

# Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



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1401 Recreation Way  
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## Agenda

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**7:30 am**

**Palmer Room**

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#### Call to Order

#### Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

#### Approval of Minutes- April 14, 2016

Draft minutes are posted no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/city-council/page/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

#### Action Item

1. Cottonwood Disc Golf Revisions David Deitemeyer

#### Presentations

2. Centennial Boulevard Extension and Sonderman Park Aaron Egbert
3. Envision Shooks Run Update Aaron Egbert/Priscilla Marbaker
4. Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau LART proposal Doug Price
5. Downtown Master Plan Process Sarah Harris
6. Recommendation to rename Palmer Park Grandview Overlook Matt Mayberry/Matthew Driftmier
7. 2017 Budget Recommendations Kelly Rajab
8. 2017 CIP Recommendations Chris Lieber
9. 2017 Fees & Charges Kim King
10. Donation Policy and Sponsorship Tilah Larson
11. Forestry Update Jay Hein
12. TOPS Policy and Procedure Manual Update Recommendations Chris Lieber
13. Tutt Sports Complex – Utility Easement Chris Lieber

#### Staff Reports

14. Monument Valley Park Pickleball Courts Steve Bodette
15. 2D Project Update Sarah Bryarly
16. Colorado Natural Areas Program Designation at Corral Bluffs Update Chris Lieber
17. Annual Report Karen Palus

# Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

## **Board Business**

18. Recommendations for 2<sup>nd</sup> term reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Gary Feffer, Mina Liebert, Hank Scarangella
19. Recruit and Secure one Board Member position and two Alternate Board positions
20. TOPS Citizen Advisory Board liaison position discussion

## **Adjournment**

### **Closed Executive Session**

*In accord with the City Charter Art. III, §3-60(d) and the Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (a, b and e), the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involve receipt of legal advice and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators regarding a land acquisition matter. The Chair shall poll the Park and Recreation Advisory Board members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may hold a closed executive session. If consent to the closed executive session is not given, the item may be discussed in open session or withdrawn from consideration.*

21. Negotiations Pertaining to a Land Matter

# **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services**

# COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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**Date:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Item Number:** Action - Item #1

**Item Name:** Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Redesign

### **SUMMARY:**

In collaboration with members of the disc golf community, the Parks Department seeks to improve the user safety (both disc golfers and other park/trail users) as well as enhance the playability of the original disc golf course in Colorado Springs.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND:**

Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course is an 18-hole competitive course that has been the only Colorado Springs public disc golf course since its open in the 1980's. Since that time the sport and the course have increased in uses and popularity. A few years ago, drainage improvements to the Cottonwood Creek channel impacted the course and reduced the amount of playable area for disc golfers. With the decrease in course size and the popularity and growing sport of disc golf, there was a need to expand public courses in Colorado Springs.

For the past several years the Parks Department has been working with members of the Disc Golf Community to advance new courses in Colorado Springs. Within the past year the Parks Department, in partnerships with the Pikes Peak Flying Disc Golf Club, has added two new disc golf courses - The Aviary and Rampart Park. During the new courses' public process, it was discussed and agreed upon that Cottonwood Disc Golf Course should be redesigned after the new courses opened. Additionally, in the fall of 2015, members of the newly formed Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Club approached the Parks Department expressing significant concerns over player and trail user safety at Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course.

The Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course redesign project seeks to achieve several major goals. They include (1) **Improve** pedestrian and player safety, (2) **Reduce** conflicts with cross-play and close proximity holes, (3) **Improved** course playability and flow, (4) **Reuse** the existing structures on course, and (5) **Utilize** the Professional Disc Golf Association's recommendations, design goals and design elements.

During the planning process two concepts were presented to the public for consideration and feedback. Option 1 presented was an 18 hole design, reconfigured to maximize the available land while keeping 18 holes. The significant design modification to this plan incorporates holes that play (or throw) away from the Cottonwood Creek Trail.

The second option looked at ways to maximize the player and park user's safety through altering the overall course's form and function. Option two's design provided a 9 hole standard course and a 9 hole short course (Pitch and Putt). The shorter course was geared more towards beginner players and families with young children.

