

City of Port Townsend Golf Course Comment Log

Comment	Date	Comment Via	Comment Summary	Response to Comment
1	July 5th	email to council	<p>I have one specific suggestion about the golf course at this time. I hope to get an opportunity to engage with others when the public is invited to participate. I think your key role as city leaders is in this process is to ensure that strong and healthy principles are established before people start debating the details. I have a suggestion for three principles to consider.</p> <p>1. The property currently containing the golf course must remain open space for all time. This means thinking long term – very long term. It means no housing, no new buildings, no new roads, no new permanent structures. There are many ways that this property can remain open space and benefit the citizens of our town – including, but not limited to golf. I find it helpful to ask myself “what will the citizens of Port Townsend 150 years from now be very grateful that we did with the golf course?” Personally, I think they will be glad we kept it open space. The golf course property may one day be the “<i>Central Park</i>” of Port Townsend when the city has grown to levels that we, today, can hardly imagine. And although, as we all know, we desperately need more affordable housing the 59 acres of the golf course property is the wrong place. We have hundreds of acres of buildable land all over the place – including uptown even. We have hundreds of acres of city owned, county owned, state owned, privately owned land for building.</p> <p>2. The property currently containing the golf course must contribute to mitigating climate change. This might mean more trees, different kinds of trees, other ways to sequester carbon. But as city leaders you absolutely must take a bold and public stand for mitigating climate change – not so much for what contribution 59 acres can make (it is not insignificant) but more the leadership and inspiration it can show to all of us since it will be visible and will likely engage many of us if not most of us.</p> <p>3. The property currently containing the golf course must increase diversity and inclusiveness. Port Townsend is one of the least diverse and least inclusive communities anywhere. Currently Port Townsend is like some kind of 55-and-over retirement community made up mostly of white (increasingly wealthy) democrats. Non-white people are welcome to visit here but usually as music faculty for Centrum or some other artistic/cultural visitation. Young people are welcome to work here but</p>	Thanks for your response. We will consider these in the planning process.
2	13-Jul-22	email	<p>I already submitted a comment to the Engage PT email (engagept@cityofpt.us) expressing my views. The golf course and commons are a great PT resource and this is an opportunity for vision and progress. I support conversion of the golf course to a natural area with walking and bike paths, highlighting and expanding native local PNW ecosystems, including Kah Tai Prairie above and historical marshes in the lowlands. Hopefully there would be interpretive signage about those natural systems and historical tribal use. I also am concerned about PT's lack of affordable housing and would like to see part of future plans for the golf course and commons accommodate affordable housing. I support recreational opportunities like the pickle ball courts and dog park. We take our dog to the park daily and our daughter and friends swim in the pool. I do not support extension of the golf course into the future, due to environmental impacts, limited interest, and cost. For context, my family lives a few blocks from the commons, and I regularly walk or bike with my daughter on her way to school. But we do not go into the golf course, because except for prairie watching, it does not welcome non-golfers.</p>	Thanks for your comments. We will consider these points in the planning process.
3	17-Jul-22		<p>I am writing to offer input on the PT golf course. Whatever course the city council decides, I strongly encourage keeping public access to all the land, such that the land is open to the public. I am open to ideas how public access best fits with the Mountain View community center. I am strongly opposed to developing the land for residential use, low income or market rate.</p>	Thanks for your comments. We will consider these points in the planning process.
	30-Aug-22	email	<p>The golf course isn't broken - it's nice. I don't golf but I enjoy the open space.</p>	Thanks for your comments. We will consider these points in the planning process.

5-Sep-22 Letter

To: The Mayor and City Council of Port Townsend
Subject: Potential Closure of the Port Townsend Golf Course

Thank you for your letter, Walter. I hope that you will remain engaged in the community process around the future of the golf course. Thank you again!

First of all, I am not a golfer, but I am concerned about our ever-shrinking open space: once open space is lost, it probably won't be open space ever again.

You have heard all the arguments for retaining the golf course. My concern is that it will be developed for alternative uses. Alternative uses often include paving, buildings and parking lots. If the golf course were developed, acres of open space would be lost forever.

I grew up in Seattle in the '30s, '40s and '50s; it was a livable city then. I was well aware of the "Greater Seattle" movement. Seattle embarked on a program of non-stop development. Look at Seattle now!

Development is addictive. Let's not develop the Port Townsend Golf Course; keep it in its natural state for future generations.

6-Sep-22 Public comment

Last spring Keri Hite was hired to develop a comprehensive unbiased assessment of City land that includes the golf course. However, as we all read in the PDN, she was given instructions by the City Manager to "repurpose" the golf course. So ended any possibility of an unbiased assessment, and puts into question the utility of the final conclusions and recommendations.

Presentation at Council, noting there is no pre-determined outcome. Thanks for your comments, your input will be considered.

A few weeks later I received an email from Mayor Faber that added to the skepticism. It read, in part, "I do anticipate the result of this (study) will be the end of the golf course for a host of reasons." All this before any public input.

Fortunately the decision on the future of that venerable 117 year old golf course and the last large, treed open space so near town is not up to the Mayor or City Manager - it is in the hands of the Council who I hope remain open minded.

Please, Council members, consider how your children and grandchildren will look back at your decision. Will they applaud your decision to retain that space for them, or will they curse your choice to succumb to a short term monetary gain through development that sacrificed the open space and the golf course. Your legacy will largely be determined by that decision.

Please also consider the dozens of Councils dating back to 1905 who pushed aside numerous attempts to allow development of the course. They had the vision, and the knowledge of its importance to the community, and the courage to stand up to pressures of development minded schemers who didn't understand the aesthetic and functional value of the open space and the golf course.

My question to you is - do you have that same vision, understanding, and, especially, the courage to follow their lead to retain that beautiful space?

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13-Jun-22	letter	My name is Virginia Adams and I reside in Port Townsend, WA	Thanks for your comments. Your input will be considered as part of the planning process.	
6		<p>1.Though I am not a golfer, I plan to learn the game and add it to my physical exercise regimen. It's affordable, easily accessible location and plenty of mentors and coaches are available to teach golf. I am in the baby boomer category and it's never too late to learn a new sport.</p> <p>2.I have many friends who live in the area and use the golf course on a regular basis and my out-of-town relatives who visit Port Townsend and are avid golfers. Last year, we held a family reunion at Fort Worden and the golfers played a morning round of golf at the city course.</p> <p>3.What is the PROS Plan Community Engagement Plan results mentioned in the agenda/memo as "recent"? Please give the dates it was conducted.</p> <p>4. My brother-in-law, James Connolly (509-951-0270) is a National Golf Association member, small business owner of Planet Turf and has practiced as a consultant to many golf courses throughout the US and in WA State. He told me that golf course use and revenues have gone "through the roof" since the beginning of the pandemic in Spring of 2020. I believe that another study needs to be completed or the 2018 National Golf Foundation needs an update. For instance, an addendum that shared trends and future for golf courses in general and reports on what the data shows for PT Golf Course on the usage and revenue in the past two years.</p>		
7	7-Jul-22	Letter	In short, my vision for these two properties is to unite them into one, gorgeous, thriving, central park, with Blaine closed between the two properties. Keep a full 9 hole golf course, but realign it to accommodate walking routes crisscrossing the property. Using housing for this resource would spend an unrenewable resource.	Thanks for your comments. Your input will be considered as part of the planning process.
8	5-Jul-22	Phone Call	Please consider climate and energy justice, social justice.	Thanks for your comments. Your input will be considered as part of the planning process.
9	14-Apr-22	Letter	Highlightingall the volunteer labor at the course.	Thank you for your service.
10	28-Jun-22	Notes	Consider walking, biking trails, open space, as natural as it can be. More amenities for youth.	Thank you for your input.
11	28-Jun-22	360-809-0465	You probably can't survive as a golf course. Interested in open space, open for people. Limit golf 3-4 days/wk, 2x week walking trails, 1x week motorized golf carts. Charge a nominal sum or larger sum for the cart rentals. Keep restaurant.	Thanks for your comments. Your input will be considered as part of the planning process.

12-Sep-22	EngagePT	Where can individuals provide input and suggestions for better uses for the property that is now leased as a golf course?	Thank you for your comments. We will be sure to use these in our planning efforts.
		There are many possible uses for this city property that would serve many more residents than the current use.	
		The golf course is clearly under used, and provides little value to most Port Townsend area residents. While we may appreciate the trees and the green space in the center of our town, we are not even allowed on the property except on the driveway during the times there have been a functional cafe. And past food business have never provided food or ambiance to draw non-golfers.	
12		I would love to see most of this property remain as green space, but space that welcomes all residents and visitors, not just the few who play golf. The golf course at Discovery Bay is a better facility for most golf enthusiasts.	
		I think the City property may be large enough to serve multiple purposes. It would be wonderful to have a modest but beautiful performing arts center where here, perhaps where the current buildings and parking area is. Ideally this could have a only modest adjacent parking area, with some of the parking along 19th and even over on the Mountain View campus. This would leave much of the property as a park with trees and walking paths. The pond area could be restored with native vegetation, with limited access provided by raised boardwalks; this would protect wildlife while providing better views of the pond.	
		I would love to see a small cluster of affordable cottage homes or duplexes at the corner of San Juan and 19th, perhaps developed by Habitat for Humanity with covenants that	
13	9/14/2022 503-330-0737	Sign about " save our golf course". We definitely need to keep green space. Older and srs that have been golfing, important personal connection. Let's keep part of the golf, and add other amenities for others. Minimal additional housing along Blaine, partner with habitat. Mixed use, mostly green space.	Thanks for your comments. Your input will be considered as part of the planning process.
	9/15/2022 email	In your deliberations regarding the future of the golf course, I wonder if you are considering the natural history features/values/importance of the course. There is some literature, and I have personal experience, to suggest that golf courses are often important natural history areas. While most of the published research and literature is from other parts of the US, several geographic regions are represented ranging from southwest deserts to the sub-tropical southeast of Florida. The mixture of water features, edge habitats, and open areas provide an excellent diversity of habitats, especially for birds. This is particularly important in urban and urbanized areas. For example, the Carnation golf course outside Seattle is a well know destination for the East Lake Washington Audubon Society. The Port Townsend golf course has some excellent habitat features. I have recorded 70 species of birds at the PT Golf Course, without making any special effort, just noting different birds as I played a round of golf.	Thanks so much for your comments and thoughts about the habitat of the golf course. I will make sure to make a note of this for our consultants to consider in their planning efforts. It was good to meet you last night, and I certainly can appreciate your perspective. I would encourage you to stay involved when we start having public meetings, so this perspective can be heard.
14		Golf courses are often better wildlife habitat than places like city parks because there is less human disturbance. Golfers do not venture into "natural" areas unless looking for a lost ball, whereas kids love to explore the most inaccessible areas of parks. Also, city parks do not typically have "unmanaged" wetlands, meadows and forests. instead they are manicured. The pond and adjacent wetlands at the Port Townsend golf course are examples of excellent, unmanaged urban wildlife habitat. Is there someone who understands the importance of habitat diversity in urban areas currently on your "stakeholders" committee?	

15	11-Jun-22	email	<p>Looking through the agenda packet for Council's Monday workshop, I see you are deep into the process for the golf course. Unless I overlooked it, I see no reference to a second restricted/protected area at the golf course, the area now referred to as Hastings Pond. The whole course was once called Spring Valley Golf Course and what was the 'spring' is now the pond and wetland, with four acres protected, at least in theory (it has been repeatedly mistreated by current lessee, in my opinion). I have attached the page in Appendix A from the 2020 PROS Plan that speaks to the protections on both the pond/wetland area and the prairie, both listed as critical areas. This information came from the 1999 parks plan, copied into the 2014 plan and then into the 2020 plan. The pond is in Basin 8 of our stormwater plan. I've also attached the wetland delineation from 1998, from the city website's Basin 8 information.</p>	
16	9-May-22	email	<p>To David: Hi - I hope you will be able to use the well at the golf course. We don't remember the original reason the city did not hook up to the effluent line when offered. However if you want to help the course you need to promote the course which will provide more income. The problem is that the golf course is not mentioned at all in any publication online or in print that encourages people to come to Port Townsend. That would be nowhere. This is one of the oldest courses in Washington and has a wonderful history with local residents like the Eisenbeis and Hastings families. The Leader or Historical Society would have many great photos and stories. An article in the Leader would be great and of course give you copy to start putting in Port Townsend publications advertising the town. Below is the first letter to editor after threats to close the course and it gives a broad picture of the value of the course. I hope you will encourage the downtown association and every one who has a publication about Port Townsend to include the golf course.</p> <p>A golf course is the one place where children, juniors, high schoolers, young adults, adults, middle aged and senior citizens can all get along and associate with each other. Where else do you find that? One of the big things in golf is etiquette which everyone practices while learning to play golf. And it is a very historical golf course and should be maintained as a golf course and a golf course only. It is a piece of Port Townsend history. A military plane once made an emergency landing in a snow storm on the 8th fairway illuminated by lights from citizen's cars.</p> <p>The better shape the course is in the more players you will get. It also draws tourists. It is not a difficult course to play but it can be very challenging for the better golfers. Both the city and the county should contribute to upgrades and repairs to bring it up to standard play ability because all the people of the county use the course. A nonprofit may not be the best idea. You want to keep the pro shop and the restaurant because those bring in a lot of money. The course is also a great venue for local fundraising event tournaments. It can also become a place to teach turf management and mechanics of machine repair to students.</p> <p>Retired golf course employee and golfer Brad Sandvig</p>	<p>Thanks so much for your welcome and your interest in the golf course. Part of my charge is to engage with the community to facilitate a discussion about the golf course. So, stay tuned, as I will be creating this process soon.Thanks again for the welcome and for sending this information!</p>
17	9-Jul-22	email	<p>I would like to make suggestions regarding the future of the land that currently is the golf course.</p> <p>I haven't had success with http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=16439&d=0oPK4h5n8QDSasFH6LSog8iwSV-9P1ooCkdsOCwD7g&u=http%3a%2f%2fcityofpt%2egranicus%2ecom When I request a new password, I never get a link in my mailbox. I've checked by junk mail.</p> <p>I was assuming by the article in The Leader that city council wanted community feedback. Is there a way to provide that online?</p> <p>Oh, by the way, I love our pool, I love are parks and I love are city!</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts!</p>	<p>Liz: I will add you to the golf course engagement distribution list where you can stay informed about the process and provide input as we go. This process will start in the next few weeks. Thanks.</p>

15-Sep-22	email	<p>My name is Cameron Jones and I recently read the article in The Leader regarding the community engagement plan with a Seattle firm to figure out the best course of action for the golf course. When I initially read that, I was fairly confused as to why the city would pay for another assessment (especially outside Jefferson County) when the city itself already reached out to the community regarding what to do with the golf course. I do understand that there's some trepidation to take substantial action with the continued shadow of the Cherry Street project, but it still seems like all the prior feedback has been disregarded. I know that several interested groups even wrote up really well thought out proposals for what to do with the golf course...will those be included in this process?</p>	<p>Thanks so much for your comments. I would welcome any connections or contacts you have to ensure that we have a diversity of voices at the table. The stakeholder's committee includes representatives of Mountain View Commons because the exploration of possibilities with the community includes Mountain View Commons. As community amenities, it makes sense to look at these two properties as they are contiguous with each other and could complement each other.</p>
18		<p>Aside from this initial confusion, I have a larger concern regarding who is part of the stakeholder group. I understand the YMCA and Mountainview having a stake due to their proximity and potential symbiotic relationship with what happens at the golf course, but there seems a lack of diverse representation at the table. I get the full list of folks on the board has yet to be released, but I feel like there are important groups and voices that are not as represented as they were during the previous community engagement process. Voices that represent working class folks, people of color in our community, and housing advocates.</p>	<p>This project was requested by the City Council in 2020 but was put on hold due to the pandemic. It is now much easier to gather, and people are more comfortable joining together, hence much easier to plan.</p>
		<p>I feel like Bayside Housing or OlyCap would be a suitable organization to be a part of the stakeholder group. There's also Shyacre Farm, a coalition of different farmers, builders, and activist who are neighbors to the golf course on the opposite side of San Juan who might have some input on the future of the golf course.</p>	<p>The stakeholder committee's role is to listen to the general public (and a diversity of opinions, voices, and people) and help the consultant and myself represent accurately what the community is saying. To that extent, it is most important for our community to engage in the open houses that will be scheduled to make sure their voices are heard. The stakeholders will not form the recommendation that goes to Council, the community will.</p>
9/25/2022	email	<p>Honestly, I wish the best for you on this project and I hope that there can be a more diverse and inclusive discussion than usually is the case in this community. I feel like it's</p> <p>Thank you for your involvement in re-imagining how we might best use the Port Townsend Golf Course property. This email is my opinion on that subject. If there is a person to whom this opinion would be more appropriately addressed, please let me know. In general, I would like to see us apply the First Peoples' adage to do what is best for the 7th generation from now.</p>	<p>Thanks again for your comments and I will make sure they are represented in this process.</p>
19		<p>If we had no debt and a large cash reserve, then our choices would undoubtedly be different than they need to be in light of our current financial state. We can't afford to pave our streets. We have tens of millions of dollars of debt, owed by a community of fewer than 10,000 people. And, along with the denial by our public officials that this is a problem, we permit the ongoing increase in infrastructure spending, knowing that 25 to 50 years from now we will not have the money to maintain and/or replace that infrastructure, unless we take it from future generations. Almost every city and town in America has done this, which is one of the reasons that our national infrastructure is so badly deteriorated. I know how tempting perpetual growth is to public officials. They can permit an infrastructure project today which will bring in money, maybe lots of it, while the bill for maintaining and then replacing that infrastructure is put off for a generation or two until someone else is in office. So my first wish is that we not do that.</p>	<p>Thanks so much for your input. I have added your comments/thoughts to the log and we will consider them as we plan. Thanks so much for taking the time to comment.</p>
		<p>Applying that caveat, if the golf course can be run as a business that does not cost the City anything, great, do that. If it is a net gain to the City, even better. If, however, we need to spend money to keep it afloat, on irrigation, on mowing and/or on infrastructure maintenance, money not completely matched by income from the golf course operations, then please do not do that. Close the golf course; Don't irrigate it; don't mow it; leave it as an unmaintained, wild space – yes, I know that it may eventually revert to a 59-acre blackberry patch. The point is, we do not need any more unnecessary infrastructure spending.</p>	

20	9/21/2022 Engage PT	<p>Hello: I would like to comment about the prior National Golf Course Foundation study that has been referred to over the months during discussions about the golf course. I think it was a flawed study as it did not seem to be tailored to a small town 9-hole golf course. I hope that the next study or survey will contact more people in the city and the county. I would like to know how the newly engaged landscape architect will determine usage of the golf course. If households are used, what will be the definition of "household"? Home owners and renters use the golf course, plus a family membership fee can include a varying amount of people. And, not all monthly or annual pass members sign in each time they go to the golf course (even though they are supposed to do so for record-keeping purposes). How many residents of the city and county will be contacted for a survey, if any? And how will we be contacted? Our county does not quite fit the statistical norms, so a survey or study will need to take our quirks into consideration. I watched the video introducing the landscape architect and was pleased to hear that he and his firm seem to understand that our county is a bit different. As the golf course is looked at, the dog park and the pool should also be looked at with the same criteria. All 3 are available to be used by the public, and all 3 end up serving only a percentage of the county's residents. Will the recreational opportunities all be looked at with the same criteria? There is also the skateboard park and the basketball courts/tennis courts/pickleball courts. All of which take up space and are used by only a percentage of the public. Each recreational activity serves a specific group. I do not favor any of these recreational activities and their spaces being taken away for another non-recreational use. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
21	9/22/2022 Engage PT	<p>Turn half of the golf course land into affordable housing, multi unit and single homes mixed, and the other half into open green space and gardens</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
22	9/22/2022 Engage Pt	<p>Keep the golf course as open space ... and keep the golfers since they'll help maintain the space. I would love some gravel paths for walking, and some days/times when those paths are just for walkers. And notify walkers outside those times that they walk at their own risk! I don't golf, but the area is my park, native plants, my joy of red-winged blackbirds and other wildlife, my cross-country ski trail, and my greenway. Other family-friendly activities could be developed that don't jeopardize the beloved open, park quality of the area: tennis courts? Pickle ball? The Mountain View area should be made to better serve the "hard" bits: pool, putt-putt golf, a bowling alley?, more parking, the Recyclery, food bank.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

