

Summary of Questions and Comments

The information below is a summary of comments received during the June 15, 2021 community conversation. Feedback was collected via comment forms, staff notes, flip charts, and post-it notes.

- **General Use and Play**

- No 3-hole course, need to keep 9-hole course as-is with certain improvements
- Maintain walkability and affordability
- Consider the senior population
- It is the primary teaching course in the area
- Golf should remain focal point of site
- Course has value to young golfers (First Tee)
- Would like multi-use opportunities
- Support revisioning of Paint Branch Golf Course for variety of uses
- Area desperately needs a wider range of family friendly physical activities
- Will support increased owner-occupied residences and the growing diversity of economic development
- Some creative marketing and revamping could go a long way
- Reimagine Paint Branch as a premier golf and training facility, better use of performance center, more use of simulator

- **Amenities**

- Will there be additional lighting?
- Will parking increase to accommodate new demand?
- Would new driving range be smaller?
- Driving range must be moved prior to 2022
- How will people using the path be kept safe from the cars entering and leaving?
- Miniature golf is for the beach
- Walking trail already provided via Paint Branch Trail
- There was already a mini golf course, they closed it
- Zip lining? On a flat area outdoors, never will work
- Are you trying to build a Top Golf?
- Batting cages lose money
- Pitch and putt, where?
- Soccer fields - only use on weekends and from April to October, otherwise it sits idle
- Who will pay for security costs? City or county should not have this additional expense

- **Partnership with UMD**

- University of Maryland gets a track, what do they give to the county in return?
- Why can't the university use their own golf course? You can flatten the hills, etc.
- Put the UMD track across the street at Acredale Park, plenty of room
- Will UMD golf course offer affordable rates to county residents?
- How many residents will use a NCAA Track?
- UMD not a good partner
- Decline proposal
- UMD has enough property to build on
- Time for UMD to consider satellite locations

- **Community Involvement/Impact**

- How will the change serve the residents of the county?
- Desire to be involved in the process by forming an advisory committee of local stakeholder leadership
- Golfers in the community were not surveyed
- We need a community meeting where can speak and make counter arguments
- Feel blindsided by this proposal
- Staff needs to engage with those who understand the game of golf, lacking so far
- Golf is growing exponentially because of the pandemic, need to revisit old data on golf participation
- Alignment w/ College Park as an AARP Livable Community
- What will be the sound/traffic/noise impacts?
- No late-night hours
- Golfers are frustrated
- All the money invested in Paint Branch Golf Course is going down the drain
- Has an environmental impact study been undertaken?