While both design options could successfully achieve the project goals on the redesign, the community feedback was very strong to keep Cottonwood a competitive 18-hole course. The history of the course, the user experience and the amenity of an 18 hole course that can be competitively played were significant factors in the consideration of the redesign

The other consensus collected from the public's feedback was the need for a shorter course to offer beginners and kids a place to learn. Cottonwood is just not that location. The Parks Department will continue to work with the Disc Golf community to expand the sport and provide new opportunities for families, kids and beginners.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The disc golf community has committed to providing the resources necessary to reconfigure the course layout. This includes manual labor, materials and time. A cost effective redesign is possible by reusing many of the existing site elements like the tee pads, walls, and pin locations. Additional fundraising will be possible with the support of the disc golf clubs. Ongoing maintenance will be supported by the disc golf community as well.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

At previous Parks Board meetings during citizen discussion, members of the disc golf community have expressed their desire to improve Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course. Through the dialog with Parks Board Members and the citizens, board members have urged the disc golf community to work collectively with Parks Staff on a redesign public process.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

Deny the proposed master plan amendment and redesign of Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the proposed master plan amendment and redesign of Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course.

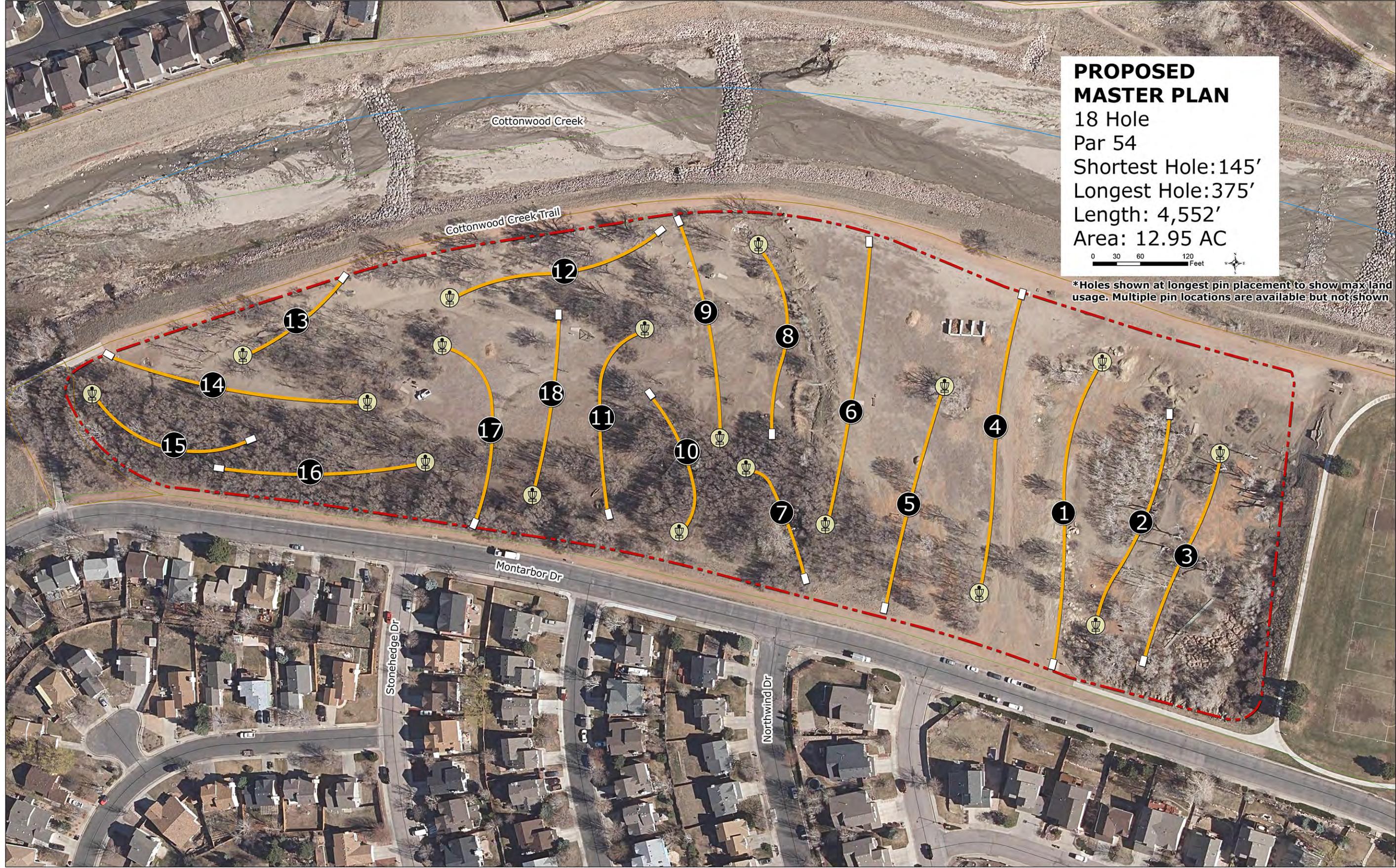
**PROPOSED MOTION:**

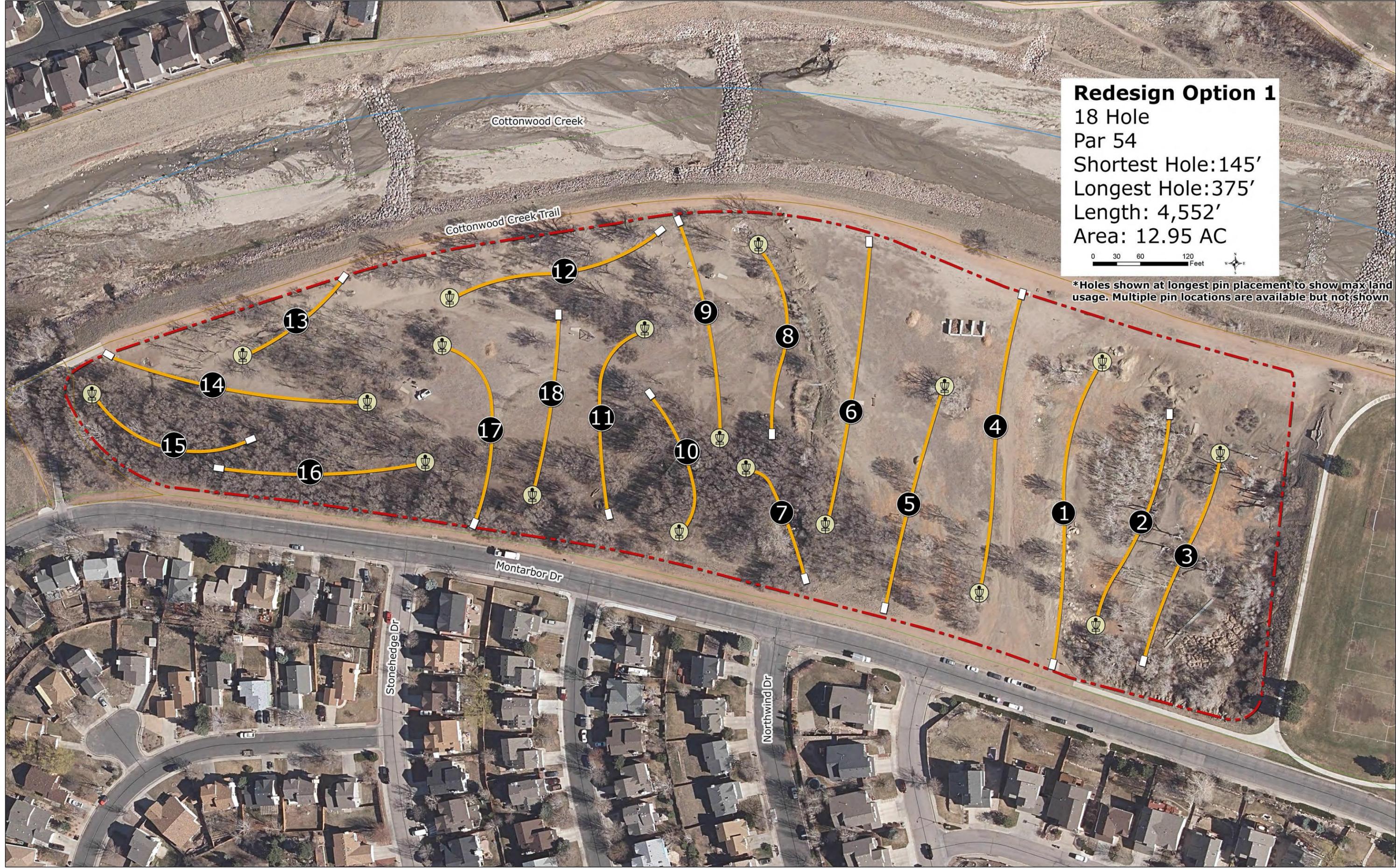
Approve the proposed master plan amendment and redesign of Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course.

