

# Hancock Neighborhood Association Meeting

Discussing Hancock Golf Course Next Steps

February 29, 2020, 1 p.m.

Community members were invited by the Hancock Neighborhood Association to hear from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department about proposed next steps for Hancock Golf Course after the National Golf Foundation study recommendations.

After the presentation, community members were invited to place comments on boards with questions around the room. The following pages are images of the boards followed by the transcribed comments for each board.

Visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-golf-course-planning> for more information.

# Hancock Golf and Rec Center

How do you currently use the space where Hancock Golf Course and Rec Center are?

Mixed Use  
Golf (~~Practice~~ Field)  
Open Space  
(Chamber area)

walk around trail  
I see lots of people using the western part as an off-leash dog park in the evenings - not technically allowed but it happens + works ok

- Trails  
- Kids Programs  
- Soccer Field

The green space is a source of well being in the middle of an urban setting

Community Gathering Space

Trail  
Kids program,  
Golf  
picnics  
Community center programming

I would use the place more of the practice facilities were improved

- PRACTICE  
- SHORT GAME  
- some putting

We have our kid in the tony to ts program and the sports program. He loves it! we love it!

Enjoy watching the sunsets, going for walks

Community gathering + meetings



# Hancock Golf and Rec Center

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Classes in rec ctr  
enjoy open space  
occ. Intgr.

I Golf here!  
Need to publicize!  
People do not  
know how great  
The conditions are  
here at the  
course

A driving range  
would be great!  
There is no place  
to hit woods within  
10 miles

Walk / run / hike  
around the edge and  
wish I could access  
more of the green  
space

I PLAY GOLF  
I WALK +  
DOG HERE  
WEEKLY

Frequently use  
+ trails around  
it

Dance  
yoga  
walk

COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS  
WALKS  
STAR GAZING  
BIRD WATCHING  
EASTER EGG HUNT

I play GOLF  
Regularly here =  
easy to get here  
After work - look  
ideas to promote the  
accessibility

- Golf (20x/year)  
- Playground (4x/week)  
- Trail  
- Walk dog

bird  
watching

I golf here.  
I could play  
more here with  
better conditions

What does  
historic  
designations do  
to protect space  
as golf course.

DAILY DOGS  
WALK

Rec Center  
is awesome -  
what a city  
asset!

Frequent  
use of  
ping pong  
pool tables

yoga w  
walk

Golf weekly  
yoga

Golf

Walk Dogs  
Benefit of it from  
my home

Daily yoga  
walk / run  
bird watching  
neighbors

I play golf  
here. I practice  
chippings/putting

GOLF AFTER  
WORK / QUICK  
(9) - HOLES

How do you currently use the space where Hancock Golf Course and Rec Center are?

Mixed use Golf field (Pitch & Putt)...open space (lower area)

Community gathering space

We have our kid in the tiny tots program and the sports program. He loves it! We love it!

Walk around Trail...I see lots of people using the western part as an off – lease dog park in the evenings- not technically allowed but it happens & works out

Trails, kids program, golf, picnics, community center programming

Enjoy watching the sunsets, going for walks

Trails, kids program, soccer field

I would use this place more if the practice facilities were improved

Community gatherings meetings

The green space is a source of well - being in the middle of urban setting

Practice short game, some putting Classes in Rec Center, enjoy open space OCC Meeting

Frequently use trails around it

Bird watching

Frequent use of ping pong & pool tables

Daily yoga walk & run, bird watching, neighbors

I golf here! Need to publicize! People do not know who great the conditions are here at the Course

Danced, yoga, walk

I golf here. I could more here with better conditions

Yoga and walk

I play golf here. I practice chipping/ putting

A Driving range would be great! There is no place to hit Woods within 10 miles

Community meetings, walks, stargazing, bird watching, Easter egg hunt

What does Historic Designation do to protect space as golf course?

