

# Focus Sessions Series Two - Open Houses

Master Planning of Aligned Use and Water Management at the Hiawatha Golf Course

## Focus Session Theme E - Series Two - Neighbors

March 19, 2019

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, Area Plan:

1. General - "No to the 4 holes. As a neighbor this does not preserve the golf course, which is important to me as a neighbor, history, kids learning golf."
2. General - "I like slides. -3 year old neighbor."
3. General - "Save all 18 holes! No need for anything else. The PB is representing its own interest."
4. General - "Plenty of golf in the area. Not enough wetlands + habitat for the wildlife."
5. General - "The less golf and more park land, the better!"
6. General - "4-hole course seems like a bad idea. That's not a real thing as it pertains to the sport."
7. General - "What does this cost? How can I make a decision without."
8. General - "I like that this plan has more open park space and less golf course space. My family enjoys nature and will use space."
9. General - "Whatever came of Senator Torres' comments at the last meeting?"
10. General - "What will the removing of the course do to the property values?"
11. General - "What is being done about the underlying water issue? That needs to be addressed before spending millions."
12. General - "I want to know how the water issue is being addressed with these three plans?"
13. Aqua Range - "Please no aqua range."
14. Club House Area - "Who wants to live across from a bar and restaurant? Not us."
15. Club House Area - "We have kids and don't want people coming to drink across the street!"
16. Golf Area - "Would like more golf."
17. Disc Golf - "Frisbee golf would be wonderful - used by high school teams."
18. Disc Golf - "Would prefer open space. Prioritize the natural area of the creek."
19. Trails in Center of Concept - "I love these trails!"
20. Park Access - "My family is Excited to use the park spaces to meet our neighbors and make friends in the neighborhood. My husband and 2 kids and I are excited for more park access."
21. South Preserve Area - "Please don't replace green space w/ parking."
22. BMX Area - "A BMX track shouldn't be so close to a neighborhood. Perhaps an interior site is best for more rowdy or noisy activities."
23. BMX Area - "BMX + pickle ball = Gimmick"
24. Bike Trail on NE Corner - "Connecting bike trail to 43<sup>rd</sup> is very important!"
25. Parking in NE Corner - "A parking lot would be more accessible off 28<sup>th</sup> or MH Pkwy."

- 26. Parking in NE Corner - "Parking lot is very large and too close to residences."
- 27. Parking in NE Corner - "Concerned about safety, emerging vehicle traffic."
- 28. Parking in NE Corner - "Why encourage vehicle traffic to a neighborhood park?"

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, South Preserve:

- 29. General - "Save Hiawatha 18 Hole's. Less total cost and more pay back!"
- 30. General - "These meetings need to be on the front page of the Park Board website. I shouldn't have to dig to find them."
- 31. General - "Concept 1. Need an estimate of cost with this concept. Designer was trying too hard to put everything in this design."
- 32. General - "We need to know what the cost is for the do nothing alternative."
- 33. Parking Area - "Please don't replace green space with parking."
- 34. Tennis Courts - "People use tennis courts all the time. Keep the tennis courts! They are part of the Master Plan that was already approved 4 years ago!"

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, Club House:

- 35. General - "Does the current club house have any place in any of the plans?"
- 36. General - "Is there any potential for tiling to alleviate the water issues with minimal golf course disruption?"
- 37. General - "What about the flooding of the homes in the area?"
- 38. General - "Concept one would be a disaster for neighbors."
- 39. General - "Plenty of other golf options - either no golf or 9-holes."
- 40. General - "We have plenty of park/greenspace in Mpls! Save Hi all 18 holes."
- 41. General - "Golf isn't for everyone. This is a space for everyone!"
- 42. General - "Like the golf space. True, golf isn't for everyone, but for those who do like it, not a lot of Mpls options, whereas lots and lots of park, trail, etc space in Mpls."
- 43. General - "as a neighbor to the course, who live directly across the street from the club house on Longfellow, I am strongly opposed to the event space/restaurant/dog patio in Concept 1. As someone who enjoys the tranquility of the current set-up, I am beyond concerned about light pollution, in addition to concerns over alcohol being served directly across from my house and corresponding litter that is sure to materialize. I did not move to my house to live across the street from Nokomis Part 2 (aka the beach/sandcastle area). There is no green space/barrier between what would be this new event space and residential homes. This is not acceptable. If the Park Board really wants to run another restaurant in the area, put it along the parkway where there aren't any neighbors to disturb! A concerned neighbor."
- 44. Dog Patio - "These facilities are directly across from residences. Not safe or desirable for our neighborhood."
- 45. Dog Patio - "No noise & booze."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, Area Plan:

