

FOSTER PARK GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN OPTIONS PROGRESSION



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FEATURES OF CONCEPT PLAN “E”

- 1) The existing clubhouse location does not change.
- 2) Space for a 13,500-square-foot multi-purpose pavilion is identified. (An additional connection to the existing clubhouse for a shared kitchen and support rooms is also shown.)
- 3) A 4800-square-foot outdoor dining (or multi-use) terrace.
- 4) An additional parking area for 48 cars is shown. (That represents a 45% increase in total spaces.)
- 5) A full-length (300-yard-ish) driving range with a spacious (67,000 square feet / 34 hitting stations) grass tee and target fairways, greens and bunkers.
- 6) A short game practice area adjacent to the first tee.
- 7) Utilization of the location of the existing 9th green as a practice putting green.
- 8) Creation of a 23,000-square-foot putting course.
- 9) The addition of two large strategic (relative to golf play) stormwater detention lakes and a smaller detention pond (near existing 9 green) plus a small proposed wetland to address the current issues on existing hole 3.
- 10) The creation of a large lake between the new 14th and 18th holes.
- 11) A new golf course routing to better accommodate the proposed stormwater detention lakes as well as the new practice range.
- 12) The new golf course routing allows for a 6680-yard, traditional (par 36 + 36 = 72) golf course with an anticipated five sets of tees at target yardages of 6700, 6200, 5700, 5100 and 4500 yards.
- 13) Two perfectly-balanced nines of 3340 yards each. (Two par 3s and par 5s that play in multiple directions on each nine.)
- 14) Restoration of a portion of the Honeymoon Trail along the river and realignment of the loop trail through the Oak Grove near the Bridal Glen.
- 15) Reversal of the play direction of holes along Hartman Road.

BENEFITS OF CONCEPT PLAN “E”

- 1) Keeping the existing clubhouse location will please Hartman Road residents and reduce costs (renovation vs. new construction + utilization of existing parking and infrastructure).
- 2) The multi-purpose pavilion space can be used to benefit both golfers and the general public while having the potential to generate subsidy-reducing revenue. A shared kitchen could elevate food quality options by creating a “grill” vs. “snack bar” setting for golfers.
- 3) The outdoor terrace (supported by an upgraded kitchen) can be used for three-season dining.
- 4) Additional parking will reduce some congestion along Club Drive and better accommodate golf and pavilion users.
- 5) The new practice range will attract new golfers and generate new revenue to reduce the City subsidy for the golf course.
- 6) The practice putting green and short game practice areas will provide attractive amenities for golfers.
- 7) The new pay-to-play putting course can attract entry-level golfers (and families) and provide another source of new revenue.
- 8) Both the practice range and the putting course can extend usage hours well into the evening during daylight-saving-time months. They also provide “golf opportunities” for those with limited time availability.
- 9) The stormwater detention lakes will help reduce flooding and thereby increase total rounds and revenues. Golfer frustrations will also be reduced due to minimized course closures.
- 10) New lakes within view of a potential multi-purpose pavilion will provide aesthetically-pleasing and attractive panoramic vistas as a backdrop. The 18th hole also becomes much more interesting and strategic with its realignment and lake addition.
- 11) The new golf course routing will provide a stronger test of golf that will attract better players.
- 12) A wider variety of tee options will attract a wider variety of players.
- 13) The “balanced” nines will be attractive to league players who alternate nines each week. (There are no “good” and “bad” weeks.)
- 14) The restoration of the Honeymoon Trail allows users to experience the river setting and pass by the renovated stone pavilion (providing a measure of vandalism protection) while also making possible the elimination of a critical portion of the former two-lane park loop road. This creates important usable space related to the new golf course routing. A substantial portion (88%) of the natural woodland will be preserved with the new golf course routing.
- 15) The reversal of play direction along Hartman Road will send the predominant “sliced” shots back on to the golf course (as opposed to crossing the loop trail and Hartman Road).

Hole	Par	Yards
1	4	445
2	5	520
3	3	190
4	4	395
5	4	310
6	4	420
7	4	340
8	5	500
9	3	220
Out	36	3340
10	5	515
11	4	350
12	3	180
13	4	370
14	4	355
15	3	210
16	4	405
17	4	450
18	5	505
In	36	3340
Total	72	6680



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Foster Park Golf Course Renovation—Conceptual Plan “E”

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