

Richmond Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:00 PM

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Board Members: Maryn Hurlbut, Chair Joey Smith, Vice Chair Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Secretary Remi Payne, Treasurer
Commissioners: Soheila Bana, Allison Blakeley, Pardip Saini, Eleanor Thompson

6:00 **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min.)

6:01 **Roll Call** (1 min.)

6:02 **Welcome and Meeting Procedures** (1 min.)

6:03 **Agenda Review and Adoption** (1 min.)

The order in which items will be heard may be adjusted by Commissioner vote at this time. In addition, items may be removed from or placed on the Consent Calendar at this time.

6:04 **Announcements through the Chair** (17 min.)

6:21 **Open Forum** (9 min.)

6:30 **Ad Hoc Committee Statements** (5 min.)

- Associate Commissioner Program – With CSD & Legal since resolution to council 2019
- Walk of Honor – Awaiting draft of kiosk concept to Pogo Park et al – Maryn Hurlbut
- UFAC/Commission - new tree planting 7 event share – Brendan Havenar-Daughton
- Disc Golf Data Collection Committee – Brendan Havenar-Daughton

6:35 **Consent Calendar** (2 min.)

Items on the consent calendar are considered matters requiring little or no discussion and will be acted upon in one motion: APPROVE – April 7th minutes.

6:37 **Staff Reports** (16 min.)

- Public Works: Facilities and Parks & Landscaping Divisions and introducing Director Joe Leach
- Community Services Division: CSD, Pools, Neighborhood & Volunteer Services

6:53 **Presentations** (15 min.)

- **Procedure for Nominating Officers to the Recreation & Parks Commission During the month of May, 2021 (Officer Posts are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) – Joey Smith, Vice Chair**

7:32 **Action Items:** *Following discussion of each item, the Commission will take action to make recommendations to commissioners, staff and/or to the City Council.*

- **Hilltop Lake Park Proposal to construct disc golf course with vote – East Bay Golf Club**
Receive Staff Presentation and take action to recommend to the City Council: deny, approve the proposal, or appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to prepare for further review at a future Commission meeting.
- **Work on and set priorities for meeting on May 11 – Maryn Hurlbut**

8:01 **Commissioner Liaison Reports** [16 minutes, (2 min. per member)]

*At 8:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention may be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another or the following commission meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. **This meeting adjourns at 8:30 PM.** The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the commissioners.*

8:17 **Commissioner Comments** [8 min. (1 min. per person)]

8:25 **Action Items Recap** (2 min)

8:27 **Future Agenda Item Recommendations (4 min)**

8:31 **Adjournment**

Richmond Recreation & Parks Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 07, 2021 6:00 PM



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- **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:02 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Joey Smith, Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Remi Payne, Soheila Bana, Allison Blakeley, Pardip Saini, Eleanor Thompson

Chair Hurlbut provided a brief overview of the meeting procedures and informed the attendees that due to the large number of speakers, they would be allowed one minute to speak on an item.

- **AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

- There were no changes to the published agenda.
- Commissioner Havenar-Daughton made a motion to prioritize the most pressing item on the agenda, the Hilltop Lake Park Proposal to construct disc golf course, to allow for the community to provide input and to table the rest of the items to the next meeting. This item was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

No report, item tabled to the May meeting.

- **OPEN FORUM**

- Gary Hurlbut from the Richmond Tennis Association gave comments on how youth and adults are starting to participate in outdoor programs again. He thanked the Recreation Division and Parks and Landscaping Division for collaborating with the Richmond Tennis Association on programs and facility upgrades.
- Philip Rosenthal gave comments regarding general maintenance with park. He said that given the city's maintenance budget, he prefers to see city resources used to maintain the playgrounds that we currently have.

- **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- APPROVE – March, 2021 minutes
Chair Hurlbut called for a motion to accept the minutes. Moved by Commissioner Havenar-Daughton and seconded by Commissioner Saini, the motion passed unanimously.

- **AD HOC REPORTS**

No report, item tabled to the May meeting.

- **STAFF REPORTS**

No report, item tabled to the May meeting.

- **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**

Hilltop Lake Park Proposal to construct disc golf course with vote – East Bay Golf Club

Stephanie Ny, Associate Administrative Analyst for the Recreation Division, provided an outline of the meeting order and how this meeting item will be handled. She said that since there are so many public speakers, a strict timeline will be followed.

This item was opened by comments from Tawfic Halaby, the Interim Public Works Director. He said city staff were under the impression that the disc golf course would be installed at the Hilltop Lake Park and began work in the hilltop lake Park Area. However, in March, due to concerns that were raised by members of the community, all efforts were stopped. He said that at the March 16th City Council meeting, the City Council requested that this item come back to the Recreation and Parks Commission for their recommendation and; therefore, he was looking to the Commissioners to assess and review the information for the disc golf course.

Interim Community Services Director, Jim Nantell, announced that Chair Hurlbut had already agendized this item for discussion at the April 7th Recreation and Parks Commission since Lindsay Jensen had attended the March 9th Commission Roundtable meeting and had voiced concerns regarding this project.

Jonathan Braidman, President of the East Bay Disc Golf Club provided a brief presentation on the proposed disc golf course and to address some concerns about misinformation on safety. He said disc golf is growing in popularity. He said one of the economic benefits of putting in a course falls in alignment with the city's master plan. He said disc golf is played in multiuse parks in the Bay area; however, there are very few courses for the number of people who play in California. This is a safe sport, it creates a sense of community and people have made lifelong friends through the sport.

He said Richmond has many neighborhoods serving facilities, but deferred maintenance and concern for safety and lack of adequate programming have discouraged active use in this park. East Bay Disc Golf Club has will pay for the entire course through donations from the folks who are part of our Community. The Club has already raised about half of this money which is mostly through small contributions.

Rosie Sorenson and Lindsay Jensen, residents from the Hilltop Lake Park area provided a presentation on opposing the construction of the disc golf course. Ms. Sorenson claimed the East Bay Disc Golf did not practice transparency with their plans to construct a disc golf course. The residents near the Hilltop Lake Park and the City Council were unaware of this plan. They said the disc golf course is a danger to the wildlife, no one wants this course, they all love their park and don't want it destroyed.

▪ **Public Comment:**

The following speakers spoke in favor of the Disc Golf Course:

- Bryan Schmitz gave comments in favor of building a Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park.
- Ernesto Rodriguez gave comments in favor of building Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park.
- Zachary Moore gave comments in favor building Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park.
- Matt Hansen gave comments in support of the Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park.
- Sonia MacNelly is a Richmond Resident and gave comments in favor of the Disc Golf Course.
- Matt Rowe gave comments in favor of the Disc Golf Course.
- Zachary Paschall is not a Richmond resident but gave comments in favor of the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Nick Norena gave comments in support of building a Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake.
- Steve Keller gave comments in support of the Disc Golf Course.
- Helen Kostoff gave comments in support of the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Leonard Muise is an Eastbay Resident and gave comments in support of the Disc Golf Course.

- Geoffrey Goss gave comments in support of the Disc Golf Course.
- David Falzone is a Richmond resident and gave in comments in support of the Disc Golf Course.
- Shawn Mercy is a Richmond Resident and gave comments in favor of the Disc Golf Course.
- Farrah Wayne gave comments in favor of the construction of the Disc Golf Course.

The following speakers spoke in opposition of the Disc Golf Course:

- Lingsie Jensen gave comments in opposition of the proposed area of Hilltop Lake Park.
- Lindsey Caller **5174 gave comments against the building of a Disc Gold Course at Hilltop Lake Park.
- Rosie Sorenson gave comments against the construction of Disc Golf Course.
- Janet Caller 3084 is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition of the construction of Disc Golf Course.
- Kurt Jensen is a resident of Richmond resident and gave comments against the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Will Roller gave comments 7:38pm
- Anita Carswell is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition of the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Brendan Montgomery is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition of the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Elsa Stevens is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition of the Disc Golf Course construction.
- Dave Ericson Caller **4240 is a Martinez resident and gave comments in opposition to the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Pastor Nicolas Alexander gave comments in opposition of the construction of the Disc golf Course.
- Leisa Johnson is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition to the construction of the Disc golf Course.
- Caller **2352 James Daniels is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition to the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Lauren Lober is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition to the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Elaine Dockens is a Richmond resident and gave comments in opposition to the construction of the Disc Golf Course.
- Phillip gave comments in opposition to construction of the Disc golf Course.

The following speakers gave general comments on the item:

- Garry Hurlbut is a Richmond resident and gave comments in how to engage the community.
- Nathaniel Bates gave comments to remind commissioners of their advisory role to City Council.

Following Public Comment, the Commission members were given a chance to present their questions to the presenters and staff.

At 8:01 pm, the Commission proceeded to take a vote to extend the meeting. Commissioner Blakely moved, with an amendment by Commissioner Smith to extend the meeting to complete hearing all remaining callers wishing to speak on the proposed disc golf construction item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saini, the motion passed unanimously

The Commission voted on another motion to carry over items for discussion at the roundtable meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Commissioner Blakely moved; Commissioner Saini seconded; the motion passed with Commissioner Bana abstaining.

- **COMMISSIONER LIASON REPORTS**
No report, item tabled to the May meeting

- **ACTION ITEMS RECAP**
Continue discussion of East Bay Disc Golf Course proposal at Hilltop Lake Park
- **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS**
None
- **ADJOURNMENT**
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Angelica Howay, Administrative Aide



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT/RECREATION
Jim Nantell, Library and Community Services Director

TO: Chair Hurlbut and Commission Members

FROM: Jim Nantell, Library and Community Services Interim Director

SUBJECT: Proposal for Disc Golf Course at Hill Top Lake Park

DATE: April 26, 2021

Recommendation

Review Timeline of Proposed Disc Golf Course for Hill Top Park

Background

In response to questions that have been raised at previous Recreation and Parks Commission and City Council meetings regarding the confusion that resulted in parks maintenance to begin to prepare for the installation of the Disc Golf Course at Hill Top Lake Park staff has developed a timeline that shows the sequence of events. In retrospect it is clear that there is a need to establish a clear policy for how to process proposals for this type of recreational equipment. To avoid reoccurrence of confusion relative to similar future proposals Parks staff will be developing a policy document to codify the process as to how we will review and make recommendations for the Commission's review and recommendation to staff and when appropriate to the City Council.

Exhibits

1. Timeline of Proposed Disc Golf Course for Hill Top Park

Timeline Regarding Handling of Disc Golf Course Proposal for Hilltop Lake Park

December 2, 2020 – The Recreation & Parks Commission heard a proposal by the East Bay Disc Golf Club to install an 18-hole disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park as agendized by Chair Hurlbut in response to prior contact from the Club. No official action was taken (Attachment A Meeting Minutes)

January 2, 2021 – Letter of support for Disc Golf from Hill Top District Neighborhood Council President Cesar Zapada.

January 20, 2020 – Based on positive feedback from the Recreation & Parks Commission, the East Bay Disc Golf Club filed an Adopt a Space application with the Park Division.

January 26, 2021 – Parks staff mailed approval of the Adopt a Spot application to the East Bay Disc Golf Club.

February 5, 2021 – Chair Hurlbut sent a letter dated February 5, 2021 (Attachment B) to the East Bay Disc Golf Club, thanking them for their presentation and wishing them success on the project to install the needed equipment in Hill Top Park. The letter was on Department letter head but had not been reviewed by staff. After receipt of the letter the group started to coordinate their installation with the Public Works Department parks staff.

February 18, 2021 – Public Works Engineer/Parks Supervisor walked the proposed disc golf course with Disc Golf Club members to plan for parks staff's preparation for the disc golf course future installation by the Disc Golf Club. (Attachment C)

March 9, 2021 - Lingsie Jensen addressed the Recreation & Parks Commission "round table" meeting, under Open Forum, relative to the lack of community notice of proposed decision to allow the installation of a disk golf course in the natural setting of the Hill Top Lake Park. She also shared the neighborhood's concern for the safety of the hikers and wild life in the park that would be subjected to a variety of disks thrown by the disk golfers. Since the disc golf course was not on the agenda for consideration, Commission Chairperson Maryn Hurlbut encouraged Lingsie Jensen to attend the April 7, 2021 Commission Meeting as Chairperson Hurlbut intended to agendize the matter for further discussion. During the meeting Ranjana Maharaj, staff liaison to the Commission, sent an e-mail to Greg Hardesty, Parks and Landscape Superintendent, to ask if installation of the course was actually underway.

March 10, 2021- Ranjana checked the minutes from the Commission's December 2, 2020 meeting to see if they had actually taken action to approve the installation of the disk golf course. The minutes confirmed that no action was taken by the Commission. Based on that information and her impression that installation of a disk golf course would require City Council approval, she contacted Greg Hardesty regarding the indication by Lingsie Jensen the night before that installation work was underway. Greg informed Ranjana of the February 5th letter from Maryn Hurlbut which led the disc golf group to believe they had approval to proceed with the installation.

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March 10, 2021 Scott Riley, from the Disc Golf Club contacted Recreation staff requesting a permit to hold a Disc Golf Tournament on May 22 and 23 at Hill Top Lake Park. Reservation staff sent the application and additional information.

March 11, 2021 - Realizing that there were neighborhood concerns about the proposed disc golf course and the Recreation staffs' perspective that City Council approval may be required, on March 11, 2021, after conversation with Greg Hardesty, Chairperson Hurlbut sent an e-mail (attachment D) to the East Bay Disc Golf Club representatives apprising them of the concerns and need for further review.

March 12, 2021 - Scott Riley, from the Disc Golf Club contacted reservation staff indicating they were still interested in holding the Disc Golf Tournament and reservation staff sent him the application forms with an estimate of cost for the permit. Staff requested that the forms be completed and returned for further processing.