Golf weekly, yoga

Golf after work/quick 9 holes

Walk, run, walk around the edge and wish I could access more of the green space



I play golf regularly here. Easy to get here after work. Good idea to promote the accessibility

Daily dog walk

Golf...

I play golf & jog here weekly

Golf, (20 years) playground (4x/week)

Rec center is awesome – what a City asset!

Walk dogs, beauty of it from my home

# Appreciate

What do you appreciate most about this space?

Love the golf course as a PUBLIC good!

**NO FENCE AROUND it!**  
(EXCEPT DRIVING RANGE)

- ACCESSIBILITY  
+ AFFORDABILITY  
- CULTURAL HERITAGE  
- HILLY TERRAIN  
MAKES GORGEOUS SUNSETS + CHALLENGING HOLES

play grounds  
rec programs

NO FENCE

trail, community rec center, ability to quality play golf w/ dog and family friendly and in non-petroleum environment

The natural beauty,  
trees,  
green space  
+ birds/ animals

I love the trails + green space,  
playground

Historic Beautiful Flood Control for neighbors  
Affordable golf for young adults

It's history as a unique and special golf course

Christmas, lumina trail

Love the pavestation! fewer carts during the week means better turf quality

the history of the location of the building!

OPEN TO PUBLIC.

MAINTAINED  
GREEN SPACE

The Community Center and its programs: they offer real benefit for the community, especially for kids

CENTRAL ATX  
PARK-LIKE PERIMETER TRAIL

LUMINARIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The variety of use including golf and community programs & usage

This is the only green space in my neighborhood.

The ~~EASY~~ PACE OF PLAY. GREAT GOLF SPACE

UNFETTERED PUBLIC ACCESS

The beautiful surprises in the morning.  
Rainbows over the green spaces of the golf course

The walking trail



# Appreciate

What do you appreciate most about this space?

Lungs  
of the city  
Great for a  
Green space  
essential for  
drainage  
neighborhood  
flood risk

IT'S  
BEAUTIFUL!

The closest  
The closest "park"  
to where I live -  
I can walk here.  
I walk the trail.  
Would love to be  
able to access more  
of the space

historic  
community  
center  
- the  
building

Green Space  
Rec Center  
Kids Programs

WALLER  
CREEK  
AND ITS  
WILDLIFE

Green space, mature  
trees, historic building  
the whole space is an  
asset to the community  
& should be accessible  
to all

URBAN  
green space  
which is  
going away

- Historic  
- Golf + MIXED  
ACTIVITIES

trees

Very close to  
my house, more  
casual golf, easy  
to walk

Green space for  
golf in central  
area!

Open  
green  
space

- QUIET  
- GREEN  
- ~~NO~~

- Green  
- Open  
- OAKS  
- BIRDS  
- Neighbors

A green space in  
the midst of  
increasing  
development/  
urbanization.  
A place for rain to  
soak in, a place for  
wildlife to live

ping  
pong

AN OPEN  
SPACE TO  
SEE THE  
STARS IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE  
CITY

I love the building  
and the feeling  
of wide open  
space in the  
middle of a  
major city

What do you appreciate most about this space?

Love the Golf Course as a Public Good!

No Fence

Historic Beautiful Flood control for neighbors Affordable golf for young & old

The history of the location the building!

Central ATX Park – like perimeter trail

The easy pace of Play. Continue green space

No Fence around it! (except driving range)

Trail, community Rec Center, the ability to quickly play golf w/dog and family affordably and in  
in non – pretentious environment

It's history as a unique and quiet golf course

Open to the Public.