- 46. Low Homes - "Reducing pumping might impact more than 18 houses that the website states... Historic wetlands in area include 1.) 44st, Longfellow to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. 2.) Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street. 3.) Bergans and SA property. Over time unstable soils could return to these

- areas. Sunken and wet basements, uneven sidewalks and streets (43<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave). 15 blocks are in lowlands connected to Hiawatha Golf Course. How many households will be impacted by reducing flooding? How much could this cost tax payers over time?" [moved from the previous night's boards to here]
47. Storm Sewer in NW - "Crucial - don't wait."
48. Storm Sewer in NW - "Comprehensive stormwater mitigation."
49. General - "What does this cost?? How can I make a decision without that information?"
50. General - "As a neighbor (not a golfer) it is important to me to keep the golf course - 18 holes if possible, 9 as a last resort."
51. General - "Save all 18 holes. Dig into the facts!"
52. General - "No to 18 holes! It's a waste of public space."
53. General - "Keep the course as is."
54. General - "Having open access park space for the whole community with walking paths and no fence and returning the land to natural wetlands = much better use of a city park."
55. General - "Open space = good. Golf course = bad. I want to live next to an inviting (no fence) park that has many uses and is natural. (think Como Park)."
56. General - "I agree with this." [re: comment 55]
57. General - "Parks are in everyone - the original plan that was voted on didn't have concession stand on pkwy."
58. General - "I like the amphitheater, boat rentals, and natural trail in the middle."
59. General - "Concept 2. Need an estimate of cost. Too much water around the golf holes."
60. Lake Area - "This should be a wetland area not a lake."
61. Delta Area - "No trails through delta habitat."
62. Delta Area - "Don't disrupt delta wildlife habitat."
63. East Side - "A cute little park café on the east side sounds lovely for meeting with neighbors. More social spaces please!"
64. Club House - "I would like the restaurant in golf club house and not concession stand on parkway."
65. Fence - "Take down old rusty fence - replace."
66. Golf and Tennis - "I want 9 holes. I want some tennis courts restored by Lake Nokomis not made into parking lots."
67. Along 43<sup>rd</sup> Street - "Is there a tree line between the trail and the street (43<sup>rd</sup>)?"
68. Water Trail - "Most interesting paddle trails!"
69. Berm Area - "I like having natural trails here."
70. Berm Area - "no golfer access to west side of lake is cool."
71. Water Access near Club House - "Being able to kayak to the clubhouse would be very fun."
72. Water Access near Club House - "Very excited about water access here."
73. Paths - "Pedestrian paths around the lake seems like a great idea."
74. SE Parking Lot - "Please don't put parking here - there's a parking across the street."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, South Preserve:

75. General - "very cool birds and creatures live here - protect!"
76. General - "How are we going to pay for something that costs 40 million, only make 1 million a year?"