23	9/23/2022 Engage PT	<p>As a new member of this community beginning in August, 2022, I am so impressed with the spirit of community here and the general desire to continue to improve recreation opportunities here. I was amazed to find a very nice Golf course that I have played a few times. It is a real gem for the city and a shame if the City decided to close it for alternate uses. This course could be much better utilized by golfers who live or visit here if there was better effort by the City to promote it. The photos on the City website and very nice, but the description should be changed to say 9/18 hole course as with the different tee placements one can play 18 holes. Many visiting golfers might get the wrong impression by calling it a 9 hole course. The Course could use some help by the City for maintenance upgrades. This course is so beloved that many local golfers actually volunteer their time to help with upkeep. This is how revered this course is! Port Townsend has plenty of parks including a very nice and large one in Fort Warden, also Ft Townsend and on Marrowstone at Fort Flagler. We don't need another park, but to be a complete City to provide for all, we do need this golf course. I play at Whitehorse in Kingston, Port Ludlow GC, Trophy Lake and others and they all have walking paths that don't interfere with golf that are used by the general public. I think PT GC could possible add some to this course to accommodate those that don't golf, but want to take a walk there. This comes with cost, of course, but less than it would take to completely retool this for just a park usage. Please keep the golf course going and help provide for ongoing maintenance. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
24	9/25/2022 Engage PT	<p>As an avid golfer, I strongly recommend leaving the golf course as a golf course. It should be promoted more by the city—directional signs, brochures in motels/hotels, etc. It should also move from Gabriel Tonan to a professional manager that will promote golf events, be more aggressive in bringing in new members, and maintain visibility and good will in our city. The natural history of the golf course is unique and should be protected—the last remnant of prairie, the wetland where many birds breed, including the rare Virginia Rail, and the brush and woodland that is home to many critters and species of birds. Golf is a recreation that can be enjoyed throughout a persons life; young and old, alike, can participate. Yes, some money should be put into the course, but nothing like the inflated figure the NGF recommends.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
25	9/26/2022 Engage PT	<p>First off, I am not a golfer. However, my husband is an avid golfer who uses the course at least three to four times a week with several golfing buddies. These people range in age from 70 to 90 and golfing at the PT Course is a passion for them. This little course is an absolute gem and has been for 94 years. This is the perfect exercise for people of all ages and is a sport you can continue to play all your life. Please let's keep this a public course and have the city take some pride in it by putting it on their webpage and letting people know that it is there for their use and enjoyment.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input on this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
26	9/19/2022 Email	<p>Hi - I think you said that the public can attend but cannot say anything. How can we get information or comments to them if we have info that can answer a question or orsomething else? Will the committee have their own email or will it go through you?</p>	<p>The public will be able to submit comments online, and provide comments at numerous open houses and online surveys. The role of the stakeholder committee is as a staff advisory committee. They will be charged with listening to the public, the comments, the online open houses, and guiding the design team and myself on what they heard. Thank you.</p>

9/16/2022	email	<p>This note is to thank you for meeting with the PT golfers last night and for doing an exceptional job of handling a variety of questions and comments in a gracious and informative manner. The meeting greatly clarified how the information gathering process will unfold that will give you the basis for your recommendations to the city council.</p>	<p>Thanks so much for your comments. There has been a study with NGF that was completed that speaks to these two issues. Whether they are accurate or not, they are present in the study that was completed. This is the reason we have hired another NW golf consultant to do a study. Hopefully this study will clear up any question about the results of the NGF study. Thanks again for your comments. I will pass them along to the planning team.</p>
27		<p>I wish I had done a little more homework before the meeting. Today after reading over press releases from the city council and the related article in the Leader, I think it is very important going forward that two misconceptions put forth in these documents be corrected. First, that it will cost about a million dollars to attract more visits and make PTGC a viable golf course, and second, that the course is in a remote location. I would be glad to talk with you in person, on the phone, or write you further about why I think both these ideas are incorrect. Insofar as it is possible, I think these two misconceptions need to be corrected for the public going forward.</p> <p>I am hopeful that the planned Northwest golf consultant will have a broader perspective on the game than NGF, coupled with an appreciation for the unique nature of the Port Townsend community, allowing them to see that the course is actually much closer to the level of viability that would satisfy the council members.</p>	
28	Engage PT	<p>I would love for the golf course space to be more usable for a more broad base if our community. It'd be wonderful to have a park similar to hj carrol in town - with native gardens, gathering spaces both covered and uncovered, walking paths, kids play areas, and active sporting areas.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
29	Engage PT	<p>The main reason I want to keep the golf course is because of global warming.; we must preserve our green, open spaces. The golf course is such a space and also provides a sport that us both healthful and non-polluting.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
30	Engage PT	<p>Hi: I had 2 more questions: I read in the material provided online that the PT Golf Course is considered part of the stormwater management plan, so how would other uses affect that plan, especially if impervious surfaces are used to cover part of the Golf Course? I also remember reading somewhere, maybe in an old email, that a city employee was unable to find the written agreements that laid out the restrictions on what the course could be used for, but that he thought that it had only been a verbal agreement. He seemed to be discounting any verbal agreements. But, the State of Washington does regard verbal agreements as valid and binding contracts under most circumstances. How did he document his research in the City records? And should there be a more robust search of those records? Thank you, Cathy beatty.</p>	<p>Our planning team will take into consideration the stormwater requirements and function as we start the community discussions. In addition, the city has pulled the titles to the GC property and the deed restrictions denote that it must be used for municipal purposes. Thanks for your inquiry.</p>
31	Email	<p>Hi - I am just wondering about the space as the 26 attendees can't even sit at a table and talk to each other unless there is another adjoining open room. What are your plans if a lot of people come? Will you go to Cotton building or community center? In years past these things have moved to Commons at the Fort. The chambers if full is a good place for covid exposure as there is no ventilation. Can you open windows and broadcast outside so people could hear? I know you want a lot of people to engage so you must have a plan for safety.</p>	<p>I will think about all of this. We will be planning the open houses and inviting everyone to weigh in at the open houses in larger venues. The meeting this Thursday is the 18-20 person stakeholder committee, where the public is invited to attend, but it is not to solicit input. It is for the stakeholders to help us map out the direction. I will work with our consultant to open up the hybrid meeting to the public that wants to attend. Thanks for your input.</p>

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 33 Keep it as a golf course for now and await a real dire need sometime in the future. I guarantee one will pop up eventually in our lifetime and we're gonna be glad we have that land still. Already in PT, There are 27 City owned parks, 5 County owned parks, and 2 State owned parks located within City limits and 31 miles of trails. Most we cannot even maintain or fund. Please let the golf course continue to operate. Also my daughters golf and really enjoy it. I like the reasonable prices and how it's laid-back not like a richy golf club course.
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 36 Questions for Carrie Hite: 1. Would you please ask the Council members to walk clockwise around the property, starting at Mountain View? On the golf course side of Blaine, 19th, San Juan and F Streets, the property presents a somewhat "hostile" face to pedestrians, almost like a wall, except for about 300 steps along Cherry from A Street to 19th. Also include the path up from the end of Redwood to Cherry at A St. Some are saying that we need to preserve "open" space, but if you are not a bird, deer, coyote or possibly a golfer, to call it "open" is somewhat disingenuous. 2. Does the scope of work for Groundswell include: a. Addressing the proposed development at the Shy Acre farm property across San Juan (how many proposed units are in the planning or permitting stage?); the future development of property across F Street; and also property on the corner of San Juan and F/Discovery where a gas station once sat, with underground tanks? b. Addressing the "Carmel" property, which the City may soon propose to sell? Could this be incorporated into a reworking of the Mountain View campus? c. Reviewing locations nearby where traffic circles may be proposed, for example at Sims and Kearney? d. Creating a link with Kah Tai Lagoon and the reworking of Sims Way alongside Boat Haven? Questions for Groundswell Landscape Architecture, Chris Jones and Rebecca Melvin: 1. Could this property be our "Central Park," in the tradition of Olmsted, knitting together Kah Tai, Mountain View, Happy Valley, and the path alongside Quimper Village through Froggy Bottom to Fort Worden? 2. Are the coyotes being considered as Stakeholders? Rebecca noted that "Landscape Architecture is as much about listening as it is about building and imparting the value of being a cultural advocate for the natural world." 3. Would it be possible to invite Architecture and Urban Planning Schools (U.W., W.S.U., etc.) as participants in a design charette fo

Thanks so much for attending the meeting yesterday afternoon. It was great to meet you.

Here are some answers to your questions:
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2. Does the scope of work for Groundswell include: a. Addressing the proposed development at the Shy Acre farm property across San Juan (how many proposed units are in the planning or permitting stage?); the future development of property across F Street; and also property on the corner of San Juan and F/Discovery where a gas station once sat, with underground tanks? **No, as this is private property. What we heard yesterday, though, was to consider the adjacencies in the planning process, so we will do that. Thanks.**

b. Addressing the "Carmel" property, which the City may soon propose to sell? Could this be incorporated into a reworking of the Mountain View campus? **The difficulty including this property, is the rehab of the building is prohibitively expensive, and the geographical location requires the crossing of Cherry street to reach the other amenities. We have talked about it, but my not be a good solution to Mountain View.**

c. Reviewing locations nearby where traffic circles may be proposed, for example at Sims and Kearney? **We will look at all adjacencies and the impacts.**

d. Creating a link with Kah Tai Lagoon and the reworking of Sims Way alongside Boat Haven? Again, **We will look at all adjacencies and the impacts. I will let Chris answer the other questions. Thanks Kirk.**

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Please keep as a golf course. Our youth use this course for the high school team, cross country events and families in the community enjoy using it.

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The PT Golf has been a treasure to be found in the middle of the heart of Port Townsend. Growing up in town I've had the opportunity to spend great times making memories with my parents, grandparents, children and friends over the years. Golfers of all ages have the opportunity to learn and exercise both there minds and bodies in a healthy outdoor experience. To lose such a safe haven for our and future generations would be the greatest loss for all of our community. I truly hope that my thoughts and cares for such an important community institution do not go unheeded. Please save our course for all to enjoy. Sincerely, Scott J. Pulido.

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Keep the Port Townsend golf course, a golf course.

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Please keep the Golf course

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Keep the golf course.

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Keep the golf course!

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Keep it as a golf course

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Save the golf course

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Keep it as a golf course. Focus on Mountain View for improvement and engaging the peo

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Keep the golf course!

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We, as a family, love going to this course. Always friendly and it's an activity that my who

49 9/28/2022

Our children need a golf course in town. Skating rink gone. Bowling alley gone. Please do

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Please keep the golf course as a golf course. It is a valuable local, affordable venue for Jeffco residents and guests alike, old and young. I would, however, be in support of adding a section for mini-golf to add another activity for all ages

51 9/28/2022

Keep the golf course!

52 9/28/2022

Keep it as golf course, adding a putt putt section.

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Please use the golf course for housing for low-income people. There are plenty of other places in this area for outdoor recreation, whereas there is a severe lack of affordable housing. Thank you for inviting my input.

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54 9/28/2022

Please keep this the port townsend golf course! I'm a born and raise port townsend girl a

55 9/28/2022 Would love to see a space similar to HJ CARROL where the golf course is, with different opportunities for people to recreate outside(golf included). Same response

9/28/2022 Same response

56 Convert 9 hole golf course to a driving range. Convert the rest to natural areas with trails and other ways for humans to enjoy outside recreation. No housing. Other areas of PT are being developed for housing, both affordable and not affordable. Cities with a nice central diverse park tend to be more "livable".

57 9/28/2022 Please keep it as a golf course. It is the only affordable place for me and my kids to play. Same response

58 9/28/2022 Keep the golf course a golf course. When it is gone it is gone. No getting it back. Same response

59 9/28/2022 Keep the golf course! Same response

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61 9/28/2022 Keep the golf course. Same response

62 9/28/2022 Keep our course. Same response

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63 Hi - good meeting and good people and ideas it seemed. However please stop putting prejudicial information in the paper. You again mention several bad things about golf course and low interest from a survey that left out many people who use the course and put in an idea that it could go away and be housing encouraging many people to want to get rid of course. There was no need to mention that in announcing the meeting. You say you want to be fair and if you do you should at least add that many people want the golf course to stay as it is. At least you did not put in the 1.2 million even Chris knows that is not right. Please either take it off your documents online and printed material that farmer's market people hand out or change it to say a local report coming or it seemed expensive or something instead of trying to drill the 1.2 million into everyone who reads about golf course. I know your bosses are pushing you but your words are detrimental.

It was nice to finally meet you yesterday. Thanks so much for attending the stakeholders group. The information that I am using for the golf course is from a fully paid for and sanctioned study of the golf course. I can't deny that report or history, but what we can do going forward is take the opportunity to substantiate it or not, and produce more information that takes into consideration Port Townsend. I am not intentionally providing false information, just the facts we have in front of us. I look forward to a robust community conversation. Thanks for your comments.

10/1/2022 email

Hi, I'm Katny Howard and I've been a constant pool user for over 20 years, using the deep end for exercise and class when there is an instructor. I go daily, early, as soon as the pool opens. Two of my pool friends and I have come up with an idea to replace our failing pool. First, there is a lot of grant money for pools and recreation, especially for rural areas. Second, land and a plan of what and where the pool would be is very important before grant money can be asked for. Our idea is to use the fairgrounds more than a few days a year. A Olympic sized pool there would be a great place to start an activity center. It's on the bus line and there's a lot of room for parking, which Mountain View is sorely lacking. The rest of our idea is have MANAGED growth at the fairgrounds to include other activities for all ages. Which might include a gym (for the pickle ballers and others), an indoor skating rink, a building for indoor year around farmers market with room for seasonal vendors to still erect their tents or coverings during the growing season. If this was managed well, this project could have a plan and do it all in steps, not all at once. There are a lot of other possibilities that could be added as well. Grant money may be available for a lot of these ideas, saving a huge burden on the taxpayers. We have had trouble keeping professional people here because there isn't anything here for kids to do. We need that changed so we can have good young doctors and dentists and other professional people here and have them be glad they came to our community. The pool users concerns are a very aged pool with the life of our "new" liner getting to expiration date rapidly. The last liner caused the pool closure for over a week and very expensive too. The swim team doesn't have a regulation pool to train in and other teams won't come here for meets because their times don't count due to the short lanes. Our kids deserve better than this! And our pool is being held together with band-aids. As a 70+ year old senior citizen, the pool is VERY important to me for keeping me exercised, joints being able to move and all around fun to be in the water. The Pool, for most of the seniors. Is the only activity we can do to keep us mobile and moving. It's way more, to us, than just fun it's a necessity! Missing even one day makes a huge difference of how we feel and how we move. I

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To whom it may concern, My name is Addie, I am 11 years old and in 5th grade at O.C.E.A.N. As a kid in Port Townsend, I feel like my voice should matter. I believe the golf course should be something for the whole community Like a multi use park with an outdoor stage, a community organic garden, a play area, and a food truck parking lot. We could make one of the buildings a place for people to learn about native history and culture and one of the other buildings that’s already there could be an arcade, and, of course, also just open space for activities! Ever since I took a visit to the native flower prairie and the rock that chef čičmáhán stood on, it made me want to turn the golf course into a park even more because I don’t think this sacred landmark should be enclosed by a golf course. I want it to be a place where everyone feels invited to visit and acknowledge. When I looked at the website I saw that in order to keep the golf course running you would have to cut down trees and I don’t want that. There is so much beautiful nature there but it is not fully open to the public if they’re not there to golf. There is this one willow tree on the property that I think is really beautiful but I can’t safely enjoy it unless I’m a golfer. The golf course is also a major safety hazard. My friend, who lives on San Juan ave. has shown me the various golf balls that have flown into her yard and could have hit her. My dad also almost got hit by a golf ball when walking on the opposite side of the road on 19th st when it bounced all the way over the recyclery. Also, being so close to the road, a golf ball could swing into someone's windshield at any moment. I think that the golf course should be turned into something safe and accessible for the whole community.

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I listened and watched online to the first stakeholders meeting. 9/29/22, Much of the audio was incomprehensible. I hope that can be fixed. It appeared that a number of “stakeholders” were not present. I would like to be in the stakeholder group.

Thanks so much, but we already have a pretty full group. The kickoff meeting included 19 of 20. We had some stakeholders on the phone, in person, or sitting in the audience. Thanks again for your interest. I will let you know if anything changes.

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After attending the kickoff meeting on Sept 29, I felt that the best decision criterion for decision making regarding the site was stated near the end of the meeting: "What satisfies the needs of the most residents of PT?". Whenever I drive past the golf course, I'm left with the feeling that there might as well be fencing as on Indian Island around it. All of this land, city property, is off limits to all except the few who golf. In evaluating the benefits of retaining the status quo, I suggest that the committee consider the following points: 1) How many golfers (not counting multiple uses by a single individual) use the course in a year. Divide this number by the population of PT. 2) How ecologically friendly is golf course maintenance? I have heard that the golf course uses the same amount of water annually as the whole city. Is this true? If so, how can such a high usage be justified? Could it be that in an era of climate change, golf courses as currently configured are no longer viable? 3) How can the land be used more effectively for the health and wellbeing of residents? One possibility is a Swiss vita parcours - specially designed jogging paths – available for everyone, anytime and free of charge. In a typical parcours, there are up to 15 stations where you can do up to 43 exercises with the help of the simple equipment installed there. 4) Two pressing needs for the city are accessible open space and affordable housing. Accessible open space means park land available to all at all times. Affordable housing means affordable to line cooks, servers, baristas, and tradespeople who are currently shut out of the housing market. Both of these needs require centrally located land from which jobs and housing can be reached. The golf course and Mountain View commons provide a unique opportunity to address these needs.

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I was taken aback when I attempted to attend the first "Stakeholder " meeting and had to appeal to the City "front desk". Fortunately it was during working hours as I was helped, talked through the complicated process so I could attend. Here I must question the wisdom of introducing and entirely new "connection" for us that required a "Microsoft" program download! I have never come across anything like this when communicating with the City or ... most any other entity. Because I attempted to download the program, the time it was taking became alarming so I turned it off. That is when I called the City "desk". She stuck with me step by step until I heard sound and saw, in the far lower right of my screen what was, apparently, the man conducting the meeting. (By then well underway). I never was able to see any of the stakeholders nor identify them or who was speaking and saw only circles with initials. I was very cautious about clicking on the screen, but when I did there were two people, one, a woman as a ghostlike image, and a man who were amidst boulders or some sort of primordial scene. Was this a joke? I will never try to attend another of these meetings virtually., unless I can simply and easily listen on my telephone. How are citizens without computers attending virtual meetings? IS a recording of the Statkeholders meeting available? The printed material on the screen was almost impossible to read. Can I easily access the list list re after it is corrected? I yet strongly believe that Global Warming should be emphasized when we talk about health!

Hi There, I am so sorry you had a frustrating experience. Our consultant uses Microsoft Teams as a platform, and it usually automatically downloads and start right up. For those that have difficulty, or cannot connect, there is also a phone number to call into the meeting, and we are recording the meetings. The recordings will be available on the City's website a few days after the meeting. We are also holding the meetings in person. I hope that one of these methods works better for you next time. I will pass along your interest in Global Warming as a criteria to use while planning for the land. Thank you.

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Please save the PT golf course!

in the face of our collapsing global ecosystems. As Yogi Berra is reputed to have said: The Future just ain't what it used to be. Fortunately, perhaps, Resiliency is a very big concept... It would have to include, for example, spiritual resiliency. Our spirits are nourished by such things as a connection with the natural world, the experience of beauty, creative expression, gardening, learning. Oh, and Fun. And we are going to need a lot of spiritual strength moving forward. Social: Just as organized neighborhoods may be the biggest part of emergency preparedness, a tightening of the social network (maintaining connections and making new ones) will allow more efficient resolution of problems as they arise. It also helps our sense of connection and experience of safety. It supports the spirit. And going forward, it may be increasingly important to be able to socialize outside. Health: The healthier our bodies, the better able we will be to cope. Walking trails are a huge health benefit, particularly for us old people. All recreational activities will help as well. Oxygen is good. Food (think food forest) is good. Nuts and Bolts: And then, of course, there is the infrastructural piece. Energy: We cannot depend on an abundant supply of energy coming into our community from points outside. We need to be able to generate some portion of what we use now, and be able to use that energy when the grid is down. That means microgrid(s) coupled with lots of solar panels and perhaps a wind machine or two. That may be more of a program than a criteria, but it is pretty much implicit in the criteria I am suggesting. Transportation: Walking trails, biking trails & Recyclery, EV chargers Recycling, Repair, Reuse: We will need to figure out how to reuse more and dispose of less. This is Port Townsend. We can come up with ideas outside the existing paradigm. There may be opportunities to set aside space for such projects. It seems to me that this approach covers most all of what the stakeholder meeting came up with for criteria, yet it is really only the one criterion (with constraints for do-ability). It may be easier, going forward, to think in these terms. Then alternative project/program suggestions can be directly compared in terms of their impact on community Resiliency. ps Re: Golf. If it can be done without much additional financing, I

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72	9/30/2022	Thanks for your interest in this project. To address your other questions: Could this property be our 'Central Park.'? We'll have to wait to see if the PT community desires it to be such a place. Are the coyotes being considered as Stakeholders? All flora and fauna are considered stakeholders. Would it be possible to invite Architecture and Urban Planning and Urban Planning School as charette participants? This is an interesting idea we've employed on other projects and would be amenable to the idea. It will require a 'Champion' to engage and coordinate the effort.	Thanks for your interest in this project. To address your other questions: Could this property be our 'Central Park.'? We'll have to wait to see if the PT community desires it to be such a place. Are the coyotes being considered as Stakeholders? All flora and fauna are considered stakeholders. Would it be possible to invite Architecture and Urban Planning and Urban Planning School as charette participants? This is an interesting idea we've employed on other projects and would be amenable to the idea. It will require a 'Champion' to engage and coordinate the effort.
73	10/3/2022	I want to convey how special the undeveloped prairie area is on the golf course. Very little of the historical prairies still exist in the Pacific Northwest. I think it would be an improvement and honor the historical native use of the space by expanding the prairie through seed collection and transplanting from the existing site to maintain the genetic uniqueness that is this site.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
74	10/3/2022	We, my husband Norman Pasche and myself, believe that the public's best interest is to turn the golf course into an arboretum, following the example of the park in Moscow, ID., which is so lovely it's the first thing people talk about when they talk about Moscow. It is a place of peace and tranquility and draws and serves poeple from all around.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
75	10/3/2022	I am very happy to see that there is a discussion about an alternative use for the PT golf course and Mountain View Commons area. I have two school-aged children attending PT schools and would love to see improvements that included a multi-use park area, affordable housing, and a pool that is swim team appropriate but also has spaces for young kids and the retired community. It is painful to see such a huge are of PT being utilized by so few people for such a narrow activity, especially when another golf course is located only a few miles away. Thank you for opening this discussion to the public!	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
76	10/3/2022	I am at the golf course once or twice a week and noticed more younger people participating in the sport. It's got to be a good thing.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
77	10/4/2022	We were all surprised at the stakeholders meeting to hear that The ReCyclery did not have water or electricity. I called the shop and was told 'we do have electricity but it is not good and we do not have water.' It is good that the city will be finishing updating Mt. View and all of the new things they put there and the ReCyclery will have water and good electricity.	Thanks for your email. The ReCyclery has a separate agreement with the school district. As such, they would be responsible for any upgrades for their facility. It is very similar to our lease, where we are responsible for upgrades to MV commons and the pool. Thanks.