March 14, 2021 - the City Manager forwarded an e-mail to staff from Councilmember Bates relative to a tour of Hill Top Lake Park that he and Councilmember Martinez were given by Ms. Rosie Sorenson and two of her neighbors, Ms. Lingsie Jensen and Mr. Kurt Jensen. Councilmember Bates expressed concerns about lack of public involvement, lack of R & P Commission and City Council approvals for the installation of the disc golf course. In addition he indicated that he and Councilmember Martinez were requesting to add an emergency agenda item on the 3/16/2021 City Council Agenda.

March 15, 2021 - Interim Public Works Director, Tawfic Halaby held a zoom meeting of Parks and Recreation staff members who had some knowledge of the disc golf course proposal. At the meeting no one was aware of any existing city policy regarding approval process for adding recreational equipment to existing parks. Recreation staff was under the impression that City Council approval was required for installing this kind of recreational equipment, whereas Parks staff indicated that City Council approval was only necessary if it required the use of city funding.

Absent any written policy staff looked to identify if there were any past practices that would apply. Parks staff recalled a December 2018 presentation to the Commission by Recreation staff regarding an in-kind funding opportunity with US Soccer Foundation and Target Stores for a mini futsalsoccer court at Wendell Park. As was the case with the disc golf course presentation, no formal action was taken by the Commission. Staff confirmed that the court was installed, however a review of City Council agendas for 2018 and 2019 did not reveal a City Council agenda item seeking approval for installation of the mini futsalsoccer court. To staff's recollection they could not recall any other similar situation relative to establishing a past practice. Jim Nantell, Interim Library and Community Services Director, shared that he had submitted a request for a legal opinion as to whether the Chair Hurlbut's Feb. 5, 2021 letter constituted approval and whether or not City Council's approval was also required.

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In regards to concerns about starting the installation of the disc golf course, as depicted in the pictures included in Councilmember Bates e-mail, Parks staff indicated that in recent weeks maintenance staff had been removing poison oak and dead trees but no one had authorized the Disc Golf Club to begin their installation of the equipment and contact with Club members confirmed they had not begun the installation.

March 15, 2021 (9:74 a.m.) City Manager Snideman forwarded e-mail from Janet Van Wicklen to Council Member Bates regarding staff Disc Golf proponents having cleared great swaths of ground cover and brush in preparation for the installation of the equipment.

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 (1:09 p.m.) Jim Nantell responds to Janet Van Wicklen to let her know that Parks staff indicated the maintenance work at Hill Top Lake Park was related to removing poison oak.

March 16, 2021 - staff worked with City Attorney and City Manager's office to provide background information for the City Council's meeting later that day. Jim Nantell also contacted club representatives to confirm that they were a nonprofit and not a private business. He also let them know the City Council may add the item to their agenda that evening as an emergency item.

March 16, 2021 - At 3:20 Trina Jackson, Council Liaison staff member, sent an e-mail relative to Councilmembers Bates and Martinez's formal request to add the Disc Golf Course as an emergency agenda item. The e-mail included an attached map that illustrated that many of the locations of staff maintenance work aligned with locations for the disc golf equipment installation. Jim Nantell forwarded the e-mail to Parks staff indicating that after looking at the map with maintenance work overlaid with disc golf it is easy to see what caused the Council members to conclude that much of the work was related to the disc golf course. In response to a request from the City Manager, Jim talked with Tawfic Halaby and expressed concern that if the map was accurate it was a bit of a stretch to believe that the alignment of the maintenance work with the disc golf equipment locations was purely coincidental.

March 16th – Between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. - Interim Public Works Director Tawfic Halaby, realizing that parks staff would have left for the day contacted engineering staff who had been involved in the disc golf proposal and was informed that in mid-February, that Public Works staff and Disc Golf Club members walked the Hilltop Lake Park loop together. The timing of the walk-through was convenient as Public Works staff was preparing to perform routine springtime maintenance including cutting back poison oak, overgrown blackberry bushes, dead trees, etc. During the walk-through Public Works staff agreed to cut back additional square feet, beyond the necessary routine maintenance, in a number of spots to accommodate future installment of disc golf baskets along the loop.

March 16 City Council Meeting - In response to questions from City Councilmembers during the meeting Tawfic Halaby indicated that he believed that the maintenance work was a mix of work

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that knowingly corresponded with future disc golf equipment locations and other deferred maintenance work.

March 17, 2021 - On Wednesday, because both Councilmembers Bates and Martinez specifically remember the mini futsalsoccer court for Wendell Park going to the City Council, the City Manager directed staff to ask the City Clerk to do a deeper dive into their records to see if they could locate a relevant agenda item. City Manager asked Jim Nantell to pull together summary of the sequence of events related to the Disc Golf matter.

March 23, 2021 - City Clerk's Office indicated that the acceptance of a Target and US Soccer Foundation grant to fund a mini futsalsoccer court for Wendell Park was approved by the City Council on January 14, 2020. Although the Council was not technically asked to approve the futsalsoccer court, consistent with the recollection of Councilmembers Bates and Martinez, the City Council's acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds clearly indicated their support of the futsalsoccer court for Wendell Park. The need to apply for the grant funds after the Dec 2018 presentation to the R & P Commission accounts for the 13 monthly delay between the Commission presentation and Council action on January 2020.

Excerpts from R & P Commission Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2020

□ PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

□ **East Bay Disc Golf Course Proposal** – The Commission received a presentation from the East Bay Disc Golf Club Board regarding the proposed disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park. Andrew Butt; Scott Riley, East Bay Disc Golf Club Board Member; Jonathan Braidman, East Bay Disc Golf Club President; and Nelson, East Bay Disc Golf Club Volunteer spoke on the proposal.

□ **New Park Naming for park underway at 27th & Pierson** – The Commission received a presentation from Winifred Day, Arts & Culture Manager, for a new park called Ookwe Park located at 27th and Pierson Avenue. Corrina Gould, Chairperson/Traditional Spokesperson for The Confederated Villages of Lisjan Ohlone spoke on the proposal and provided background information on the park.

Chair Hurlbut motioned for a vote. Commissioner Smith moved to accept the proposal to name the new park Ookwe Park and recommend the same to the Richmond City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blakeley and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Jim Nantell, Acting Director

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION CHAIR
Maryn Hurlbut



February 5, 2020

Jonathan Braidman
President East Bay Disc Golf Club
Andrew Butt
Scott Riley
Dane Rodgers
Greg Hardesty
Superintendent, Parks and Landscaping
City of Richmond, CA

Dear Jonathan and Gentlemen:

On December 2nd, 2020, the Richmond Recreation and Parks Commission heard a presentation of the Proposed Disc Golf Course within the Hilltop Lake Park.

The response from those in attendance was enthusiastic and supportive including remarks by the commissioner in charge of support for that park.

The due diligence documents stating neighborhood approval were sent and were compelling. You have, also, entered an “Adopt a Spot” arrangement with the Public Works Department of Richmond to assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the equipment that will be installed by your organization.

It is the hope of the Recreation and Parks Commission that this project will move forward with ongoing support of Parks and Landscaping Superintendent Greg Hardesty, with your private funding.

Thank you so much for your help and good luck to you all.

Sincerely,

Maryn Hurlbut, Chair
Recreation & Parks Commission
Rec.parkscommission@gmail.com
510 596-8880 (c)
510 237-6880

Subject: Letter of thanks from Feb. 5, 2021

Dear Jonathan,

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Recreation & Parks Commission heard from a Hilltop resident that several residents had not heard of your interest in creating and maintaining a disc golf course around the lake at Hilltop Lake Park.

This resident inferred to us that your organization may be beginning construction without proper notification and approval from the City Council.

Since Tuesday, I have heard from several other residents that they have concerns or objections to a disc golf course in that location.

Greg Hardesty has informed me that you may have mistakenly thought that the February "Thank you" letter from me was an official city approval and "go ahead". That is not the case. The Recreation and Parks Commission must hear all objections, hear from a City Council or Department Sponsor, agendaize a vote to approve and if approved by our commission, send our recommendation to the City Council for approval.

I apologize for any misunderstanding.

I will be in touch with you shortly to discuss next steps. You may call me at any time for clarification.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maryn Hurlbut

Maryn Hurlbut, Chair, Rec.& Parks Commission

RTA Board Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

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From: Greg Hardesty <Greg_Hardesty@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:42 AM
To: Tawfic Halaby <tawfic_halaby@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Cc: Dane Rodgers <Dane_Rodgers@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Hilltop Lake Park walk/Construction meeting

Tawfic

Not sure if you've been briefed but just an FYI Dane and I have been organizing an installation of a disc golf course at Hilltop Lake there was a site meeting yesterday to discuss layout and now the organization will begin fund raising.

Greg Hardesty

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From: Scott Riley [mailto:]

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:22 PM

To: DANE RODGERS; Tyrone Nesbit

Cc: Greg Hardesty; J. Braidman; Andrew Butt

Subject: Hilltop Lake Park walk/Construction meeting

Tyrone and Dane,

Thanks for coming out for the walk through today.

Items we discussed are:

1) Fundraising drive starting this coming week. Budget (attached) is \$36,000.

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2) Jon and Andrew are firming up parking agreements this week with YMCA and Making Waves.

a) goal is to accommodate all Disc Golf parking in these two locations, so that Disc Golfers are not parking at hole 5 or hole 13 and starting there.

Having all golfers start on hole 1 will help with flow and order.

3) Brush clearing. Tyrone and Scott will meet again on site before the work parties

and mark areas for Park Dept. clearing. At this time, Scott will also spray paint

all concrete tee pad, basket sleeve and tee sign locations in prep for USA underground utility location.

4) Dane Rodgers offered to coordinate USA utility location with Scott, based on Scott's spray painted locations for the holes.

5) Tyrone OK'd all areas of intended stair building (roughly 8 areas).

6) Dane discussed potential for convex mirrors installed on holes 8 - 10. He will work on that possibility.

7) Tee pad excavations. City Parks Back Hoe can be utilized to dig 8" down for most of the intended fourteen (14) concrete tee pad areas.

8) Asphalt Path striping. City Streets Dept. (Robert Chelemedos) has offered City striping machine to mark front lines for tees on the asphalt path.

9) Potential to use City equipment to drill some portion of the roughly fifty four (54) 10" diameter, 24" deep holes

for tee signs and basket locations. EBDGC can provide temporary plywood hole covers until holes are filled with concrete and signage or target sleeves. Hard to reach locations will be drilled with a 2 man auger.

10) Scott will finalize Construction Plan phasing and projected work party dates in the next week.

Jon will help coordinate volunteers and rewards program.

Thanks to all for your support on this project.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

Scott Riley

Scott D Riley Construction

EBDGC

Guadalupe Morales

From: Jim Nantell
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Ranjana Maharaj
Subject: FW: R & P Commission -Leadership Authority

From: Nathaniel Bates [mailto:natbates@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 7:47 AM
To: Jim Nantell; Laura Snideman; Teresa Stricker
Cc: Melvin Willis; Trina Jackson
Subject: Re: R & P Commission -Leadership Authority

Thanks Jim for your interest in moving this project to an acceptance or rejection. The rules and regulations of the city council as well as the boards and commissions is that any member of the council, commission, board or staff have the individual authority to place an item on the agenda with due notice of 72 hours or call for a special meeting with a vote of the majority of the board members.

Therefore, there are two options in respect to the chair refusal to hear the Golf Course item for May7, 2021. On Monday, May 3, 2021, any commission member or city staff have the authority to request through the city clerk to place any item on the May 7th agenda within a 72 hours notice. Second, the majority of the members can vote to call for a special meeting to specifically discuss and make a decision regarding any project or decision and directions.

These are the rules governing all board and commissions as well as the city council. Councilman Willis should be apprised of the rules as the city liaison, he can also place an item on the agenda.

Because of the apparent dominance of the chair, I am requesting the city attorney office appear at the May 7th commission meeting to articulate and clarify the chair and commission responsibilities and authority.

As the lead city staff member, you have the authority and responsibility to oversee the operation of the commission and assure they are functioning correctly.

Thanks.

Nat

Sent from my iPad

On May 1, 2021, at 1:44 PM, Jim Nantell <JNantell@richmondworks.org> wrote:

Thanks Council Member Bates for your quick reply. From my experience, where I have provided the Commission with a written staff report asking for action, Chairperson Hurlbut refused to take action as she insisted (despite the facts and my protestation) that the item was not agendized for action. In this case, it is my belief that Mrs. Hurlbut intentionally moved the Disc Golf item from an action item as shown on the draft agenda (attachment 1 and sent to her on April 23) to a new agenda category entitled "Ad Hoc Committee Statements" thereby making sure it is not an actionable item.

At the previous April meeting Mrs. Hurlbut inappropriately directed the Commissioners and the public to send any questions that they had to her as the Chair of the Commission. Those requests should have been sent to staff so we could ensure we received them and could have been working on the responses in time for next week's Commission meeting. Despite repeated efforts to get the questions in advance, Mrs. Hurlbut indicated to staff yesterday afternoon that she had not received any so she was delaying taking action on the item to allow for more time to receive questions from the Commissioners.

Since sending the draft agenda on April 22 to Chair Hurlbut, at my request, staff has repeatedly tried to set up an agenda review meeting with myself and Mrs. Hurlbut to no avail. Finally, in an effort to avoid a repeat of the unwillingness of the Chair to schedule adequate time I personally sent an e-mail below to the Chair and other officers of the Commission.

Just wanted to reach out to all of you as officers of the commission to let you know that we would like to schedule your April Commission Meeting for a three hour meeting to make sure we have adequate time to handle the agenda items. Specifically we want to make sure there is time to address the following priority agenda items:

1. Disc Golf proposal
2. Discussion with City Attorney representative regarding the Commission's Monthly Round Table meeting
3. Selection of Commission Officers

As you know there are other items that were suggested for inclusion on your May Agenda so hopefully three hours will allow time to address them as well.