Luminous and hot chocolate during the Holidays

Unfettered public access

Accessibility, affordability, cultural heritage, hilly terrain, makes gorgeous sunsets & challenging  
holes

The natural beauty, trees, green space, and birds/animals

Christmas, luminous trails

Maintained green space

The variety of use including golf and community programs and usage

The beautiful sunrises in the morning. Rainbows over the green spaces of the golf course

Playgrounds rec regions

I love the trails and greenspace, playground

Love the play station! Fewer carts during the week means better tuft quality

The community center and its programs: they offer real benefit for the community, especially  
for birds

The walking trail

Lungs of the City, great for open green space, essential for drainage, neighborhood flooding

Greenspaces, rec center, kids programs

Historic, golf & mixed activities



Open green space

Ping pong

It's beautiful

Waller creek and its wildlife

Trees...

Quiet, green

An open space to see the stars in the middle of the City

The closest "Park" to where I live, I can walk here, I walk the trail would love to be able to access more of the space

Greenspace, nature, trees, historic building, the whole space is an asset to the community & should be accessible to all

Very close to my house, more casual golf. Easy to walk

Green, open, oaks, birds, neighbors

I love the building, and the feeling of wide open space in the middle of a major City

Historic community center, the building

Car bans, green space which is going away

Green space for golf in in Central Austin

A greenspace in the midst of increasing development/urbanization...a place for rain to soak in, a place for wildlife to live

# Current Concerns

What are your primary concerns about the current use of this space?

one audience  
use as a golf  
course versus  
multise to  
serve many

NO  
PRIVATIZATION  
!

Current 9th hole  
is awful and unsafe  
I can't bring kids  
to practice because  
practice green is in  
line of fire

Underutilized NOW -

I would like  
this space to  
be a park for  
everyone.

It will be  
taken over  
by developers

Adding  
netting on  
Red River St.  
will degrade  
the beauty  
of the Hancock  
Golf course

Should not be  
thought of as  
A PROFIT CENTER

Should be utilized  
AS A public  
SERVICE COST SIMILAR  
TO PARKS

Interested in true  
consideration of  
the passive park  
option. This is  
something neighbors  
are interested in at least  
exploring. Please don't  
dismiss this idea out  
of hand.

My son attends afterschool  
& camps here along with  
hundreds of other youth  
who can not go beyond  
the immediate soft  
from the building because  
of the golf course designation  
& no offers insight into the  
space.

Adding night  
time use of  
golf facilities  
could require  
extensive lighting  
that would ruin  
nature and neighbor  
hoods.

How can  
more public  
INPUT be  
HAD for A  
PASSIVE  
PARK

**I support  
golf at Hancock  
in either the  
current or proposed  
version**



# Current Concerns

What are your primary concerns about the current use of this space?

Have all funding opportunities been explored?  
With addition of solar panels on building?

While short, current design is not great for beginners.  
4th green is severe  
6th hole too tough  
7th hole tee shot trees overhanging  
9th hole hill too steep

I love the rolling trail

Not accessible to non-golfers

Forcing off the golf space for safety concerns would effectively cut it off from the neighborhood. Not desirable.

The space should not be thought of as a revenue source

What lessons with the 1899 layout

BUILDING INFILL BY THE BACK DOOR

NO raise slow greens funny tee boxes

process seems pre-determined

PARK OPTION SHOULD BE EXPLORED NOT REJECTED OUT OF HAND

DO NOT TRUST the city to protect our GREEN SPACE

That we spend the Capex to try and increase Revenue but the development programs still fall short. Operationally still losing money

ITS BUSY ALL THE TIME DAY AND NIGHT CAN BE HARD TO SCHEDULE SPACE

Golf course isn't worth the greens fee compared to other city options

WHY NOT RAISE FEES \$5/ROUND TO BREAK-EVEN?

That it is not appreciated for what a special golf course it is.

That it may one day be developed as the other 9 holes

What are your primary concerns about the current use of this space?

Have all funding opportunities been explored? Water catchment & solar panels on buildings?

While short, current design is not great for beginners. 4<sup>th</sup> green is secure, 6<sup>th</sup> hole too tough, 7<sup>th</sup> hole tee shot trees over – hanging, 9<sup>th</sup> hole hill too steep

I love the running trail

What happens with the 1899 layout

Park option should be explored not rejected out – of – hand

Golf course is not worth the greens fee compared to other City options

Not accessible to non – golfers

Building infill by the back door

Do not trust the City to protect our Green space

Why not raise fees \$5/round to break even?