**Attachments: Community Feedback, Redesign Options 1 and 2, and the proposed master plan**

**PROPOSED  
MASTER PLAN**  
 18 Hole  
 Par 54  
 Shortest Hole: 145'  
 Longest Hole: 375'  
 Length: 4,552'  
 Area: 12.95 AC

\*Holes shown at longest pin placement to show max land usage. Multiple pin locations are available but not shown





**Redesign Option 1**  
18 Hole  
Par 54  
Shortest Hole: 145'  
Longest Hole: 375'  
Length: 4,552'  
Area: 12.95 AC

0 30 60 120 Feet

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**Cottonwood Disc Golf Course**

## Redesign Option 2

9 Hole Regular (A)

Par 27

Shortest Hole: 180'

Longest Hole: 252'

Length: 1,830'

Area: 9.27 AC

9 Hole Short (B)

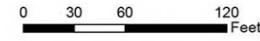
Par 27

Shortest Hole: 70'

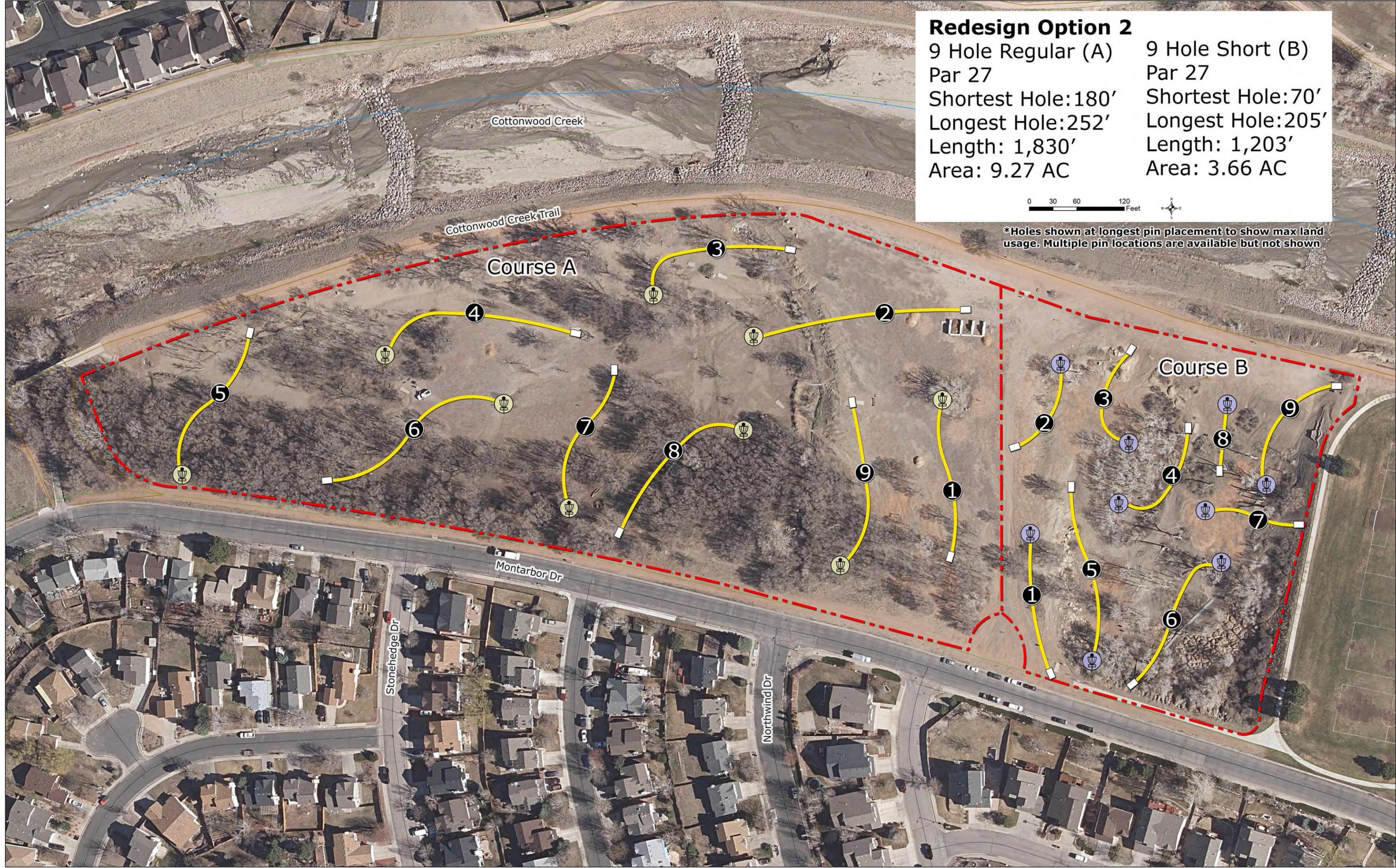
Longest Hole: 205'