If you have any concerns or questions about scheduling for a three hour meeting please let me know. Note: to avoid a potential Brown Act violation please do not click on "reply to all"

I share your frustration with our inability to successfully get Chairperson Hurlbut's full cooperation in both planning of and preparation for the R & P Commission meetings. I am however optimistic that with the election of the new Commission Chairperson next month that problem will be resolved.

Jim Nantell
510-685-7095

From: Nathaniel Bates [mailto:natbates@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Jim Nantell
Cc: Eleanor THOMPSON; ladysmith94801@gmail.com
Subject: Re: R & P Commission - Disc Golf

Jim,

This is not the decision for the chairperson to unilaterally make. It is the full commission that has the authority to overrule the chair and do what is needed to dispose of this matter.

The board should be directed to proceed as the majority desire and not one member of the commission, be it the chair or anyone else.

The agenda list the Disc Course as an item and it up to the commission members to decide to proceed with a Devi or continuation.

This is democracy and not dictatorship.

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Sent from my iPad

On May 1, 2021, at 12:25 PM, Jim Nantell <JNantell@richmondworks.org> wrote:

I am sorry to inform you that we have received the attached agenda from R & P Commission Chair Person Maryn Hurlbut indicating that she has declined to include an action item on the proposed Disc Golf Course for Hill Top Lake Park. If you are interested I would welcome the opportunity for further discussion regarding staff efforts to ensure that the Commission was prepared to take action on the proposed Disc Golf proposal which were not responded to by the chair of the Commission.

Jim Nantell
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From: Rosie Sorenson rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021, 07:23:11 AM PDT

Subject: Reports from The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park re: Why the Disc Golf Project Should Be Denied

Dear Commissioners,

We have not yet received the list of questions promised to us by Chair Hurlbut. Therefore, we are attaching ten reports which we hope will speak to your remaining concerns:

- 1. Planning in Secret**
- 2. Course Preparation Without Approval**
- 3. Disc Course Violations of Professional Standards**
- 4. Signatures on Opposition Petition vs. Pro-course Signatures**
- 5. Parking (lack of)**
- 6. Accident, Liability, Comparison with other Sports**
- 7. Demographic Info (Where are the Women, Where are the Minorities?)**
- 8. Disc Types (Not Your Ordinary Frisbee)**
- 9. Environmental Impact**
- 10. Citizen Letters**

In addition to all the evidence these documents provide for why a disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park should be denied, there are some new developments in the Hilltop Area that we believe make it imperative to preserve the park as a quiet nature preserve.

As I'm sure you are aware, Hilltop Mall has been sold to Prologis for a mixed use development that includes residential units, retail units, and community amenities as well as modern logistics facilities. No doubt a financial boon to Richmond, noise and congestion are sure to increase in the area, making the park even more crucial to the physical and mental health of its neighbors and users.

In addition, the Making Waves Academy is working to get a sports field approved in Richmond's Hilltop neighborhood. A 400-meter track will surround a regulation soccer field, a practice field, and five tennis courts. Certain hours will be reserved for community use.

Again, while this will be a much-needed addition, it will also increase traffic and congestion in the neighborhood. Another excellent reason to preserve Hilltop Lake Park as a peaceful haven.

To add a noisy, potentially dangerous, ill-conceived disc golf course to this park would remove the only quiet, safe place for people to enjoy in this soon-to-be even more congested neighborhood.

Please vote No.

Kind regards,

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Rosie Sorenson, MA, MFT, Chair

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Janet Van Wicklen

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Planning in Secret

The disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park was first mentioned in a Facebook post by Andrew Butt on September 12, 2020. He posted photos of various locations around the park and said, “Plotting the East Bay’s next and most epic course.” . . . “Secret for now.” (A screen shot of the post is available.)

We didn’t learn of the golfers’ plans until February 26, 2021, when we were having a picnic at the park, and Scott Riley breezed by with two young men. He looked over at us and said, “We’re going to put in a golf course here at the park.” He never used the word “disc,” although he now denies he left out the word “disc.” If he had said “disc,” we would have asked him questions, since none of us had ever heard the term, “disc golf.” Instead we were imagining golf balls flying around and thought the man was nuts. At no time did he come over to us and explain what he was planning or ask for our opinions.

This is emblematic of the golfers’ approach to pushing through this project under the radar. They must have anticipated that park users and neighbors would have said “no.” Otherwise, why not ask them?

The course planners, Andrew Butt, Jonathan Braidman and Scott Riley had seven months to seek community buy-in, but they never did. They could have posted notices about their plans at each entrance to allow users to give their feedback, but they never did. They could have respected the City Council by working through the system to solicit their approval, but they never did. In fact, the City Council knew nothing of their plans until we told them on March 9 at their meeting.

We were contacted in early March by Jonathan Braidman, President of the East Bay Disc Golf Club, after he’d been told that we were lodging a protest about the course. On March 5, 2021, we met with Mr. Braidman to discuss the impact of the course on the resident wildlife at the park, the danger to regular users and other related issues. He brushed aside all of our concerns.

Later in the day, he posted this on Facebook: “If you happen to be walking the site of the **new course in Richmond** (*keep in mind the course had not yet been approved*), please

do not engage with any current park users, especially older ones. We **are currently in negotiation** with them on the course . . . ” (screen shot of post is available.)

We were never “in negotiation” with them on the course. We refused to even engage with him. Negotiation implies one has ownership or some other right over which to negotiate. Mr. Braidman was apparently under the mistaken impression that he had authority over the disposition of the park and the right to negotiate about it.

According to the minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting of the EBDGC, “Andrew Butt and Dane Rogers helped convince the City of Richmond of the Project.” But as we now know, they hadn’t, at least not the correct part of the City of Richmond, the City Council.

During the March 16, 2021 meeting of the City Council, Mr. Braidman called in during Open Forum to extol the virtues of putting in a disc golf course at the park. Several council members grilled Mr. Braidman about Andrew Butt’s involvement. Mr. Braidman very skillfully deflected every attempt to disclose the extent of Andrew Butt’s involvement.

When one of the city council members later brought up the issue of the Planning Commission’s involvement, I called that department and left a message. Here’s the response I received on my answering machine on March 12, 2021:

“This is Roberta, City of Richmond Planning. I did look into this and I asked Greg Hardesty who runs the Parks & Rec department as well as Chris, the building official, so yes the **park is installing** a Disc Golf Course at Hilltop lake park and it does not require a building permit since it’s only poles.” The park shouldn’t have been “installing a disc golf course at that time because it hadn’t yet received authorization. And to say that “it’s only poles,” is wildly off the mark.

The course, by their own design, would require the creation of 14 cement tee pads, 5’ X 12’ X4”, requiring 40,000 pounds of cement plus rebar as well as cement bases. Mr. Braidman had told us on March 5 that all the work would be done, **by hand and by volunteers**, which is ludicrous on the face of it. He neglected to tell us that the course would also require the construction of 10 sets of stairs, and that parts of the hillsides would need to be gouged out so some of the tee pads could be set on level ground.

Regarding the course itself, they failed to reveal that both the original course design and the subsequent one violated their own Professional Disc Golf Association’s standards

for disc golf courses, chief of which is to NOT set up a course in a mixed-use area, such as our park. (See attached “Document on Course Violations” for further details.)

Also, please see attached Document on “Course Preparation Without Approval.”) for further evidence of their mis-steps.

At every step of the way, Andrew Butt, finessed his way around many city regulations, to do an end run around the City of Richmond.

We could go on, but the point is this: If you can’t trust them in the planning, how could you trust them in the follow-through?

Please vote No.

They have many other options for playing disc golf in the Bay Area. Our neighbors have only one park.

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Report on the work done by the City of Richmond, Parks & Landscaping, in February and March, 2021, for the purpose of preparing the construction of an 18-hole disc golf course at the Hilltop Lake Park.

The work was planned at walk-throughs on February 18 and March 2, 2021. The actual work was carried out on March 3 and March 4, 2021.

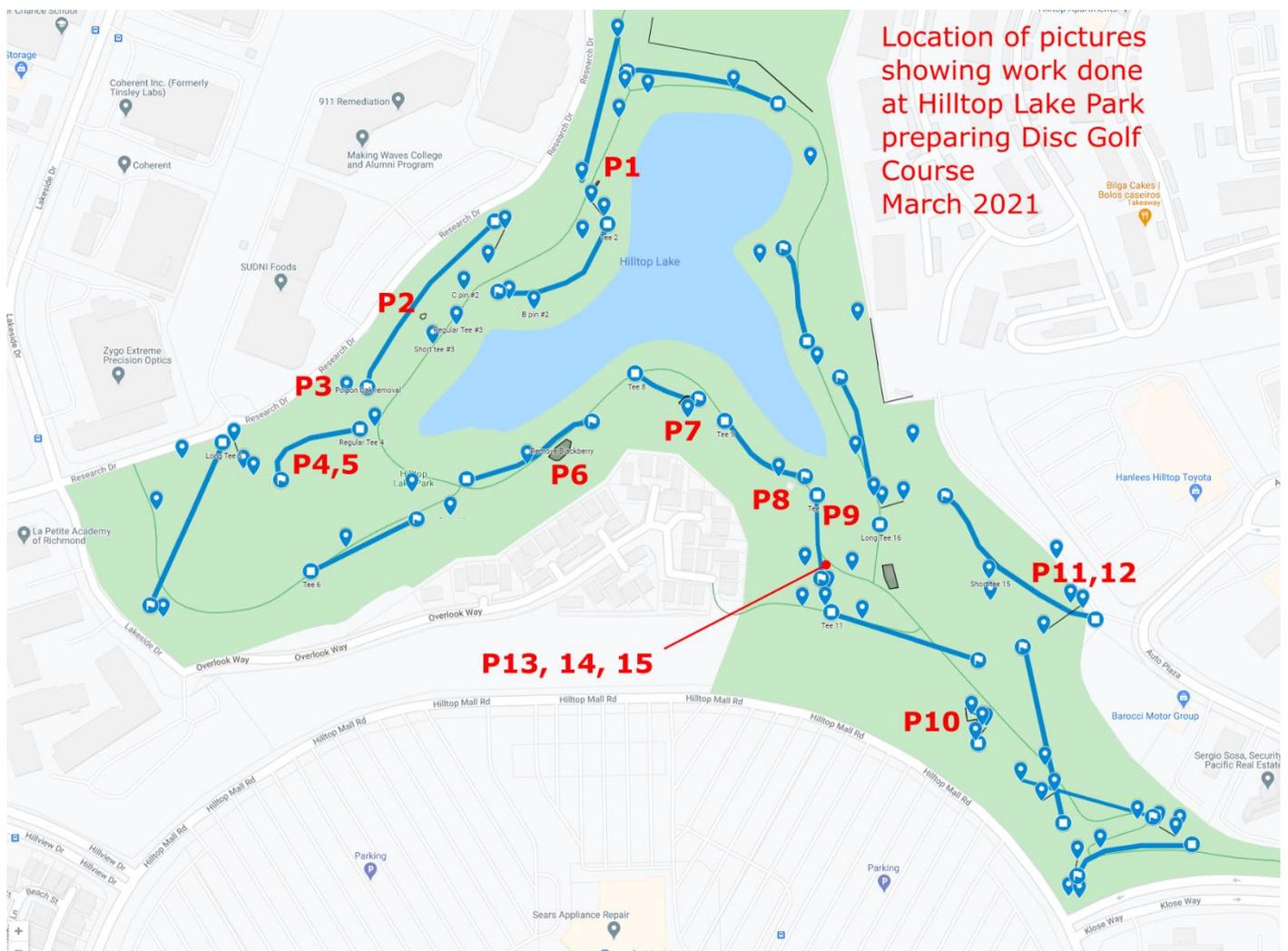
The persons involved in the walk-through can be seen on the below picture, downloaded on March 3, 2021, from the East Bay Disc Golf Club's petition to *Build a Disc Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park in Richmond* on *Change.org*: [Petition update · Sponsor a Hole - make this course a reality! · Change.org](#).

Five persons appear to be Parks & Landscaping staff and the remaining two are from EBDGC, with Scott Riley talking.

The layout of the disc golf course has subsequently been *changed* by the Club, please refer to separate document: *Disc Golf Course Violations, April 2021*.

The map used for identification of the EBDGC's requirements for preparations in the park can also be found in the Club's petition: [Hilltop Lake Park - 18 Holes 2.15.21 – Google My Maps](#). After opening this link, you can click on each object and see the explanation for the desired work in the left pane of the window.