- 77. General - "This corner is part of the Nokomis Community Center, which was planned 4 years ago as part of the existing Master Plan. This corner should not be part of this plan. You are misleading the public."
- 78. Trails - "Trail that make the whole lake accessible - cool!"
- 79. Parking lot - "Neighbors don't want to see a parking lot."
- 80. Ethnobotanic Garden - "Love this idea."
- 81. Ethnobotanic Garden - "Yes! I'd love to see a year-round greenhouse too!"
- 82. Ethnobotanic Garden - "Could feature plants or highlight plants here before colonization."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, Club House:

- 83. Amphitheater - "Amphitheater and outdoor terrace = access to great views!"
- 84. Amphitheater - "Bringing this great view to non-golfers seems cool."
- 85. Amphitheater - "Noise."
- 86. Amphitheater - "Nice! Programming? Rentable?"
- 87. Club House - "No booze no restaurant."
- 88. Club House - "Booze and food are great! They're a part of the foundation of Maslow's Hierarchy."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, Area Plan:

- 89. General - "As a neighbor (not a golfer) it is important to me to keep the golf course. 18 holes if possible. 9 holes as a last resort."
- 90. General - "Building a stronger community with an increasing number of families (does not happen w/ fenced in park space) happens in shared community spaces!"
- 91. General - "We bought 50 years ago - we want to have our grandchildren able to use this land."
- 92. General - "More interested in green space + blue space than golf + other activities."
- 93. General - "My family is excited to live next to a park that has activities for the entire community. Golf does not serve the entire community."
- 94. General - "What does this cost?? How can I make a decision without that information?"
- 95. General - "I don't think the future of our community has an interest in the space or resources for golf."
- 96. General - "Keep all 18 holes open."
- 97. General - "Where will high school golf teams practice?"
- 98. General - "9 hole courses don't make money."
- 99. General - "Keep 9 holes options 2 or 3. \*I am concerned about neighbors & influx of all the traffic with all the plans."
- 100. General - "Each of the 3 designs allows more water acreage than at present. What part of the plan addresses additional runoff and inflow from the creek and communities west of Mpls? Periodic storms may cause expansive flooding on the perimeter of the designs. Please study these implications."
- 101. General - "How much \$ will it cost to keep new plans vs keeping 18 holes?"
- 102. General - "Is it profitable to have a 9 hole? No. 18 yes!"
- 103. General - "18 hole. Priority to preserve south Mpls 100 year history."
- 104. General - "How many professional course builders have been contacted to solve problems?"

- 105. Trails on East Side - "Add trails and green space."
- 106. Trails/Access - "We have been here since 1969 - we want to use this park. Walk dogs around lake - bike safely."
- 107. Access - "Prioritize neighborhood access to lake, nature + park."
- 108. Berm Area - "Preserve otter habitat."
- 109. Berm Area - "Preserve and expand existing wildlife habitat."
- 110. Delta Area - "Too much shared space with wildlife habitat."
- 111. Delta Area - "Preserve egret habitat."
- 112. Water Trail - "Adds more interesting paddle trails."
- 113. New Water Area - "Wild rice here."
- 114. Creek - "Connects creek back to floodplain, would make wetlands functional, more like ecology."
- 115. Biking at NE Corner - "Not safe for bikes by park building. No way to get there - one way street + walking path."
- 116. Multi Use Trail - "Please split the multi-use trail into a walking trail and a separate one-way bike trail."
- 117. Multi Use Trail - "Separate bike trails please."
- 118. SE Corner - "There are 2 comm centers and a club house and Sand Castle - do we need a new structure?"
- 119. SE Corner - "Don't replace green space w/ parking."
- 120. SE Corner - "Don't replace tennis courts with parking lot. There are enough bars/event centers. Right across the Pkwy is a large community center."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, South Preserve:

- 121. General - "No commercial development of SE corner of plan. Already congested. Unsafe w/ no utilities. Much more access, existing utilities, parking, playground across street - add on to Nokomis Comm. Ctr. Preserve tennis courts. They are used all summer."
- 122. General - "We don't need new plans. Keep the 18 holes open."
- 123. General - "Food forest on outside to absorb water and for public use. Great!"
- 124. Learning Center - "If the parking lot and gathering space is a must have, put it here, not on the east side of the trail. This is inside the golf course, and does not ruin green space people are used to and use. Any event center must have sufficient parking to support it. And, find a way to keep the tennis court. People use them all the time."
- 125. Learning Center - "Social gathering community center for corporate, weddings, graduations, great!"
- 126. Native Plant Restoration - "More of this."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, Club House:

- 127. General - "Save 18 holes. Don't spend the money for change. Less expensive keep 18 holes."
- 128. Outdoor Terrace - "Beautiful idea!"
- 129. Club House - "Expanded club house = Liquor, noise, lights, etc."