Length: 1,203'

Area: 3.66 AC



\*Holes shown at longest pin placement to show max land usage. Multiple pin locations are available but not shown



# Cottonwood Disc Golf Course

# Community meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Cottonwood Disc Golf Redesign Survey

Verbatim comments

## 1. Which option do you prefer and why?

- Option 2. Option 1 is still too crowded and throwing at each other. The short 9 gives a place for families with small kids to play and be out of the way with room for alternate pins.
- Option 1
- Option 1. It is a good compromise on creating a safer course while maintaining playability.
- Option 2. To improve the skill of one's game. The worst part of the average player's skill is putting. This option is safer for everyone. Family friendly.
- Option 1. The beginning of 1 to 18 is spread out allowing parking options. Following PDGA(?), the min is met for tournaments.
- Option 1 is way more organized.
- Option 1. I have a preference for 18 hole courses. The redesign allows for greater player and pedestrian safety while maintaining a full and fun course. The elevation changes also appear to be excellent.
- Option 1. Less of a hazard for disc to person contact.
- Option 2. The two 9 holes would make a better family friendly and practice course. There doesn't need to be 2 full 18's, ten minutes apart.
- Option 1. I like to play all 18 and would like the course to be as challenging as possible.
- Option 1. More challenging, No "cross" throws. Stops problems with trail.
- Option 1. Better variety of distance. Less overlap than current set-up. Keeps move of the old holes.
- Option 1. It is much more organized and doesn't cut the distance of each hole.
- Option 1. Way less clustered and will still keep distance and make course safer.
- Option 1. Gives a longer walk through the course for better exercise.
- Option 1. Bigger/better. The game is getting a lot easier with farther flying disc. Keeps it challenging. Find new park for option 2.
- Option 1. Looks to be more challenging, I think there is opportunity to lengthen the course.
- Option 1. The length and use of existing placements and walls, 6 existing holes, 6 teepads along the street (easy access).
- Option 1. But I would rather keep the course the way it is.
- Option 1. Evenly spaced to keep disc golfers and pedestrians safe. All level of players can play.
- Option 1. Keeps a competitive 18 holes. Uses all existing structures. Safe for players and pedestrians.

- Option 1. This course is by far the most popular course in Colorado Springs and option 1 keeps a lot of it the same and the changes look good to me.
- Option 1. Keep the Springs' original disc golf course a true 18-hole course.
- Both. Either course would be good, but 18 is preferred.
- Option 2. Not enough room for 18 holes. Too congested. Not safe.
- Option 1. The holes of option 2 are too short and will be overthrown. This will create safety issues on other holes.
- Option 1. More true to course history. It can be done without changing course identity.
- Option 1. I would prefer if it stayed 18.
- Option 1. It keeps the course competitive with distance. The other option for most of us is a joke.
- Option 1. Safety zones with trees. Flow is better. No crossing fairways.
- Option 1. The flow is better, no crossing fairways, throwing from path.
- Option 1. Want to be competitive and challenging.
- Option 1. Seems to present more of a challenge and enjoyment for the players. Safer for walkers and joggers.
- Both. They bring good ideas to the table. 9/9 is ideal for the community because it's larger.
- Option 1. It leaves a fun, longer course. Also would cost less to do. It would utilize the space we already have.

2. What option do you least prefer and why?

- Option 1. Too tight, would end up removing many of the remaining trees.
- Option 2. You can't have both worlds. Half ass putt putt and half ass medium 9 holes.
- Option 2. I do not believe the "family friendly" section will work well. As a mom, I would be more apprehensive of the tight spacing/layout and beginning level players.
- Option 1. Too many uncontrollable, long throws. Novice players are not waiting for the group in front of them to finish.
- Option 2. Course will be packed with more people. Not many veterans will play a small putt putt course. The placement of start on 1 to end on 9 will pack car traffic.
- Option 2. It's smaller and not as challenging with is what most golfers enjoy about the course now.
- Option 2. Course "B" would be underutilized. Most players would never use course "B" because it's essentially a putt putt course. There are not usually enough families or children playing to justify its creation.
- Option 2. More possible injury and too much parking near soccer field.
- Option 1. Full 18, the parcel does not support that many full holes. 20 acres or more would be better. Hole 7 would destroy habitat.
- Option 2. Most skilled players will crowd into the longer 9. Plus it looks less safe for errat(?) throws on short course "B."
- Option 2. Course "B" is way too tight. 9 baskets very poor option.