Fencing off the golf space for safety concerns would effectively cut it off from the neighborhood, not desirable.

No range, slow greens, funky tee boxes

That we spend the Capex to try and increase revenue but the development programs still fall short. Operationally still losing money

That it is not appreciated for what a special golf course it is.

That it may one day be developed as the other 9 holes

One audience use as a golf course versus multi – use to serve many.

I would like this space to be a park for everyone.

Interested in true consideration of the passive park option. This is something neighbors are interested in at least exploring. Please don't dismiss this idea out – of – hand.

I support golf at Hancock in either the current or proposed version

No Privatization!

It will be taken over by developers

My son attends after school & camps here along with hundreds of other youth who cannot go beyond the immediate 50 feet from the building because of the golf course designation & no golfers in sight use the space.

Current 9<sup>th</sup> hole is awful and unsafe.

Adding netting on Red River St will degrade the beauty of the Hancock Golf Course



Adding night time use of golf facilities could require extensive lighting that would ruin nature and neighborhoods.

Underutilized now.

Should not be thought of as a profit center should be utilized as a public service cost similar to parks

How can more public input be had for a passive park

# Future Concerns

What are your primary concerns about the future use of this space?

Maintain trees and nature. The birds love it here!

As a weekly golfer here I would like it to remain a 9 hole course - No driving range. The course is actually in great condition - No one knows about it.

It is important to keep this vista (greenspace) in perpetuity! Especially to Austingrows.

I am concerned that the city will allow this green space to be taken over by developers.

Parking for golfers would spill into neighborhood.

**DO NOT CHANGE THE COURSE**

Will the RFP include plans for water when the course floods during rain?

WILL THE FOOTPRINT OF THE SPACE BE CHANGED IN ANY WAY?

No nothing on course

- Keep greenspace in perpetuity  
- Keep public access + all kids + community programs

We need greenspace for children, family + every body - in perpetuity - It is a public health concern - do not remove green space access

A meaningful portion of green/study space should be accessible to non-golfers

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE EXISTING HISTORIC CLUBHOUSE?

Love the idea of a practice facility. I would buy a membership + be here 4 days a week!

Support passive park greenspace

Privatization is taking over every aspect of our lives as the wealth is sucked ever upward.

Where will parking be if a facility format takes place

WHAT BECOMES OF CURRENT USES OF CLUBHOUSE AS COMMUNITY CENTER?

WHAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD THE CITY/VENDOR PLACE ON ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Consider nonprofit running course.**

I am concerned about the way this presentation assumed - the presenter even said - no one here wants the space to be a passive park. I realize some attendees had strong feelings about keeping golf, but the show of hands revealed many attendees do want

**Privatization should not make \$ off of us. This should stay accessible.**

I am in favor of maintaining golf at Hancock in some form

I believe that the community could also be better served by careful use of some of the space for non-golf purposes (dog park, walking trail etc...)

No extreme night time lighting!

the "passive park" option to be considered.

No lights on a driving range if that occurs.

That it will cease to be the special golf course that it is.

Include in 6 acres lawn that is flexible (including occasional croquet)



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What are your primary concerns about the future use of this space?

Don't trust the city to leave our green spaces alone

I would prefer a fun par 30-31 course over a par 3 course w/range. Make a nice short game area for practice

WE DO NOT TRUST THE CITY!  
DON'T MESS THIS SPACE UP!

I would love to see more park space accessible to more people

No development except for golfing or park services

Who actually cares about golf?  
PUBLIC PARK

Must be multi-use and accessible to all while honoring the history of the space

- ACCESSIBLE  
- OPEN/GREEN SPACE  
- FOREVER!