- 130. Driving Range - "For those neighbors directly across from the tiered driving range, what will be done to make it less of a potential eyesore? Will there be a "green fence" of trees blocking the fence?"
- 131. Driving Range - "Then what? When do they learn the game putting etc?"
- 132. Back to Nature Title - "We call this Lake Nokomis."

Concept 1 Photo Boards:

- 133. General - "Why are we here? We don't believe continued pumping should continue. We don't want these changes. 40 years this golf course is out our door. What are the estimates for all these changes? Tell Lk. Mtka. to be better water keepers so it doesn't run down here."
- 134. Butterfly Gardens - "Nice."
- 135. Natural Pathways Through Meadows - "Lake Nokomis border already exists."
- 136. Golf Challenge Holes - "We already have this."
- 137. Aqua Range - "Please no. There's already enough disruption to wildlife."
- 138. Aqua Range - "What about the beaver, geese, etc.?"
- 139. Aqua Range - "Rather have a nice course than an aqua range."
- 140. Water Trails - "Yes! Please!"
- 141. Water Trails - "Already there."
- 142. Multi-Use Trail Boardwalk - "Eye sore."
- 143. Interacting with Nature - "Already do."
- 144. Discovery Slides - "Playground exists."
- 145. Hammocks in the Lawn - "Kids do this all summer naturally w/trees in shade."
- 146. Oak Savanna Restoration - "Nice."
- 147. Exploratory Art and Indigenous Art opportunities - "More of this please."
- 148. Exploratory Art and Indigenous Art opportunities - "Yes."
- 149. Pickle Ball Court - "There is a tennis court."
- 150. BMX Pump Track - "These don't fit in the neighborhood. Current tennis court wonderful, heavily used day/night."
- 151. BMX and Adventure Course - "These don't belong here in my opinion."
- 152. South Shore Restoration - "Yes."
- 153. Habitat Discovery Zone - "Love this. Connect people to nature in their own neighborhood."

Concept 2 Photo Boards:

- 154. Telling Hiawatha's Golf History - "Great idea!"
- 155. Driving Range and Restaurant as Clubhouse - "We have these."
- 156. Environmental Play - "We do it for real on sandbar at beaver lodge in cattails."
- 157. Water Lessons Through Play - "These look like fun ideas."
- 158. Ethnobotanic Gardens - "Super cool!"
- 159. Ethnobotanic Gardens - "Could be very educational for children."

Concept 3 Photo Boards:

- 160. Create Habitat Islands - "Great for Kids!"
- 161. Naturalized Golf - "Great idea if well-executed."

- 162. Water Access and Exploration - "Lots of this please."
- 163. View Knoll - "Nice."
- 164. View Knoll - "No large expanse of lawn! Make it natural!"
- 165. View Knoll - "yes, but with prairie grass, please!"

Winter Board:

- 166. X-C Skiing - "Please keep x-c skiing. Add rentals? This is less busy than Wirth - That is an asset. Should do lessons here too. [illegible] flat spaces for it."
- 167. X-C Skiing and Snowshoeing - "We do this now."
- 168. Ice Skating - "We do this now - Come out + see!"
- 169. Fat Tire Biking - "We do this now."

### **Focus Session Theme C - Series Two - Indigenous Peoples' History on the Site**

*March 19, 2019*

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, Area Plan:

- 170. General - "I want to Ski - thank you I have my own - everyone skis."
- 171. General - "Large motor activities and open park spaces are great for the future."
- 172. General - "How can you have 4 holes when Bd. resolution mandates 9? (Also, 4 holes is silly for golfers.)"
- 173. General - "Yes to less golf."
- 174. Parking and BMX - "Parking + BMX should be on parkway so traffic is away from homes."
- 175. North Water Access - "Boat storage at this location is great."
- 176. Island - "Public art indigenous focus."
- 177. Dog Patio - "Dog patio + club house restaurant are fantastic."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, South Preserve:

- 178. General - "Highlight Dakota wildlife stories."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept One, Club House:

- 179. No notes.