10/7/2022 email

I sat through the recording of the recent meeting about the golf course (and Mountain View). I thought it was a very helpful meeting and I was impressed by the quality of input from the various stakeholders. The one thing I was surprised about was the almost complete lack of focus on climate change as a decision making principle. The first time I even heard the words "climate change" was right at the end of the meeting when one person cautiously mentioned the words. I guess I was somehow expecting that climate change would have taken a much greater role in people's decision processes. I did hear the word "environment" used but as the moderator noted that word by itself means little (or everything). I think I'm a little anxious about this. From where I sit, climate change seems to be a challenge of existential proportions. To me it is the single biggest challenge of this century – a challenge that will determine if we (humans) will even have another century. I understand very well that many people see things differently. But I truly hope that as this group moves forward there will be some kind of recognition that some principles really are more important than others. To me this list of possible principles needs to be reviewed from the perspective of "what two or three principles really are the most important here?". For example, much as I love (and financially support) the Recyclery, I do not think infrastructure for the recyclery is remotely as important as climate change. To me it's like comparing taking away my smart-phone versus taking away my oxygen. I know that taking my granddaughter's i-phone away would *feel* life threatening to her but taking her oxygen away would take her life away quickly. I would love to see the recyclery get lots of help as an outcome of this project – but even more I would love the discussion to get focused more at the level of what we, the citizens of this town, could do to make the golf course (and related properties) outcome have a significant educational and practical impact on climate change.

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I think that a lot of the criteria that the stakeholders came up with directly impacts climate change and I heard intent to plan for a healthier environment. Some of the criteria: sustainability, preservation of green space, significantly healthier environment, nature as a stakeholder, resiliency, thinking ahead for future needs, habitat enhancement, all lead to impact on climate change. I will pass along your comments to our designers to consider as they move forward in the design process. The public can always comment via the website or email like you did. We will also have some open houses where there will be ample opportunity to give input. Thanks again for taking the time to send your thoughts!

10/7/2022 email

Hi - I hope you have a way to separate but keep each week's comments so we can still see them all but not have to scroll through them all and try to figure which are new. Maybe a dated headline on the current batch and new ones top. The word update sounded like we the previous ones might go away. Anyway thanks for having a comment log.

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Thanks for the suggestion. I will see if our web person can do this. Thanks.

10/10/2022 email

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10/10/2022

Golfer's have taken care of the course for 118 years since it became a golf course in 1904. When you look at old photos there are no trees. Golfers have planted many trees and golfers are the reason the course is so beautiful today. They deserve to continue taking care of it. Remember the last three years were not normal years. This is one of the oldest courses in Washington and has a wonderful history with local residents like the Eisenbeis and Hastings families. You can see and feel the history here every where you go. I hope you see how lucky we are to have such a historic place. The city council's job is to keep the history alive not get rid of it. Under Mike Early the course made money and can do so again. None of the 27 city owned parks pay for themselves. The city was given the golf course to be preserved and a mandate of their own Historic Preservation Committee is to preserve and restore historic properties. I think the course is a 10 in that category. Educate yourself and research this wonderful course. saveptgolf.com The golf course is living history. It is also open space which most commenters wanted.

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10/7/2022	<p>play golf on a very regular basis and can offer keen insight into the culture and physical state of the course. I am also a trained architect with a background in landscape architecture and urban planning. In addition to providing important habitat space, the golf course provides an open space that is critical to urban areas. As an avid golfer I see the many local residents and also visitors that utilized the golf course. Although it appears that it is under used from an outsiders perspective, I can attest that the golf course is very well utilized as a recreational space and a practice center. With improvements to some basic areas it would be utilized even more. Looking specifically at the course; the greens and tee boxes are the most in need of repair and maintenance. It also makes sense for public safety to have netting installed all all parts of the course that run along side roads. Netting is a common feature for urban golf courses - that could be installed to allow wildlife access to be maintained. The course plays much like a links course utilizing minimal water in the dry months - and using the irrigation to maintain the quality of the tee boxes and greens. I think upgrades to the practice facility will attract more golfers and an addition of a putt putt area could attract more families- getting children involved in the sport at an earlier age similar to the soccer and little league that occurs in PT. The club house boasts an amazing view and upgrades to the building could see a world class restaurant and bar. It is a great place to grab a drink or eat in addition to playing golf- however the facility is not up to date and the advertisements for the current restaurant and bar are not wide spread. Most local residents don't even know there is a bar/restaurant at the course. In summary, I believe that the golf course is a very important feature for our town. There is a very active community built around the sport and it is as important to maintain the space to support that community just as the slate park, basketball courts, soccer fields are important to maintain. The course provide viable habitat, important open space, and with improvements it could provide more practice space for future generations of golfers. It could also provide a beautiful place for food and drink in a peaceful and open</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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10/10/2022	<p>Please keep the golf course in its current state. As I understand things, this property must be used for recreation for our community. Golf and an open space for the benefit of all of our community is a wonderful thing.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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10/12/2022	<p>I would love to see the dog park increased in size. And add enrichment activities - like items/plants the dogs sniff, etc. A previous dog park our dogs loved had one corner devoted to trees & shrubs with doggie trails so they could sniff & run through. The current dog park is really only useful for dogs that love to fetch - which leaves my dogs out. And add benches and/or tables for people to sit at. Maybe the current dog park could be made into a playground and larger dog park could be created in the golf course area. The dog park doesn't have to be square, it could run the length of the current golf course property (maybe 20 ft wide) giving dogs a long to run for exercise & play. I have golfed at P.T. Golf Course since I retired in 2010. I am 75 and still very active and healthy mostly due to golf and its outdoor exercise, fresh air, and friendships. I've heard comments that the golf course is exclusive only for golfers. What about the swim pool? Isn't it only for those that like to swim? What about the tennis and pickleball courts. Aren't they only for those who like to play those games? What about the dog park... only for those with dogs? The skateboard park ... only for those who like to skateboard? AND the PT course already has compatible uses with its wonderful restaurant open to</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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<p>10/13/2022</p> <p>89</p>	<p>Why not turn the golf course into public housing? Considering the fact that it's across the street from the food bank, Recovery Cafe, the Re-Cyclery (which is kind enough to offer free days of bike repair assistance), the Food Co-op (a great source of employment), and bus stops. Basically every amenity aimed at helping those in need is at that location and there's more than enough space for both housing and open spaces like parks for all community members to enjoy.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>10/13/2022</p> <p>90</p>	<p>Any new projects for the Golf Course should include nighttime lighting. With winter's shorter days upon us again I will still need to walk my dogs as well as getting exercise for myself, a mobility challenged senior. Also, I would like to see a newer more dog areas added in the Golf Course project. Even with the Chetzemoka dog park and the Mountain View dog park, I find that at times there are too many dogs in the run areas to accommodate all of Port Townsend citizens as well as visitors in a safe manner. More smaller areas would be better to augment the present big areas. As a mobility challenge disable person with a WA issued card I find it very difficult to maneuver the larger Mountain View area to pick up after my dogs. I know there is an area for small dogs and senior dogs but my dogs don't qualify as either. In essence, there should be multiple areas that both accommodate for people with disabilities and for senior citizens. Smaller areas limited to a few dogs would be easier and safer for their dogs and make the experience of having an outing with their pet dog, companion dog, or service dog more enjoyable.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

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91	<p>The 10/12/22 PT Leader indicated that the next Golf Course Stakeholder’s Meeting is set for Tuesday October 18. Yet your web site only mentions an 11/15 meeting and no more October meetings. Which is the correct information? Are the meetings open to the public and can members of the public address the committee at some point in the meetings? For many reasons, I have been able to participate in the early stages of this project, but would very much like to be involved going forward. One question I have is whether there has been any discussion of the possibility of dedicating a small corner of the golf course property for erecting affordable housing. I imagine this is probably out of your area of expertise, but that should not stop the idea from being considered. After all, I’m pretty sure the idea came up before, when repurposing the course was first discussed. Given that both the City and the County declared affordable housing as a primary issue and recognizing that the course is a large piece of property that can accommodate multiple uses, this should be a “no brainer” discussion topic. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>The next meeting is indeed tomorrow and is listed on our website. The meetings are open to the public, and the public will be able to comment on the whole project during the open houses that will be planned coming up. In addition, we do have a project launch on October 25th, onsite at the Golf Course and Mountain View campus, 2:00-4:00 where you can come and talk directly with the project team. I am going to note your housing comment on our input log and will make note of your ideas. These ideas have come up before, and we will have to see how they pan out in the process. Thanks so much for your interest!</p>
92	<p>10/15/2022 Engage PT</p> <p>I would love to see the Golf Course green space preserved. It is an asset for the community in so many ways. It is not, however, serving the majority of people who pay for its up-keep. I walked the golf course twice, once during COVID and last winter when it snowed. It is a beautiful walk. It makes me very happy to see cross-country skiers on it or the cross country runners from the high school. Let’s have the Rhody Run on the golf course! Let’s have the Turkey Trot on the golf course! People support the area’s they know; so few people know our golf course. That is our fault.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
93	<p>10/16/2022</p> <p>I would love to see the golf course property remain a green space. With 2 flash golf courses nearby, what if we kept the driving range and converted the remaining space into family oriented activity opportunities? I.e. out door games like Horse-shoe toss, Bocci, Giant Chess, Mini-golf/putt-putt, Croquet, Fitness Circuit, innovative playground, Amphitheater, walking garden paths & Prairie expansion and bike/hover-boards/+ paths for transiting the park on alternative wheels. Basically our own Central Park. Game accessories could be rented or borrowed with a refundable deposit or minimal/multi level memberships. Our youth and young adults have so little to do with friends in this town besides "party". I respect our local golfers wanting to keep it exclusively as a golf course (hence keep the driving range and club house) but it excludes a lot of people when we have excellent golf courses close by. As a "Central Park" the quality of life here goes up a notch! Just my fantasy but I never go there the way it is. I would if it felt more welcoming and it would balance Mountain View and Kai Tai in a very complimentary way. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
94	<p>10/17/2022</p> <p>Dear City Council Members: Please keep the in town Golf Course. For the past 25 years I personally have contributed to the Rhododendron Festival and other fund raisers by donating to the Jim Caldwell Memorial Golf Tournament as well as other golf tournaments. Though I appreciate that the future of the golf course is on the website for the City of Port Townsend, I believe it would be a good marketing idea to have at least a link on the Official Tourism Site for Port Townsend, WA It would also be helpful if the hotels, airbnbs, and the Chamber include the golf course in their brochures (maybe some of them already have, I didn’t see references to the golf course on the occasions I stayed in PT). It seems to be a big draw for the other hotels I've booked online. From California to New Jersey, a main amenity is a on-site or nearby golf course. Thank you in advance. Please keep the golf course.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

95	10/17/2022	<p>The only reasonable use for the golf course is housing. It is an excellent location for some real density, and is close to services at the Mountain View campus and transit lines. Even if dense housing projects aren't immediately feasible, the council should under no circumstances turn the golf course into a park. Parks are great. We have lots of them, and don't need more. We desperately need housing. The golf course could easily accommodate dozens (or more!) small apartment buildings and quadplexes, which would make a real dent in our housing shortage. The landscaping around such housing would make for much better natural habitat than the golf course currently is, so this concerns should be dismissed as the NIMBYism they are.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
96	10/18/2022	<p>of the Port Townsend Municipal Golf Course to provide a wider range of services while ensuring a functional 9- hole golf and open space remain. Identification of compatible uses would provide recreation opportunities to a wider range of the community, while protecting the open space and ecological services that already benefit everyone. Maintaining these public services will become more and more important as Port Townsend continues to become denser and more urbanized at buildout. A few examples of compatible multiple uses that might work in Port Townsend include: frisbee or football golf (local businesses could donate golf baskets in return for discrete ad mentions); kite flying festivals; geocaching; archery; film evenings; concerts; cross-country skiing; and Nordic walking clubs. Other ideas to integrate the broader community include: local school golf classes, tournaments and after school programs; college classes or internships on drainage and turf management; caddie training programs for students (see Caddie Program (commongroundgc.com)); and Public Park Days (see St. Andrews article below) to name just a few. Many other municipalities and regions have revived their ailing golf courses. The Nordic Council of Governments (Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Iceland) identified over 45 public services to incorporate into their golf courses, all while maintaining high quality golf and public safety. In the US, the list of governments that have revived their aging golf courses include: Charleston Municipal Golf Course (NC); Belmont Golf Course (Henrico County VA); Winter Park 9, (Winter Park, FL); Sharp Park, (San Francisco, CA); Corica Park Golf Course (Torrey Pines CA); Papago Golf Club Phoenix, AZ); CommonGround (Denver, CO); Cobbs Creek Golf Course (Philadelphia, PA); Bobby Jones Golf Course (Atlanta, GA); Corica Park (Alameda, CA); Glenway Golf Park (Madison, WI); Brown County Golf Course (Hobart, WI); Arrowhead Golf Course (Davie, FL); and . Many of these provide examples of public-private partnerships to support a thriving golf course for years to come. For more information, please see: Scandinavian Turfgrass and Environmental Research Foundation. February 15, 2011. Multifunctional Golf Courses, An Underutilized</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
97	10/18/2022	<p>Hi, I'm the lead printing press operator with printery for 18 years. If I can help with donating time and materials for this cause please contact me. Thanks for your consideration</p>	<p>Thanks so much for our offer of help with printing needs. I will keep your contact and let you know if we need anything. We really appreciate it!</p>
98	10/19/2022	<p>I would love to see the golf course retained as green space/park, fully fenced with trails wandering through, especially a trail all around the outside. The fences would be just to block dogs running out, but would let wildlife pass freely, so about 3-4 ft high. It would be a wonderful place to get a long walk in without dodging cars/bikes. Would love to see an expansion of the "virgin prairie" plot, and a longer range plan to let those plants repopulate the space freely. No more watering, and keeping mowing to a minimum, let nature take the place back. A longer-range plan to plant berries and native fruiting trees. A scattering of benches, picnic tables, maybe a shelter. In my dream world it would also be an off-leash dog park.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
99	10/19/2022	<p>Very interested in the golf course being a more inclusive space!! Play space for kiddos, food forest, affordable housing? It's so much land and the way it is currently used is so narrow both in reach of people as well as how it can be used</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

10/20/2022 100	Several years ago the city had a survey asking citizens to prioritize their interest in various projects. Results showed the golf course held the least interest for those surveyed. What happened to that study? The golf course is usually empty of golfers. Discovery Bay course should be sufficient for a town this size. I suspect some influential people are golfers and will not allow this issue to die out. Our pool is outdated and a money pit. A full service Y would be my preference.. The golf course land is valuable and will take some careful planning going forward.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/20/2022 101	It seems kids are desperate for something to do. One comment said you have taken away everything fun. These all sound like fun and fortunately they would all be great on the Mt. View campus because they would ruin the golf course. We are lucky to have both. Go to an open house at Mt. View or walk around the property and see the possibilities. Seems like the fair grounds would be good for some of these and provide year around revenue. Horse-shoe toss, Bocci, Giant Chess, Mini-golf/putt-putt, Croquet, Fitness Circuit, innovative playground, Amphitheater, bike/hoverboards/+ paths for transiting the park on alternative wheels.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/20/2022 102	Golf course is not a park It is a business. Imagine city going to port saying boat haven would make a great park with beach, trails, add picnic tables, play area, public bathrooms. They would say no. The golf course was put into park category to be repurposed to allow multiple recreation uses while still having golf on certain days. Unfortunately that does not work. A business has to pay rent and the course is an artillery range with golf balls going 160 mph so no golf can be played on repurposing days so no revenue is collected. Perhaps a daily fee per person. If golf course cannot pay rent the city can use their surplus option meaning they don't want it and sell it. Can you see mansions? Now you have open space. Golfers who are there every day keep the space open by keeping rent paid. There are 27 parks, 31 miles of trails, Fort Worden and Flagler. Use Mt. View or the city's unused 'considerable amount of properties.' Please let this business continue. I hope citizens would not destroy something the size and beauty of golf course. When Olympic rises with an earthquake you will be camping there. Plus the course tournaments give money to the community benefitting Rhody Festival, Kiwanis, Elks Club, High School Rivals Athletic programs, Jefferson County Little League, & Sunrise Rotary Club, etc. saveptgolf.com and cityofpt.us for golf link. Besides losing revenue when people come dogs, kids and frisbees will land on the greens and greens will suffer. Frisbee targets need to be put up and taken down when finished because it would be hazardous when golf balls hit and ricochet. Plus people who have heard they can walk on course may come in from side streets when golfers are playing and could get hit by a ball. That would be very sad.	Thanks you for your continued comments. I will make sure they are noted. Thanks.
New Comments as of 10/21/22		
10/21/2022 103	My husband and I retired and moved to Port Townsend in Sep 2021. My husband has golfed for years and one of my goals in retirement was to learn to play golf so I could join him. We were thrilled to learn that Port Townsend had a golf course very conveniently located in town. Better yet, was the friendly atmosphere created by Gabriel Tonan and the employees and volunteers at the course. I took lessons and we have enjoyed playing golf at the PT course since March. The location is also convenient when we invite friends for an afternoon of golf and a delicious meal at one of the restaurants in town. I was saddened to learn this golf course, with its long history in Port Townsend, might be destroyed and converted to another use.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/22/2022 104	Why would we take away an active sport (golf) for passive trails and another park when there are beautiful trails and existing parks all over Port Townsend and Fort Worden?	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.

10/22/2022 105	The original agreement when the property was turned over to the city was that it would be used for municipal purposes, which would include a golf course (it's not a private course), aviation or recreational purposes. Affordable housing is not a municipal use. The pool is a municipal use. Affordable housing could only be used by residents of the housing and their visitors. The other recreational uses including the golf course can potentially be used by all residents. Choosing to swim or golf is a personal choice, but is open to all residents.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/23/2022 106	The open space in the center of town is a defining characteristic of our city. The recreational benefits of a new aquatic facility and upgraded recreational resources would raise the quality of life for many residents, and this could be done at Mountain View. I look forward to this process and providing additional feed back as it progresses.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/24/2022 107	I'm a little concerned on what criteria was used to select the landscape architectural firm. Having reviewed Groundswell Landscape design website, I saw that many of the project listed to illustrate their projects are not, in fact, their projects. Many listed were actually completed by other companies with the owner of Groundswell posting as being involved in those projects. That sounds pretty shady. And how much was the bid? Please make this information more available	Thank you for your input on the Landscape Architect for the project. If you go on the webpage for this effort, you will find the Request for Qualifications for the consultant. This is a high level of criteria we used to select the Landscape Architect. If you also click on the September 6, 2022 Council meeting link, you will learn about the selection process. The consultant that was chosen was a principal at a previous firm, and leading most of the projects before he started his own company. This firm was unanimously selected from our panel, and references were checked. I have every confidence that they are a great team for this project.
10/24/2022 108	As a senior and immunocompromised swimmer, I attest to the remarkable value of the pool to my continued health. Unfortunately its age and undependable nature are a problem. We need a new pool facility. That said - we need a continued use of this pool during construction. My life depends on it.	Thank you so much for your input for the pool. I will make sure we note it as we start the planning process.
10/24/2022 109	Would very much like to see this property remain a golf course.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/24/2022 110	Hi - yesterday showed that it was not the best format for a community discussion. Granted we hoped to be outside so it was very crowded and hopefully not a covid super spreader. They ran out of comment cards half way through. Please have the upcoming open house at the Commons where there is plenty of room and everyone can sit at tables . Someone asked to have a question and answer session with the room but that did not happen. Instead people lined up to talk with Chris or David and a few people tried to hear some of what was said but it was hard because it was so noisy. So there was no community talking to each other just people telling one person what they thought. The format you used at the fist golf meeting would have been a much better because everyone can hear the questions and answers and say I did not know that or that is a good idea, etc. and the interaction between every one grows and you can see direction and even consensus. Everyone felt very satisfied that they had been heard. I know it is harder for you but you did a great job calling on everyone and you have the stamina and ability to manage a large room. Chris and David can answer particular questions but to have a real community discussion we have to hear what everyone is saying and be able to respond. I got the impression from Chris that he was waiting for the open house to get comments but he got some yesterday and he seemed to not have read the comments online because he did not know what the kids were saying they wanted.	The intent for yesterday was not to have an open house, but a project launch, to meet and greet the architects. The first open house will be set up differently to accommodate listening to everyone. I am sorry about the comment cards running out, we printed more halfway through, and had extra at the end because we did. That said, we probably did miss a few folks in between. This particular format was just supposed to be a meet and greet. And, the weather didn't cooperate. I hope those that were uncomfortable were able to utilize the masks we provided. Thanks for your feedback.
10/25/2022 111	The golf course is valuable as a golf course and a shared space for everyone. Ideas around scheduling and landscaping to create a walking path for all to use at appropriate times. Thank you.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.

