7 months. 15 group members will comprise the committee (14 members + 1 chairperson).

5. **Daumler Park** – Bob Pohlit

Mr. Pohlit gave some historical insight into the pending issues of Daumler Park. The current closing time at the park is midnight, per city ordinance, however the ordinance does leave an option for time to be changed if it is deemed necessary. The neighbors have brought forth the issues of excessive trash, noise, abandoned vehicles and prostitution for nearly a year and have done so by contacting the city's Police Department, Public Works Department, Community Services Department and Neighborhood Services. The neighborhood, as a whole, has followed procedures in their attempt to make a policy change in Daumler Park hours.

Motion: Don Watkins made a motion to endorse the change in Daumler Park hours from midnight - 6:00am to 10:30pm – 6:00am
Second: Fred Wood
Motion Carried

6. Maintenance Activities at the Golf Courses – Tim Pfannenstein
- Working on a new lease to purchase much needed new equipment
- Rolling Hills Golf Course will close for overseeding from Oct 1 – Oct 14
- Ken McDonald will close for overseeding from Oct 8 – Oct 21

7. Golf Pro Update – Millenium Golf
- New carts will arrive next week.
- 10,000 sq. ft. have been added to the practice range.
- Night range usage is increasing.

8. July-August 2012 Revenue and Rounds at the Golf Courses – Jerry Judkins
- Revenue – slightly higher from last year's figures
- Rounds – July- above from last year, August – slightly lower from last year
- Greens Fees – Slightly higher in July from last year
- Cart Fees – dramatic increase.

9. Re-routing of Ken McDonald Golf Course – Millenium Golf
- Bench Craft was awarded the bid for the new golf carts. They will provide new tee plaques, benches, ball washers and scorecards. Maintenance on these items will be provided by them also. 72 new carts will arrive soon.
- Rerouting includes: 10th hole will become #1; #1 will be #17; # 3 to become #10 and #2 will be #18.
- Special Olympics just completed a 16 team, 9-hole game day.

- Next year the plan is to not close down the entire golf course at Ken McDonald during overseed. 9 holes will be overseeded at a time so 9 holes are always open.
- New routing will start at Ken McDonald after overseed. The purpose of the rerouting is to improve rate of play and it will hopefully encourage stopping at the restaurant and club house after play is complete.
- New scorecards, ball washers, yardage pamphlet and benches will allow for advertising at the city and national level.
- 1 extra tee time per hour will be generated due to new procedures. That equates to a potential $200,000 / year revenue increase.
- The McClintock Girl's Golf Team received new golf bags donated by Ping. Millenium encouraged and arranged for this and will continue to do this kind of work for teams.

10. Chair/Board Member Comments – Adjournment

- Don Watkins: Drinking fountains at Ken McDonald need to be fixed.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012

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