PROCESS SEEMS PRE-DETERMINED BY CERTAIN INTERESTS

I prefer EITHER PART GOLF/PART PASSIVE PARK OR ALL PASSIVE PARK

There's limited open green space in this part of Austin. Don't develop this space.

Needs to stay open for non-golfers and ~~maintain~~ maintain green space for walkers

NO privatization

land would get sold into + developed

Being with a for-profit company will make the space even more costly and exclusive against the goals + purpose of the neighborhood + parks dept.

Needs to keep the community centered programming especially children programs: tiny tots school, sports for kids, etc.

That it will change

- EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT (I think it should stay green)

Restricted access to a public greenspace

I have lived in this neighborhood for 6.5 years and accepted that it's a golf course and that the way I can use this space is by walking the perimeter. But when invited to think about the future I would love it to be a park open to all neighbors and be able to use more than the perimeter area. As we think about climate change and reducing our reliance on vehicles, having true parks within walking distance becomes even more important. I think this space could better serve that goal as what was today called a "passive park."

Avoid barriers and netting

Learning academy should include amenities for non-golfers (food, drink)

Keep Open Space Get Historic Des Peres Golf Course Keep " " Historic Protect from Development

Keep it as natural as possible - Being close to nature makes humans better

Usage for golf provides a service for the whole city. Conversion to an open park benefits only the immediate area

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What becomes of current use of clubhouse as community center?

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Will the footprint of the space be changed in any way?

Love the idea of a practice facility. I would buy a membership & be here

4 days a week

What restrictions would the City /Vendor place on access to the community center?

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No netting on course

Support passive park green space

Consider Non-profit running course.

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where will parking be if a facility format takes place

Do not change the Course

A meaningful portion of the Green/Shady space should be accessible to non – golfers

Why is a public good only viable when a business can make profit here?

Not turning it over to for-profit use as its primary purpose

Don't trust the City to leave our green space alone

Who actually cares about golf? Public Park

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Usage for golf provides a service for the whole city. Conversion to an open park benefits only the immediate area.

We do not trust the City! Don't mess this space up!

Accessible, Open/Green space, Forever!

No privatization

Eventual Development (I think it should stay green)

Avoid barriers and netting

Keep open space, get historic design for Golf course, keep " " " historic, protect from development

I would love to see more park space accessible to more people

Process seems pre – determined by certain interests

Land would get sold and developed

No development except for golfing and park services

I prefer either part golf/ part passive park, or all passive park

Going with a for profit company will make the space even more costly and exclusive against the goals & purpose of the neighborhoods & Parks dept.



# Honor History of Golf

In what ways can PARD honor the history of golf in this space?

MAKE SURE  
it ALWAYS  
STAYS A  
GREENSPACE

Get & Keep  
Historic Designa-  
tion for Golf  
Course

BY NOT TRYING  
TO MAKE  
MONEY  
OFF IT

Keep a section dedicated  
to putting or pitch +  
putt while opening  
up the majority of space  
to non-golfers

Enhance golf  
Education  
component.

No dog park  
Keep golf  
Have golf  
for geezers  
Maintain green  
space

Keep it a golf -  
centric  
and family friendly

KEEP IT A  
PARD PUBLIC  
GOLF COURSE

Removed driving  
range from  
proposal.

Invest in it  
and honor it  
for what it is.

The golf is no longer  
competitive, time to  
leave space for  
common good  
and do a park.

Historically  
should  
stay a  
golf course  
in some  
capacity.

to protect  
this green  
space/golf  
course  
forever  
investigate historical  
status!!!!  
We must preserve this space!

DISC  
GOLF AS  
AN UPDATE

Keep  
it  
& share it

- Retain Golf  
purpose + activities  
- Training and Development  
mission has real  
POTENTIAL for success

Make it a teaching  
facility to grow the  
next generation of  
golfers

The history of  
golf is a history  
of people with  
nothing better  
to do. Not a  
priority.