10/26/2022		Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
112	Preserve and expand the existing qatay prairie, which is a unique remnant of our pre-European landscape. Blue camas, lomatium and other rare prairie plants found at the Port Townsend prairie are uniquely adapted to our Olympic rain shadow climate and well-adjusted for periods of drought. They don't require irrigation, and have important cultural connections with local tribes.	
10/27/2022	course - Golfers living close by want to continue using it - Some people have fond memories associated with the place - Occasional golf fundraisers help local nonprofits Reasons NOT to keep the PT Golf Course a 9-hole golf course... - 58 publicly-owned acres in the middle of PT for use only by less than 10% of the population - Over a million dollars needed to bring the course up to a reasonable standard - Water-intensive use at a time when water availability looks to be our biggest climate challenge - Is there fertilizer used? This compromises the water table. - Discovery Bay Golf Course is 18 holes, been voted best course on the Olympic Peninsula in 5 of the last 12 years, and is only 3 miles away Possible Alternative Uses Food Forest: starting small, growing large; a community food forest will allow for enhanced food security, better preparing for the time when our local farm produce gets claimed by metropolitan areas to the east; meanwhile: gardening skills are learned, soil is regenerated, residents come to know more of their neighbors, and volunteers gain the health benefits of getting their hands dirty. Food Bank Farm and Gardens should be contacted to see if they would be willing to manage such an effort. Walking Trails: More and more of us are realizing the health benefits of walking, but right now the golf course is off limits. A trail system would not only allow non-golfers some exercise, it may cut down a bit on vehicle miles traveled. Sometimes a trail is a shortcut. (p.s. please don't pave) Housing: Yes, keep the golf course open space. Mostly. But the parcel along Blaine (Hole 5) could hold 30 to 40 very small houses (200-400 sqft in clusters of eight) with very small yards and still be primarily open space. These homes would be owned by the City and rented out to young folk wanting to gain a foothold in this town and willing to live small until they can afford a bigger place. A community consisting of people 65 and older is not a resilient community. Dog Park: Depending on what wants to happen at Mountain View Commons, it may be propitious to move the dog park to the golf course. Venue: The clubhouse at the golf course could be put to use in many possible community-beneficial ways. A co-op daycare? An environmental learning center? A rentable event space? Any	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
113		
Comments as of 10/28/22		
10/28/2022		
114	I would like the golf course site to remain an open use site. I think it would be a huge community asset as a park, which includes walking trails, an arboretum and native plant restoration area, and of course protection of and expansion of the Kah Tai Prairie. This all would be most useful on the upper section. I could see a disc golf area set up on the lower section of the park.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/30/2022		
115	I play at lease once a week with my son. It's a great green space for wild life and golf. If the course had more funding I am sure it would draw a lot more people to play.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I will pass your questions along to our planning team. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
10/31/2022		
116	What a crime! Hasn't Port Townsend seen enough trees cut down lately? Just look at the entrance West of Fort Warden! Several old-growth trees have been mowed down. New out-of-context homes are being built. Pretty sad. Please don't rape the golf course too!	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.

117	<p>11/1/2022</p> <p>for what has been exclusively a local golf course. I see this process being served by centering the space in question around at least one of the continuously stated needs of the community, and of the comprehensive and strategic plans of our City and County. While there are many issues mentioned in these plans, I feel that one in particular stands out as a shared value that many parties could support: resilience, or emergency preparedness. Surely the conversation around this publicly owned space could be centered on such a common need. Focusing on emergency preparedness is already part of the local culture of Jefferson County with our All County Picnic, our strong response to COVID-19, and our remote and rural location here on the Olympic Peninsula. Given that the property in question is also near the center of Port Townsend, adjacent to our local Red Cross, Police Station, and down the hill from the Fire Department it is positioned to support the community quite well. Practically, this vision could go many directions, but in order to appease the advocates of the golf course's existing "open green space" and meet the needs of our broader community, I would suggest keeping the resilience additions focused. Key aspects that could be pursued include perennial food production, water harvest and storage, energy generation, and a gathering place. Food production: I am not suggesting starting a new farm (yet) on this land, but considering the planting of fruit and nut trees, a food forest, that does not require the same needs as annual crops. This region can grow a wide variety of fruits including apples, pears, figs, plums and nut trees including hazelnut and chestnut. There are many growers on this Peninsula who could inform or lead such an effort. Water Harvest and Storage: When a major earthquake strikes this region, we will be lucky to avoid waterline disruption and damage. Where will our water come from in this event? Water bottles serve an immediate need, but we must consider medium term solutions that take advantage of water as our greatest natural resource. We can harvest and store water on-site in cisterns, below or above ground grade. Why not include an iconic water tower for this iconic town? It can become a point of pride and imagery for this place.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
118	<p>11/1/2022 engage</p> <p>Please seriously consider selling, gifting, or leasing the property to the Jamestown tribe, who have the expertise and business acumen to make the course into a successful venture. The Jamestown tribe has experience in developing and managing a successful golf course (Cedars at Dungeness - west of Port Townsend) : https://7cedars.com/golf/ The tribe might also use it to educate visitors and locals about their generations and culture here before Europeans arrived. Thanks for listening,</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
119	<p>11/1/2022 engage</p> <p>So few prairies remain in the Peninsula. Please preserve the treasure that still exists on this property. Once the prairies are wiped out, they will never return.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>New Comments as of 11/4/22</p>		
120	<p>11/4/2022</p> <p>I think a portion of the golf course could remain golf-related (putting green &/or driving range) but the land is too valuable to stay solely a golf course especially given that we already have another golf course and we're a small community. Golf courses are expensive to maintain and require a lot of chemical inputs. And WATER which we don't have excess of in Port Townsend particularly considering the paper mill requires a great deal to function. There are so many other multi-use prospects for the golf course that would serve a greater percentage of the population</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
121	<p>11/4/2022</p> <p>I support shifting the golf course to a green space / park with trails, courts and open green space for all of the community to use. I could envision an area that is a playground... an area with something like tetherball, basketball, badminton or volleyball courts and then open space for picnics and free play. I suggest walking trails, bathrooms and maybe a fountain for use in the summer (when water levels allow) that people can run through and play in. I would like to see "quiet spaces" with benches and gardens for reading or being peaceful. I would like to see a few natural tables with chess boards in them to promote that type of thinking and free play as well. I would like it to cater to a wide range of ages.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

11/6/2022		Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
122	The Open Green Spaces is what makes Port Townsend so livable. The "pond" is a refuge for wildlife. Using the Golf Course for anything other than Open Green Space would be a travesty. It would also violate the Deed. Please don't chop up the Golf Course. Thank you.	
11/8/2022	Hi - the presentation for the Native American Heritage Month was very moving. They spoke about their camp being at Memorial Field. At the last stakeholder committee meeting for the golf course and Mt. View the stake holders were asked to tell a personal story or meaning about the golf course. The two tribal representatives spoke about how very important and meaningful the golf course property was to them, their families and tribe. They said it was a very special piece of land and from the hill there you can still see the path where their boats were moved from the camp at Memorial Field up and down the hill to golf course property.	Hi Nancy: Thanks so much for your email. I will make sure it gets on the log and the team reads it. Thanks again.
123	This property is still that special place because of golfers taking care of it for 118 years. Please let them continue. The golf course does not need another purpose. It's current purpose of taking care of the property and the open space is purpose enough. Thank you.	
11/7/2022	I support finding a solution to enhance the golf course and improve marketing and outreach. I have used the course and driving range in the 90's and early 2000s. My father was a PGA pro for 60 years and always played there when he visited PT. He and my mother chose it over Chevy Chase and were treated like rock stars when they signed in. I hope to have the opportunity to use the course in the future and have procrastinated my desire to go hit balls. I think a marketing nudge and ability to use rental clubs I would jump back in. I also took a lesson or two, but of course never told my father the pro. I was perplexed reading the plan when I read the recommendation to remove the rocks Search 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy which I love. Paved cart path...questionable need. I hope that some creative plan can develop to keep 9 holes intact and revitalize enthusiasm to play golf in town and perhaps share space. Develop the Southwest corner off San Juan/19th? Preserve Kah Tai prairie. I visit often in spring	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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125	I golfed that course since I was a little kid visiting my grandparents and family. I do not live around PT any more, but every time I go back I make an effort to try to play. Would be a shame to lose that facility as it is really nice to have something green and recreational right in the city.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
11/10/2022	I love our green spaces and wildlife parks inside the City, and I am sad that the Golf Course fans are using "green space" as a misleading argument to promote continued use of city property for golfers only. My opposition to the current golf course stems from the fact that so very few PT residents can enjoy this large public owned property inside City limits. The entire property except the driveway and parking lot is clearly marked as off-limits to anyone not playing golf. And this is in effect 24/7. Perhaps there are ways to retain most of the property as a somewhat viable golf course, but to also provide access to the other 98% of City residents. Maybe the course can be redesigned with walking trails that would be open after-hours and on 2-3 days midweek to non-golfers. And perhaps the pond area that is richest for wildlife could be maintained, and enhanced with a viewing boardwalk for bird watchers. Although this is maintained as a somewhat environmentally friendly golf course, and yes, grass IS green, most of this property is NOT a rich wildlife habit. If wildlife was a meaningful priority the roughs and thickets would be maintained with more diverse plants, and invasive species would be better controlled.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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11/10/2022	I would love to see an aquatic center and walking park with paved trails.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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128	<p>What about sharing the property? I am sad to see that local fans of the PT golf course choose to promote the idea that only a Golf Course = Green Space. They imply that those of us who want access to the property are opposed to green space. This is false. My objection to this golf course on City owned property is that it offers NO access for non-golfers. The rest of us are trespassers if we set foot off the driveway and parking lot. How many Port Townsend residents and visitors play golf here? What if the property was open to everyone daily before 10pm and all day Tuesday-Thursday? With golf on 4 day weekends? Additional paths could be defined for general use if the greens need to be off-limits to protect the grass. This would not be difficult. It would enhance the facility for everyone if accessible boardwalks were constructed alongside the prairie and at the pond. Designed properly these would protect the pond wildlife, add an excellent place for recreational and bird watching. Again not difficult. If there are Port Townsend area residents who want to play golf here, shared use could be a pretty decent compromise. And about that green space: yes grass is green. But we all know that closely mowed grass offers little sustenance or variety for wildlife. The pond and the thickets offer some decent wildlife habitat, but it should be so much better. Even golf course managed without toxic chemical is not a rich wildlife habitat. The most environmentally friendly golf courses improve the thickets for wildlife by planting more varied plants (biodiversity!), controlling invasive plants, etc. That does not happen here. With increased access and use, the property might find more volunteer donors and helpers for projects. It would be fabulous to have more people enjoying the property and more customers for the cafe!</p>	
11/12/2022	A friend just had a great idea. If you want to walk on the golf course go to Goodwill or online and get a used or new golf bag, a golf club or two and a golf ball or two. Then pay your greens fee and walk the course. You can hit a ball or not. Play in a timely manner. A single person can usually play 9 holes in a couple of hours. It is a nice three mile walk. Who knows you might want to take a lesson.	I received the two comments you sent last week and have put them in the log. Thanks.
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11/12/2022	Good news this week about the Fairgrounds and their new manager Dany McEnerney who is finally making use of the Fairgrounds by opening a skating rink. Just think about all those buildings and all the land that as he said 'just sit and rot away.' All the things the kids are wanting could have space and a leader who can get it done. His attitude of not making it complicated or 'fancy' but home grown is very refreshing. Congratulations on a great start!	I received the two comments you sent last week and have put them in the log. Thanks.
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11/12/2022	I've lived in Port Townsend my entire life. My friends and I used to wake up at sunrise in high school to go play golf at PTGC, and whenever they come back to Port Townsend, it is where we all meet up again for golf, laughter, and sharing memories. I'm a member at the course, I participate in fundraising tournaments, commercial league, and spend many hours on the driving range, or playing a quick round of 9. I have a 6-year-old son that begs me on the weekends to go to the golf course. We usually hit a bucket of range balls, then get a cart and play 9 holes together. He absolutely LOVES it, and so do I. The smile on face while we drive the cart, eat snacks and laugh are moments I cherish, and will hold dear to my heart forever. PTGC is part of the community, and the subculture that participates in its beauty loves and enjoys it. They volunteer their time to take care of it and are loyal to it. Golf is a game for a lifetime, and I hope to be able to play it for the rest of my, life, with my son, here in Port Townsend.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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I have served as Parks & Rec Commissioner during the development of our City Comprehensive plan. I also served as a Planning Commissioner here in PT. I hope you take into consideration all the non profits that use the golf course to raise money for their organizations. As a inaugural and 8 year board member for the Y, one of our major fundraisers was our golf tournament. Those funds were used for scholarships for low income kids programs. Every weekend during summer months are dedicated to non-profit tournaments. The lose of the golf course will affect extremely need sources for fundraising. My second reason for supporting the golf course is senior health and recreational usage. Our hospital board has always supported all activities at the golf course to help preventive medical health care. Last, the school golf teams from Port Townsend and Chimacum use this course. The lessees, as well as several clubs, help to raise funds for scholarships for these kids to go to college. I know that many kids have gone onto college with part and full ride scholarships because they learned to play golf at our city golf course. This ties right back into my first reason to keep the golf course. The golf course, as it is now, is a vital part of our community.

I have noted your new comments Nancy. Thank you.

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Not sure why people don't understand that the golf course is a business. It pays rent to the city. It is used by many people. If it closes for a day it loses hundreds of dollars. I don't imagine the city will reimburse them for that loss of revenue. Would you go to the Marrowstone Vineyard or the Port Townsend Winery and ask them to shut down and not sell anything so you can use their open space and picnic tables for your family reunion? The golf course is a business just like that. Just because those three places are on open land and not in a building doesn't make them less of a business. There are 27 parks and 31 miles of trails in Port Townsend plus Fort Worden and Flagler. The only reason that land is not mansions is because golfers have taken care of it so it remained open space for 118 years. It is a historical gem and part of what makes port Townsend special. There is no need to change it.

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This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to define a critical piece of our community - let's act wisely! My preferences: - Goodbye golf course. It provides outdoor recreation opportunities for VERY few people per acre or per year. Open space can be preserved, even enhanced, with other uses on that land. The pro-golf group's implied claim that in order to have open space we must retain the golf course is specious. There is a focused and vocal group that have fond memories of using the course, or use it now and feel that an important activity of theirs is threatened. I'm sorry my sentiments are causing some angst, but the benefits to the larger community will vastly outweigh the loss of an activity to a relatively small group. And there's an existing 18-hole course just down Discovery Rd. - Increase tree cover. Plant both natives, and species more tolerant of heat & drought, to build in biological resilience. Grass-covered rolling hills do not offer much habitat or diversity for other species. - Much larger buffer around the pond, and 1 access walkway for wildlife viewing. - Trails! Continue the paved bike path from F St. through the property, perhaps forking near Blaine St. with 1 spur heading to San Juan & 19th, and another that ties into the southbound bike lane on Kearney. Add simple gravel pedestrian paths throughout the property, tying into existing street ROW trails and pedestrian-used streets on the perimeter. - Be very wary of jumping on board trendy activities that require infrastructure, like pickleball. Those courts are small and can be tucked into much smaller spaces around town. Perhaps more could be added on the Mt. View campus. - Honor and interpret past uses of this land by native peoples. This particular universe did not begin when the golf course was built. Allow the S'klallam to utilize part of the land for traditional practices. - Connect this land to Kah Tai lagoon with some sort of wildlife corridor. - Some of the land in the parcel along Blaine St. could be used for dense affordable housing, as long as it doesn't conflict with any of the desired outcomes listed above.



<p>11/18/2022</p> <p>135</p>	<p>Have you spent time at the Port Townsend Golf Course, a viable local business? Did you ever invite friends to laugh and holler as you hit a bucket of balls, or golf solo for the pleasure of walking the earth? I often spot my neighbor wheeling his golf cart down Lincoln Street to play a round. Please walk the course with a golfer you know, consider trying a round of golf. Maybe you will hit a hole-in-one past the pond to the second hole. I enjoyed leisurely times golfing with friends and my husband Jim Toyne. He loved coaching golf with Jim Parker, especially happy were the years at State with our daughter and Port Townsend High School girls' golf team. Sports teach many life skills. This course is small, not fancy, however, it remains an all-age opportunity and place to share the air, courtesy and time in nature. What is on your bucket list for Port Townsend? Lighten up while you still can, the golf course is a business, a fitness, social and sports location; a community open space treasure, not exclusive, not gone to density. The golf course has its own well water and tested, clean natural pond. Our local dogs have safe play areas. Consider the golf course as a sweet balance to the every day necessary changes by home owners and speculators who manipulate the landscape of the region for homes, businesses and personal goals. The best course of action and use of the land and sea might be resistance to the desire to "please make it perfect here," better than it is now. Heaven on earth is a state of mind. It is useful to repurpose, vitalize and visualize the Lincoln Building, Community Center, Kah Tai Lagoon, Mountain View campus, including the tennis courts. A potter knows the open space is what makes a bowl useful. It is useful to continue to create community. Thank you to my fellow citizens who love this town and work to support beauty, diversity and integrity within this place.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>11/18/2022</p> <p>136</p>	<p>This parcel includes Sentinel Rock, a historic site where Chetzamoka signaled to the white pioneers that they would not fight for the land. The S'Klallam are now split into three bands (Port Gamble, Jamestown, and Lower Elwha), all three of which consider Port Townsend (qatay) an important part of their heritage. I suggest that all three be contacted for input on creating appropriate cultural history information (besides just honoring their surrender) as well as access to and partnership in shared public meeting spaces.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>11/20/2022</p> <p>137</p>	<p>As far as what activities to keep the answer is all that are here now. In a small town there are only a few people for every sport. A few like to swim, a few to golf, a few play pickle ball. We need all the venues. You can't get rid of the pool because fewer people use than play pickle ball. Two local high schools joined to make one football team in order to have enough players. This is not Seattle.</p>	<p>I have noted your new comments Nancy. Thank you.</p>
<p>11/20/2022</p> <p>138</p>	<p>As far as needing a place to walk within 10 minutes of where you live that may be a problem in Seattle but everywhere in Port Townsend you can just step out of your home and be walking in beautiful surroundings. We do not always require transportation just to walk. Maybe if we want to walk at Fort Flagler or Kah Tai or on a beach.</p>	<p>I have noted your new comments Nancy. Thank you.</p>
<p>11/23/2022</p> <p>139</p>	<p>I'm in favor of repurposing the golf course as a public park that serves the general public. Why are we using tax dollars to subsidize a wasteful, unnatural environment that serves only a few? Let's create a beautiful open space with facilities open to all. Turn it into a showplace and demonstration project for permaculture design featuring native plants and facilities that support community resilience. Jogging trails! Community gardens and orchards! Sustainability classes!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>11/23/2022</p> <p>140</p>	<p>low cost housing. open green spaces. so few golf players? why save a near dead horse</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

<p>11/22/2022</p> <p>141</p>	<p>I would like to see at the very least the golf course property remain city owned green space either continuing as a privately run municipal golf course or public access nature park with walking paths and a small area for outdoor recreation (swing sets and play area) and adjoining picnic area. If the area remains a golf course, would like to see after hours public access for walking and nature observation during daylight hours. This is very common on golf courses in Europe. I do not want to see this land sold for commercial development to include housing nor the city develop or partner with any other entity for such purposes. Ideally if not a golf course, then green space such as the Quimper Land Corridor with the addition of a playground and picnic area would greatly enhance and compliment the quality of life of ur rural community</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>11/23/2022</p> <p>142</p>	<p>The three year contract you gave the golf course was the same three years as covid so everyone and everything in town was affected and it is not a realistic picture of how profitable the course can be. Now that David Hein is reviewing the Florida report you will soon see that it had problems and everything can be done for so much less and some of it not done at all because it is unnecessary. The report said to cover the big rocks with soil so the course would look more appealing. Well those rocks are glacial erratics which are boulders the glacier drops off as it rolls on by. Save \$6,000 right there. We think the rocks are wonderful and somehow golfers have managed to play around them for over 100 years. Plus you fixed the well and did other things over these three years as did the Player's club with landscaping work probably saving the \$45,000 cost of tree and grounds work outlined in the report. So there is no need for the course to go away for your reason that it was too expensive and everything people want can go at Mt. View, Kah Tai, or some of the city's considerable property and probably a couple of things will be compatible with the course as I am sure you don't want it to shut down very much so they lose revenue which affects what they pay the city. Golf balls can go 160 miles an hour so you can't have people just wandering around. The golf course is one of the most historic properties in town just like the the Rothschild house and others. It is living history. The city's own historic preservation committee has a mandate to restore historic property and I would say the golf course is a 10 in that category. please do not destroy the golf course. Let the golfers continue to take care of this open space.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comments Nancy. I have added them to the comment log.</p>
<p>New comments as of 11/27/22</p>		
<p>11/27/2022</p> <p>143</p>	<p>For the repurposing project of Mt. View and golf course we have now been told we have to pick which activities we want to keep. As far as what activities to keep the answer is all that are here now. In a small town there are only a few people for every sport. A few like to swim, a few to golf, a few play pickle ball. We need all the venues. You can't get rid of the pool because fewer people use than play pickle ball. Two local high schools joined to make one football team in order to have enough players. This is not Seattle.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comments Nancy. I have added them to the comment log.</p>
<p>11/28/2022</p> <p>144</p>	<p>I think that a combination of use as open space, agriculture, and affordable housing would provide the greatest community benefit from this wonderful City property. Nothing against golfers, but a golf course doesn't provide broad community benefit, or increase affordable housing or food security, and isn't even accessible to non-golfers.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>11/29/2022</p> <p>145</p>	<p>Hi - I got a copy of the plan. Since we know the Florida report is being reviewed it would be a disservice to the city and the course to leave the golf course paragraphs as is and approve the plan. I can point out particulars like the city has done work and Player's Club has done work, etc. but you know them. The easiest way if you have to approve before the new report is out just delete all the text and say Update to come in spring of 2023.</p> <p>That way the rest of the report is usable and you can update with correct text for the future when report is ready and maybe even know the outcome before updating.</p>	<p>Thanks for the suggestion Nancy. I am not in a position to reinvent history. The NGF report is what it is. It exists, the city commissioned it and accepted it in 2019. We are supplementing this NGF r</p>

