

Friends of Duluth Public Golf
Minutes of the Organizational meeting

January 3, 2018

Portman Square Community Center

4601 McCulloch St.

Duluth, MN

1. FODPG organizer Tony Dierckins welcomed 32 attendees at the Portman Community Center, provided a brief recap of the first meeting, outlined the rest of the evening, and mentioned that Dick Sandell and he are currently working on a website for FODPG.
2. City of Duluth Parks Commissioner Dennis Isernhagen updated the group on the issue:
 - a. December Park Commission motion
 - b. Duluth City Council motion to allow the Duluth golf public a period of time to work with the city on this issue of public golf in Duluth will come up in January, likely on the 22nd. Two city councilors are willing to sponsor the resolution
 - c. At that CC meeting, FODPG should have an opportunity to present its case.

It was suggested that perhaps 2 or 3 FODPG representatives present with as many FODG members in attendance as a show of support.

- d. In the meantime, some outreach to city officials would be wise

Dennis I. suggested that he and the FODPG organizers meet with city administrator Jim Filby Williams, Park Dept. Manager William Roche, and Mike Bender of Billy Casper Golf. It was suggested that the FODPG president also attend.

Scott Keenan suggested that more outreach to City Councilors was needed before that meeting. To date, Dennis I. has met with Anderson, Filipovich, Sipress, and Westerlund; Tony D. has met with Filipovich, Sipress, and Anderson; and Tim L. is planning to speak with Russ.

Sue Harney suggested the group also reach out to councilors via email; there was some discussion over the effectiveness of "form" emails.

Dennis fielded several very good questions and suggestions concerning the issue; Tony suggested holding onto ideas until FOPDG holds a group brainstorming session or email him ideas and he will add them to an existing list of ideas and issues.

No action were taken on the topics in 2. d. above as FODPG organizer Tim Lee refocused to the agenda.

3. FODPG organizer Tim Lee

- a. Friends of Duluth Public Golf is registered as a 501c3
- b. Tim L. presented bylaws naming the group Friends of Duluth Public Golf, Inc. with the purpose of “preserving, protecting and promoting public golf and and the historic public golf courses in the City of Duluth, Mn, Enger Park Golf Course and Lester Park Golf Course,” and an eleven member board of directors. The group unanimously voted to approve the bylaws.
- c. Tim L. presented the articles of incorporation and reviewed them; prior to approval, a board must be selected.
- d. With the goal to elect an equal amount of golfers who are regulars at Lester and Enger, the group split into two and each selected five members with varying skill sets. The following ten people were selected:

Dick Frank	Chris Manchester
Sue Harney	Paul Paczynski
Sulo Kangas	Bob Pugliese
Tim Lee	Jacob Scheitlin
Trish Lilliberg	Greg Swor
- e. For the eleventh seat, Tony D. suggested Chris Stevens, who could not attend the meeting. Chris S. was nominated from the floor, seconded, and voted to the board.
- f. The following were nominated, seconded, and unanimously voted as the board's officers:

Chris Stevens	President
Tim Lee	Vice President
Paul Paczynski	Secretary/Treasurer
Sue Harney	Executive Committee
Trish Lilliberg	Executive Committee
- g. It was agreed the board needs to meet to establish meeting dates, frequency, goals, committees, etc.; to work with organizers to prepare for upcoming City Council meeting (including councilor outreach/email campaign); and to organize a brainstorming/committee forming meeting (last item could wait until after January CC meeting).
- h. A sign-up sheet was passed around and seven members volunteered to lead various committees in the future. The following signed-up:

Chad Cooke (Capital Needs, other)
Konner Cooke (Membership, other)
Jim Sandness (Finance)
Erik Nelson (Marketing, Events)
Sue Harney (Marketing, Events)
Mike Clevette (Finance, Legal)
Drew Anderson (Finance, other)

4. Adjourned