- KEEP OPEN  
- KEEP PUBLIC  
- KEEP FOREVER!

In what ways can PARD honor the history of golf in this space?

Make sure it always stays a greenspace

Enhance golf education component

Remove driving range for proposal

To protect this green space/golf course forever investigate historical status!!!!

We must preserve this greenspace

Make it a teaching facility

Make it a teaching facility to grow the next generation of golfers

Get and keep historic designation for the gold course

No dog park...keep golf, have golf for geezers, maintain green space

Invest with it, and honor it for what it is

Disc golf as an update

The history of golf is a history of people with nothing better to do. Not a priority

By not trying to make money off it

Keep it golf centric and family friendly

The golf is no longer competitive, have to leave the space for the common good and do a park.

Keep it and share it

Keep open, keep public, keep forever!

Keep it a section dedicated to putting or pitch –putt while opening up the majority of space to  
non – golfers

Keep it a PARD Public Golf Course

Historically should stay a golf course in some capacity

Retain golf purpose & activity

Training and development mission has real potential for success



# Additional Comments to Share

Please post any comments you have that can help improve the program.

IS THE CITY OF AUSTIN CHANGING LAND FROM DEDICATED PARKLAND?

We can raise the money to support Hancock golf course as it stands for tracks, music concerts, etc, etc

Pools, basketball, tennis, etc are not expected to be profitable. Parks are not a profit center & shouldn't be.

INCREASE REVENUE FROM GOLF COMPS IN HANCOCK REGION. INCREASE FEES & MAKE MONEY

INCREASE GREEN FEES.

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP GOLF ATX \$100

I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE A PARK

IF IT COSTS \$200K TO MAINTAIN AS PARK - HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AS A GOLF COURSE  
WHAT IS BUDGET/EXPENDITURE NOW?

A PARK!

Get a DONATION to fix & maintain.

It would be nice to have concessions for the community to enjoy.

Golfers don't know how great this is - fairways & greens are in better shape than Lions

ANALYZE EXPENSE AND FUNDING FOR SUCCESSFUL GOLF COURSES IN (MUSTANG) CENTER REGION

Do a fund raiser to get the \$ for improvements.

For me personally, the idea presented would be wonderful

I would prefer a park

make the land multi use

Course can accommodate non golfers by closing course early on evenings or certain days. St. Andrews is a public park on Sundays who golf.

ONCE AGAIN A BROFFEN PROCESS SHOULD DO AN RFI BEFORE RFP

NO RFO RFI!

Why not hire professional management to run Hancock, increase programs

PROPOSED CONCEPT GREATLY LESSENS GOLF COURSE RANGE + SURELY ADDS FEELS TO DELIVERING RANGE!

\* FRIENDS OF HANCOCK FUNDRAISING TO OFFSET COSTS & MAINTAIN COURSE AS-IS

Playoff from allow need a good practice area and would make the trip for a good facility, especially centrally located.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER OPTIONS @ PARK @ CITY BEFORE MOVING AHEAD W/ 3rd PARTY

Save Hancock Golf Course

Doesn't seem the city has tried very hard to raise funds. And concern this doesn't need to be profitable.

Can we add a small dog park?

I don't support the idea that HGC should be required to be broken. The loss is small and it serves to support the other courses through neighborhood development and keeping horses off Maui

WHY NOT HAVE SOME LEASED FOOD TRUCK SPACE TO INCREASE TRAFFIC & RAISE \$

would like to add trails within the golf course. maybe solar lighting for evening usage

DO ALL PARKS HAVE TO "COVER THEIR COSTS"? OF COURSE NOT!

I have 2 golf balls in my yard now, one on front on Becker. I detest golf & have always wished this lovely spot were a park we could walk safely thru.

