



Golf Course Site Improvements

January 4, 2022

Background

- December 5, 2017: Council approved \$4.524 million budget for Golf Course Improvements.
 - The main goal of the Golf Course Project is to replace the irrigation system. All other elements to be prioritized as funding allows with safety netting improvements being an important consideration along with bunkers, tees, cart paths, greens, and restrooms
- May 2019 – February 2021: Irrigation System Design & Installation
- Site Development – Approx. \$1.9M Remaining Available Budget:
 - October 2020 – Design contract executed
 - December 2020 – Project development priorities established; safety netting top priority
 - May 13, 2021 – Parks & Rec. Board meeting design presentation
 - June 2021 – Design complete per design contract
 - July 16, 2021: Public meeting held to discuss LAGA's concerns of the design
 - October 12, 2021: Second public meeting to continue dialogue, address feedback & discuss design scenarios
 - October 14, 2021: Parks & Rec. Board meeting presentation
 - October 19, 2021: Met with youth golfers for further input
 - December 9, 2021: Parks & Rec. Board meeting; recommendation for Council consideration approved

Design Scenarios Evaluated

1. Front 9 Improvements – High Safety Netting
2. Front 9 Improvements – Expand Driving Range & Shorten Course
3. Front 9 Improvements – Expand Driving Range & Course
4. Driving Range Restricted Flight Ball Use

Evaluation Considerations:

- Prior Council Direction
- Budget/Cost
- Customer Experience
- Operations & Maintenance

Design Scenarios – Pros & Cons

1. Front 9 Improvements - High Safety Netting

- + Addresses Safety
- + Retains Current Course Layout
- + Within Current Council Project Approval Parameters
- Negative Aesthetics/View Shed Impacts
- High Initial & Maintenance Netting Cost
- Limits Funding for Other Course Improvements
- ***Not recommended by design professional (negative visual and customer experience)***

2. Front 9 Improvements – Expand Driving Range & Shorten Course

- + Addresses Safety
- + Expanded Revenue Potential
- + Improved Driving Range Customer Experience
 - Includes Short Game Area
 - Additional Hitting Stalls
 - Improved Integration with Clubhouse
- + Eliminates Netting Maintenance Costs
- + Within Current Council Project Approval Parameters
- Limits Funding for Other Course Improvements
- Shortens Course 307 yards
- ***Recommended by design professional; supported by staff as meeting past project guidance and budget approvals; not supported by LAGA & LAYGA due to shortening the course.***

Design Scenarios – Pros & Cons

3. Front 9 Improvements – Expand Driving Range & Course

- + Addresses Safety
- + Expanded Revenue Potential
- + Improved Overall Customer Experience
- + Eliminates Netting Maintenance Costs
- + Lengthens Course
- Beyond Current Council Project Approval Parameters
- Potential Trail & Tree Impacts
- Requires re-zoning action by P&Z and Council
- Additional Water Use for Irrigation
- Additional Operations & Maintenance Costs
- Recommended by design professional; supported by staff to meet the current and future needs of all users; not supported by LAGA due to delay with addressing immediate course needs.

4. Driving Range Restricted Flight Ball Use

- + Addresses Safety
- + Retains Current Course Layout
- + More Funding Available for Course Wide Improvements
- + A portion of existing netting could be removed or replaced with lower fence
- Diminishes Driving Range Customer Experience
- Driving Range Becomes a Warm-Up Range
- Limits Driving Range Teaching & Game Improvement Capabilities
- Unknown Ball Durability & Replacement Cycle Costs
- Not recommended by design professional; not supported by staff due to diminishing the customer experience and teaching capabilities; supported by LAGA to provide the most improvements to the entire course in the short term and within the current budget.

Staff Recommendation

Secure the design services of a new golf course design professional to:

- Develop bid ready documents (technical drawings and specifications) to make improvements to holes 4 through 18 as recommended by the PRB;
- simultaneously develop concept design options for improving holes 1 through 3 and the driving range/practice tee areas including cost estimates;
- seek public feedback in coordination with PRB; and
- return to Council with a recommendations for a phased implementation of golf course improvements including associated budgetary proposals.

The benefits are:

- Provides a holistic look at golf course needs and cost;
- gives all stakeholders a restart with common priorities;
- provides a phased approach with current construction estimates that uses currently allocated funding; and
- allows a project plan for all to see what is being prioritized and the remaining course needs and anticipated costs.

Staff Recommendation Cont.

In order to fully address golf course safety concerns, restricting ball or club use at the driving range should only be a temporary solution. The concept design options should consider permanent improvements that address safety without impacting the teaching and learning quality of the facilities and evaluate the following:

- Expanding the course to accommodate one or two new holes so not to shorten the overall course length while minimizing impacts to existing trails and open space to the greatest extent possible;
- expanding the driving range to minimize or eliminate safety netting and include driving and short game practice improvements; and
- practice area improvements, cart path upgrades and any other course improvements identified during the design process.

Anticipated Timeline





Questions/Discussion