11/8/2022		Thanks for your comments to Council Nancy. I have added them to the full log of comments.
146	<p>Hi - the presentation for the Native American Heritage Month was very moving. They spoke about their camp being at Memorial Field. At the last stakeholder committee meeting for the golf course and Mt. View the stake holders were asked to tell a personal story or meaning about the golf course. The two tribal representatives spoke about how very important and meaningful the golf course property was to them, their families and tribe. They said it was a very special piece of land and from the hill there you can still see the path where their boats were moved from the camp at Memorial Field up and down the hill to golf course property. This property is still that special place because of golfers taking care of it for 118 years. Please let them continue. The golf course does not need another purpose. It's current purpose of taking care of the property and the open space is purpose enough. Thank you</p>	
11/29/2022	<p>Hello. I would love to see the golf course turned into a green space that is more accessible by more people. We are losing open space, so while we need housing, I don't think that is the solution. I would love to build up the plant habitat so it follows a permaculture mindset, with different heights and types of plants. It could be used as a permaculture demonstration site or a common food forest.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
11/29/2022	<p>I'd like to see an investment in a solar array so that we could have more opportunities to have a carbon neutral grid, as well as emergency electricity when the large magnitude earthquake (the big one) hits and we are cutoff from the larger suppliers. I'd also like a community garden project with a barn filled with shareable tools and farming equipment. Let's use the rest for 5 story affordable housing units and go for maximum density. Maximum density!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
11/29/2022	<p>We need a bold/ambitious vision that serves a multitude of needs in a way that is more than just a collection of features and creates a Destination for locals and tourists alike. As one example, here's what I posted on FB: Stack functions. There is so much space! Playground (JUMP is awesome and we need more). Amphitheater (all season). Climbing/bouldering. High ropes course and walking trails above/through it all. Planted and signed as a bioregional botanical garden using permacultural principles to minimize inputs and maintenance. Some kind of shared kitchen space (like Lila's) to feed the visitors (and add additional revenue). Surrounded by a multi-purpose paved trail (like Greenlake).</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
11/30/2022	<p>The golf course serves relatively few people and is far from an "open space" or green space. There is no public access. Currently, the city is basically just a landlord collecting rents on land. I believe that the land can better serve the city and public in so many ways. Some of it could be used for much-needed affordable housing. Please keep most of it for public use, such as a park, dog trails, etc. It would be wonderful if most of the land could be restored to its natural state prior to development as a golf course.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
11/30/2022	<p>I would love to be able to use at least part of this space for walking, with my friends, and dog on leash. Sacramento's Ancil Hoffman Park has this mixed use with golf course and trails. I also think it would benefit the city and its citizens if some of the space had high-density affordable (but beautiful) housing so that the people who work here could actually live here. That's more important than the minority of folks that golf, IMO.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
11/30/2022	<p>I support the golf course and Mountain View Commons as community accessible spaces - inclusive to all ages. I'd really like to see a new pool/community center, especially as we are a maritime based community and water education is paramount. It would also serve fitness and rehab support for all ages, on alignment with Jefferson Healthcare. I've raised my seven year old daughter here and often wish we could walk and play on the golf course. Perhaps there's room for compromise in some public/private access, but I believe in the value of public green space for walking, exploring, and meeting as our city may grow may dense in other spaces.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

153	12/2/2022	Keep the golf course.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
154	12/3/2022		Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
155	12/4/2022	Keep the golf course, it's part of port Townsend and is one of the few activities available locally. Would love to see it expanded it include mini golf and family focused events I would love to see a small-unit truly affordable housing community with lots of gardens and green space here. Maybe working in conjunction with Celine Santiago across the street, to expand get vision somewhat. She's creating some amazing things on the peace sign property and I would love to see the city work with her. Or perhaps farmland and/or some spaces for community-oriented businesses? Keeping the natural landscape and green space... It made me sad when the city took out the parking lot at better living through coffee and just replaced it with concrete. I was hoping for more greenery and many people expressed that disappointment as well. So, I'd hate to see us lose the natural beauty of that zone entirely if something else got built there.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
156	12/1/2022	It irks me that my taxpayer money is supporting a facility I cannot even walk on, since I am NOT a golfer. As well, golf courses use too much water, and chemicals. Nor do they provide habitat for most critters. I prefer to see part of this property, about 10 acres or less, used for affordable housing and the rest for open space and recreation, for everyone.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
157	12/2/2022	The golf course in my opinion what be better utilized for affordable housing (apartments) and green space. It's location is close to schools and stores. We already have another great golf course at Chevy Chase. Chevy Chase probably would appreciate the added business as well. I don't feel our community really needs two golf courses.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
158	12/4/2022	The Health and Wellness group is spending a whole lot of money and time to build a Health and Wellness Center to encourage all of us to get outside and exercise so why do they want to eliminate already existing outdoor exercise and sport venues that are used all the time getting us outside exercising? The open house in January is for us to choose which of those venues we want gone. Well we don't want any we already have gone and they should not either.	I have received your comments and are adding them to the log.

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I am a golfer. I do not play PT because of the absence of course maintenance. I play at Discovery Bay which is very well maintained compared to PT. I believe that the land the PT golf course sits on could be better utilized by more citizens if it were converted to other uses. If one considers the likelihood more citizens would use the course if it were cleaned up and better managed the return on time and money is not there. For those who truly want to play golf Discovery Bay is a viable alternative. Find some other uses for the land....be they private or public. Leasing the land for residential construction as many universities do to provide more affordable housing for staff might be a nice solution for those advocating more affordable housing alternatives. The city need not get involved in building affordable housing as they have demonstrated with the Carmel Apartments. Converting MVP to a theater might be a better use of the space. Building a new pool and wellness center on the PT golf across from the pool makes sense (bus connections etc.) Converting the golf course to a park does not make much sense to me as we barely maintain the parks we have. Anything with grass requires maintenance.

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Dear Council Members, I understand that the Public Works Dept. has delivered a report to the Council that makes recommendations regarding the future of the golf course and that their assessment is based solely on the NGF report and does not incorporate the evaluation of David Heine. This makes absolutely no sense, since David Hein was hired indirectly by the City to provide a second evaluation regarding the future of the golf course. I apologize if I am mistaken about this, but otherwise, please see that careful consideration is given to David Heine's report.

Thanks for your email. I am responding so that you have accurate information. The PW Department did not deliver a report to Council and base their recommendations on the work in the NGF study. In fact, Council charged staff with having a robust community conversation about the Golf Course that is happening right now. The City officially requested David Heine to analyze the NGF report and the golf course and give us an assessment. David's assessment will be part of the whole conversation. In addition, we currently have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and as I mentioned earlier, we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: [Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons | City of Port Townsend Washington \(cityofpt.us\)](#). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.

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12/5/2022 Mail

Please consider this Request regarding the Report of the Department of Public Works that I understand is being submitted to the City Council today. Specifically, I'm told that David Heine, a consultant on the Port Townsend Golf Course, has completed, or is working on, a supplement to the Report by NGF which is part of the Public Works Report. I have not seen Mr. Heine's report, but I understand it addresses the issue of the NGF cost estimate for recommended improvements to the golf course. I further understand that those who oppose continuing the operation of the golf course, as a golf course, have argued that the NGF cost estimate supports their position that the Golf course should not be continued in operation by the City as such operation would be too costly. However, the NGF cost estimate should be considered by the Council as substantially irrelevant, as it is based upon inaccurate assumptions as to what "improvements" are needed for continued operation of the golf course. It is hoped that Mr. Heine's report will explain to the City Council why these costs should not be incurred, or that they are not in fact appropriate or necessary. If Mr. Heine's supplemental report effectively addresses the cost issue, I believe the City Council should have and consider that information before it proceeds with deliberations on the issues of "repurposing" the golf course property and continued operation of the golf course.

Thanks for your email and letter to the City Council. The CFP that was adopted by the Council on Monday night is a live document that we will continue to update as needed. The City Council will have the opportunity to adopt it every 1-2 years during the budget adoption. The City Council charged staff with having a robust community conversation about the Golf Course that is happening right now. The City officially requested David Heine to analyze the NGF report and the golf course and give us an assessment. David's assessment will be part of the whole conversation. In addition, we currently have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and as I mentioned earlier, we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: [Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons | City of Port Townsend Washington \(cityofpt.us\)](#). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.

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12/8/2022		Thanks for your comments to the City Council Nancy. I will add them to the comment log.
162	Several comments talk about benefit for the whole community. Every exercise/sport venue is a benefit to community offering you a place to exercise or enjoy a sport and the camaraderie that it brings. The golf course is a sport court just like football, baseball, soccer, pickleball courts or fields. The golf course is also a benefit to community by giving thousands of dollars from their tournaments to local groups and charities like Kiwanis, Rhody Festival, Elks Club, High School Rivals athletic programs, Jefferson County Little League, Sunrise Rotary Club, etc. The city should give the golf course a commendation for many ears of giving to the community and the Health and Wellness Center should encourage all exercise/sport groups to add a community benefit of fund raising. Repurposing the golf course would be a disservice to the community. I hope the citizens, city council and stakeholders will do their due diligence and read everything on the golf course website saveptgolf.com so they are aware of all the benefits and see the current purpose is as it should be benefiting the whole community.	
12/8/2022	Could Port Townsend benefit from an environmental education center instead of a golf course? Would an environmental nonprofit be able to establish a facility that could draw visitors from out of town for special events and workshops, while providing a rich learning experience and access to lovely grounds restored with native plants. Income would need to come from classes, workshops, special events, donations and grants. This would be something a bit different for our area, and it could be pretty wonderful. This might be a better option than more arts activities, given the efforts to expand art activities at Ft. Worden.	Thanks for your input about the golf course. I have added it to our comment log that the Council will review in making any decisions about the land. Thanks so much.
12/10/2022	I distinctly recall putting thought and effort in responding to a questionnaire about what to do with the golf course property. Myself and friends who also responded wonder what happened to our input. Did it make any difference, did anyone read it? It makes me wonder about the community commentary process.	Thanks so much for your comments. I have put them in our ongoing log for review by the City Council. Yes, there was a lot of public comment that was captured a few years ago as part of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Planning process. It was because of this input the Council decided to dive down deeper into this process. To this end, the city hired a landscape architect to start working on alternative concepts that is working with our community. Thanks again for your input.
12/12/2022	As has been previously stated, while we envision the Port Townsend Golf Course and the Mountain View Commons we must remember the green open space is irreplaceable. Mountain View Commons is ideally placed for the Port Townsend Healthier Together Community Health and Wellness Center. The golf course should not be used for housing; no house, no apartments, no performing arts center. The Evans Vista Housing Development is well situated with plans for 100-150 workforce housing units, envisioning a lively community asset. Madrona Ridge Subdivision is approved for 167 homes. Equitable and inclusive housing is distributed throughout Port Townsend including Admiralty Apts, Bishop Park Apts, Claridge Court Apts, Discovery View Apts, Hancock St Apts, Kearney St Apts, Laurel Heights Apts, Marine View Apts, and San Juan Commons among others. Bulldozers are making improvements for capacity at the Caswell-Brown Village. City zoning and code amendments are being considered for revision at this time. This is not the time to carve up the green open space of the Port Townsend golf course.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
12/16/2022	I am born and raised in port Townsend since 1983. My first job was at the port Townsend golf course best job I ever had. I think it would be a huge tragedy to close or down size a step in the wrong direction for are community	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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It's has been documented the Port Townsend Golf Course has a major historical background. In 1854 the Superintendent of Indian Affairs recognized Cheech-Ma-Ham as chief of the S'Klallam tribe and held him responsible for the "good behavior" of his people. At Point No Point, in 1855, Chief Cheech-Ma-Ham signed a treaty giving up all S'Klallam land in exchange for retaining the rights to fish, hunt and gather in the S'Klallam usual and accustomed areas. Such treaties, pushed by Governor Isaac Stevens and largely misunderstood by the Indians, provoked the Indian Wars in 1855-56. During these wars, a number of S'Klallam held a secret meeting to decide whether or not to kill the whites in Port Townsend. The S'Klallam deliberated for nine days, during which Cheech-Ma-Ham sent a daily signal of "danger." On the tenth day, the message Search 12/19/22, 10:02 AM Submission #132 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43346> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | from Signal Rock was, in essence, "danger is passed." The S'Klallam had given up their purpose. Cheech-Ma-Ham was considered a hero by the white population, and from that point on was immortalized by them. A bronze plaque was eventually placed on the rock he signaled from, and a park in Port Townsend bears the name Chetzemoka. Signal Rock and bronze plaque (and statue) are at gateway to the Port Townsend golf course. I believe it would be fitting and proper to invite the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe on what course should be undertaken and what shared vision they might have for the land that is their traditional territory.

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You are going to spend a lot of money on a health and wellness center to get us all outside exercising so why would you take away golf course where many people are outside exercising and through tournaments giving thousands of dollars to local groups and charities? The high cost is no longer a factor and all you need is a pro like Mike Early. The course is doing exactly what you want so why not use it as an example for health and wellness especially for our 34% senior population?

Thanks for your comments Nancy. I have logged them on our comment log.

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Hello - My husband and I believe the number one priority for our community is infill housing for lower and middle income people. We are a developed, urban community - and have the infrastructure available to support more housing. We believe the 58 acres currently used for the golf course should be publicly developed as community based housing - focusing on middle, low income housing - in combination with public trails and extensive prairie habitat restoration. An aquatic complex could be developed as part of this if the community wants to finance that. Our community funded a \$28 million dollars elementary school in 2017. We imagine with a clear purpose and vision - that the community would overwhelmingly fund a project like this. Davis, CA and many other communities are struggling with these housing affordability issues and coming up with innovative solutions. <https://www.palominoplacedavis.com/#title-with-side-overview-2> . Search 12/19/22, 10:03 AM Submission #134 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43355> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | Housing, Prairie restoration, Public trails, and Aquatics complex. A winning combination of projects. The local golf course's time has come - to be transformed into something more appropriate for our times - and for the future of our community. Discovery Bay is a lovely course that is not far from town - and is affordable. I'm sure they would be open to partnering with PT or County Parks and Rec to subsidize folks who cannot afford their fees - and develop affordable programs

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170	<p>12/17/2022</p> <p>We have Forest Schumer and Fred Sharpe - prairie restoration experts - right her in PT!! They can lead the restoration efforts - and get youth outside working to restore this cultural and environmental treasure. Imagine what an intergenerational community effort this would be! Families would be involved and talking about it for generations. This should be a publicly funded and directed effort. https://globearthrepairfoundation.org/forest-shomer-native-seeds-and-prairie@restoration/</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
171	<p>12/17/2022</p> <p>I would like the PT golf course remain a golf course.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
172	<p>12/18/2022</p> <p>I don't play golf so why should I care if we keep the golf course, I don't swim so why should I care about having a swimming pool, I don't play pickleball so why should I care if there are more courts, I don't eat salmon so why should I care if they disappear, I don't care about trees so why should I care if the rain forest disappears, I don't care about Port Townsend because I want it to be like Seattle. You care about these things because they are worthy to be cared about and because they are important to others. You support keeping them because they bring joy, beauty and health to others.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comments. I have logged them on our comment log.</p>
173	<p>12/18/2022</p> <p>Hello again - We'd like to also encourage our community to really be IMAGINATIVE as we consider alternatives for this land. One other example of a "development" that incorporates ecological , permaculture, and restorative design is Village Homes in Davis, CA. This is an article on the subdivision: https://steemit.com/health/@jennislav/sustainable-suburbia-exploring-village-homesin-davis-ca. We believe if humans can IMAGINE a future that supports restorative values - for the prairies, for local food/edible landscaping - for protection of native soils, for conservation of indigenous cultures, for widely and freely available public spaces, for an ethic of humans as active stewards of the land...the we can bring it into being. Search 12/19/22, 10:05 AM Submission #138 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43364 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy We hope you will also consider designing public engagement processes that allow for the IMAGINATIONS and DREAMS of humans to be heard and seen. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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174	<p>12/20/2022</p> <p>Before we moved to town in July 2001, Port Townsend had a roller skating rink and a bowling alley. Both of these were gone by the time we arrived here. The golf course is one of the few recreational opportunities that people have in town. It is an open space with wildlife. I see coyotes, geese, ducks, and many species of sing birds often when I am out there playing. The golf course has the high school team, and I often see families and kids at the driving range and on the course. PT is very friendly to the Pickleballers (I am one), why aren't we as friendly to the golf course? It's not the best course in the world, but we love it and it is ours! Please keep the golf course.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
175	<p>12/22/2022</p> <p>I have one follow up question about timing of input for the envisioning process. Can you estimate when public input will end? I see you are planning to work with Council on a decision spring 2023. I am working with a small group of citizens - and a time frame for decision making would be helpful :-). Thanks so much.</p>	<p>We will be planning with the public through May, 2023. Please let me know if you have additional questions.</p>

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The golf PT course is an open green space that makes the San Juan valley attractive to users of the space and to non-users alike. There is an historical value to the space that will be destroyed if it is sold to private developers. It is one of the few remaining parts of the town that has not been developed (beyond being a golf course) and there is an important wetland that attracts a variety of wildlife. Developing the space will destroy one of the things that makes Port Townsend so special. Port Townsend residents appreciate the aesthetics of the town and selling the space to developers will only be beneficial to the very few who stand to profit from the venture. Keep Port Townsend special. Don't make it look like any other small city in the country. If that is what you want, move there and let Port Townsend retain its unique character.

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The area covered by the golf course would provide the perfect opportunity to open Port Townsend to development for affordable housing. Apartments, condos, a parking garage, or large hotel would greatly benefit the local economy as well as provide much needed housing. Stifling development is a failed agenda. We are already suffering from year long. It is insane to me how defensive people are of a golf course that, One, Brings in barely any revenue and in fact is actively losing money. Two, hardly has people using it. Three, doesn't allow for regular pedestrians to walk through it after dark and most importantly- Four, is a huge piece of land in a centralized location that could be used for housing in a town the desperately needs housing. Leave part of the course, keep the pond area and create a lovely park that everyone can enjoy. Even just create a smaller park with a driving range. Or even for the love of god a minigolf park, at least then it would actually make money. But I don't know of any land that could accommodate people so well. It's easily within walking distance of two Search 12/28/22, 9:29 AM Submission #142 | City of Port Townsend Washington

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https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43412 2/3 grocery stores, the YMCA, the dog park, a vet clinic, a farm stand, Henerys Hardware, and the high school. It's an area that actually has reliable sidewalks and bike lanes for those where walking and biking is their main mode of transportation. Part of the green space could easily accommodate a lovely looking apartment building that could house people who could add vibrancy and energy to this wonderful community. I get it, losing at least part of a green space in town would be difficult. But this town has to start thinking practically if we want to have reliable healthcare, restaurants and retail workers. Right now all those areas are hemorrhaging. Just take a walk downtown and you'll see "help wanted" signs in every other store. And yet, everyone seems to wonder why no one is taking them up on the offer. Why are there such long wait times? Why is food so much more expensive? Why is my favorite (insert place) now closed more often? The simple answer is no one to work it. Why should anyone want to commute so far for a job that will barely cover mortgage or rent? For a job that will hardly cover the gas to get here? Already it seems, that most of the workers in town commute both here and back, Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Sequim, Port Angeles- even Silverdale. Don't even get me started on those that rely on the Ferry to get here. It is absolutely ridiculous and atrocious that those that

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I tried valiantly, but could not find the official public input site on the City web site for the golf course project. I have provided input before, but I think I can be clearer this time. And I hope I haven't exceeded the comment period.1. I am not a golfer, so I want to put my bias right up front.2. I think the golf course should be repurposed. As I understand, the proportion of residents that actually use it now is quite small, considering how much land is taken up by the golf course.3. I understand that the golf course property comprises 56 acres, plenty of room to accommodate multiple uses. 4.Everyone is aware that increasing the amount of affordable housing is of paramount importance for economic and humanitarian reasons in the Port Townsend area. We've talked enough about the issue. It's time to take action!5. One idea would be to dedicated around 80% of the property (~46 acres) to various recreational uses, while the remaining 18% (~10 acres) would be dedicated to affordable housing.6.The housing could be located along the periphery. An ideal spot would be near the intersection of San Juan and F Streets. There already is some development at the corner that is not part of the golf course property.7.There are many other possible locations, as the course is bounded by four main streets: the aforementioned two plus Cherry and Blaine.8.A 10 acre piece of land could accommodate at least 150 closely-spaced, small single-family houses with a little space for community facilities. The houses would be more affordable, if they would be townhouses or low-rise apartments and it makes sense to dedicate a large portion of the 10 acres to that kind of development. That would significantly increase the number overall housing units on those 10 acres and really would really boost the quantity of affordable housing in this city.9.So why locate housing at the golf course property?a. The golf course is owned by the City. There would be no land cost, which is typically 1/3rd of the development cost. So cost saving.b. There is a lot of acreage and not all of it needs to be used for recreational purposes.c. The golf course is surrounded by main streets, which probably have major utilities in place. (cost) d. Depending on the location of the housing, the site could have good transit access.e. Depending on the housing location, there could be reasonable access to stores and services. f. Depending on the housing location, there could be excellent access to middle and high schools. g. Great access to recreational facilities. ;-) I hope this can still make it into the record. Thanks.

So noted and put into the public record. For future reference, we will be taking comment throughout the planning process through June, and the comment card can be found online under the GC and Mountain View planning page. You can get to it by going to the home page of the City's site, and clicking on the big button in the upper right "blue/white logo". This will take you to the GC page and you can both find the comment card, and the comment log. Thanks so much for your comments.

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[City council, city manager, stakeholders - have you all done your due diligence and looked at the saveptgolf.com website to see the beauty and value of the course and how much it benefits the community? If not then you are not doing the job citizens trust you to do. You do not need to destroy to create.](#)

Thanks for your comments to Council. I have added them to the comment log.

