

Ruth Park Driving Range

Committee Survey

STATEMENT

OVERALL VIEW OF THE DRIVING RANGE

- Bad idea, bad location; take a bulldozer to the entire thing
- Not perfect; but small changes can be made to make it fit
- I don't see what all the fuss is about; works fine the way it is
- Bad idea, bad location; make big changes with the operation

SAFETY ISSUES

- Install No U-Turn signs on Groby across from range
- Install Protective netting along #7 fairway as planned
- Install Protective netting along #7 using less linear feet than planned
- See that the no parking signs are enforced

PARKING ISSUES

- Eliminate lighting of range which would decrease activity at night
- Install larger more legible NO PARKING signs with definitive fines (Similar to ADA signage)
- Place large NO PARKING warning signs at closest intersections - with attached flashing lights to draw attention to the no parking
- Make the no parking an ordinance and supply home owners with special use tags for them and guest
- As things are now; a police officer can't tell who is parked illegally
- Restrict parking on both sides of street - parking should be allowed only from the practice green east
- Investigate the possibility of 45 degree parking on north side of street
- Install new parking lot on the golf course, west side of range
- Begin the practice of booting cars and enforcing large fines
- Install fencing entire length of range to discourage parking in front of the range and walking through landscaped buffer

STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
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3				4
3	1			3
1	1	2		3
2	1			4

4	2	1		
4		1		2
1		2	1	3
6		1		

4				3
5	1			1

2	1	1	1	2
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4	2			1
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5	1		1	
1			1	5

	2	2		3
	1	1	1	4
2		2		3
1	1			5

STATEMENT

LIGHTING ISSUES

- Eliminate lighting of range entirely
- Restrict lighting of range to certain times of year (April - Nov)
- Lights off by 9:30PM
- Lights off by 9PM
- Lights off by 8:30PM
- Change light fixture on range shack to motion sensor
- Screen vending machines (ball dispenser, soda, etc)

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3				4
	1		1	5
1	1	2	1	2
	2		2	3
			3	4
3	1	1	1	1
2	3		1	1

NOISE/SCREENING FROM STREET

- Buffer noise with landscaping and some sort of noise reducing fence
- Eliminate elevated tee-Tee would now be below street level and would buffer both sound and view of users from street.
- Construct earthen berm between the street and the range; plant with trees & other materials to screen the range and buffer noise
- Relocate vending machines behind any newly installed screen

3	1	1		2
2		1	1	3
2	2		1	2
2	2	2		1

#7 NETTING BETWEEN RANGE AND FAIRWAY

- Most time sensitive - Install netting asap to protect golfers on fairway from balls hit from range (lawsuit waiting to happen)
- Eliminate the far most west hitting stations to lessen balls entering the adjacent fairway
- Remove large oak tree in the middle of the range; it forces users to hit from stations closer to adjacent fairways
- Establish and enforce a rule that hitting stations closest to fairways are to be used for short irons only
- Netting is ugly and detracts from the beauty of the course- do not install anymore netting
- Install netting now! Ball came very close to striking someone in our group just a few weeks ago.

4		1		2
2		1		4
2	1	2		2
2	1	1	1	2
2		1		4
4		1		2

STATEMENT

LITTER GENERATED BY THE RANGE

Add more trash receptacles at the range

Police the area daily for litter

Public Works to routinely sweep both sides of street

Investigate a sweeping implement which would attach to ball picker

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5	1	1		
5	1	1		
3	2	1	1	
2	1	1	3	

Comments:

Things should be done in a logical order doing what can be done at a low cost with greatest impact. Then if things are not working out, we can move to more remedial messures that may have a higher cost. To satisfy the desires of a small group of people with any radical changes to the range operation is wrong. It also opens the door for manyh citizens with other issues to say "what about me". How this is resolved can open a can of worms that City hall is not considering. Mr. Schuman will never be happy unless the range is gone. Block the view(which will also stop litter from reaching the street), get southside parking eliminated with fines and proper signage. USE LOGIC NOT EMOTIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Needs some grading to make it easier to use the ball pickup machine

Protective netting on #7 should go to 175yds from the green

Large NO PARKING warning signs at intersections (Not with Lights)

Disagree with parking boots

Lights off by 9PM and last balls sold by 8:30

Eliminate the large oak tree; but plant a lot of trees around the range edges and the course

PUT UP THE DARN NET ALONG 7 - extend 175 yds from green

Strongly Agree with landscaped buffer

I think the golf pro should be designated to issue illegal parking tickets

Put net up on 7 -

To help neighbors:

- 1) No UTURN signal
- 2) Permit parking only
- 3) Off duty cop on evenings & weekends

But not in addition to fence- 1 or the other; berm with landscaping or fence

Vending machine does not to be relocated, but some fencing or screening should be done

Some tees for short irons only - "Depends on how many stations-do not think this is necessary. Doug teaches there and most students can use whatever club they wish & not jeopardize those on hole 7 - Plus Doug said that ball that was hit next to Sue happened when west half of range was closed.

When person working at range collects baskets which are empty they should also pick up trash

No fence

#7 netting - This is further degrading the course

Fence - appearance?

I think that, on balance, the driving range has been a deterioration of Ruth Park Golf Course. I have lived across from the course for 15 years. The distortion of the course play and creation of drainage and safety problems has not been worth whatever benefit we are getting from the range. Let's restore the course to its former beauty. It is an eyesore in its present state.