- Option 2. Par 3 seems congested – dangers? All short!
  - Option 2. The first 9 are clustered together, which not only seems dangerous but is also “less of a challenge,” making it less fun.
  - Option 2. Makes all of the holes way too short thus making it more clustered and dangerous.
  - Option 2. 9 in flood prone area does not provide sufficient workout.
  - Option 2. Making the game too easy and boring. Find a new park for 9 hole courses.
  - Option 2. May as well be putt putt golf.
  - Option 2. The two separate courses separates and segregates different levels of players and doesn’t seem to make use of a lot of park.
  - Option 2. It turns Cottonwood into a putt putt course.
  - Option 2. Course “B” will be for beginners and I see safety issues with a tone of holes in a small space with newbies that have little control because they are new to the game.
  - Option 2. Only 9 competitive holes will make the course even more congested.
  - Option 2. It takes a very popular course and throws everything out.
  - Option 2. Extremely short holes, right next to one another. Family/beginners don’t have the control to be safe that tight.
  - Neither
  - Option 1. Not enough room for 18 holes. Congested. Not safe.
  - Option 2. Too short. Will overthrow and create safety issues.
  - Option 2. Not a suitable replacement. Too much of a fundamental change to previous use.
  - Option 2. Splits the course. It also looks like this redesign requires more new pads to be poured.
  - Option 2. It would destroy 3 great holes and replace them with putting holes. Nobody wants this.
  - Option 2.
  - Option 2. Prefer one 18 hole course.
  - Option 2. It’s too short.
  - Option 2.
  - Option 1. It’s cramped. 14-15 holes would be ideal.
  - Option 2. Course “B” is cramped and would be more of a cost to everyone.
3. If you could change one thing about your preferred option, what would it be?
- Redesign the short 9. Everything under 100’ and end near the start
  - Only change those holes. Save time and money. It only makes sense.
  - Hole 13 could be changed slightly to lengthen, it’s too short. Also maybe switch hole 1 and 3 in order to create a better flow.
  - 9 and 9 hole design isn’t set, they can still be slightly modified if needed. Take out 9 pick-n-putt and extend the 9 holes throughout.

- Switch hole 10's T Pad and basket around.
- Make it 9 holes, period, or 12 at most
- Reverse the tee and pin positions on #10.
- Option 1 visibility, 10 and 11 destroy vegetation.
- Elevation change holes are reduced.
- Maybe move 4 a bit closer to 1 (option 1).
- Nothing.
- Ease of choice or 9, 18, 27 or more.
- Leave original set up/layout.
- Holes seem shorter and less challenging.
- I would like to see use of current #11 dugout(?).
- If those are my options, I would like to talk about the design.
- Have two pin placements for all 18 on option 1.
- Fix direction of hole 10.
- Elevation change is fun. Can't tell by picture but I hope it had some elevation change.
- On hole 18 I would be concerned with the flow and would like to know how the flow would go.
- Make the 9/9 option only a 9 hole option without the putt putt and multiple teepads.
- Adding a path to where hole 3 is, and calling that hole 1. Play hole 1 as hole 3.
- Hole 13 tee (old hole 12) should stay in the same place. Moving it back would put it in a drainage.
- The first six holes seem to criss-cross.
- Shorten 18 to make it 12-14, good course.
- Where hole 12 is now should stay the same. Just change 13 to be less east.

4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

- Option 2 would reduce the crowds at the course and alleviate some of the parking problems.
- Problem holes right now: 4, 5, 7, and 12.
- The disc golf course is a major benefit to this community. It is one of the reasons we decided to buy a house and continue to invest in our property. I believe it truly brings diversity to the neighborhood. Another location for a kids course would be great.
- My experience has been bad at Cottonwood. The majority of the players are novice, not really understanding etiquette and rules. There is an 18 hole longer course 10 minutes away. This course needs to be more safe and family friendly. Right now, living across the street, I go elsewhere. The more experienced plyers could use help on improving their upshots and putting. This isn't a tournament course. It never will be. PDGA – One acre per one hole.
- The maintenance of the area needs improvement. There are lots of dead trees that need to be removed. The area needs to new trees planted, etc.

