

SMALL USER GROUP MEETINGS

To: Carrie Hite	Topic: Stakeholder small group Meetings	Date: 11/15/2022
Location: City Hall	Project: PT Golf Course/Mt. View	Time: 9:00am-2:45pm

9:00 – 9:30am: PTA

Annie Bartos- Co-Presidents-one position open

Candace Mangold – Vice President

- Golf course property is in close proximity to the schools (High School, Middle School) and well positioned to become a hub for kid activities
- Kids use the pool and bike around the campus
 - Sports at rec center/ Rec league bball happens at Mt. View
 - Currently no swim lessons available
- Needs additional connector bike lanes to feel more safe
- Teaching children an ethic of public space
- Greenlake is a good example of a community park with bathhouse and theatre
- PT parks could use more nature play opportunities for kids
- Good opportunity to include community garden
 - Nurture the idea of growing food
- YMCA is the only after school care program in town
- Library has a kids hour
- Important for the town to have public spaces that kids feel comfortable and welcomed
- Community center uptown is in rough shape

9:45 – 10:15: Agricultural Perspective

Celine Santiago – Port Townsend Preservation Alliance

John Gunning – Colinwood Farm

- Sustainable farming is supported by a small population; we should leave something for them
- Vision of providing an education center on the GC prop.
 - Center could provide community space, environmental education programs, sustainable farming, art opportunities, trade learning opportunities
 - Provide space to prepare community/ young people for the kind of environment this will be in 50 years
 - Kingston Library is an example of this working well
- Leave a legacy for the next generation
 - Bring people together
- Port Townsend community is splintered; need to help people think holistically about the future
- GC prop should be better connected
 - Bridge connection to future shy acre farm development
 - Mimic agricultural landscape on fringes of property

- Expanding permaculture - there is a lack of understanding
- Succession plan for farm properties
 - Train next generation of farmers
 - Farm survey indicated farmers make about \$5-\$7/hr.
- Transition plan for GC property
- Housing is a community need
- Do not see a lot of golfers on a day-to-day basis
- Plan should be intentionally intergenerational
 - Include play area, youth space etc.

10:30 – 11:00am: Fort Worden Public Development Authority

David Timmons- PDA Executive Director

David King- PDA board member

- Golfers feel empowered as if they own the golf course
- Golf club is only about +/- 100 people. Many have aged out.
- Additional group of people who don't golf but will be supportive of the golf course remaining because it has always been there
- Golf course well has now been connected. Water has high sodium content and may require re-seeding the course
- Plan for Mt View to be city/county campus
 - Moving police dept/ food bank/ nonprofits to Mt. View was significant effort that they feel; was successful
- History of golf course being under poor management
- There have been other past attempts to discuss transitioning the gold course to a different use
 - Golfers have shown up angry and entitled in past public forums
- Would like to see the property become a city park.
- Prior efforts attempted to create one parcel.
- EPA study was conducted on site previously. Identified funding opportunities.

11:15 – 11:45am: Olympic Pride

Ellen Michael Caldwell - Executive Director

Kate Mack- Assistant Director

Cyndi- Volunteer

- Would like a space for youth to hang out
 - youth programming
 - outdoor activities
 - safe and inclusive space
- Larger outdoor spaces
 - Last years pride event brought around 600 people
- Important to create and support intersectional open space
- Community center space for youth

11:45 – 12:15am: Housing Support Network (HSN)

Liz Revord - Network Director of HSN

Jane Armstrong

Jaime Maciejewski– Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County

- Looking at the greatest community good
- Port Townsend has a significant housing crisis
 - Very limited affordable housing
 - All age groups/ demographics affected
 - It is difficult to fill positions at many jobs because people often cannot afford or find a place to live in town
- Would like to see a portion of the gold course property considered for housing

1:30 – 2:00pm: Golf Club

Tim Caldwell

George

Bruce

Tim

Lynn

Jim

Michael

Barb Matter

- Concern about length of lease
- Thinks open house is a bad format
- Neither side is looking at this as a community problem
- Feels as if none of the other stakeholders in this process have anything to lose
- City has not given the opportunity for more than 3-year lease
- Suggestions for making GC more economically viable
 - The new well. No more city water
 - Will still need supplemental water due to losses through system
 - Gold course management team with 7-year lease
 - Well-maintained grounds
 - A professional marketing plan and support from City and Chamber of Commerce
 - Programs/ special discounts to entice new golfers, women, teens, and tourists
 - Collaboration with PT lodging for package deals with the golf course
 - A good clubhouse restaurant and downstairs conference room to rent out
- Ideas for property to be more inclusive of the community
 - Replace community garden on corner of 19th and San Juan Ave
 - Compatible recreational activities of specific holes, one day a week
 - Putt-putt built on chipping range
 - Open to walkers, night sky groups in evening after course closes
 - Walk, bicycle paths
 - Driving range- a covered tee area
 - Plant native prairie grass along perimeter of roadside fairways

2:15 – 2:45am: Food Bank

Randy

Pamela

Mark

Doug

- Needs of homeless community

1. Secure lockers
 2. Access to showers/laundry facilities
 3. Free mailboxes
 4. Facilitator services
- Concentration of services
 - Increase convenience of using facilities
 - Appreciate proximity to open space
 - Important to activate public space
 - Warming Center