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their invitation to open house saying it was community's desire to explore different uses for golf course. That community was the city council after they paid \$20,000 for someone in Florida to assess golf course. The report seems to suggest we wanted Pebble Beach. We the actual community do not. Golfers like the clubhouse and trees and rocks the report suggested removing. The high cost had over \$50,000 for tree and rock removal and suggested replacing entire irrigation system and all equipment. No one would do that. Hence the description 'ridiculous' for the report for by everyone who knows anything about the golf course. Please do not be prejudiced by this report. A new one is coming. Also note the golf course with good management pays for itself and pays rent to the city and through Search 1/3/23, 9:56 AM Submission #146 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43441> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | tournaments gives thousands of dollars to local groups and charities. Also the course is recovering from three covid years like everyone and everything. Also since that report in 2019 the city and the Player's Club have done a lot of work needed. The city does not have to spend much if anything for the golf course but they could be spending a great deal on the Health and Wellness center and building other sport venues. The city just authorized \$175,000 for a company to figure out the Health and Wellness center building design so they can hire someone to give cost estimate on building it. Do we really think they will also build all the things you ask for? The goal of the Health and Wellness center is to get people outside and exercising. We should let them know there is a golf course across the street that gets people of all ages outside exercising while giving thousands of dollars to community. It should be their mascot. we already have more health and wellness practitioners per capita than most places. If you would like the city to know you really would like them to fix the streets instead you can email the council at publiccomment@cityofpt.us

I have added your comments to the record. Thank you.

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need clean water, sewage treatment, garbage collection, decent housing and infrastructure maintenance, as well as police, fire and medical services. It would be nice to have a golf course, a swimming pool, a rock climbing wall and any number of other things we could collectively dream up. Our emergency fire and medical services are sorely underfunded and we can't afford to pave or even adequately maintain our streets. So we need to spend our limited resources on necessities. One of the needs that is rarely appreciated is the need for relatively wild open space. Search 1/3/23, 9:55 AM Submission #148 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43444> 2/3 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | Whether it is a city park or just undeveloped land, these spaces improve air and water quality, nurture wildlife and enrich our mental and physical health in ways that are hard to quantify, but are nevertheless thoroughly researched and well documented. Every loss of open space is a loss in quality of life. So the question is, how do we preserve the benefits of the golf course property while spending the least amount of money on it? Since playing golf is discretionary, and since a relatively small number of us use the golf course for golf, and since having golf balls flying around makes it unsafe for anyone not playing golf to use the property, the only fair way to allow this to continue is to have those using the golf course pay every cent of what it costs to upgrade and maintain that property. So new infrastructure, including an irrigation system, as well as all watering, mowing and other maintenance should be done at the expense of golfers. To ask the rest of the citizens of Port Townsend to pay for the luxury entertainment of a few is inequitable. If the golfers are unwilling to do that, then the property should be left as is – no development, no mowing, no watering, no maintenance of any kind, except keeping the perimeter vegetation from encroaching into other areas, like public sidewalks or adjacent private property. Even if it eventually became a 59 acre blackberry patch, it would still benefit us all in ways that are vastly superior to any kind of development. The past and present

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1. Water supply has become a constraint for many golf courses in the West. In the SF Bay Area, many courses are required to use recycled water. Given the proximity of the city's POTW, that should be part of the future plan. It would also reduce nutrient releases to Puget Sound, which is a major policy emphasis of Ecology and also may be a source of funding. 2. Given the small amount of the city's capital reserves, reducing them by spending a million dollars will be elevating this issue to the top of the city's priority list. It would be a useful exercise for the committee to brainstorm five other similar capital needs

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1/3/2023	<p>The Decision People think the decision about the golf course has already been made. The answer is Yes and No. The Yes part: First, the city categorized the golf course as a park so it could be put up for repurposing with Mt. View campus which it has nothing to do with other than being across the street. It would be just as silly to include other businesses across street like the church with room for game courts and Colinwood Farms for frisbee golf. There is no alternate purpose for the golf course just as there is no alternate purpose for the swimming pool. Second, the city commissioned a report on the golf course from someone in Florida which did not have much relevance and everyone said was ridiculous. 54 pages for Search 1/3/23, 9:55 AM Submission #150 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43457 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy \$20,000. Third, the city commissioned a 658 page Pros Plan report \$\$\$\$ to study parks and trails and which designated the course a special use park for only one type of recreation not multiple things (oops). Fourth, the city hired a manager and staff to run the project for the city \$\$\$\$t. Fifth, the city hired a landscape architect and golf consultant from Seattle to advise and oversee the process \$125,000. Sixth, the city told the public they can have anything they want at the golf course which means it will no longer be a golf course. It seems this way the city can say you the citizens wanted the golf course gone not them. The No part: you do not need to destroy something that is a beautiful part of Port Townsend and only open space because golfers have taken care of it for 118 years. Getting rid of it does not have to happen. You can say No. Keep the golf course then</p>	Thank you for your comments. I have added them to the record.
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12/30/2022	<p>As a younger resident who is unable to find adequate and safe housing I would like to see the buildable land at the Mountain View Commons Golf Course to be used entirely to create affordable housing for low and middle income residents of Jefferson County</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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12/28/2022	<p>Interested in supporting a collaborative effort to develop a vision for this pristine land an</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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12/28/2022	<p>I just listened to the Dec.20, 2022 Stakeholder meeting video. I was pleased to see that Forest Shomer asked about having a better soil map for the area under consideration. I would also like to point out that including the Climate Change Coastal maps would be informative, as the lower part of the golf course property, which is fairly level, is not that far above sea level. I would like to also point out that the Port of PT had some flooding at the marina this week, so it would be a concern and should govern any plans for the lower part of the property. The lower corner at 19th and San Juan was a productive P@Patch garden area for the community for a number of years and could be again. And, if impermeable surfaces are put in for sports courts or walking trails or additional parking, how will that affect the current unimproved storm drains?</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
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1/3/2023	<p>Hi - I hope you are going to have a board for the current golf course with all the beautiful photos Barb sent and the copy from Benefits to Community section. People really don't know all the good things just like people don't know about any sport they do not participate in. Then need to see what could be destroyed. Thank you fairness police.</p>	<p>Thanks for your suggestions. Our consultant is working on the boards and will represent the current golf course. Thanks.</p>
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189	<p>1/3/2023</p> <p>I started playing golf last year (at age 73) with lessons from a friend and hope to continue to play at the PTGC in the future. I came across this research that I thought may be of interest to you and your team and helpful information for the stakeholders group. It's a study conducted by the University of Southern California that suggests for the aging population "golf is a comprehensive, multimodal, mind-body activity that improves health and preserves functional independence." Here is the link to the study:https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=16439&d=tYy049I1tqrxAx5N80vDo-1oopPCojtGbgGmK4DIHg&u=https%3a%2f%2fsites%2eusc%2eedu%2fgolfscience%2f.1 submitted a letter to the Leader editor briefly sharing my experience learning to play golf, being a professional in the aging field for more than 20 years, and the research at USC. I wrote in the letter that we live in a City where there are 36.6 % of residents 65 & older and golf is one form of exercise that older adults can continue to play or begin. Not sure if the letter will be in the Leader or not. Can you let me know the protocol for sharing this research with the stakeholders group?Thanks for your time!</p>	<p>Thanks for the information. I will put your comments on our log, and the stakeholders can view it. Thanks for passing along this research.</p>
190	<p>1/4/2023</p> <p>The golf course is one of the oldest in Washington state, Golfers have played there for more than a hundred years. Why is it less worthy of veneration and preservation than City Hall? It should be on the registry of historic places. Promotion of the golf course could and should emphasize its historic nature.</p>	
191	<p>1/4/2023</p> <p>An effort should be undertaken to make the maintenance of the golf course environmentally benign. Any use of pesticides and herbicides should be minimized at least, with zero use the ultimate goal. Elimination of poison hemlock, scotch broom, and other invasive species should be pursued. Envision local, regional, and wider promotion of the golf course as environmentally conscious, historic, beautifully maintained, welcoming and friendly.</p>	
192	<p>1/4/2023</p> <p>You and me, the citizens and taxpayers of Port Townsend, paid out of town "experts" for an assessment of the golf course. They came back with an estimate around a million bucks to make the course viable. That estimate has been used to discourage consideration for keeping the course open and operating. Local golfers I've talked with dispute the estimate, believing it was based on a level of upgrades that they don't see as required, even in some regards desirable. An example: irrigation of the fairways, by far the bulk of the total area of the course, isn't seen as a priority. The greens are the only areas on the course that really require regular irrigation. Local golfers are accustomed to fairways drying out and browning in the summer, and have no problem with it.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
193	<p>1/4/2023</p> <p>I know that my grandson and son would love to come here and play golf and I could walk along or even play too! I believe that our golf course is a beautiful, special place for people of ALL ages to enjoy being outside, having fun and getting some exercise in a safe place. I hope that the golf course will remain for locals to enjoy. As I age I realize that being outside doing something fun is essential for thriving. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
194	<p>1/5/2023 Council</p> <p>PLEASE save the golf course and rebuild the pool on the old site!!! We don't need more dubious and expensive projects that don't get completed. Fix the potholes instead!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

195	1/5/2023 Council	I second Nancy Erreca's sentiments in the <i>PT Leader</i> regarding the PT Golf Course. It already exists as an outdoor/exercise opportunity for anyone who wishes. Any small improvements/maintenance expenses have to be a mere fraction of what even commissioning a development plan would be-those funds can surely be put to use in so many ways to improve and better the community. Let sleeping dogs lie.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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New comments as of 1/6/23

196	1/6/2023 email	I have been a resident of Port Townsend since the 70's. Things for the most part always "used"to run along smoothly and with the support of those that lived here. Since the large influx of peoplewho have moved here along with that expansion has come decision making by City (our employees and without us they would not have jobs) that seems focussed on more expansion and to things unnecessary instead of maintenance to what already exists. Stop making decisions for us and spending our money and instead listen to what the masses are saying. Repair the streets/roads come on they are at this point dangerous. I would like all of you to drive to the entrance to Port Townsend sign at the stop light/Mill Rd and turn right then attempt to turn left to head south on Discovery Bay Rd. The intersection which is now very busy looks like a minefield and desperately needs to be repaired. Those of us who have to use this intersection regularly are tearing up our tires and suspension. That \$175,000 just spent for a company to figure out the health and wellness center building design is a reckless way to spend "our" money when the concept is just another luxury item instead of the money being spent to support the viability of our town and fix what is already here. Do whatever it takes to fix the pool, it's location is just fine...and leave the Golf Course alone the more you seem to endeavor changing the less charm you came here because of will disappear and then it will just look like any other generic town. I loved the Opinion in the Leader this week by Nancy Erreca, it was very well written and my exact sentiments.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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197	1/6/2023 email	<p>I nope this is not too much but wanted to re-submit my plan from a couple years ago ;) In it, I hope to retain as much open space as possible, appease vested interests and plan for the future. The image attached goes with "Section A" and the numbers in the email correspond to the drawings on the paper.I know you must be getting A LOT of feedback so wanted to make this as quickly readable as possible. Therefore my thoughts are in bullet points: A. Environment: 1. Habitat Connectivity: Natural habitat is crucial for the success of our biodiversity and functioning ecosystem.a. It would represent a major statement that our co-inhabitants are important too; this helps shift peoples view from being anthropocentric to biocentric. b. Increases birding opportunities.c. May help mitigate flooding of certain areas if done well.d. Partners: Land Trust, Audubon Society, Department of Ecology, etc.2. Golf: a pleasant pastime:a. This plan maintains 5 holes for community golfers to continue to enjoy albeit on a smaller scale.3. Mini-golf a. To honor the history of the property and provide opportunities for young families.4. Food Forest: Perennial garden of edible and medicinal plants.a. This section works with section 5 to bolster our local food resiliency. b. Partners: Friends of the Trees, Dirt Rich School, The Food Bank 5. Staple Crop: Nurtured by our land, not fossil fuel delivered foodstuff. a. Community votes on staple crop of choice including but not limited to: grain, legumes, dairy, animal husbandry, etc. b. Partners: The Food Bank, experienced local farmers, Eat Local First 6. Housing: Much needed and increasingly so due to climate refugees. a. Modular expandable housing for people in need and willing to engage in the stewardship of the land. https://www.urbanrigger.com/view-urban-rigger.b. Tenants (new and/or struggling citizens of Port Townsend) are expected to engage in the duties maintaining the property and recreational operations. 7. Mountain Biking: Good adrenaline for young adults.a. Consist of a series of 3 or 4 trails. b. Provide additional tree cover and thus more natural habitat. c. Partners: Bike shops, YMCA 8. Community Center a. Dusty Green Café i. Maintain current vendor, and or support high quality cafe. ii. Install an aquaponics system to provide mixed greens to mitigate imports. b. Retrofit one of the buildings into a Roller Rink i. Another opportunity for young families and</p>	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us) . Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
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198	1/8/2023 Council	<p>hello, I previously commented on the future of the golf course but my thoughts have evolved so this is an update. I am sending this to city officials and Engage Port Townsend. I strongly believe that city parks should be accessible yet have a role in maintaining open space and natural habitat. They also offer an educational opportunity to emphasize the values of open space and natural habitat. My hope is that the golf course becomes a more accessible, more natural, open landscape, with native plant communities, and that there is no hard surface or other hard development. Its history as part of the lowland between Townsend Bay and North Beach with intermittent wetlands, and its use by indigenous peoples, should be deliberately included through signage and landscape plans. The golf course is beneficial as de facto open space and a recreational opportunity, but for a limited population. It is a highly modified unnatural landscape where non-native plants like Himalayan blackberry, English holly and English laurel are now common, trees including native Douglas fir and non-native Lombardy poplar form artificial rows, and intensive maintenance and resource inputs like irrigation are required. Instead, I hope to see native plant communities in a natural landscape, managed as habitat for birds and other wildlife as appropriate, completely or largely replace the golf course. Kah Tai Prairie and the wetland must be preserved and should be expanded. Low impact walking trails should be created to welcome and increase access by the greater community beyond golfers. If the area becomes a mixed-use park, including some form of golf, those uses should occur on a minority portion of the current golf course area and should have limited impact on the majority portion natural landscape and the environment. Increased access and mixed use are plausible but should complement the natural landscape and not come at its expense. If some form of golf is included, and I recognize the golf course is important to some, advocates are encouraged to reach out to the public with ideas and be open to compromise. The economics are challenging but with creativity a solution should be achievable. For background I live with my family including our 6th grade child, three blocks from the golf course. The golf course is between home and my daughter's school is but the golf</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
199	1/6/2023 council	<p>As a resident in uptown that pays significant taxes, I am alarmed to hear the city wishes to re purpose the golf course. I hope this does not happen. I also know as a civil engineer how much work the streets need here. That would be a much better use of funds.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
200	1/6/2023 council	<p>I agree with Nancy Erreca in the opinion section of the leader from January 4th. Let's highlight the value of the golf course to the community for health and wellness and spend some money fixing the streets. We might also think about reducing the herd of the deer that has grown to be huge. It has become dangerous to drive your vehicle around Port Townsend.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
201	1/7/2023 council	<p>Why continue to spend limited resources on plans/ideas to repurpose the Golf Course while our streets are in dire need of repaving. I agree with Nancy Erreca's 1/4/2023 letter in the Leader. I challenge the City Leaders to ask the taxpayers where our limited monies should be spent. It will be interesting to see who shows up for the Jan 11th repurposing meeting at Fort Warden. I suspect the majority of attendees will be supporters for keeping the Golf Course. Life is full of choices. I respectfully request you reconsider this expensive and, in my opinion, ill advised choice/idea to repurpose our Golf Course and spend those limited dollars on repaving.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
202	1/7/2023 council	<p>Although I am not a golfer I am opposed to using the property for a glorified health center. We moved to PT 26 years ago in search of an open community with hiking trails, beaches and open space. Using this open space is counter productive. As a tax payer my request is this city stop spending our money on consultants from out of state and fix our roads. I live on Morgan Hill and our roads are full of spine-jarring holes. Homelessness, high taxes forcing Senior Citizens to leave their homes and the conditions of our roads should be the cities priorities not fancy health clubs the majority of us cannot afford.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

203	1/8/2023 council	<p>It seems the stakeholder process is incredibly flawed. The city led everyone to believe people could have whatever they wanted so all the stakeholders hear are dreams of incredible sporting venues that would eliminate the golf course. Stakeholders do not get any education. Why are they not asking questions about the golf course? Why are they not being educated and told the history, the value, the community benefits, been educated on everything on saveptgolf.com? So now they are supposed to be deciding things and they have no idea about anything that goes on at the golf course. Why have they not had meetings at the club house with golfers and learned what happens during tournaments that give thousands of dollars to the community or listened to golfers tell how much they love the course and how much their families love to play golf. I think it is because the city does not want them to realize what could be lost. A presentation should have been made to them early on so they do not spend months in the dark. Stakeholders please take as much time to look at what could be destroyed as you take looking at all the dreams of what people want.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comments. I just have a point of clarification; the stakeholders will not be making any decisions. They are charged with listening to the community and helping to make sure the information that eventually goes to City Council will be accurate and informative. Thanks.</p>
204	1/9/2023 email	<p>I want to make my strong opinion known that the golf course property needs to remain open space/recreation for the public. Once open space is gone, it's gone forever, and there are so many recreational uses that are possible and that would make money. Also there are many volunteers available to help with this property. Preservation Alliance is right there with lots of housing that will be provided. In any case, there should be no housing on the golf course property, and I am a proponent for housing, big-time. Just not there.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
205	1/5/2023 Engage PT	<p>I see the Golf Course as Port Townsend's Central Park. My vision is that mostly this stays an open space for various community uses. Possibly some affordable housing where the houses currently exist. And that the indigenous parts - such as the Camas Prairie are turned over to the S'Klallam people to own and maintain. I also hope that the density of all lands across the street from it is upgraded to include up to 8 unit apartment buildings, town houses, etc. That like Central Park it is an open space for public use surrounded by dense development and family housing. I would also love to see the return of the Community Pea Patch at the corner of San Juan and 19th Street. I do not support continuing a golf course which allows very limited public use.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
206	1/5/2023 Engage PT	<p>Seems the 'wellness facility' and 'what to do with the golf course property' are two separate real big issues that are being dealt with simultaneously, but, barely in the same breath from what I've read from the Stakeholder meetings about the Golf Course. Yet, I've also read that the Golf Course is in the top running for this facility. That'd be a shame to build it on the Golf Course. We have a place for the pool - rebuild it where it's at! There's even a gym and dressing rooms in that building already! Seems the most 'efficient' way to go. We have so many athletic clubs for work-out rooms - not to mention yoga, pilates, and fitness classes galore! Our town has ample opportunities for healthy physical activities already. I'm confused about the need for a million dollar (or way more) 'all under one roof' facility. Would the near million dollars the City is getting for the Opioid Settlement be used for the wellness facility? Seems up near the first Search 1/9/23, 6:16 PM Submission #155 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43491 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy traffic circle would be a better location for a 'wellness center' if a whole new facility must be built. Since your report indicates our town is comprised of a low median income demographic, I would hope any facility built would be free or low-cast for the community to use. Our homeless and poverty families are the ones who could use a facility full of health promoting activities the most! And ... that's along the lines of what this Opioid Settlement \$\$ should be used for! Keep the golf course and the lovely native prairie land that the community members have been enjoying for years. Upgrading the golf course to Florida standards seems a bit lavish and unnecessary. If the golf course becomes a designated 'park' use recreational grant \$\$ to upgrade the golf course. Keep your gift from the Welch family</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons, and the pool. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

207	1/7/2023		Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
208	1/8/2023	Engage PT I used to live near Port Townsend, and would often play the PTGC. I still return to Port Townsend with my wife several times a year, and we stay in our favorite hotel in downtown and play the PTGC. I work in the golf industry, and am very familiar with the statistics that show the value a golf course creates for any community - from an economic and communal standpoint, and for the values it brings and instills in young people. Pickleball players, Dog park users, Swimmers, Sports players. Imagine if the city decided to repurpose your area because it was no longer important to them or they needed it for a reason they won't divulge. Well now you can imagine how the golfers feel. There are lots of spaces in PT for all sports players without having to destroy one sports area. Check out the county fairgrounds where great things are happening. Please support the golfers and work with them for alternate uses. This could happen to your space.	I have received your comments and have added them to the log.
209	1/8/2023	Engage PT City council, city manager, stakeholders - have you all done your due diligence which you pledged to do and looked at saveptgolf.com website to see the value of the course and how much it benefits the community? If you haven't then you are not doing the job citizens trust you to do. You need to understand what could be destroyed. Thank you.	I have received your comments and have added them to the log.
210	1/9/2023	Engage PT I really think the golf course area should be used for other purposes. It is currently not accessible open space for public use (unless you enjoy the potential golf balls). It is NOT wildlife habitat. It uses lots of water, fossil fuels, and likely landscape chemicals. I know there is a new well (non-potable) for landscape use, but it's still water (and electricity to pump it). I would like to see the prairie area expanded somewhat. Some well planned housing with greenbelts could be a suitable use for some of the area. And the concept of best use should include fallow areas.	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
211	1/9/2023	Engage PT I commend the City for taking on this challenging community conversation. It's not easy. So good job. I'm putting in a vote to keep it a golf course. The golf course is part of Port Townsend's character. It's a great place to ski, visit the native prairie, walk through, or just enjoy looking at. It's likely no more expensive to maintain (at a basic level) than an aquatic center which also will be unable to pay for itself (see SARC for the example) and could be accommodated on the Mountain View campus anyway. If the issues with the golf course are really about cost, then should we be proposing replacement facilities that cost even more when our City streets are falling apart? I would like to see some of Port Townsend's old, funky character preserved and I would characterize a 9-hole golf course in the middle of town as part of Search	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
211		1/9/23, 6:17 PM Submission #161 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43525 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy that character (I don't even play golf). Just how I feel, but I could be open to different viewpoints with additional information. The condition of the City streets needs to be part of the conversation though when we are talking about where to spend money. This issue can't be compartmentalized and put on the back burner. My street is a disaster, but my real concern is for the main streets like Lawrence, etc.	