List of pictures of work done at Hilltop Lake Park prior to March 10, 2021

- P1: Poison Oak removed to make room for stair to Tee#2
- P2: Poison Oak removed to give free access on fairway, hole #3
- P3: Poison Oak removed to clear around target/basket #3
- P4, 5: Heavy machinery used to pave the fairway and target area of hole #4
- P6: Blackberry removed to make space for fairway #7
- P7: Poison Oak removed to clear around target/basket #8
- P8: Poison Oak removed, cleared space for target/basket #9
- P9: Areas cleared to make space for target/basket 9 and preparing casting of concrete for Tee #10
- P10: Poison Oak removed. Area cleared to prepare for stairs and casting of concrete for Tee #12
- P11, 12: Coyote Bush removed totally. Clearing the way for Tee #15
- P13, 14, 15: Trees removed to make way for targets/baskets #10 A & B and stairs leading to Tee #11



P1: Poison Oak removed to make room for stair to Tee #2



P2: Poison Oak removed to give free access on fairway, hole #3



P3: Poison Oak removed to clear around target/basket #3



P4: Heavy machinery used to pave the fairway and target area of hole #4



P5: Heavy machinery used to pave the fairway and target area of hole #4



P6: Blackberry bushes and cattails removed to make space for fairway #7



P7: Poison Oak removed to clear around target/basket #8



P8: Poison Oak removed to clear around target/basket #9A



P9: Areas cleared to make space for target/basket 9B and preparing casting of concrete for Tee #10



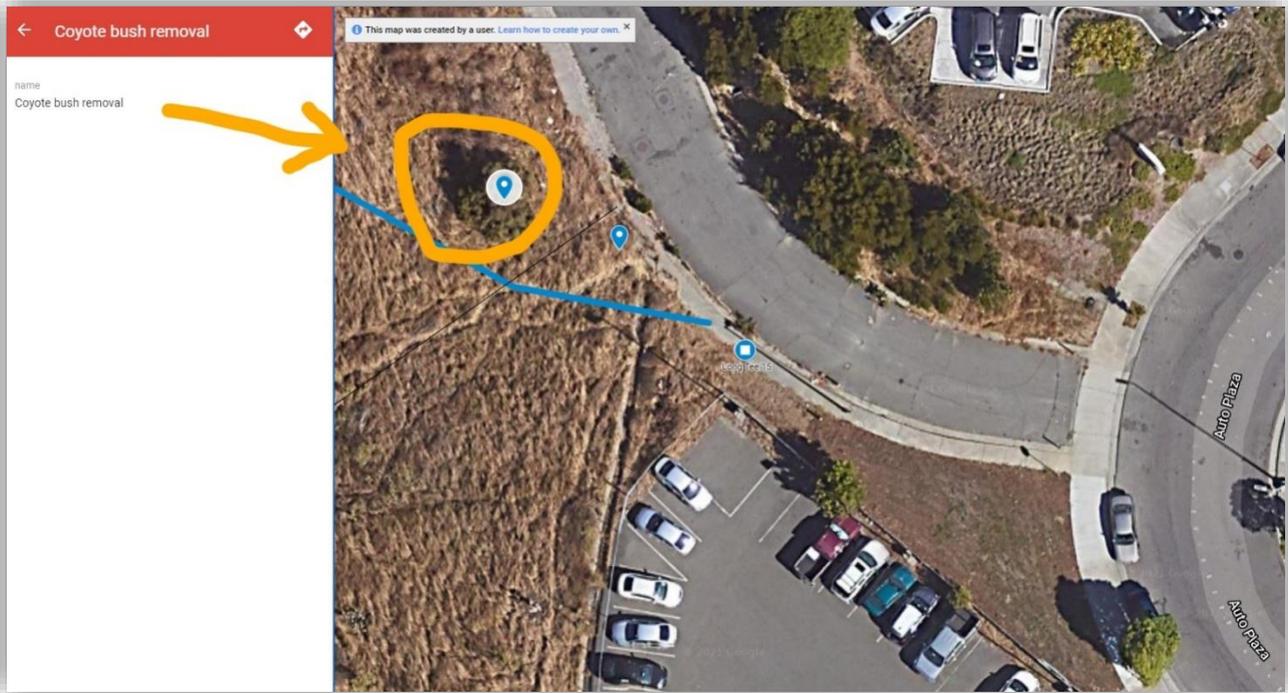
P10: Poison Oak removed. Area cleared to prepare for stairs and casting of concrete for Tee #12



P11: Coyote Bush removed totally. Clearing the way for Tee #15



P12: Coyote Bush removed totally. Clearing the way for Tee #15



The above picture shows the (previously) completely free-standing coyote bush, ref. pictures 11 and 12. It was sitting in a spot where it would never pose a problem to any park users. However, it was in the way for the disc golfers' tee #15. The above photo from Google Maps shows the bush in 2020 on the disc golfers' own map, with the following instruction to Parks & Landscaping: **'Coyote bush removal'**.



P13: Trees removed to make way for targets/baskets #10 A & B and stairs leading to Tee #11



P14: Leaning tree taken down by the wind on April 4, 2021 at around 4 PM.



P15: The leaning tree fell because it lost protection from the wind after the trees and bushes were removed on March 3 and 4 in order to clear for the Disc Golf Course as explained under P13.

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Report on the violations of the PDGA standards in connection with the 18-hole Disc Golf Course layout proposed by EBDGC on April 4, 2021 for the Hilltop Lake Park.

Current course layout



The above map with the *current course layout* was received on April 4, 2021, from Jon Braidman.

The *original course layout* from December 2020 can be seen on Google Maps via this link: [Hilltop Lake Park - 18 Holes 2.15.21 – Google My Maps](#)

This report illustrates the violations by the current course layout. From the above aerial photo, the violations of the fairways crossing and/or being parallel to the path are easily seen. However, blind angles must be seen in the terrain where elevations, curves and vegetation along the pathway are creating spots where park users may not be visible. The included photos are all taken from the tee position in the direction of the basket area for that particular hole.

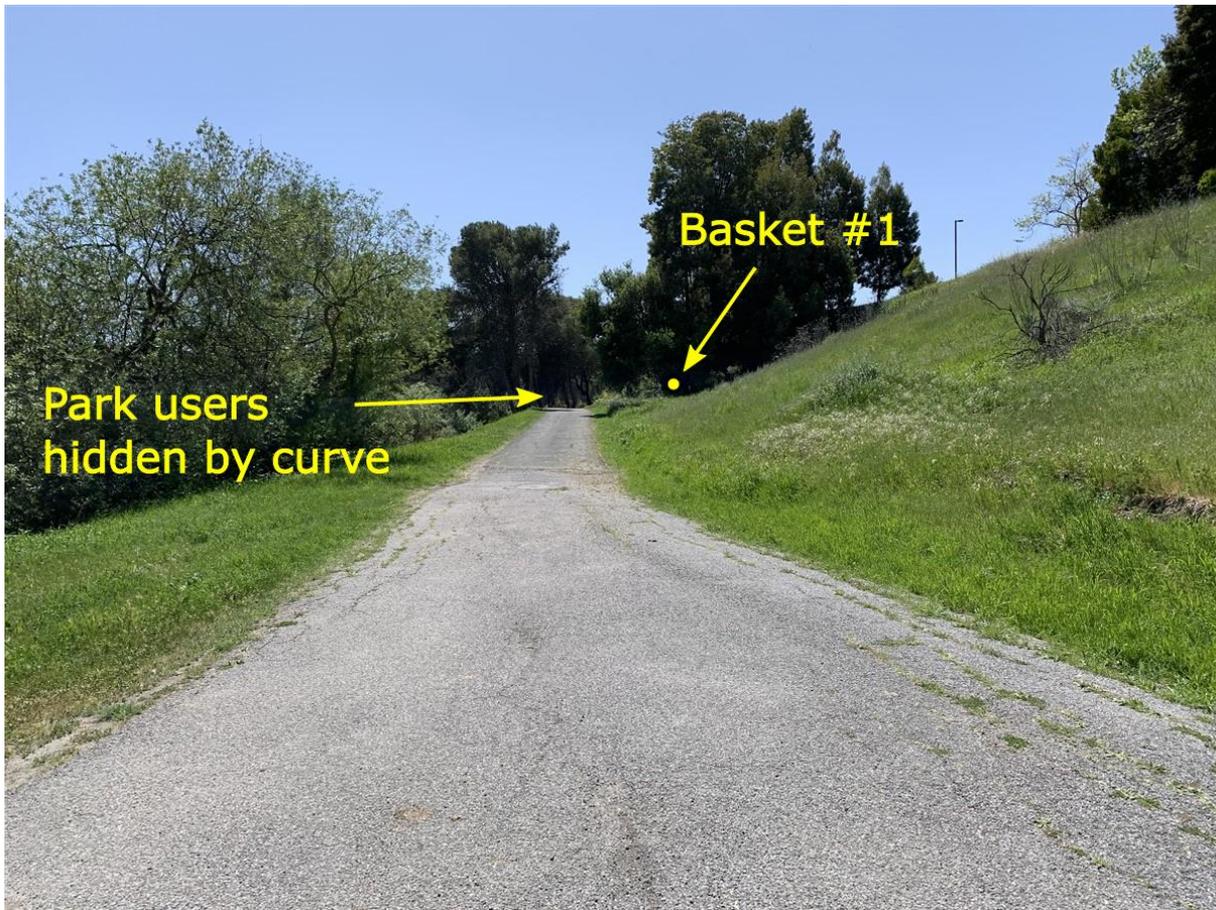
For each hole, the violations of the Professional Disc Golf Association’s (PDGA) standards are evaluated. The PDGA standard can be found here: [Disc Golf Course Design Elements | Professional Disc Golf Association \(pdga.com\)](https://www.pdga.com/disc-golf-course-design-elements). As is apparent, these standards apply to *all* disk golf courses.

The relevant section – **section 9 ‘Layout’**– of the PDGA standards can be split into the following four rules:

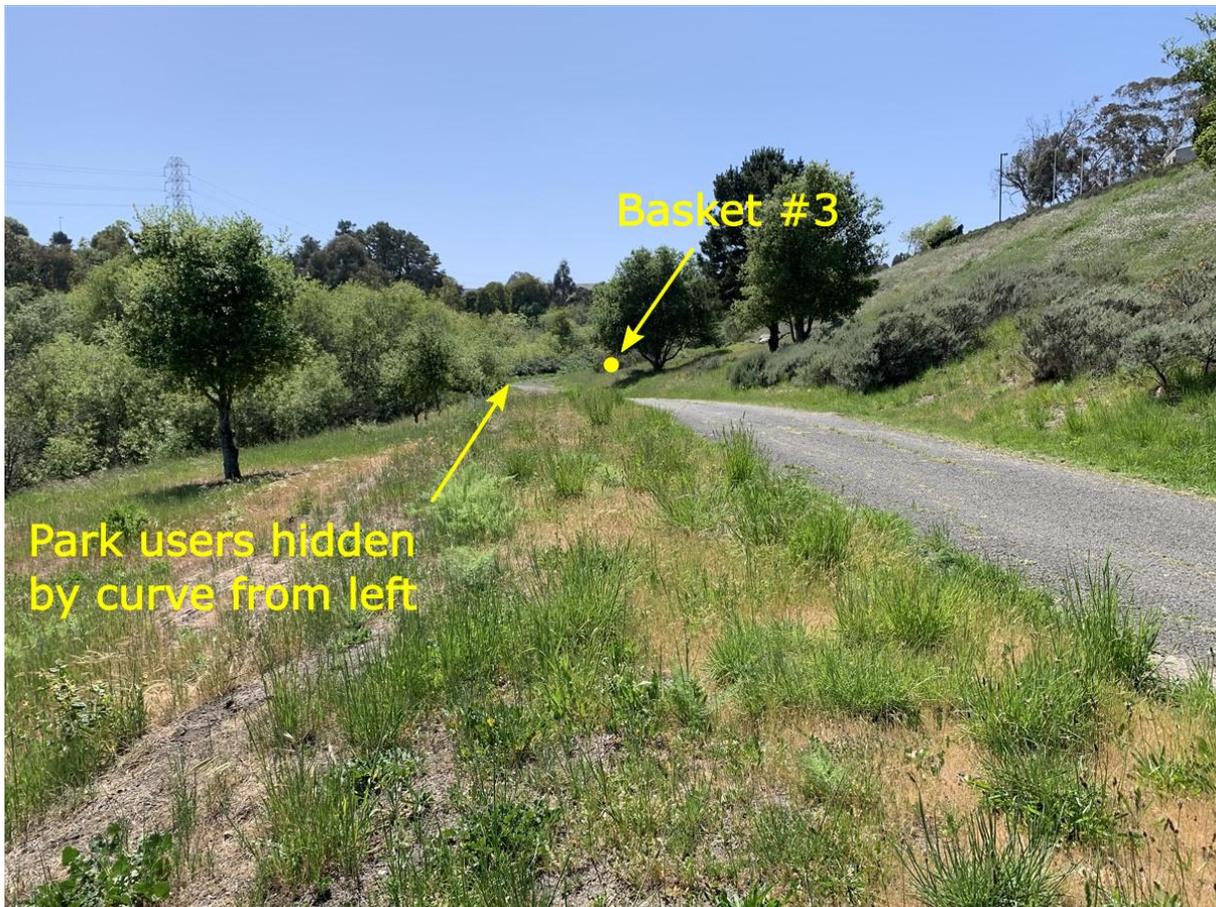
1. Disc golf courses should be in a **single use area**.
2. Fairways should **not cross** sidewalks/paths/bike trails, private property, or any other multiuse area where non-players congregate.
3. Fairways should **not be too close** to public streets, sidewalks/paths/bike trails, private property, or any other multiuse area where non-players congregate.
4. Absolutely avoid designs where players might throw into **blind areas** where non-players could be walking on a well-defined park pathway.