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, Area Plan:

- 180. General - "I would love to see Native American art structures that educate the youth. Yay!"
- 181. New Open Water Area - "Island Refuge."
- 182. New Open Water Area - "Dakota Macoce." [Dakota Homeland]

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, South Preserve:

- 183. Ethnobotanic Garden - "Great way to learn connections to plants + culture."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Two, Club House:

- 184. Golf Facilities and Learning Center - "Golf facilities are available elsewhere in suburbs. Have a native learning center."

185. Golf Facilities and Learning Center - "Why make people drive? [referring to comment 184]

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, Area Plan:

- 186. General - "Preserve history. All history."
- 187. General - "Golf is a great opportunity for all children. High school sports, college scholarship opportunities, careers. Why let this go?"
- 188. General - "Find an engineer to rebuild area to save 18 holes."
- 189. General - "This looks the most walkable, playable. All people love games."
- 190. General - "Try removing dams to let water flow."
- 191. Signage - "Use Dakota language signage."
- 192. New Open Water Area - "Wild rice here."
- 193. Trail on West Side of Lake - "Walking path only here please."
- 194. South Preserve Area - "Prioritize Dakota/indigenous programming."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, South Preserve:

- 195. Lawn Area - "Good to have plenty of lawn for picnics, frisbee, pick-up soccer, etc."
- 196. Native Plant restoration - "Plant more trees to absorb water. Fruit trees, etc. for public around 18 hole golf course."

Post-it Note Summary, Concept Three, Club House:

- 197. Club House - "Better to renovate existing buildings than build a new one on the SE side."

Concept 1 Photo Boards:

- 198. Butterfly Gardens - "Great!"
- 199. Natural Pathways Through Meadows - "Neat!"
- 200. Water Trails - "Love!"
- 201. Indigenous Art Opportunities - "Recognize history of Rice Lake."

Concept 2 Photo Boards:

- 202. Boardwalks - "Relationships of indigenous people + animals can be explored."
- 203. Telling Hiawatha's Golf History - "Highlight Dakota presence - past and present."
- 204. Observation Towers - "Neat!"

Concept 3 Photo Boards:

- 205. View Knoll - "Have as little groomed lawn as possible."
- 206. Integrated Environmental Graphics and Art - "Acknowledge Dakota land."

Winter Board:

- 207. No Notes.

General Notes from March 19 Meeting:

- 208. General - "Keep Skiing."
- 209. General - "Keep 18 holes. Lower level of lake. Keep practice greens."

210. General - "Is the CAC here to represent us or lobby/preach to us?"
211. General - "General Concern, re: flooding resistance. With more severe weather in our future more often, how can we protect our parks and residents?"
212. General - "What are the design requirements and cost target? Never seen a successful design without clearly articulate and agreed to objectives."
213. General - "Turf has been shown to be a very good buffer and filter! Read the research!"
214. General - "The parks around here are definitely wetter. I drove by a park that ducks were swimming in where we used to play baseball + fly model airplanes. Understand why?"
215. General - "These plans look like if someone suggested something, it was put on the plan. How are you going to pay for and maintain all of the facilities?"
216. General - "These plans do not reflect the regional park facilities. There are community center open space fields restaurants w/i walking distance."
217. General - "You should use the natural capital tools InVest Tool. Talk to Dr Brian Horgan Professor of Horticulture St. Paul Campus."
218. General - "Many of the wetland features could be incorporated into the golf course design. There is a good start in the existing design."
219. General - "What are you going to do with the higher water table that results from this change?"
220. General - "The research would show that the water that would run off this golf course would be cleaner than when it entered."