212	1/9/2023		Hi Regina: There is a survey that will be rolled out tomorrow night at the open house. If you are unable to attend the open house, we will post it on our website until next Friday, so please log on to take it. Thanks.
		Is there a survey for the golf course?	
213	1/10/2023		Hi - I just wanted to add a couple of things. I wonder if they are told they would have to listen to people's comments? Were they told to read comment log? After 4 months they have not heard any in person comments themselves only what you report. It will be about 4 months tomorrow when they actually hear from golfers. They may not even remember that keeping golf course is an option as now the ideas of not keeping it are ingrained. Great strategy I will give you that. There really is only one person who asks questions and they all seem timid and hesitant to even make comments. They had to be asked to come to open house where they could actually hear comments and were warned that they might have to endure avid golfers say how much they want to keep the golf course. And finally you had to be asked to put up a board showing the golf course now and its value to the community. If keeping golf course was really an option that board should have been obvious. Anyway that is how the other side sees it not just me. I do appreciate you doing the board and listening. Thank you.
	1/9/2023	Engage PT	I understand there is tremendous fervor and tension around the golf course, as indicated from public comments here and elsewhere. Having grown up in Port Townsend, I get that it's been part of the local landscape for generations, and I of course appreciate the view of the lovely green space lined with poplars. I understand that this space is very dear to a percentage of our community. However, as we envision how else the space could be used, I urge our community to have open minds, ears and hearts. As for myself, I cannot support dumping the million dollars of city money that it would take to bring the golf course up to speed (for those concerned about potholes - I wonder how many could be filled with a million dollars?). And regarding the plea to "save our green space," I would offer that it could potentially continue to be another green space open to the public (perhaps one where you don't have to worry about getting concussed by a golf ball while attempting a leisurely walk). Looking for more information to inform my opinion, a couple months ago I reached out to the golf course to ask how many people from PT utilize it. The person I corresponded with was not able to give me a number, but they emphasized that many people who don't live in PT use the golf course too. Personally, if it turns out that there are uses for that space that better meet the needs of more of our community members, then I don't want tourist recreation to be a part of the equation. Whatever decision is made, it will disappoint some portion of people. I understand that to a passionate percentage of our community, the golf course is very important. I also understand that when so many things are changing around us, we want the comfort of feeling that we can count on some things staying the same. But what if utilizing that large space in a different way, benefits even more community members? Because change is happening, whether we like it or not. The golf course has been there for a century, while the world outside it has changed. We now have an increasing need for medical services in Port Townsend, as well as a severe lack of housing that affects all sectors of the economy (including our hospital, EMS, service industry, construction, and maritime). So, what if we can directly or indirectly mitigate those recent changes through using the golf course differently? I myself have not yet formed an opinion yet - I
214			Thanks for your comment. There will be several Council members at the meeting, if that is who you are referring to...The full Council also received a link to the comment log that is updated daily. They have been kept in the loop. Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
215	1/9/2023		The golf course will not pencil out unless it is expanded to 18 holes. Put the pool/Rec Center up by JHC, close Blaine street, remove the old building at Mountain View and expand the course to 18 holes. Charge out of town people market rate, and in town residents the reduced rate. Have free family nights. Keep the native prairie.
	1/9/2023		Thanks for you comments.
216	1/10/2023	Engage PT	Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
			I 100% support the health/pool complex and while I could see some townhomes on the golf course, I'd much rather see it as a large multi-use park and would envision mountain view to be connected to it by a nice bridge.
217			Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
			Please do not develop the golf course! As a long-time resident, it is those open spaces that aid our quality of life and community vision. I do not golf and do not care at all if the golf course would shut down. However, it it were to be "re-imagined", then community outdoor trails, gardens, cultural signs, gathering/teaching spaces and outdoor recreation would benefit all - not just a few golfers.

<p>1/10/2023 Engage PT</p> <p>218</p>	<p>I'm writing to express support for the continued preservation and stewardship Kai Tai (qatáy) camas prairie by the Native Plant Society and Jamestown S'Klallum. The Camas Prairie reminds us of a time when native people lived off our present land, Qatay, through careful management of wild plant and animal resources. This living heritage provides a critical link to the indigenous history and present. This prairie also provides important habitat for native plant and animals who are increasingly pushed out of our area as people develop more land for housing and gardens with imported plants. The Camas Prairie provides habitat that supports the Search 1/10/23, 5:37 PM Submission #168 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43541 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy native biodiversity of our region. Please protect and preserve this valuable piece of our natural and cultural heritage as you make your plans for the golf course property.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>New Comments as of 1/11/23</p>		
<p>1/11/2023 Engage PT</p> <p>219</p>	<p>While I like golf, swimming, and open space, and believe in decision criteria, the process does allow for gaming by stakeholders advocates. It'd be useful to have some comparisons of towns by area and population who have managed to make all three work. I'm not convinced the user population is big enough for any of these investments as compared to other town priorities. It seems like both a pool and golfing might work better with a private partner who builds and staffs these things for a tourist market and has a deal with the town for resident usage.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>220</p>	<p>This proposal creates affordable workforce rental housing and still leaves land for a sustainable Par 3 9-hole public golf course. It would work like this.1. Sell approximately 4 acres of the 58 acre Golf Course land for private development creating funds to build affordable apartment rental units for low/medium income workers and their families. These 4 acres yield approximately thirty 50' X 100' lots. Conservatively estimating \$125K per lot delivers almost \$4 Million. These proceeds are used to build apartment rental units. These newly private parcels provide additional tax revenue to the City. 2. Lease another 4 acres of Golf Course land to build affordable workforce apartment rental units. (Leasing reduces development costs and City retains its interest in the property).3. Actual number of acres required may be less if siting and code application utilize Planned Unit Development techniques.4. Location of these lands to be determined by individuals knowledgeable of Golf Course lands and facilities. 5. Use apartment rental income for apartment management and staffing, maintenance and possibly to build more apartment units over time.6. Ask JCF, Olycap, Habitat and/or another community vested organizations to build and manage this. 7. With just 8 acres of land, 50 acres remain for the golf course which can facilitate a Par Three 9-hole golf course. 8. Apartment rental units are preferable to private homes as they remain affordable without risk of being bought and resold at market rates. Further, they can be managed for affordable workforce housing needs in a continuing way.</p>	<p>Thanks for your proposal. I added your proposal to the community input/comment log</p>
<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>221</p>	<p>Beautiful Port Townsend has a serious leadership problem. Rather than fix present problems, our city council seems to look for new problems. The city golf course, a swimming pool and a roundabout on Kearney are all non existing problems. What is a problem is our horrible streets. Quit trying to fix things that aren't broken. You have a very poor image. I suggest you also repair that.</p>	<p>The Mayor sent me your message. Thank you for sending it. I have logged it on our community input/comment log for the Council consideration. Thank you.</p>
<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>222</p>	<p>As a city resident 37 years I am very skeptical that the golf course can be altered to further the public good without massive spending of city funds. As in moat projects the planning department gets ahold of, the costs are going to be far in excess of what was promised and the benefits to the citizens of the city are going to be less. There needs to be some restraint as far as spending. Many of us can think of other places those funds could be for the general good.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

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I am unable to attend either meeting in early January to provide input. Please include my comments submitted here.
I grew up in a community where the city park was the town center of all gatherings and outdoor activities including, a swimming pool, playgrounds, picnic shelters, walking and biking paths, tennis courts, ball fields, volley ball courts and a concession stand. Picnic tables were scattered around the park for family and community potlucks. This was the center of my fondest childhood memories and I felt a sense of loss of a central park when I moved here 36 years ago. To create such a beautiful park could unite the community of all ages as they come here for various purposes.

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To also include a food security center with a community kitchen and event space, meeting/classroom spaces, a drop off location for CSA's & a permanent farmers market would be a boon to our community. Affordable housing could be built on the uphill side, near the corner of Walker and Blaine.

Show casing the history of the area is also very important. Expanding nature and cultural preserves, as Kai Tai Prairie currently is, to include the pond and the portage area of Happy Valley honors the significance of the indigenous people to this area.

Creating a

central park that welcomes and serves the many needs of people of all ages and back grounds will create a stronger community with a rich sense of place.

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I strongly support building a new swimming pool in Port Townsend. The subject has been debated for as long as I have lived here, about 15 years or more, and now is the time to get something done! I depend greatly on being able to go to the pool to exercise my 4 artificial joints, 2 shoulders and 2 hips. My physician said that the reason I recovered so well from surgeries was because I had been exercising in the pool with water aerobics, and continuing to do so helps my overall health. I suggest the new pool be built where the dog park is now. The dogs can exercise at the fairgrounds. We need to continue to use the old pool while a new one is being built so as to keep up our health, and keep the artificial joints working! I also strongly suggest keeping the golf course as a place for golfers to have exercise Search 1/11/23, 5:51 PM Submission #174 | City of Port Townsend Washington [https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43555 2/2](https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43555%202) 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | and to keep the green space.

Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together | City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thanks you for sending your thoughts.

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I support keeping the golf course as golf course. Maintaining the golf would continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunity to visitors and residents of all ages. At the same time, maintaining a golf course maintains significant aesthetic open space at the center of the city.

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Please do not develop the golf course into hard surface development. The fact that you have allowed 2 (at least) wetland areas to be developed does not give me confidence that you will not pursue this avenue. I do not support golf per se, and would rather it was allowed to revert to prairie and paths for everyone to use, but if that is not possible, I would prefer it to stay as is. Our course is part of the PT landscape. But why does it have to be upgraded to some golf organization's standard? This is Port Townsend after all. However, if the local golfers want it to remain as a golf course, then they need to share it. There is a sign that says Welcome To All, but I walked on it and was told to leave (hard ball hazard). Isn't it possible to allow golfers to use it part of each day, and other residents the remainder? Search 1/11/23, 5:52 PM Submission #176 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43557> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | And, yes, PT needs a decent sized pool for swimmers to use (I am not a swimmer either), open at reliable times, but do we really need a Sports Complex? There are 3 fitness gyms in the area that I know of. Couldn't the current pool be expanded into the space in the YMCA building. Move the police HQ to a better location, if necessary. KPTZ is moving to Fort Worden. The Food Bank could be relocated. Also the dog exercise park. Or, a pool could be built on a hard space somewhere (such as a church parking lot which is only used on Sundays, when the pool isn't open anyway). I hope you will give these and other suggestions good thought before you make any decisions. We need affordable housing, yes, but there are lots of places to provide such spaces, such as open lots around current residential areas. Another hard surface in what is green sp

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hello. i am a jc resident living on marrowstone island. i am an active member of ptpc as well as participating in yoga at madrona, a long distance runner and enjoy our local food coop and downtown and uptown shopping. i have been a co-owner of Provisions, a delicatessen in PT and worked with PT school district in changing our school food system as well as worked as a chef in JGH kitchen. my interest in this project links to my BA degree in urban planning and design and also my interest in the health of our community. i feel young high school golfers may need this facility as it is a neighborhood course. i also know that trails through this green belt would be a good link to ft worden and as a runner and cyclist, it would be advantageous to access the ymca and downtown, if trails were available. if viable, other mixed uses would be advantageous. frederick law olmstead had the foresight to develop central park and so many parks throughout our country providing the much needed green belts to keep our communities healthy. i believe mixed use for this space is essential. thecptpc has worked diligently in raising funds in cooperation with the city for the new mt view courts. they arev fabulous and now heavily used. more courts are highly needed. it seems worthy to develop more courts in this location and perhaps reducing the size of the dog park. yes, dog parks are needed yet i see this land to be able to be shared. it appears that other dog parks in the city are rarely used such as the one west of chetzamoka park. smaller size dog parks would be preferred in a city so that people can utilize in their own neighborhoods without extra parking needs. in terms of keeping recreation in one place, pickleball is not suited in neighborhood settings due to the noise that is created. the demand for pickleball is forever growing and currently there are few courts available and none in the county.in summation, the health of our community is a product of our green space, farms, schools, health care, business and recreation. i appreciate that the city is prioritizing efforts to plan for the recreational needs of the community.

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Last nite s open house was very well done. I was especially impressed with CHRIS Jones presentation and forthright answers to questions. His definitive statement that any additions or changes to the golf course must be for municipal use was most welcome. My only hesitation in that regard is the remote possibility that a convoluted definition of "municipal use" could somehow include housing as a benefit to the Municipality. Uneasiness over that issue could be solved if the Council and City Manager would simply state plainly - no housing. I would love to stop harping on it.2.I am left with one very disturbing issue being bantered about - moving the pool/gym/exercise complex to the golf course. Seems to me the sheer size of the complex and necessary parking would greatly encroach on the golf course. Considering the Prairie will be left in place, the only way to expand such a large structure (and sufficient parking) would be to take out the practice area, the golf workshop, and a large part of hole # 1. (assuming the logical place to site it would be where the current golf office/restaurant sits) Not only would such a large structure loom over the Course, but would greatly diminish the future Course manager ability to efficiently manage his business.3.The current location of the pool is the most logical, and likely the least expensive choice for the pool complex. Wherever it is built, the cost of removing the old pool and building would have to be done, so wouldn't it be most cost effective to make demolition and new construction an all inclusive contract. (I remember the Council presentation made by Jeff Randall some years ago displaying a very good fit for the new complex on the existing site - I also remember his estimate of 8 to 12 million dollars)4.Three other small issues. First - if the pool complex includes health club amenities like racquetball, weights, and exercise machines, the two local Health Clubs would be put out of business - is that really what we want to do to existing local business? Also, a question was asked - what recreation is planned for teens and younger on the Course? - the obvious answer is GOLF! A competent Course Manager would definitely develop youth golf programs. Finally, I noticed the flow chart that displayed the process from study to plan to decision appeared to show the Council receiving a single notice rather than a range (at least 2 or

Thanks for your reflections about the open house and follow up comments. I have put them on the comment log and they will be transmitted to the City Council.

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Regarding the golf course property...what is it that we can not do in PT today that we would only be able to if we closed or repurposed the golf course? With the golf course intact, residents and visitors are able to play golf in PT. If the golf course is closed we will lose a recreational opportunity currently enjoyed by many residents and visitors. Golf does require a significant amount of land dedicated to that specific use. However, people in PT are not currently prevented from participating in other outdoor activities. There is space and places for nearly all other recreational pursuits. Certainly more pickle ball courts, a nicer pool, bike paths, etc., would be great, but we at least have those things in place now. And we have a golf course now, enjoyed by many of our citizens and visitors to our town. Closing the course would eliminate a wonderful amenity. What can't we do in PT that we could only do if the course is closed? Do we actually need that particular piece of land for some other use? The fact that some residents choose not to use the golf course is not a good reason for closing it down. I don't use the skate park, pool, or pickle ball courts, but I am really glad we have them for those people who like to. I am glad we have the golf course, too. Let's keep the PT golf course.

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Unfortunately I am not able to attend the meeting (so far) scheduled for Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. I would really like to hear the ideas and participate in this planning. Without hearing everything about it and all the possibilities, I do have a few ideas I'd like to share - First and most important - The Camas Prairie needs to be TOTALLY preserved and maintained, and possibly expanded. My understanding is the local tribes and Native Plant Society are maintaining it now. What a great tribute to our indigenous ancestral and current community. Many years ago I helped plant this prairie along with Leslie Schroder's 4th and 5th grade class from (what was then) Mountain View School – what an honor to be part of that! AND what a thing of BEAUTY – did you see the flowers! I think this area should be expanded. I would love to see more ways to have educational events, to tell the stories, the history of camas and local indigenous peoples. I have an objection to a golf course in the middle of town. This is something that serves relatively few people (and possibly mostly older wealthy white males). This land could be a lovely park open to all people for walking and recreation. It could be community gardens for all, or a Food Forest. Perhaps it could include housing for low-income people and working families, which is so desperately needed in our community. Or it could include tiny houses to house homeless people as they transition to other housing. Let's make this space more inclusive and more available for people of all ages. How I have longed to walk in the golf course and enjoy the beauty of our town - But way too dangerous to get hit by a golf ball, and not maintained as the ecosystem of beauty it could be (since it's primarily mowed grass). It's great that the geese (birds) have a place to land during migration, so some of it could be maintained for their use too. Please consider making this land more inclusive, AND please preserve the camas prairie. I look forward to more community-wide discussions on this subject.

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I want to say thank you to everyone involved in the public open house at Ft Worden Commons yesterday evening. Much work paid off, great attendance supported by extending the space in to the next room, and this was all well managed. I do appreciate that there may have been some intentional omissions to keep the event focused. But there were some issues not well covered in this initial presentation, that need attention at some point: A significant factor for future planning everywhere is water consumption. The City needs to provide residents with adequate drinking water, and must plan for drought years, climate change, and environmental water requirements (for salmon, etc.). The importance of this should be made clear. A golf course consumes more water than any other activity we might want in this location. Surely this is a significant factor for City planning here, and everywhere around the country; water conservation is necessary almost everywhere. I would rather that water not needed for more critical uses flow in our salmon streams...The presentation did not include any information about the golf course financials over the past 5-10 years. Many people think that by paying rent, the golf course provides a net income to the City. But it seems this may not be true. It is necessary to know more about the City maintenance obligations as landlord, and what the golf course company actually pays in annual rent for use of approximately 50 acres of City property. It appears from the City website postings that golf course uses over 7,000,000 gallons of City water for irrigation, and some addition smaller amount in the facilities (cafe, restroom, & general use). However this is not made clear in any useful fashion: I am piecing this information together from confusing information on the City website, and may have it all wrong.

Thanks for the feedback. I will add it to the comment log and we will address these issues at our next open house.

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A couple suggestions: 1. If the golf course stays, add frisbee golf. This would attract young and old. Or keep the driving range and add frisbee golf. Share time between both. 2. Large play area with a wooden "play on" ship. This could be made locally. Gig Harbor has one. Kids love it! Maybe a water feature park for kids to play in during warm summer months. 3. Since the soils vary so much create community gardens, vegie and flower. 4. Of course trails. accessible for all. 5. Pickleball courts, miniature golf! 6. Think young adult, kayak teaching pond 7. With the pool improvements add a weight room and basketball/multi use room. 8. Non profit senior living with living available for attendants, cna's and nurses. Provide daycare within the facility. I know this idea is beyond the city's ability but with the aging population, someone should consider it. It would keep turnover of employees low and create a wonderful community to benefit all involved. Need me to expound on any idea let me know. Thank you for doing all this!

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233	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>Quite the turn out for the open house tonight Jan 11, many left without using their dots as they/we could not get to the boards with the big crowd. One negative comment I heard repeated by 4 was something like clearly the golfers have made their voice heard and they were somewhat pandered too. I did not agree; I've been looking over the meeting videos, agenda since this started.</p>	<p>Thanks so much for attending the open house and for your reflections. Your comments have been added to the community input log. Thanks again.</p>
234	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>Will there be an opportunity for highschoolers or other school age children to "vote" with green and orange stickers on potential uses for the golf course and MT View similar to what we did tonight? Thanks</p>	<p>Thanks so much for sending your thoughts about engaging youth in the process. The school district will be sending the survey to all of their families, and I will be presenting at the High School with the boards for marking their preferences. Thanks for the comments.</p>
235	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>Thank you for a great open house session tonight at Fort Worden, including making excellent childcare available (the kids had a blast, and were even fed. amazing). That helps to remove one of the barriers for families to participate. Apart from the online session tomorrow, I'm interested in whether there are other forms of stakeholder engagement planned with the community? For example, will you be reaching out to schools for kids/families' input? I couldn't help notice that younger generations were under-represented at the meeting. The kids will have great ideas, and are the near and long-term beneficiaries/users of the spaces. Also placing the concept boards at libraries, grocery stores, farmers markets and other public places could be another way to gain broader input than those able to attend an in-person/virtual meeting. Thank you</p>	<p>Thanks so much for sending your thoughts about engaging youth in the process. The school district will be sending the survey to all of their families, and I will be presenting at the High School with the boards for marking their preferences. Thanks for the comments.</p>
236	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>1. THANK YOU for the wonderful open house this evening. 2. I learned about the relationship the of 2020 PROS to the current project. 3. I learned about some of the topographical challenges, deeds, prior input the community and from the Q&A. I have a request. The PT Golf Course is public but is not open to the non-golfing public. I was able to use snow shoes from our PT Library (THANK YOU!) the week before Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed seeing PT in a different way from perspectives I cannot see walking the perimeter of the course. I would like to suggest that prior to the second open house that there could be one to two or three times that the general public could be provided access to the golf course. I am a kinetic learner. It is helpful to see a f slopes on a power point (I thought this was great information) but it is another thing to physically walk a space and understand the opportunities and constraints and associated costs for uses on the property. I think stickers are very helpful. I did not place stickers on two things I highly value - public art and educational signage. Perhaps educational signage and public art could be co-mingled and integrated into the vision of the future uses as part of place making. So can there maybe a way to ask the community if these components are valued at the second open house as a component of place making instead of a stand alone use? Thank you again for engaging and educating our community</p>	<p>Thanks for your attendance at the open house and your suggestion of letting the general public walk the course before the next open house. I will work with our team and see what we can do. Thanks again.</p>
237	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>Thanks for the welcoming and informative meeting this evening at the Commons. It's so important for our community to participate and to feel heard. Bravo!</p>	<p>Thanks for your email and attending in the open house. You are right...if is so important for the community to participate and feel heard. Thanks for being a part of that.</p>
238	<p>1/11/2023</p> <p>Thank you for the 1/11/23 open house presentation at Ft. Worden. It was very useful and I look forward to more of this. I felt there was one significant and puzzling omission: the public needs to understand the current financial situation for the golf course over the past 5-10 years. Nothing was provided at the meeting. Is the golf course a net revenue (however small) for the City? Or is actually an expenses, given the maintenance obligations and the water? I have reviewed the information on the City website and is just inadequate and very confusing. There needs to be a summary report that clarifies the situation, as many golf Search 1/12/23, 2:32 PM Submission #186 City of Port Townsend Washington https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43569 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home Dashboard Sitemap Logout Webmail Employee Linking Policy course supporters are convinced that the course provides net income to the City. It appears to me that if there is really a net income, the amount is minimal and insufficient to be significant to planning. I would love to get better, clear information</p>	<p>hanks for your follow-up comments on the open house. It is helpful to understand what is important to everyone as we explore this topic. Thanks again.</p>