The violations of the PDGA standard by the *current course layout* are summarized below:

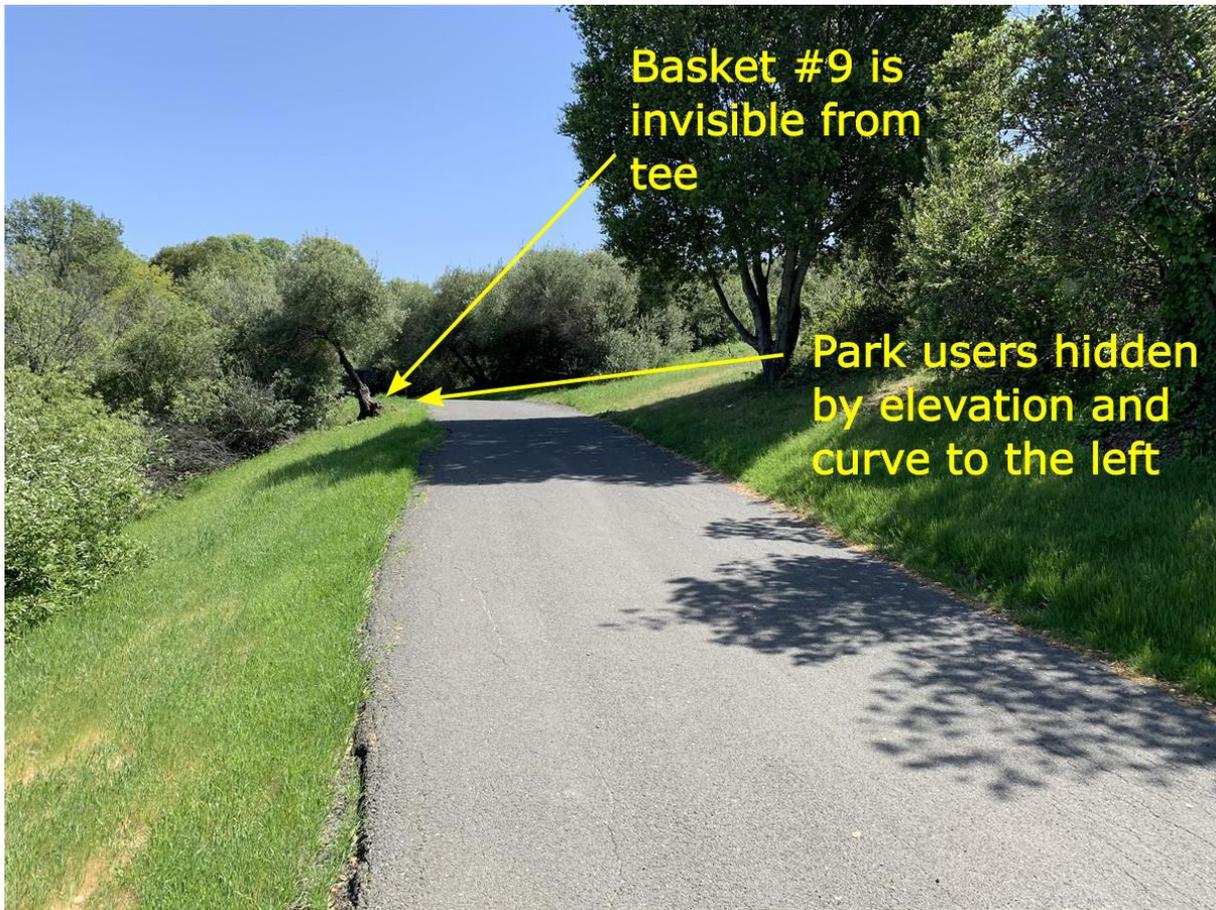
Hole #	PDGA rule violation #				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
1	X		X	X	Park users coming around the curve to the right are hidden by bushes and trees
2	X				
3	X	X	X	X	Park users coming around the curve to the left are hidden by bushes and trees
4	X				
5	X	X			The basket is located 98 feet from the Heritage Park entrance
6	X		X		
7	X	X	X		Disc trajectory from this tee goes right across a picnic area with concrete benches
8	X		X		
9	X		X	X	Park users are hidden by elevation and the curve to the left. Basket is invisible from tee
10	X	X	X	X	Park users coming around the curve to the left are hidden by trees
11	X	X		X	Park users coming from left and right are hidden by bushes and trees
12	X	X	X		
13	X	X	X		
14	X	X			
15	X				
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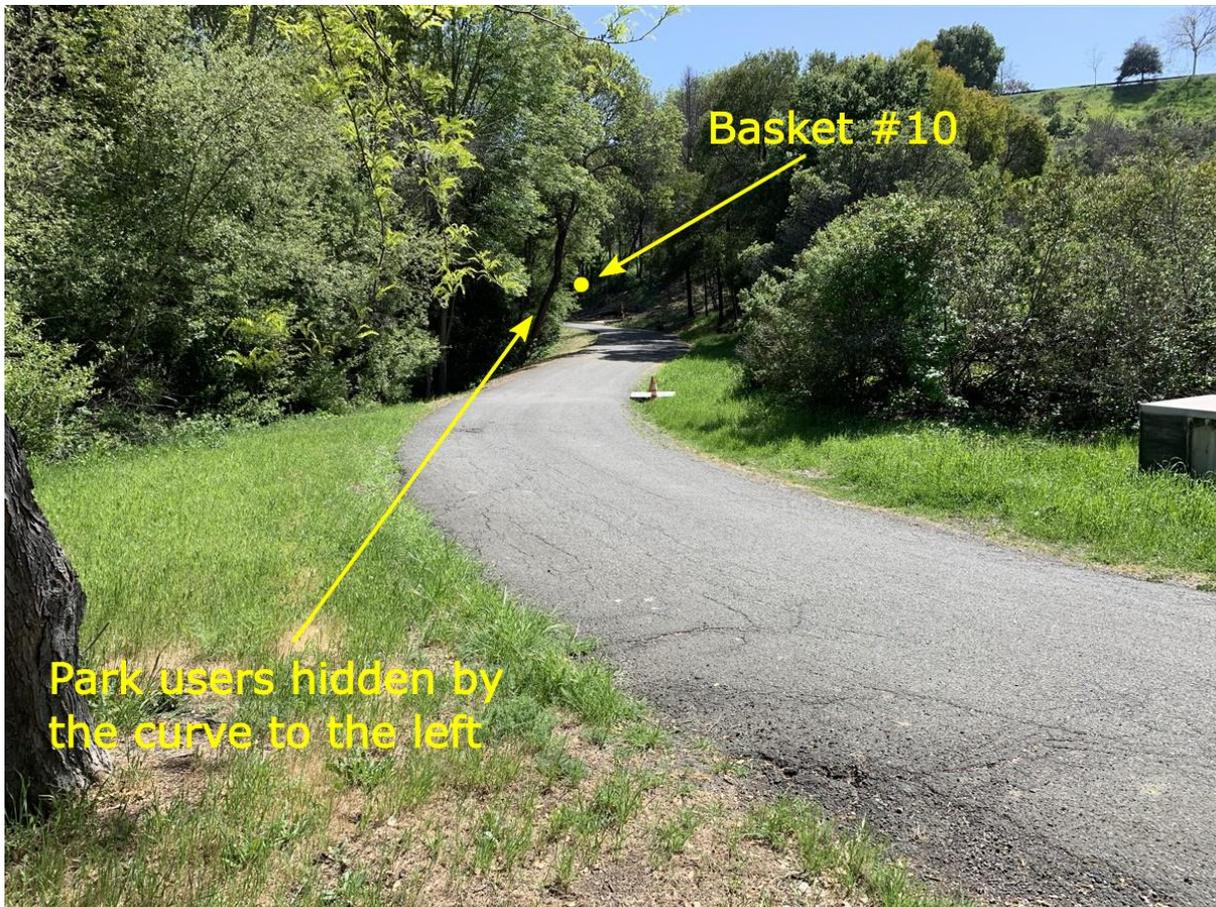
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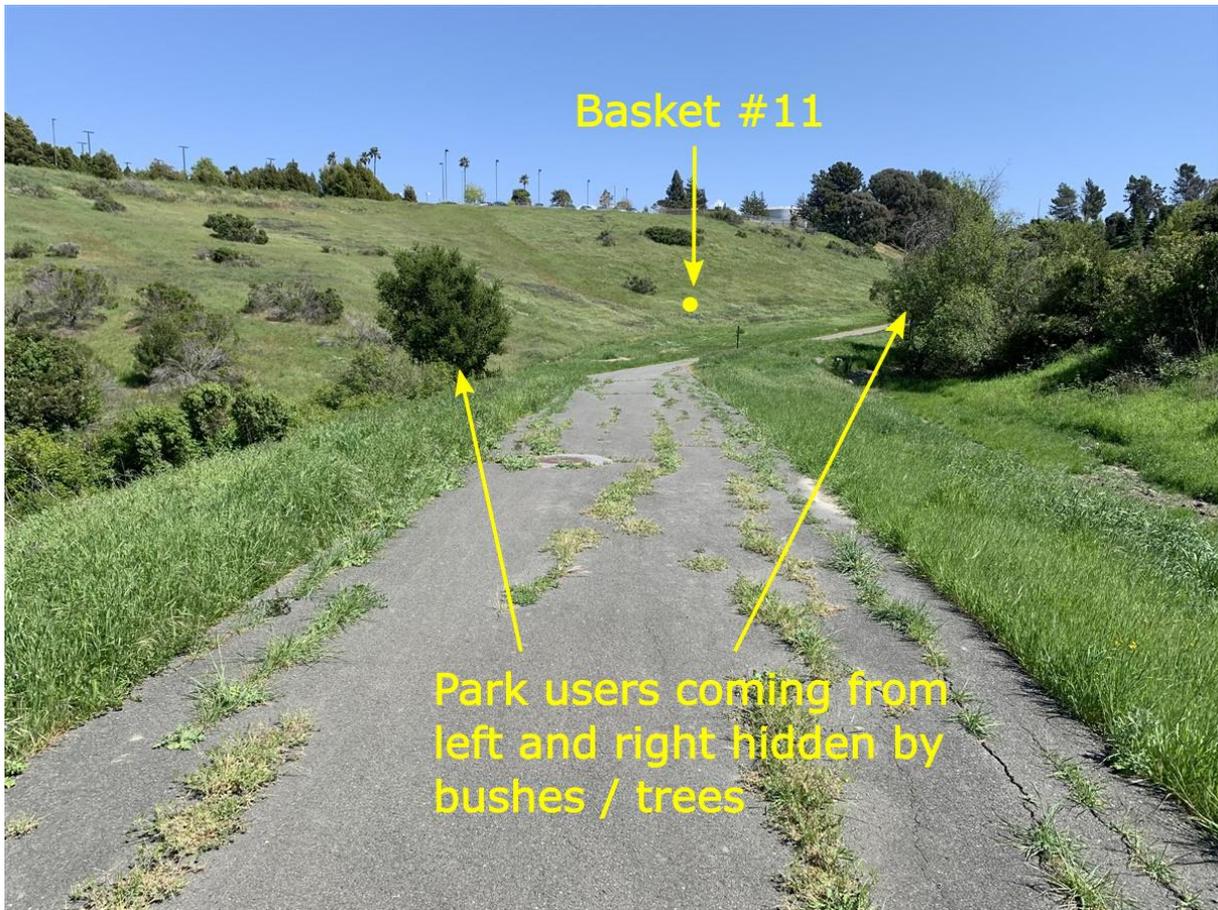
Hole #3



Hole #9



Hole #10



Hole #11

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Signatures opposing the construction of an 18-hole disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park

Local signatures AGAINST the disc golf course:

Below pictures show the signatures collected in the period March 1 through April 7, 2021 by the Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park. There are 155+ signatures.

We ask that the included pictures with personal information are not shared publicly, but that the material is handled **as confidential information**. Original signatures are available from the Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park.

Signatures were collected from neighbors to the Hilltop Lake Park and from actual park users.

Known information about local support in favor of the proposed disc golf course:

As of March 18, 2021, out of the 1049 electronic signatures collected by the East Bay Disc Golf Club, only 39 are Richmond residents. This means **that 96.3% of the signatures come from out-of-towners**.

With respect to *local membership* of the Professional Disc Golf Association and the East Bay Disc Golf Club:

The PDGA currently has 7 members from Richmond of which 4 are professionals. The East Bay Disc Club appears to have 8 members from Richmond.

The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

RosieSorenson29@yahoo.com

The Hilltop Lake Park is under great threat by a group of individuals who are planning to build a Disc Golf Course around the lake. For those of you unfamiliar with Disc Golf, it is similar to regular golf in name only. Instead of using balls, sharp-edged discs, the size of small Frisbees are hurled at "highway speeds" toward baskets many yards away. These discs have sharp edges and cannot be outrun by people or animals who might get in their way. The potential for injuries to people and animals is serious. It would be impossible for non-players to enjoy their park as long as a game is underway. No one would feel safe to walk their dogs, to stroll, to fish, or to simply enjoy the quiet nature of this beloved preserve. It is estimated that as many as 100 players might show up at any given time.

At every blue dot on the map, serious construction would need to be done in order to place the baskets on poles five feet high as well as the necessary cement bases, which would seriously disrupt the habitat for our animal friends, not to mention the peace and quiet we all crave.



We believe this beautiful park is not an "underutilized resource," but rather a natural habitat in the midst of an urban jungle, a place of solitude for all use—to stroll, to think, to walk your dog, to fish and to enjoy the wildlife (raccoons, skunks, ducks and the occasional visit by Canadian geese and deer.)

As Sierra Club's John Rizzo said of a similar proposal for Disc Golf across the Bay, "This activity has the potential to do serious damage to McLaren Park's wild, open spaces. In Golden Gate Park, disc golf has destroyed the undergrowth and ground cover that provide habitat for animals."

We strenuously object to the desecration of our beloved Hilltop Park by individuals who are insensitive to the community value of the park, as it now stands.



Please help us stop this ill-conceived, reckless plan to construct a Disc Golf course at Hilltop Lake Park, by signing our petition, which we will send to Mayor Tom Butt, the Richmond Parks and Rec Department, and the organizing group.