The course is in good shape considering \$ situation not August Bird road

HGC is a valuable piece of the city golf portfolio, serving a unique slice of the population

does not need 100, - 900, 1000 upgrade

Audubon Park in Nola close the course before sunset and it becomes more of a general park  
New commenter - I love this ↑

Need to communicate w/ Wilshire Woods neighborhood. ITS within walking distance

Interested in consideration of a passive park option that more neighbors can use without getting in their car to drive to a park

HANCOCK GOLF COURSE AND COMMUNITY CENTER IS THE HEART OF CENTRAL AUSTIN



# Additional Comments to Share

Please post any comments you have that can help improve the program.

GET UP  
to partner &  
allow students to  
play for say,  
1/2 mths/year

Share the  
beautiful green  
space with  
non-golfers

CONSIDER  
DIFFERENT  
FEE STRUCTURE  
TO LOWER  
DEBT +  
COSTS

1 On the dedication of  
part of the space to  
community park use, but  
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As a regular golfer  
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the aspect of getting  
more green use  
out of it. Perhaps  
re-design a few  
bays to include park  
space

No private  
contracts

If we are taking  
a "headcount"  
I would like to  
express my interest  
in keeping it as  
a golf course vs  
green space

NEIGHBORHOOD  
DIRECTION  
TO PAY FOR  
CURRENT  
GOLF  
COURSE

1 On the passive park  
option for better than  
the golf conversion concept.  
Park shouldn't have to be  
profitable.

The process seems  
predetermined

It's beautiful  
TRAILS  
NATURE  
FUNKY

What is overall  
revenue of Golf  
Enterprise Fund  
+ why can't this  
be evened out?  
If you have some  
members like  
Greystone, why can't  
that offset courses  
like Hancock that  
provide a clear  
community benefit?

Look to  
conservancy  
model for  
funds.

What about  
supplementing  
w/ HOT funds?

Concerned  
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is a done  
deal!

Would note to  
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I feel like there are MANY  
other options to tap into  
before such a drastic step.  
Why is it suddenly so  
urgent given it has been  
non-profitable for so  
long. 120-160k is NOT  
anywhere near insurmountable.  
That could be made up  
through at least looking  
at other options such  
as local fundraisers  
tapping into community  
organizations for  
fundraising/fundraising,  
increasing greens fees,  
etc. Seems like it would  
be in the best interest

override the best idea.  
Many excellent golf clubs  
fund operations by adding  
a curatorial facility.  
Active walking club is lower  
in Tx & looking for someone  
like a facility would support  
club operations, staff, pro shop,  
plus it could add additional  
meeting space for community  
& kids programs.

There are grant or subsidies  
for building cooling facilities

Also it would attract  
competitors around the  
country, accessible to  
their camp & amenities  
competition & potential tourism  
base. This could also  
subsidize all other  
programs & keep things  
affordable

Have you considered  
Public-Private  
Partnership model?

Is there an  
option to ~~lose~~  
get ~~the~~  
Hancock Golf  
Course designated  
as a historical  
landmark?

Prefer request  
for information  
instead of  
request for proposal

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simple and accessible  
options to overcome  
such a relatively  
small revenue  
deficit

Also - if the 2nd  
or 3rd program is  
so successful + just  
out why can't  
that be extended  
or run in 2-3 seasons  
to generate additional  
revenue?

Additional Comments: Please post any comments you may have that can help improve the program

Get U.T. to Partner Money (\$) allow students to play, say ½ m\$ year

I would prefer to convert to passive park

I like the passive park option far better than the golf concession concept.

Parks shouldn't have to be profitable.

Look to conservancy model for funds.

What about supplementing with HOT funds?

Concerned that this is a done deal!

Have you considered Public – Private Partnership model?

Share the beautiful green space with non – golfers

As a Regular Golfer here I do like the aspect of getting more green use out of it. Perhaps redesign a few tee Boxes to increase park space

The process seems predetermined

Would hate to lose the course (except for #6)

Prefer request for information instead to request for proposal

Consider different fee structure to lower debt & costs

No private contracts

It's beautiful trails nature funky

I like the dedication of part of the space to community park use, but it should be more – at least half and half.