- I hear complaints about vegetation being run down. I've even seen a person taking pictures of dirt and claiming they were taking them to city council. The course is actually very close to overgrown in the Spring and Summer.
- Keep a full 18 hole course. NEEDED for Colorado Springs.
- We installed a 9 hole in Raton, NM, and it is very family friendly and being used by families. In 33 years living on Montarbor, park and rec has never asked an opinion. I was the guys who can't play without smoking pot and drinking beer out of my neighborhood. Family friendly, less dangerous, and get rid of the vending. Option 1 goes in, my taxes leave town.
- Thanks
- Suggestion: Consider a 13 or 14 hole layout. My concern is around 10, 11, 18, and 17 on option 1.
- Playing Cottonwood since early 90's with course creators. Keep it a "real" course.
- Option 2 really sucks.
- Nope.
- Would be a great loss if course is shortened to kiddie size.
- Grow the sport!
- The 18 hole layout would be better suited for events currently held there.
- Option 2 will have newbies watching the course for violations of course rules. option 1 will keep core people that have been around from the 1980's to ensure safety and golf and course rules are followed. Option 2 will also be more expensive because of newbies and the trash they leave all over the course. Now weekly if trash is on the course, members of the Cottonwood Disc Club put it in the trash. To include the broken glass that occurs from time to time.
- Keep the course the way it has been to preserve its history, only safer for everyone.
- Let's keep this fun/challenging course for the average player, keep it 18 holes.
- Love both designs.
- Overlap the current map on top of new designs.
- Safety should be the #1 priority. Not quality. One lawsuit and it's gone forever.
- Multiple paths to different tee pads will spread out starting points, thus spreading out parking.
- Safer, not totally reinvented.
- The CCDGC Club was founded in opposition to those who want to "dumb down" the course. We love the place and a lot of people either want nothing to change or a competitive 18.
- Want 18 holes. Thanks!
- Please to work with you!
- This is my home course. I would like it to stay an 18 hole course. Also I do believe if it stays an 18 hole, we will have the option for World Tournaments with the competition of Aviary and Rampart, which brings more revenue to the city.

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** atorrand <atorrand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 12:56 PM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David

Hi I would like to vote for the Cottonwood disc golf design.  
I choose option 1 the full 18 hole disv golf course.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Sam baker <baker.d.samuel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:17 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood Redesign

Hello David,

I am a regular at the cottonwood course, and i have been for years. Cottonwood DG has always been the best course around. Its grove type feel and dynamic layout make it the best, by far.

After looking at the redesign options, I definitely vote Option 1.

Option 1 (18holes) is the best because it respects the dynamic of the course and maintains an appropriate length of the game.

The other option would completely destroy the courses flow and play feel.

My only suggestion on the redesign:

I think it would be great if we could dog-leg 4 and 6 just slightly to the left(west).

Thank you for your time and efforts.

-Samuel Baker



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## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Jim Coonradt <coonmanx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:32 PM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Redesign project.

Thanks again for running the meeting David. It is obvious that the majority of people support the 18 hole design for CW while only a small minority oppose it. If there are people who want a "pitch n' putt" or a "putt n' putt" then they can play elsewhere. Cottonwood is not the place for that. You will hear this again and again from people who play CW. They love the place and dumbing it down to that little A and B would be disastrous. Everyone who currently plays there would simply leave and play elsewhere. Also, we have held tournaments in the past at Cottonwood so what Eric Bouchard said is simply incorrect. I think he just doesn't want to have tournaments there. He does not know everything about the sport. Some of us have been around much longer than he has. Some of us have played in tournaments at Cottonwood. He is simply put, no expert. And he did not gain any friends with his condescending know-it-all attitude either. Just saying. I believe that the 18 hole design is still the best way to go and safety will not be an issue. Safety comes a lot more from educating people on when they should or should not throw. Also yelling "Fore" if your disc is flying towards someone's head. I should know about the last one. As I said, I did not get hit because of course design. I got hit because of someone who was not paying attention. Big difference. The people who are bringing up the safety issue are overblowing that aspect in an attempt to steer the city away from the 18 hole design and towards their pitch n' putt that they have very little support for. It is simply put propaganda.