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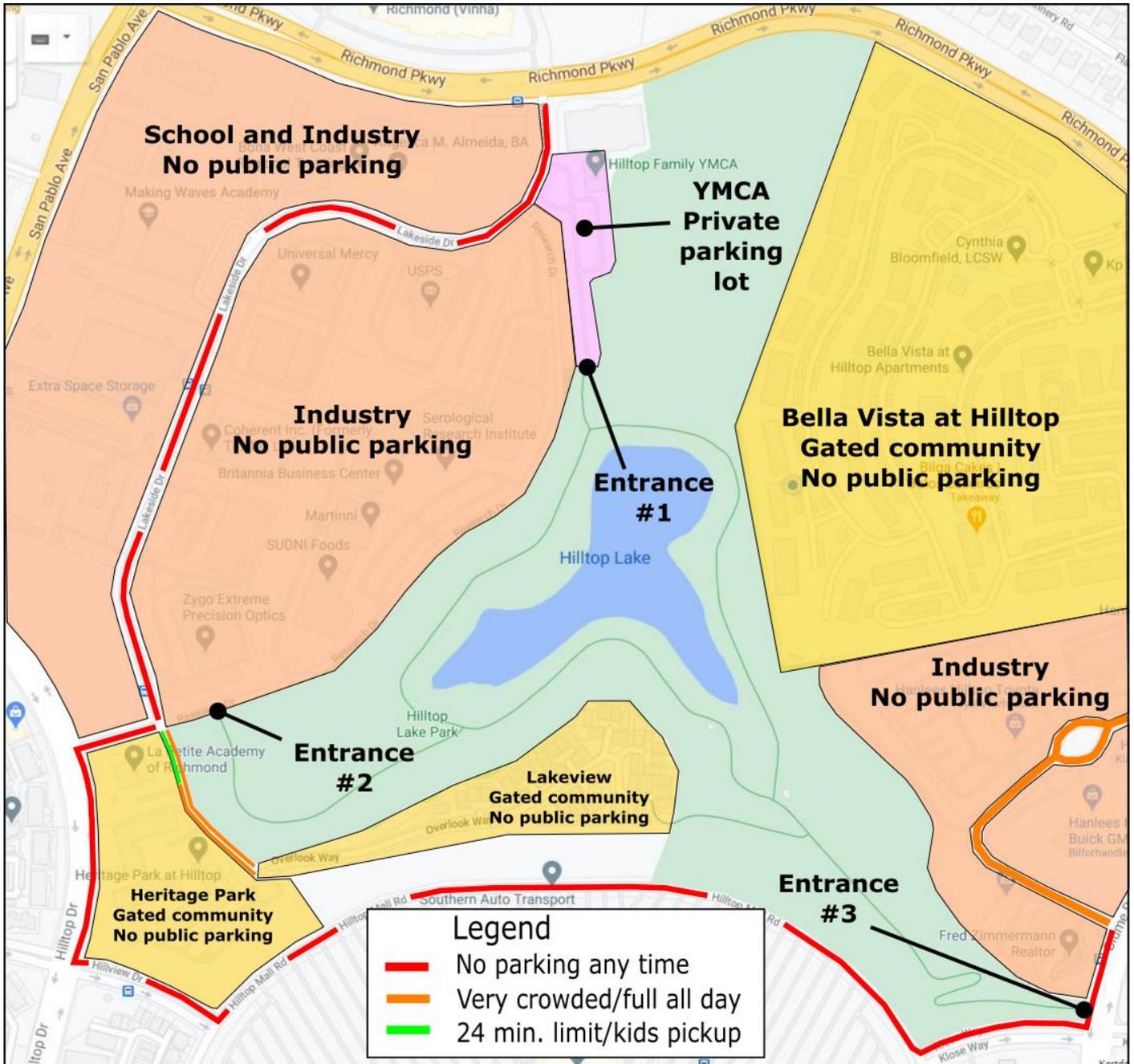
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The Committee to Preserve Hilltop Lake Park

Report on the parking situation around Hilltop Lake Park

in connection with a proposal to install an 18-hole disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park.



The above map illustrates the rather desperate parking situation around the Hilltop Lake Park. There is virtually NO parking for regular users of the park, let alone an influx of disc golf players or a tournament where as many as 350 or more players would descend upon the park.

Please also refer to the photos below regarding the parking situation around entrance #2/Heritage Park and Lakeview homes.

Quote by a resident of Heritage Park Senior Apartment Homes:

Prior to Covid, Heritage Park had Sunday church service in our community room. Luncheon usually followed. Family and friends were invited. The parking was maxed out. We have monthly parties and other events that bring guests. Parking is already limited and difficult here. If there is nowhere to park, our guests and family can't visit.

The street used to be red zone, but Heritage Park got the City to remove the red for us. However, they also built another apartment unit instead of a parking lot. I don't think the City should have permitted that. We have a beautiful park with very limited parking. *Unquote*



Heritage Park at entrance #2



La Petite Academy at entrance #2, green curb, restricted parking



Heritage Park at entrance #2, Fire Lane (and several fire hydrants)



Industrial park at entrance #2 to Hilltop Lake Park. All red curb.

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Disc Golf Accidents / Liability / Comparison with other 'Sports' Accidents

Accidents

In 2005, a 43-page long discussion covering a period of two months was published on the Professional Disc Golf Association's website, discussing *accidents*. Heading: "has anyone out there ever hit somebody with a drive in a golf game on purpose or accident (sic.)." Link to the discussion: [PDGA website: Disc Golf Course Accidents](#). For a summary of accidents, please see the last page below.

It seems that after that discussion, it was decided to put a lid on disc golf accidents, so that only the most serious have gone public, f.inst. **the woman who was blinded in one eye at the Polliwog Park**, leading to a \$3 million settlement paid by the City of Manhattan Beach. That course was closed after another accident where a 6-year-old boy sustained life-threatening brain injuries.

At the Polliwog Park, four holes required players to throw across paths – at the Hilltop Lake Park it would happen at least *eight* times (i.e. in violation of PDGA's standards for course design).

Maybe **the reason for the new 'low-key' approach** to accidents can be found in the following quotation from the above referenced 43-page discussion:

Quote: *John Knudson, January 10, 2005, 12.35 PM:*

Wow, I don't even know what to post...as if jerkoff Graham's post about hitting an owl wasn't bad enough, Discraft_Jagbag posts about hitting a handicapped kid in the back.

Keep these awesome stories coming! I think if a few more people post stories about how they hit kids, baby strollers, or joggers, all the park districts around the world will be even more excited about putting in disc golf courses.

Unquote

Please view the following link showing disc golfers in action, hitting people, a car and having fun aiming the discs at a goose: <https://youtu.be/qqj0jtl5aiU>

One of the few accidents that have been made public happened at Aquatic Park in Berkeley in July 2020:

Quote by *Jon Braidman* on Facebook:

"A family was picnicking (sic.) on hole 3 with babies, and one of the adults was hit by a disc in the neck. The babies were literally feet away from where the disc came in ... The family got hit because the disc took a crazy turn in the wind ..."

Unquote

Liability

In case of accidents, the City of Richmond will be responsible as confirmed by Andrew Butt at Rec & Parks meeting on December 2, 2020: “As with any other park, the City will provide insurance. Richmond is self-insured. Don’t think there will be any major issues.”

Comparison with other Sports Accidents

Disc golfers like to say that their sport is no more dangerous than f.inst. playing soccer or (as mentioned by a course designer during the April 13 meeting at Rec & Parks) playing in a playground.

Please note that there are some **BIG differences** between disc golf and soccer and playgrounds:

- Soccer is played in a *single-use area*
- Playgrounds are located a *single-use area*
- Disc golf at the Hilltop Lake Park would be played in a *multi-use area*

And

- Soccer players may hurt themselves, *but do not hurt others*
- Kids in playgrounds may hurt themselves, *but do not hurt others*
- *Disc golfers in a multi-use area may potentially hurt others, and hurt them seriously*

Summary of accidents listed in the above referenced report (*our emphasis*)

Cbdiscpimp, January 6: I hit someone in the nose ... *it blew his nose out and he was bleeding everywhere.*

J_d, January 6: I tried an experimental ... throw, and unbelievably it flew way, way off to the right and *literally scalped ... this guy who was sitting there ... I knocked him flat on his back, he didn't move, I thought I'd killed him, but ... then he came to. I wrapped [my shirt] around his head (the blood basically drenched the entire shirt) ...*

Dm4, January 7: ... a buddy of mine took one in the upper jaw ... *sliced through his upper lip and into his gum. 15 stitches (or so) in the lip and 7 or 8 in the gum ...*

204660chase, January 7: [he] ripped a full flashed CE TL down the hill ... the basket was hidden by woods, and we lost sight of it ... Then ... [someone's partner] started freaking out yelling 'you almost killed him'!! ... Someone said ... *at the last second or else it would have been a head short instead of getting him on the shoulder. ... From what I heard the disc melted around his shoulder and the flashing left a burn.*

Dankug, January 8: I've never hit a person but I have hit some animals ... this one time ... *we took turns taking shots at an owl and it became a victim to my 300' Illusion knife hyser!*

Stevemaerz, January 9: *I hit a baby stroller this past summer .. it slammed into the wheel about 3 inches from a 1-year-old's leg ...*

Boneman, January 10: ... *I have nearly had my head taken off by a friend ... He ripped it and it went about 5 inches in front of my face at full speed. Man ... the sound was frightening! I hate to think what that disk would have done to my face if it had hit me.*

Jasonc, January 11: ... *and she hit an old lady and a dog that were walking on the sidewalk ...*

dm4, January 13: *The disc impacts her on the bridge of the nose.* She was less than 10 feet from the thrower. She grabs her knees in pain. Next thing I know, *blood everywhere! Of course it was broken.* At least she got to experience a large emergency room

January 17: ... all I hear is "Walter, you hit him!". I start giggling and head over to the scene. What I see is *this old dude standing up, with his hand over his eye. He pulls his hand down and all can see is blood, it's pouring down his face!* I thought for sure the guy had been blinded, turned out it was just his eye brow that was sliced open.

Kipster, March 16: ... comes a mom with two little kids AND pushing a stroller. My buddies and I yell our heads off while I silently pray (don't hit a kid, don't hit a kid...). Well *the disc spikes right into her neck/shoulder region ... she doesn't speak a word of English and practically starts running away from us with her kids in tow.*

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Demographic Information

At the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Richmond Recreation and Parks Commission, a commissioner asked about racial equity and diversity among disc golf players. Below is a link to a "State of Disc Golf 2019 Survey."

<https://infinite-discs.com/blog/state-of-disc-golf-2019-survey-demographic-overview/>

The survey clearly shows disc golf players are 93.6% men; 5.9% are women. That's a pretty huge gender imbalance.

Most players are in their early 20's to 40's, with a spike in the 30–35-year-old age group.

For racial diversity, we can look at their map and at our East Bay Disc Golf Club members and safely assume they are mostly white.

Prior to the April 7 meeting of the Rec & Parks Commission, Jon Braidman felt called up to post the following appeal on the Club's Facebook page: *"Please someone call in who is not white and not male!"*

A very large number of the disc golf population are employed with wages, indicating a high degree of economic security.

In other words, this game is mostly played by young, privileged, white men. That demographic does not reflect the rich diversity of the Hilltop Lake Park neighborhood. In conclusion, a disc golf course at Hilltop Lake Park would exclude the people who most need the park for their recreation and well being.

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Disk Golf Discs

A short description of the many types of discs from one manufacturer (Innova) of disc golf discs.

The information in this document is extracted from Innova Discs' website

<https://www.innovadiscs.com/disc-golf-discs/>

Innova Discs was a sponsor of the now cancelled tournament at Hilltop Lake Park on May 22-23, 2021.

Scott Riley is an ambassador of Innova Discs.

THE DOCUMENT SHOWS THAT A DISC GOLF DISC IS FAR FROM YOUR ORDINARY FRISBEE



We manufacture golf discs for every situation you may encounter from the tee to the fairway to the green. Whether you are playing on wide-open courses or threading narrow wooded fairways, we have a disc to match every Disc Golf shot. We also produce recreational and specialty discs for use in Disc Golf, Ultimate, All-Around competitions, as well as beach and backyard fun.



Distance Drivers

Distance Drivers were created to provide players with the maximum distance possible. Some Distance Driver models provide a straight line of flight, while others have the ability to travel to the left or right down the fairway. Some of our distance drivers are designed to cut through the wind, while other discs offer extra glide, providing additional distance for less powerful throwers. All of our Distance Drivers are created to bring maximum range and control in each unique situation. The R-Pro Boss currently holds the world distance record of **1108 feet (338 M)** thrown by David Wiggins Jr.

- Designed for maximum distance off the tee
- Provide the greatest range, speed, glide and control possible
- Offered in many different models, weights and plastics for players of every skill level
- Individual models are designed to perform uniquely in various conditions and situations
- The R-Pro Boss currently holds the world distance record of 1108 feet (338 M).



Fairway Drivers

Fairway Drivers deliver confidence in both driving and approach situations. For many players, our Fairway Drivers provide nearly the same distance as our Distance Drivers, but with added control and accuracy. Newer players will find these discs easy to control. Many World Championships were won using our Fairway Drivers. These discs can inspire a new level of confidence in your game. Improve the level of your game with the superior control of our Fairway Drivers.

- Dependable distance control for consistent fairway driving
- Valuable discs for shorter controlled drives and long approaches
- Easier for beginners to use than distance drivers
- Help to increase confidence through added control and consistency
- Offered in several distinct models, weights and plastic types



Mid-Range Discs

Mid-Range Discs are designed to provide accuracy and control for a wide variety of shots. These versatile discs are effective in many situations, from drives and mid-range shots, to approaches and even putting. We offer an assortment of Mid-Range Discs to match the needs of a wide range of players using a variety of throwing techniques.

- Designed to provide accuracy and control for mid-range shots, approaches and short drives
- Dependability from fairway to chains
- Versatile discs that can perform a wide variety of shots
- Available in a wide range of models, weights and a selection of plastics
- The Roc is the Mid-Range disc of choice for professional players



Putt and Approach

Putt and Approach discs are designed specifically for putting and making short controlled upshots. Putt and Approach discs come in a variety of models and plastics to accommodate each player's unique putting style and grip preference. These discs offer players of all skill levels predictability and performance around the target. Our Putt and Approach discs also provide an exceptional amount of control for professional level players performing short drives and mid-range shots. The Aviar has been used by more World Champions than all other disc models combined.