If we are taking a "headcount" I would like to express my interest in keeping it a golf course as green space.

What is overall revenue of Golf Enterprise Fund & why can't this be evened out? If you have some moneymakers like Greystone, why can't that offset courses like Hancock that provide a clear community benefit?

Neighborhood donations to pay for current golf course

I feel like there are many other options to tap into before such a drastic step. Why is it suddenly so urgent given it has been non – profitable to so long 120-160k is not anywhere near insurmountable that could be made up through at least looking at other options such as local fundraisers tapping into community organizations for fundraising/funding. Increasing green

fees, etc. Seems like it would be in the best interest of the city community to try these relatively simple and accessible options to overcome such a relatively small revenue deficit.

Neighborhood donations to pay for current golf course.

Outside the box idea: Many Canadian golf clubs fund operations by adding a curling facility. Austin's Curling Club is largest in TX & looking for new home. Such a facility would support food operations, staff, Pro Shop. Plus it could add additional meeting space for community & kids programs. There are grants or subsidies for building curling facilities. Also it would attract competitors around the country, major amateur competitions & potential tourism. This overall could subsidize all golf programs & keep things affordable.

Also – if the 2wk Jr Golf Program is so successful and sold out why can't that be extended or run in 2 sessions to generate additional revenue?

Is the City of Austin Changing Land from Dedicated Parkland?

If it costs 200k to maintain as park – how much does it cost as a Golf Course what is Budget Expenditure now?

Do a fund raiser to get the \$ for improvements.

Do RFQ RFI!

Save Hancock Golf Course

Do all parks have to “cover their costs”? Of course not

Interested in consideration of a passive park option that more neighbors can use without getting in their cars to drive to a park.

We can raise the money to support Hancock Golf Course as it stands, food trucks, music concerts, etc. etc.

A Park!

For me personally, the idea presented would be wonderful.

Why not hire professional management to run Hancock, increase programs

Doesn't seem the city has tried very hard to raise funds, and concur this doesn't need to be profitable.

I have two golf balls in my yard now. One in front on Beaker. I detest golf & have always wished this lovely spot were a park we could walk safely thru.

Hancock Golf Course and Community Center is The Heart of Central Austin.

Pools, basketball, tennis, etc. are not expected to be profitable. Parks are not a profit center & shouldn't be.

Get a donation to fix & maintain.



I would prefer a Park

Proposed concept greatly lessens golf course range & surely adds fence to driving range!

Can we add a small dog park?

The course is in good shape (good job George) considering the situation not Augusta but good...does not need 700 – 900k upgrades

Include revenue from golf camps in Hancock system. Increase fees & more money

It would be nice to have concessions onsite for the community to enjoy.

Make the land multi – use

\*Friends of Hancock Fundraising to offset costs & maintain course as – is.

I don't support the idea that HGC should be required to breakeven the loss is small and it serves to support the other courses through new golfer development and keeping off Muni

HGC is a valuable piece of the City Golf portfolio, serving a unique slice of the population

Audubon Park in NO, La closes the course before sunset and it becomes more of a general park, new commenter – I love this park

Increase Green fees \$5. Increase Membership Golf ATX \$100

Golfers don't know how great this is – fairways & greens are in better shape than Lions

Course can accommodate non – golfers by closing course early on evenings or certain days. St Andrews is a public park on Sundays w/no golf.

Players from all over need a good practice area and would make the trip for a good facility, especially centrally located.

Why not have some leased food truck space to increase traffic and raise \$

Need to communicate & include Wilshire woods neighborhood. It's within walking distance

I would personally like a park

Analyze income and funding for successful 9 hole courses in Austin Centex region.

Once again a broken process...should be RFI before RFP

I would like to consider options 1. Park 2. City Before moving ahead with 3<sup>rd</sup> party

Would like to add trails within the golf course. Maybe solar lighting for evening usage.