239	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>I think it's a poor use of 58 acres as a golf course. Few people golf and at the rate of use, it can't possibly be a revenue source for the city. It should remain predominately open space.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
240	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>I am not a golfer but I do enjoy the openness of the golf course. Please keep it a golf course. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
241	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>I would prefer that the golf course be modified to include more mixed use. What Port Townsend currently lacks and needs are sports facilities that can be used in the winter. The golf course itself is highly seasonal with so little use in the winter that it averages less than 1 user PER DAY. What my preference means is that some sort of indoor space useful for winter would need to be built. Use would probably be maximized by making a space that accommodates multiple sports. The biggest problem with using city tax money to upgrade the golf course is that there is no end in sight -- money would be needed again and again. I'm converting a lawn into a meadow. It's a very labor intensive project because unwanted (invasive) species appear in the meadow no matter how well one prepares the land (think Himalayan blackberry, non-native grasses, non-native clovers, Scotch broom, Hemlock and etc). Converting the golf course into prairie would require a large permanent volunteer group to weed the whole area multiple times per year. My conclusion is that it would be impra</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
242	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>Thank you for hosting the open house last night, 11January 2023. I submitted a question, but it was not read, so I'd like to ask again here in hopes of receiving an reply. Is the City of Port Townsend collaborating or conferring with Jefferson County to assess park and recreation needs that are within or proposed for the City? If so, what kinds of amenities are or could be provided on County land that are being proposed for the Golf Course/Mountain View area? Specifically, the County Fairgrounds appear to be an area that is underdeveloped or at least in need of an upgrade for many recreational facilities, just as is the golf course. I'm wondering if some of the proposed amenities on our "sticker boards" at the open house might be more appropriate for a revisioning of the Fairgrounds, rather than on the Golf Cours</p>	<p>I think I may have talked to you about this on Wednesday night. The County is undergoing their own renovation of the fairgrounds and we would be happy to share our results with them in hopes of a greater collaboration. Thanks.</p>
243	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>I attended the 1/11 community meeting. The consultant missed one example of a repurposed golf course: Port Ludlow. There is an old, unused 9 hole golf course that has been converted to hiking and biking trails. Here is a link to the map: https://portludlowresort.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2017_Hiking_Trail_Map_Reduced.pdf. I'm curious why this was not included in the examples given at the meeting, especially since it is so close to home!.</p>	<p>Thanks for the email and information. I will pass it along.</p>
244	<p>1/12/2023</p> <p>Firstly, thanks so much for the work you are doing on all this - I felt really good about last night's meeting. I do want to point out that next time it would be good to make it clearer in advertising, that there was a presentation and Q&A at set times - "open house" makes it sound like you can just wander in/out whenever you want - glad I happened to arrive on time. Also in the future, I would request that the consultant uses bigger font in presentations =) as big as will fit on the screen. Thanks again.</p>	<p>Thanks for the email and suggestion. I will pass it along and consider it for the next open house.</p>

1/17/2023 249	<p>I am writing to offer an expanded idea for the PT golf course that maintains a golf use and expands other options: 1: Redesigned as a type of "links" style course by greatly expanding the existing Kah Tai Prairie feature throughout the course intermixed with and incorporated with the golf fairways. It was the type of course developed in Scotland's coastal areas. The Kah Tai Prairie environment fits perfectly with a "links" style course. This would greatly expand the Kah Tai Prairie. It would be a modified "links" style to accommodate existing trees (because there weren't many of these on the Scotland coast) and other natural features. 2: The course could be redesigned as a 9hole - Par If you are not familiar with "links" style course, they make expansive use of the natural environment (here the Kah Tai Prairie) as part of the course.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
1/17/2023 250	<p>Keep golf course!!!!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>
1/17/2023 251	<p>Thanks for such an enlightening opening public session on this city project last Wednesday night. I have high hopes that your process will get us where we need to go. Personally, I hope the golf course stays in some version. The town has so many hiking opportunities, particularly in Fort Worden and along the beaches, that I don't understand a need to put more in the areas under discussion. Still . . . I would like to make the following suggestions, however, after the particular site choices have been made:1.Create a Port Townsend Athletic Club and fold existing facilities (pool and golf course, for example) and future ones (like pickleball and basketball and tennis courts, ping pong and pool tables, etc.) into it.2. Give every tax payer a family membership in such a club. This would encourage participation and use by all age groups. Outsiders, of course, would have to pay to use these facilities; club members would pay for such things as lessons and equipment rental, etc. Obviously, scheduling use would be a priority. Some simple, transparent sign-up ability would be necessary.3.This resulting club could also sponsor joint sporting activities and events. These might foster competition and provide fund-raising opportunities.4.Additional revenue streams could be created, but if revenue is low add a modest club fee to annual tax bills. Anyway, I am thinking of the overall effect of having great sports facilities and getting town ownership of them.Congratulations on a great beginning!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for this community discussion about the Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We have an operational contract for the Golf Course that is effective through December 2023 and we are in the midst of planning for the future, both for the Golf Course and Mountain View Commons. We will add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation: Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.</p>

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Thanks for your comments. They have been added to the log.

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The city continues to prejudice the community against golf course even in their invitation to open house saying it was community's desire to explore different uses for golf course. That community was the city council after they paid \$20,000 for someone in Florida to assess golf course. The report seems to suggest we wanted Pebble Beach. We the actual community do not. Golfers like the clubhouse and trees and rocks the report suggested removing. The high cost had over \$50,000 for tree and rock removal and suggested replacing entire irrigation system and all equipment. No one would do that. Hence the description 'ridiculous' for the report for by everyone who knows anything about the golf course. Please do not be prejudiced by this report. A new one is coming. Also note the golf Search 1/13/23, 1:11 PM Submission #202 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43595> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | course with good management pays for itself and pays rent to the city and through tournaments gives thousands of dollars to local groups and charities. Also the course is recovering from three covid years like everyone and everything. Also since that report in 2019 the city and the Player's Club have done a lot of work needed. The city does not have to spend much if anything for the golf course but they could be spending a great deal on the Health and Wellness center and building other sport venues. The city just authorized \$175,000 for a company to figure out the Health and Wellness center building design so they can hire someone to give cost estimate on building it. Do we really think they will also build all the things you ask for? The goal of the Health and Wellness center is to get people outside and exercising. We should let them know there is a golf course across the street that gets people of all ages outside exercising while giving thousands of dollars to community. It should be their mascot. we already have more health and wellness practitioners per capita than most places

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I like the open space the golf course provides, trails around the golf course, the prairie and the wetlands. I am however concerned about the amount of water the golf course uses in todays environment. I also think not having a budget figure in mind prior to discussing options is nonsensical.

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A couple of my friends are interested in an archery range. I wonder if that might be compatible with future plans for the golf course.
Thank you.

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I now live in Chimacum, and one of the few "tourist" things for me to do in Port Townsend is to enjoy 9 holes of golf in town.
I have been enjoying that challenging little course for over 30 years. I realize that things change over time but, in my opinion, it would be a pity to do away with the golf course.

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I moved out of Port Townsend several years ago for a number of reasons. Primarily it was the uptick in festivals that were increasing traffic volume, speeding, and congestion, drunk and drugged people walking the streets, lack of parking downtown, money wasted on art and aesthetics that suggested more gentrification in the works. Ten years before I left it was safe to walk in the uptown or near fort worden after dark, but not so by the time I left. I now live in the county. When I was in town I regularly frequented the Rose theater and Fountain/Alchemy/Mezzaluna lounge during the week to support these businesses, especially during the winter months. But no more. PT is increasingly catering to tourists and not locals. The plans for the pool and golf course should focus on locals, and the less development the better. Keep the golf course as is. Keep the pool as is. Stop throwing money at pie-in-the-sky bright ideas to improve PT. It was a better community before the tourist-focussed restructuring. I include the travesty of the Fort Worden boondoggle in this category

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on plans for the city-owned property currently used as a golf course in Port Townsend. As a 45 year resident of Port Townsend, I have visited this property infrequently. My family and I visit the Kah Tai Prairie in the spring, and imagine what it must have looked like centuries ago. Many thanks to the indigenous maintainers of this prairie, and to the Native Plant Society and City for saving even a small, 1.4 acre of native prairie. I visit the golf course regularly to cross country ski when it snows, which is a rare occurrence. In the past, the Pond was a vibrant community gathering place for ice skating, with a donated box of skates on the former island, so that people without skates could participate. All generations came out to play hockey, twirl and jump, be pulled on sleds, and learn to skate. This ended when the golf course management refused access to the pond, and called the police to clear everyone off. Needless to say, community members felt extremely unwelcome! However, due to rising temperatures, it has been years since skating has been possible on the pond. While I would like to walk on the property, it is too dangerous to do so while people are playing golf. My preference is for the property to be redesigned so that more than a small number of people who play golf can enjoy the space. A plan that is more inclusive, ecologically sound, and accessible to all residents is desirable.

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Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in and for the fantastic presentation on 1/12/23. I think what is missing most from PT is a good aquatic center (see Shore Aquatic Ctr in PA as an excellent model--important: full size lap swim at appropriate temperature [78-79], kids pool, wellness pool, etc, separate changing rooms so everyone can use the pool comfortably). However, I would be loath to give up the open space where the golf course currently is. If there is a way to put an aquatic center somewhere else in town that does not eat up green space, that would be my preference. The native prairie and the pond are so lovely and special - it would be so nice if those were preserved as part of the open space landscape. While housing is critical, I believe that there are still many places in town that are already urbanized, where housing would have less of a negative impact on the green Search 1/12/23, 6:20 PM Submission #198 | City of Port Townsend Washington <https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43588> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home | Dashboard | Sitemap | Logout | Webmail | Employee | Linking Policy | space requirements per PROS, which said that PT needs more, not less, green space. There are plenty of existing eyesores in town that would not be missed if converted to an aquatic center, pickleball courts and even a dog park. For the people who love golf, maybe making a smaller version but also opening up that space for others to enjoy safely... would be great. The one time I stepped foot on the golf course I was yelled at. And it's really stupid that the trail that runs by collinwood just stops at F street... At the very least, that space needs to be opened up for use to more people. Thank you!!

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If housing is the partial fate of the golf course it should not be single family dwellings. It should be a large multi story apartment building which is much more economical to build and less materially wasteful. It is the best way to provide affordable housing as is proven in most of the rest of the world. Have a park with lots of sunlight for child residents of the apt bldg. Keep the driving range and some putting greens for practice. No Dog Park. Wiffle Tennis is a fad and when the boomers are gone it will only be a memory. No public art. No movie screens or tourist stuff.

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Why the reluctance to say how few rounds of golf are really played and how much \$\$\$ the course costs the city? Y'all have the numbers and to avoid the facts during the meeting is gaslighting, in my opinion. The same thing happened with the PROS Plan. The Mountain View pool could be filled in and the space used for a farmers market (with large barn doors all around for good weather..). That space could also become Key City Theater which badly needs a new space. Thanks for your efforts. I am a devoted swimmer.

1/13/2023	250	<p>I recently attended the open house at Ft Worden Commons. During the presentation it was announced that the golf course operations resulted in over \$700,000 of charitable giving over the past 10 years. It seemed like a rather spontaneous announcement, and I am interested in its veracity. Can this figure be backed up by reviewable accounting? If so, could you post it on the website. It is a hard thing to imagine given how little the golf course is used. One of the things citizens count on the county to do is be an independent arbiter of what is factual. There is a lot of energy regarding the golf course and people will be inclined to exaggerate, if not make up, "facts" to support their position(s). Please be sure you do not repeat things that can not be backed up, regardless of where they come from. Thank you for taking on what is an understandably difficult task.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comments about the golf course. The numbers that you reference came from the Kiwanis club and we are delving into them to verify. Thanks for your astuteness in the process and for asking the questions. If they are confirmed we will put them on our website for review. Thanks so much, and for your interest in the discussion.</p>
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when I first moved to Port Townsend I was very surprised at how many golf courses we had in town. Especially considering how rainy and windy it is most of the year and considering a majority of our elders (that use the golf course) are snow birds. As we already know we have an overflow of elders compared to the young capable working people. As this elder population ages, my concern is that there won't be enough young working people to support this elder community as they pass on. Port Townsend golf course would be a wonderful opportunity to create low income/affordable housing for those who are service facing in this town. I think the golf course is big enough to create housing on one half of the lot, and the other half, a park similar to that of wright park in Tacoma. Port Townsend has only a handful of good parks to hang out in and the golf course would be a great place for kids to play, people to walk, would be a nice place to hang out, and an opportunity to support those service facing workers, who in turn support our elder community.
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Keep it green. Whether it's a golf course, trails, community garden- please keep it green. Preserve the camas prairie- it's a treasure. This town has got to have a community space for exercise, pool, wellness. It's disappointing this doesn't already exist, that it's taking so long to come to fruition. It's a vital hub to a community- for gathering, for health and wellness- for families, for individuals, schools and to serve the diverse needs of varying abilities, ages.... This is vital to a community. Given the aging population of P.T. a pool and a second smaller, warmer pool would be of great benefit for access and therapy. Make this a priority. Support the health and well-being of your community! It's long overdue

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Those of us who have been here a long time (I served on City Council from 1981-83 and as Mayor from 1983-93) do not only see the beauty of this place, we fought to protect it. Citizens, Councilors, Commissioners saved our shorelines and special places for the public and the planet, supported the protection and historic rehabilitation of our built environment. We stood up to, and stopped, egregious waterfront development and strip mall corporate America. Because we knew PT was a special place. And one of the treasures that makes it so special is a beautiful open space and golf course smack dab in the middle of town. What other community has that? Why not promote it as we do other community and tourist amenities? I don't golf but value the treasure it is. Once lost, it cannot be recovered. The issues that are being brought into this debate would be better addressed and resolved in other arenas. Please recognize the community's long-standing efforts and commitment to this special resource and preserve this open space.

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I've been tracking the planning process for the golf course property, and attended the open house last week. Wow, what a turnout! I think it speaks highly of both your efforts to engage the community, and how important the future of this property is to so many people in town. Some thoughts regarding the open house, and the process in general, that I'd like to pass on to you. And if you could share with the landscape architect that'd be great: 1. Some fundamental background information was not provided at the open house. Specifically, how did the property come to be owned by the City? What exactly are the deed restrictions on the parcels in question? (the title report on the Envision... webpage is daunting and nearly impossible for a layperson to read) How much use does the golf course get now? (The answer to that question I only learned thanks to the letter in the Leader from Gabe on the stakeholder committee!)2. The panels displaying some the history of the property/area were very interesting. Can digital versions be linked on the Envision... webpage? 3. At the open house, everyone who spoke seemed to be bending over backwards to say that no decision has been made yet regarding the future of the golf course. It was repeated so frequently that it sounded awkward. Given the extremely limited use the course gets, the \$\$ required to bring the facility up to basic standards, and the community's clear desire for something better on the property, can we just acknowledge that the course's days are numbered, and move on to planning for the future?4. I understand the desire to link the planning of the golf course property with the future of Mountain View since they're contiguous and publicly owned. But to my mind those 2 areas are VERY different sites, with VERY different uses. Yes, there will be geographic connectivity, but their uses should not overlap much if at all. The focus of this significant planning process should be on the golf course property only. It's such a rare opportunity to determine the long-term future of a big chunk of land right in the middle of town; it needs our complete focus! Thanks for your efforts with this critical venture.

Thanks for your email and thoughts. I will try to address all of your questions. 1. We are trying to sort out the deeds and should have those ready to answer your first question by the second open house. There are different restrictions on different parcels. Some parcels were donated, some purchased. There are 10 total parcels. The use question can be answered by the documents on the website that say, "revenues and rounds" it is exactly what we get from the current operator. We are working on a more digestible format. The presentation, including digital images of the boards, including history is linked on the website under the actual open house meeting. The reason so many of us stated that no decision has been made is because there has been misinformation in the press and on social media that the city has already made a decision, and we don't want anybody to be discouraged to voice an opinion if they think a decision has already been made. The reason we combined the Golf Course with Mountainview is because we saw some complementary along with contiguous uses. We thought these two properties could complement each other.I have added your comments to our log and will pass them along to the team and City Council for review and consideration.Thanks again for your comments.

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with a new analysis with David Heine's work. Hopefully this will satisfy the dissatisfaction of the NGF report.

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Comment Summary

I am one of many Port Townsend and JeffCo residents who rely upon Mountainview Pool for exercise essential for my health and rehabilitation from several illnesses and surgeries. Although the pool has helped me recuperate from four major surgeries over the past three years I have struggled to be able to find a lane to swim in, and also have had to wait through many cancellations. Our pool has been limited to a few hours three days a week which has caused even more congestion in coveted swim lanes. Whether we use the PT Golf Course campus for our aquatics center or the JeffCo fairgrounds, or some other site is less important to me than having a viable pool facility with adequate trained staff to maintain it.

I use the swimming pool for my physical health. I cannot jog or do strenuous exercises due to joint pain so the pool is the best way for me to exercise. I am strongly in favor of having the pool be top priority for the city. There is no alternative for me and many others. Thank you.

I 100% support the health/pool complex and while I could see some townhomes on the golf course, I'd much rather see it as a large multi-use park and would envision mountain view to be connected to it by a nice bridge.

I wonder if the majority of residents in P.T. would be in favor of a new facility if they were aware of what its impact would be on taxes? I am not for it in any way. No matter what the pool casts the city in maintenance every year it is insignificant compared to what a new facility would cost. Think of repairing a used car compared to buying a new one.

And I would bet the taxpayers would be on the hook for the facility. I am not in favor of this new facility.

I support the current Mt View staying open with expanded hours And building a new pool complex with 3 pools: 8 plus lap lanes, shallow kids pool and Aqua exercise pool, the latter two being warmer so logically. Problem with YMCA pool finding and retaining staff is the pay grade for lifeguards needs to start at \$20 per hour, not the current \$16. Who would take all the training when McDonalds starts at \$18/hour! Mt View is extremely busy and we want more hours not less, more facilities not less. Golfing is an activity for a small fraction of population whereas swimming appeals to all ages, all bodie

WE DESPRATLEY NEED A NEW POOL. ONE CONNECTED TO THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE PREFERABLE. I HAVE LIVED HERE 25 YEARS AND THE POOL HAS KEPT ME GOING. I WILL BE 87 NEXT MONTH AND I DO WATER AEROBICS 3 TIMES A WEEK. PLEASE LET ME SEE A NEW POOL IN MY LIFE TIME.

I am able to receive medicine in my knees because I am continuing to build muscle. I do this at the pool. This allows me to continue to walk even if with a cane. The camaraderie at the pool helps with depression and builds friendship. I want to continue to walk. I like having friends at the pool. The pool is a very simple physical therapy. Anyone of any skill level or age can do it. Don't want to retreat to a wheel chair. Then I won't be able to live in my home. The pool is a very simple solution to my problem. I buy a membership a year in advance so I will have another year to walk and be with friendly people. Please have a pool in Port Townsend. The time of Covid was very bad and I lost mobility. Don't make it another bad time. I am not allow to drive at night so this is my plea.

I strongly support building a new swimming pool in Port Townsend. The subject has been debated for as long as I have lived here, about 15 years or more, and now is the time to get something done! I depend greatly on being able to go to the pool to exercise my 4 artificial joints, 2 shoulders and 2 hips. My physician said that the reason I recovered so well from surgeries was because I had been exercising in the pool with water aerobics, and continuing to do so helps my overall health. I suggest the new pool be built where the dog park is now. The dogs can exercise at the fairgrounds. We need to continue to use the old pool while a new one is being built so as to keep up our health, and keep the artificial joints working! I also strongly suggest keeping the golf course as a place for golfers to have exercise and to keep the green space.

A community pool is important and I would like to see a better pool (full size). This would benefit community members who swim laps, the PT swim team and community members who simply enjoy pools. Pools provide a place for healthy exercise and are a lot of fun! Additionally, I think pickle ball courts are an important community asset that keep people healthy at a low cost. I do not have a strong opinion on the golf course. I know a lot of community members love golfing at it! Both teens and adults use it. I think it is important to have places people can gather and engage in a healthy activity so golf is one great option!

I would love an expanded pool!

I have been a long time user of the Mountain View pool. It has been the best low impact exercise available for me. Unfortunately during Covid, I stopped using the pool because of restricted hours and maintenance issues leading to unexpected closures. I really support The building of a modern facility to promote the health and well-being of all of our citizens.

Thanks for the opportunity to send comments regarding the pool discussion. I have been a regular at the Mt View pool for eight years since I retired from Jefferson Healthcare in 2015. I started taking the deep water aerobics class at that time. I have been at the pool 2-3 times a week since then, except for trips or Covid closures. I really appreciate having a pool and those who work there for our benefit. The pool was built around the year I was 11 years old. I went to my pool in eastern Washington as a kid and I took swimming lessons there. I now have an 8 year old grandson in town. I would love to have a new facility that kids would love to go to. I want these kids to have a nice fun pool that can also have lessons. I agree partnering with healthcare and the schools. I do not have an opinion about the location but want something to be built that looks forward for the next generation. We can do this as a community! Again thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Thoughts about a Wellness/Aquatic Center: Large enough to host swim meets. Perhaps a walking/running track above basketball/pickle ball courts. Adult Day Care. Workout equipment.. Non-Chlorine water treatment.

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