- Designed for dependable, accurate, and confidence inspiring putts
- Ideal for executing controlled upshots, short drives and "go for it" shots
- Available in a variety of different models to match unique putting styles
- The Aviar is the most popular golf disc ever produced

Specialty Discs

Specialty Discs are designed for use in unique Disc Golf situations and for other flying disc sports and games. Several of these discs are classic “Old School” models with a loyal following. Some models are approved by WFDF for use in the Overall events of Accuracy, Discathon and Self-Caught Flight. Our entire line of Specialty discs are PDGA approved for use in Disc Golf.

- Designed for use in Disc Golf and other flying disc sports and games
- Several models to choose from
- All models are approved by the PDGA for use in Disc Golf
- Some models are approved by WFDF for use in Overall competitions

Recreational Discs

Recreational Discs are discs made for playing games where throwing and catching are involved. Enjoy these discs for your next game of catch at the beach, the park or in your backyard. The Pulsar is designed for Ultimate, and is also an excellent disc for playing catch and freestyling.

- Ideal for playing games where catching is involved
- The Pulsar is designed and approved for use in the game of Ultimate as well as Goaltimate

On the next page, all current types of discs from company Innova can be seen. A total of 108 different discs.

DISC NAME	SPEED	GLIDE	TURN	FADE
FIRESTORM	14	4	-1	3
CORVETTE	14	6	-1	2
COLOSSUS	14	5	-1	3
VULCAN	13	5	-4	2
SHRYKE	13	6	-2	2
KATANA	13	5	-3	3
GROOVE	13	6	-2	2
DOMINATOR	13	5	-1	2
DAEDALUS	13	6	-3	2
BOSS	13	5	-1	3
APE	13	5	0	4
XCALIBER	12	5	0	4
WAHOO	12	6	-2	2
TERN	12	6	-3	2
TEEDEVIL	12	5	-1	2
DESTROYER	12	5	-1	3
WRAITH	11	5	-1	3
TEEREX	11	4	0	4
MYSTERE	11	6	-2	2
MAX	11	3	0	5
MAMBA	11	6	-5	1
KRAIT	11	5	-1	2
ARCHON	11	5	-2	2
STARFIRE	10	4	0	3
ORC	10	4	-1	3
MONSTER	10	3	0	5
MONARCH	10	5	-4	1
INVICTUS	10	4	0	3
BEAST	10	5	-2	2
VIKING	9	4	-1	2
VALKYRIE	9	4	-2	2
THUNDERBIRD	9	5	0	2
SIDEWINDER	9	5	-3	1
ROADRUNNER	9	5	-4	1
FL	9	3	0	2
FIREBIRD	9	3	0	4
TL3	8	4	-1	1
TEEBIRD3	8	4	0	2
DRAGON	8	5	-2	2
ARCHANGEL	8	6	-4	1
TL	7	5	-1	1
TEEBIRD	7	5	0	2
LEOPARD3	7	5	-2	1
EAGLE	7	4	-1	3
BANSHEE	7	3	0	3
WHIPPET	6	3	1	5
VIPER	6	4	1	5
LEOPARD	6	5	-2	1
GAZELLE	6	4	0	2
CHEETAH	6	4	-2	2
CAIMAN	05.05	2	0	4
WOMBAT3	5	6	-1	0
WOMBAT	5	6	-1	0

DISC NAME	SPEED	GLIDE	TURN	FADE
VCOBRA	5	5	-1	2
SPIDER	5	3	0	1
SKEETER	5	5	-1	1
SHARK3	5	4	0	2
ROCX3	5	4	0	03.05
ROC3	5	4	0	3
PANTHER	5	4	-2	1
MANTA	5	5	-2	1
MAKO3	5	5	0	0
LION	5	4	0	2
KITE	5	6	-3	1
GATOR	5	2	0	4
FOXBAT	5	6	-1	0
CRO	5	3	0	2
AVATAR	5	4	0	2
ATLAS	5	4	0	1
WOLF	4	3	-4	1
VROC	4	4	0	1
STINGRAY	4	5	-3	1
SHARK	4	4	0	2
ROC+	4	5	0	2
ROC	4	4	0	3
RAT	4	2	0	3
MAKO	4	5	0	0
KING COBRA	4	5	0	2
COYOTE	4	5	0	1
COBRA	4	5	-2	2
WEDGE	03.05	3	-3	1
XD	3	4	-1	1
STUD	3	3	0	2
PIG	3	1	0	3
MIRAGE	3	4	-3	0
INVADER	3	2	0	1
HYDRA	3	3	0	2
DART	3	4	0	0
COLT	3	4	-1	1
BULLFROG	3	1	0	1
AVIARX3	3	2	0	3
AVIAR3	3	2	0	2
AERO	3	6	0	0
YETI AVIAR	2	3	0	1
WHALE	2	3	0	1
RHYNOX	2	1	0	4
RHYNO	2	1	0	3
NOVA	2	3	0	0
KC AVIAR	2	3	0	2
JK AVIAR	2	3	0	2
CLASSIC AVIAR	2	3	0	0
AVIAR DRIVER	2	3	0	2
AVIAR	2	3	0	1
SONIC	1	2	-4	0
POLECAT	1	3	0	0
BIRDIE	1	2	0	0

The Committee To Preserve Hilltop Lake Park Environmental and Habitat Report

Hilltop Lake Park in Richmond, California is a wildlife habitat and sanctuary that is home to an abundance of animals, including deer, raccoons, skunks, opossums, moles, squirrels and wood rats. The lake is an aquatic life refuge where a variety of birds, fish, turtles and crayfish flourish. During migration season, otters have been seen fishing and playing at the lake. Pied-billed grebes and canvasback ducks build their floating nests on the water surface. Other ducks breed, nest and hatch their ducklings close by the lake. Wild turkeys prefer the hilly, brush covered areas to graze for insects, nest and raise their young. Other birds build their nests in trees throughout the park or on rock or cement walls. There are dozens of species of birds including sea and song birds, ducks, birds of prey and endangered ones: the peregrine falcon and banded pigeon. The deer, skunks, squirrels and other mammals forage, raise their young and live throughout the park. They are territorial and rely on particular vegetation, brush, dens, ground for burrowing and trees for shelter. They are all part of the ecosystem that plays a vital role in the climate change crisis.

November through March is migration and breeding season for the California newt. They make their way every year through Garrity Creek to Hilltop Lake Park. This year, on February 5, 2021, on the pathway where the newts were crossing over to the creek, they had been run over by a work truck. There were so many dead ones along much of the pathway. These thin skinned amphibians are an indicator species used to gauge the ecosystem's health and help mitigate global warming.

Hilltop Lake Park is a Hotspot with 129 species of birds spotted and recorded. Scientists are tracking bird migration for the purpose of global warming. Birders help scientists track the birds on <https://ebird.org/home>. Hilltop Lake Park plays a vital role.

The proposed 18 tee disc golf course requires 30-40 acres according to the Professional Disc Golf Association. Hilltop Lake Park is 36 acres, minus 7 acres of lake water, leaving 29 acres. The park is too small for a mixed use disc golf course, and would overwhelm the area. It would disrupt and displace many of the park animals and put their lives and future in danger. The animals would be forced to seek shelter in nearby community backyards and trees.

Disc golf courses in California have been closed due to problems with excessive use; soil erosion and compaction, destruction of under growth, plants, and trees from discs hitting them, which causes insect infestations. Published by the International Journal of Sport Management. Professors Sylvia Trendiflova and Steven Waller studied the environmental impact of three disc golf courses in Austin Texas: Pease Park, Zilker Park and Mary Moore Searight Park. Their analyses indicated high soil compaction, erosion and loss of vegetation where the disc golf baskets are located compared to areas not on the disc golf course. The consequences are severe and impede tree root growth from lack of nutrients and loss of soil and water. The Austin Texas, Parks and Recreation Department permanently closed Pease Park Disc Golf because the course was not a sustainable use of the park, suggesting the game contributed to wear and tear along the creek's bank.

The Division of Urban Forestry recommended the removal of disc golf in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco due to tree damages. Santa Cruz County has several disc golf courses, but none are without environmental damage. The relatively new course at Pinto Lake has had a serious impact on the existing plant and bird life. Much of the 27-hole DeLaveaga course has been compacted to bare dirt with severe erosion problems on several fairways. Thirty trees were removed from Mooney Grove Park in Visalia due to disc damage and insect infestations. Arborist, John Litcher, of Tree Associates assessed Bidwell Park's Disc Golf Course in Chico, CA, and determined that

disc golf impacted tree health by soil compaction, foliage and tree branch loss. He concluded that remediating compacted soil is difficult and not always effective.

In California, several Parks and Recreation Departments have opposed disc golf courses in Martinez, Millbrae, Pleasant Hill and San Francisco due to negative environmental impact concerns.

The installation of a disc golf course is not in compliance with an important goal as stated in the parks and recreation section of the Richmond General Plan 2030, including:

10.24 - Goal PR4: “Stewardship of the Natural Environment. Improve access to natural environments as appropriate to varying levels of habitat sensitivity. Doing this will: contribute to Richmond’s overall system of parks; enhance public enjoyment; provide public health benefits; offer convenient opportunities for hands-on experiences in nature; and potentially strengthen stewardship and ongoing support for open space preservation. Increase opportunities for contact with nature on a smaller scale by designing urban parks and play areas to incorporate natural features such as unstructured natural settings or creeks. Contribute to raising public awareness of natural and cultural resources and the value of connecting people to nature by encouraging interpretive features in the landscape and public education.”

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Tue, Mar 30 at 8:35 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern that the beautiful Hilltop Lake Park might be turned into a Frisbee golf course.

As a senior member of the Hilltop community I am aghast to hear that our beautiful park might be turned into a Frisbee Golf Course !! It's hard to imagine this beautiful park turned into concrete slabs for metal baskets and innocent bystanders needing to take cover lest they become injured by a projectile.

My family and I use this park MANY times a week. This is about the last safe and accessible areas at Hilltop for seniors to not only get exercise but to enjoy the abundant wildlife. B

Because of the Covid -19 pandemic the local gyms (24 HR Fitness and the YMCA) have permanently shut down, the YMCA will reopen at some point with very limited access. For the older community losing the Hilltop Lake Park as well would be devastating.

This is a safe, well maintained and accessible park for the VERY VERY LARGE Hilltop resident seniors.

To think we would loose access and have it overrun by predominantly young men who don't live in our community feels like a disgrace and a betrayal to your constituents. They have far far more options available than this senior community.

This park is not underused in any way!! Any day of the week you can find many many people and family's walking the loop and enjoying it's beauty.

I hope you will consider the terrible negative impact this would have on us should our beloved Hilltop Lake Park be turned into a Frisbee Golf Course.

Regards,

L. M. Rosales

Hilltop Resident

- Cheryl Snow Rothman <csr4429@gmail.com>
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To: RosieSorenson29@yahoo.com

Wed, Mar 31 at 6:07 PM

Ms Sorenson

Below is a copy of an email I sent to Maryn Hurlbut and the city council members. I saw your notice in the elevator where I live at the Heritage Apts across from the lake. Where do I sign the petition and is the meeting on the 7th open to the public

Thanks for your activism in this matter

Cheryl Snow

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cheryl Snow Rothman <csr4429@gmail.com>
Date: March 29, 2021 at 2:03:00 AM PDT
To: Rec.parkscommission@gmail.com
Cc: NatBates@comcast.com
Subject: Hilltop Mall Lake

Dear Maryn Hurlbut, Chairperson

Hilltop Mall Lake is a truly unique beautiful wild space nestled in the midst of suburban concrete sprawl. I have lived across the street in senior apartments for 7 years. I use it for spiritual, emotional and physical sustenance. I walk around it for at least an hour 5 days a week. The wild life I encounter give me great pleasure -ducks, squirrels, deer , wild turkeys, various bird varieties, skunks, etc. I can have a nice flat stroll or use the hills leading up out of it for a more intense workout. Or I can sit and read on the concrete benches. When my grown children come to visit they enjoy a brisk beautiful morning walk

I love to see families walking with their children or teaching them to ride bikes. Many older people use it as a safe place to walk. Others picnic or run.

It would be very sorrowful to have it ruined by a disc golf course. Please do not do away with this pristine space. I am writing this at 2am. I woke up and couldn't sleep because of the potential loss of my wonderful lake.

Cheryl Snow
3801 Lakeside Dr A311
Richmond, Ca
Sent from my iPhone

Subject:Letter to Rec/Parks Commission re Disk Golf

Proposal

Date:Wed, 31 Mar 2021 10:48:37 -0700

From:KarenKidwell <kasuki@sonic.net>

To:"Maryn Hurlbut Rec.parkscommission"@gmail.com

CC:melvin_willis@ci.Richmond.ca.us

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Dear Ms. Hurlbut,

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I am writing to register my objections to the proposed Disk Golf Course at Hilltop Lake Park that is to be voted on, on April 7th. Would you please make sure that my letter is forwarded to the rest of the Commission members before that time?

I am a Richmond resident who resides at Heritage Park Hilltop Senior apartments directly across the street from the park. I have used the park as an accessible and peaceful place to walk and relax in, and in which to enjoy the natural surroundings since moving here over 8 years ago. It has been a refuge to me.

I have recently listened to the March 16, Richmond City Council meeting about this matter as well as to the December 2, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that listened to the proposal for the Course from a few of the Disk Golf Course members. With the possible exception of one Commission member, it sounded like the Commission had all but approved the construction (or destruction) of the park for the benefit of a few members of a Disk Golf Club who have ties to and/or are related to the mayor, Tom Butt, without any outreach to the residents who reside in the area or those who actually use the park.

Commission member Ms. Joey Smith is the only member who kept pointing out to the Disk Golf club their need to do outreach to residents to make sure that it is inclusive and acceptable for all Richmond residents. I am grateful to her for doing so. But since that December 2nd meeting no one has asked me or anyone I know of at Heritage Park what we thought about it. I hadn't even heard about the proposal until a couple of weeks ago when a neighbor said she received a flyer about it from Ms. Rosie Sorenson. I am outraged by what I've found out since then and how it appears that a few select people, new to the park, are being allowed to overtake and ruin the park for everyone else - without even notifying us of their intention.

While I don't have anything against the disk golf sport per se, Hilltop Lake Park is not an appropriate place to put a disk golf game in. There is only a single path to share that loops around a small lake. It is too dangerous to those who visit the park - and there are many of us: families, senior citizens, dog walkers, surrounding residents, mothers with babies in strollers, the clients from the nearby Autistic Centers, the members of the YMCA, Making Waves students, etc. This disk game would disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the visitors to this park, to the wildlife that reside and visit there, and to nature herself. I, myself, do not want to walk in a park having to be on constant alert, wondering if I'm going to be hit by a flying disk. I also do not want to see any more damage done to the trees and shrubs in the park. I still can't believe the number of trees and shrubbery that have been destroyed apparently for the single interests of this group. I find it shocking and upsetting. Who approved the decimation of the trees

and shrubbery before it was even voted on by the Parks Commission or the City Council, and why?

I am including a link to a YouTube video from a news station highlighting the possible dangers of this sport. It is only a few minutes long. I hope you will take the time to view

it. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0_PuGCEVyA

As someone who has frequented the park for many years, I would also like to point out that contrary to the observations of one of the Disk Golf Club members, there are more than just a couple of people who use the park. I had noticed a surge of visitors, especially families, walking through the park after the COVID pandemic restrictions started. The number of visitors plummeted several months later when the only accessible parking lot (without having to climb up and down a hill) near the YMCA was closed off on the northeast side of the park. There was a steep drop in visitors after this happened. But they will be back as soon as everything opens up again and parking is available.

If you want to increase the accessibility to the park, not just for able bodied visitors, but for those who have trouble walking up hills due to health, disability, age, the use of strollers, etc., then please both reopen the northeast parking lot next to the YMCA and find a way to add additional parking. A few park benches or picnic tables would also attract more visitors (post COVID restrictions).

Hilltop Lake Park is for all Richmond residents to enjoy, not just a few who happen to have “connections”. Please vote no on the use of Hilltop Lake Park for the disk golf sport. And please restore the damage done to the park.

Thank you for listening.

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Elizabeth McPhee <emcphee16@gmail.com>

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Cc: RosieSorenson29@yahoo.com

Sat, Mar 13 at 6:50 PM

Hello City Leaders,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email in it's entirety.

As a homeowner on Overlook Lane, just overlooking Hilltop Lake, it has been brought to my attention that frisbee golf enthusiasts are working to create a frisbee golf course around the lake.

I have had interactions with these men, each of whom seemed kind, but all of whom were walking within feet of my patio fence designing their frisbee golf course. As a mom, home alone at the time with my two

kids, I asked them what they were doing so close to my house, and off the paved path, to which they assured me they intended no harm.

While no harm was intended, as I presume is also the case with this proposed project, harm was done. I felt like my personal space was invaded by three privileged white men seeking a good time. When I was clear I was not comfortable, they did not leave.

I am significantly concerned about this project for three reasons:

1. There is an elderly living facility just to the side of our housing complex. These residents utilize this lake regularly for exercise and mental health wellness. They are also folks who have disabilities such as hearing and eyesight impairments. How could they possibly be safe using this lake with frisbees being thrown at rapid speeds? Even if the players yelled out or were in eyesight? There will be inevitable injuries to the most vulnerable and most valuable of our community.

2. Folks around this area do not have large yards, if yards at all. This lake is beautiful, appreciated, and we consider it our backyard. Our kids deserve the right to have this space for physical exercise- where they can ride their bikes 30 feet ahead of parents without fear of being pelted with a frisbee all because these three white men want a place to play themselves.

3. There are already plenty of frisbee golf courses, most of which are in safer and more appropriate locations than children's and the elderly's backyards. (Please see attached photo.)

I urge you to reconsider the construction of this course and plan. I assure you there will be injuries (I have walked the lake enough times to know). You do not want those tragedies nor emotional harm to our vulnerable community members done on your conscience.

Thank you,

Elizabeth McPhee

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- **To:** "rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com" <rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com>
- **Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 06:40:35 PM PDT
- **Subject:** Disc golfers
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- (Name withheld by request – see end of email.)
- Hello my name is XXXXXXXX and I wanted to congratulate you on your efforts to preserve Hilltop Lake Park. I've had more than one negative encounter with this group at Lake Chabot golf course in Oakland, they try to take over everything with the disc golf tournaments they have. **Make no mistake about it, they have a large financial interest involved, they invited people from all over the country for a disc golf tournament in Oakland where they lit one of our golf carts on fire, damaged the practice putting green, and other disrespectful acts.** They also

record these tournaments for broadcast on YouTube. Check out "Local Route Productions" on YouTube for an example. If the disc golf course is built in Richmond you can be sure of multiple tournaments, trash, etc. at Hilltop Lake Park. I wanted to send you this email in support, please don't use my name or divulge where you got this info. Good luck!

Email from same source:

To: "rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com" <rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021, 05:34:35 PM PDT

Subject: Watch "2019 Oakland City Championships - Bell, Faes, Albright, Peremba - Part 5" on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/EFfqh2LvIBs>

I have played golf at Lake Chabot since the 80's and have never had or heard of carts catching on fire because of the batteries, they really make a joke out of something that could have been disastrous. This group did make t-shirts and disc's depicting cart fire, to hell with these people.

Venise Wagner <vwagner@sfsu.edu>

To:rosiesorenson29@yahoo.com

Sun, Apr 4 at 6:52 PM

Hey Rosie.

I lived near Aquatic Park in the Fourth and U apartment complex between 2014 and 2016.

While there, I often took my dog to Aquatic Park for walks, but stopped going there in part because it was so unpleasant to have to negotiate with the disc golfers. At a recent Richmond City Council meeting, one of the disc golfer representatives said that no problems had arisen at the park from disc golfing. He made it seem as if there were no tensions or conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and disc golfers. Nothing could be further from the truth. Pedestrians were constantly having to negotiate with the disc golfers and having to remain vigilant of flying disc. It made walking there anxiety-filled.

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Read: [Reporting Inequality: Tools and Methods for Covering Race and Ethnicity](#), co-edited and co-authored by Sally Lehrman and Venise Wagner

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Richmond CA
DATE: April 30, 2021
FROM: Lauren Lober, Richmond resident; reenie369@gmail.com
SUBJECT: DISC GOLF

My Niece, RC, and I are nature lovers and enjoy walking and bird watching together. Hilltop Lake Park is one of our favorite places to go. The park is across the street from my apartment and it's very convenient. It's the only green space nearby with a wildlife habitat and a Hotspot for bird watching.

I never heard of disc golf until this March 2021, when I learned East Bay Disc Golf Club was building a course at Hilltop Lake Park. I wondered why so many drastic changes were happening to the wildlife habitat and landscape. Many areas along the pathways were widened and the foliage was gone. Chunks of hillside were gouged out and a lot of healthy trees were cut down; vegetation and vintage blackberry bushes were removed.

I didn't understand why there weren't any public notices from our Hilltop Neighborhood Council or any outreach from the disc golf group or Parks and Recreation. I wanted to educate myself about disc golf and understand why our park was being destroyed. There is a wealth of information available on websites, including the

Professional Disc Golf Association, Disc Golf Course Review, Disc Golf Association, Disc Golf Scene, newspaper articles, environmental impact and arborists' reports and plenty of reviews, blogs and forums. Youtube has lots of videos from promoters, clubs, players, and TV stations. There are numerous disc golf clubs on Facebook and Instagram, including the EBDGC.

I learned so much about this previously unknown sport, but I wanted to experience disc golf in person at a mixed use park. My niece, RC, and I went to EBDGC's Aquatic Park in Berkeley, CA on April 14, 2021, around 2:15 p.m. As we entered the course, I noticed a warning sign "Beware of Flying Discs". There was a group of 4 men with discs that were pushing a cart. We were so excited to see 2 mama Canadian Geese swimming with their goslings. While we watched them and were taking pictures and videos, a young man approached us and asked us to move because they were playing and going to be throwing their discs into the area. He was really nice, but we had to stop what we were doing, and move out of the way. He told us this was a weekly event. We couldn't see the 4 men in the distance by the trees, waiting to play.

Throughout our visit, we saw 3 groups of four men playing, a couple of single male players, and 3 more men that came as we were leaving. Two of the groups had one dog each with them. They were on leashes and well behaved. We saw 1 woman solo player. She saw us walking on the path and waited for us to pass. I thanked her and said I didn't see her. We watched her throw, aiming to the basket on the right. It was a bad throw and it went to the left crossing over the path way. She explained that they sometimes get new players that don't watch or wait for people and it's dangerous to get hit by a disc. She said it's windy out there and you have to be careful. She's been playing for 10 years.

Our paths kept crossing with the groups of men. I actually asked if it was ok to walk because we kept waiting on them. Plus it was chilly and we like to keep a good pace. Other people just kept going and didn't wait. One other male player was friendly and nice. The others ignored us and were focused on their game. Even though we

knew they were there, it wasn't easy to see them or where they were throwing. If it wasn't for my niece, warning me, I would have been in the throwing zone several times. It was an honest mistake. There were other walkers of all ages, bicyclists, a kid riding a unicycle, a couple of families with babies in strollers, children riding scooters and at the playground.

I thought most of the baskets were too close to pathways and crossed over them or near picnic areas and the playground. I noticed a lot of bare dirt and soil compaction where the baskets and tees were. There were lots of sea birds, geese and ducks. Noticeably absent, were the singing song birds, hummingbirds, finches, or any other birds besides the ones mentioned. It's spring time and birds are flourishing all over the Bay Area. There weren't any squirrels or other animals. We both would avoid walking at Aquatic Park or any mixed use disc golf course. It wasn't peaceful thinking about the discs that were being thrown across so many of the paths or wondering where the players and baskets may be. I certainly wouldn't want to be hit and injured by a fast flying disc. Waiting on the players was inconvenient and disrupted our nature walk. It was windy and loud with the freeway noise. I think disc golf is very challenging and requires skill. It would be a fun way to socialize, play with friends and get fresh air and exercise - in a dedicated disc golf course.

This experience confirmed everything I felt about a mixed use park not being feasible. With all the blind spots and close proximity of the pathways and discs crossing over paths, there is NO WAY Hilltop Lake Park is an appropriate place for disc golf. I'm very concerned that the wildlife would be endangered, the tranquility of this serene park would be forever lost and the negative effects on the environment would be significant. It would be a tremendous loss to our community.

The first photo below is the area where the men were while we watched the geese swimming (second photo). Unbeknownst to us, this large open area is a disc golf fairway and we didn't notice the basket until we were asked to leave. The third photo was from a

Google search of Aquatic Park, posted by EBDGC, Jon Braidman. This is how the course looks today and shows vegetation loss and soil compaction. The remaining photos are Aquatic Park reviews from udisc and golf scene. They will help collaborate my experience at the park, but through the eyes of a disc golf players.









Billy Matthews > December 11, 2011

🔴 +0 votes ➕

D If you like to lose discs and walk in the blackest mud ever play here. Every hole you are thinking, "I hope I can find where it lands." You literally play between the railroad tracks and a giant lake. Oh and there is constant wind. Five holes you throw over large bodies of water. It also seems run down. Many holes had no signs and you threw drives from a walking trail. It may have been fun 15 years ago when it people actually took care of that park but now its just depressing.



Edan Badajos > August 25, 2011

🔴 +0 votes ➕

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Armando Lopez Jr > August 11, 2011

🔴 +0 votes ➕

C Heavy pedestrian traffic makes it difficult to maneuver as well as very poor signage. Must have spotters to play course. The wind can test your nerves when throwing over the water specially on hole #8.



Jack W > October 6, 2010

🔴 +0 votes ➕

B+ There are some challenging holes here. Be prepared to lose a disc and to wait for pedestrians, bicyclists, and picnickers that are oblivious to any flying discs.

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rainbeau
March 12, 2021

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So beautiful!! Some waits on park goes that are all receptive to communication about waiting for you to throw. 6 water holes.



easybpeasy
March 12, 2021

3.5

Why are the basket numbers backwards?



holacoachchris
March 9, 2021

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you will definitely lose a frisbee and step into some muck

Ghost Hole ▼
19 Holes • Par 57 • 5883 feet
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20 Holes • Par 60
2021 Bag Tag Challenge Layout ▼
20 Holes • Par 60 • 6220 feet

Reviews



jdimiero
March 18, 2021

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Fun challenge with all the water. Good variety of shot shapes. But bring some discs you don't mind losing and try to go off hours or be ready for a fair amount of pedestrians, dog walkers, bikers, etc.



phishandchips
March 16, 2021

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One of the best bay area courses



rainbeau

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 **augman**
March 21, 2021 4

Course layout conflicts with pedestrian path. Shot shapes are mostly the same. Gorgeous views, fun and challenging course. Got to have a gameplan going into each hole.

 **cribber**
March 19, 2021 4.5

Great place. Great old course with new signage. I like playing the 19 hole "Ghost" layout best.

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Layout: Ghost Hole ▾ Date Range: 30 Days ▾

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 **filthy**
April 14, 2021 3.5

First time here. I've never thrown so many forehands off the tee. Seems like a good spot to lose plastic in the water or in the brush though.

 **zagbeat**
March 26, 2021 1.5

Just hate losing good plastic out here. If it's not the water it's the trees above 3,4 and 9. Just a damn tough track. But not because of the layout. Just gotta carry so many expendables and back ups.

 **augman**
March 21, 2021 4