Thanks again. I am happy that the process is finally underway.

Jim Coonradt

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Jim Coonradt <coonmanx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:43 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** CW Redesign.

David, I think that something needs to be said about the 1 hole per acre suggestion that has come up in our public meeting.

1) CW is a legacy course that has been in the ground for over 20 years now. It never had 1 acre per hole, even before the storm water work was done. That was not even a consideration when the course went in so why is that a concern now? CW is a very unique course and it needs to stay that way. We can work toward safety by placing both tees and baskets in locations where people are not throwing directly at each other. I think that Raymond and Kel's design does just that. Also, I find it nothing but hypocritical that the people saying that we should strictly follow that guideline then support a design with 9 holes in 3 acres. It makes no sense at all. Also, I doubt that there are that many courses out there that actually follow this guideline. I am trying to do some research on this but Cumberland Green in Fountain is a very small and short course that in no way follows these guidelines. We are completely for safety at CW but we need to make things challenging while we keep things safe. I think the 18 hole design does just that. The only reason that anyone is saying that the 18 hole design is not safe is simply because they have not walked it or looked at it. Lloyd Wilkins (from PPFDC) will actually be working with us to change that so we can set the course up in that design and test it out. I believe that those results will be very positive.

2) There are two separate clubs who are supporting one design. The other design is only supported by a small minority of people. That should say something.

Thanks again for running the meeting last Thursday. We look forward to this process moving on.

Jim Coonradt

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Jim Coonradt <coonmanx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 9:28 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** CW Redesign followup info.

As you can see from the official PDGA site, having more trees can result in less acreage being necessary since trees can be used as a buffer. Exactly what was done in the 18 hole design.

[How much space is needed for a disc golf course?](#)

Jim Coonradt



### **How much space is needed for a disc golf course?**

The chart that can help estimate acreage is available here. The very shortest beginner courses may need only hal...

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** David Franks <Davidtfranks@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:40 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood Disc Golf

Hello,

I am voting for option 1, the 18 hole competitive course. I like this course because it is keeping cottonwood at 18 holes. It separates the start and finish of the course so that it spreads out parking.

I am against the two 9 hole courses because it ruins something that has been in Colorado Springs since the 80s. The 9 hole pitch n put is extremely dangerous. Having 9 holes condensed where just 3 used to be would be bad enough. On top of that, the 9 hole pitch n put would be where most beginners play. Beginners do not know how to control their throws, they would be driving on each other constantly.

There is not much I would change to option 1, however I do think if changes were to be made, a 4th hole could probably be squeezed into the pit where 1-3 currently are.

Please add me to any email list that may exist so that I can be kept in the loop... I am willing to show up to work days, city meetings, ect to ensure that cottonwood remains an 18 hole course.

Dave Franks  
719-332-7165

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** joel goudyiii <joelgoudyiii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Add to my response

My son and myself play there I do it for the exercise I wouldn't like it short and my son wants a challenge so please don't mess up that part keep it versatile to be changed and not the same ok thing we have a good thing now please don't go the wrong way

Thanks for your time

Joel Goudy III and Joel Goudy IV

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Cliff Harris <harrisca80918@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood Disk Golf

I prefer option 1 (18 hole course). I've been playing for many years.

In my opinion, if people want to learn to play disk golf, they are better served learning to play on a real course (it's how I learned) - you learn the challenges of such a course which is part of what makes the game fun.

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Tempe Krieger <coloradotempe@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 6:59 PM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** RE: Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Process

David,

I will be not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow night as I have parenting time with my kiddos in AZ. I will be at the morning Parks Board meeting and leaving right after.

I believe you have and know my comments on Cottonwood. I feel there is just not enough land to justify a safe, "competitive" 18 hole course. My vote would be for the 9/9 option based on my research and disc golf expertise. We have plenty of competitive courses now and thinking about a single course, rather than the big picture of disc golf in COS does not seem like a good idea. A family friendly and competitive mixed course would complement all levels of disc golf and help grow the sport even more in COS. I believe you know all of the details behind my vote, but let me know if you need or want any additional information.

Thank you for your efforts and support. I wish you luck with the land swap meeting tomorrow!

Best regards,

Tempe Krieger

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**From:** Deitemeyer, David [<mailto:ddeitemeyer@springsgov.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2016 12:42 PM  
**To:** Tempe Krieger <[coloradotempe@yahoo.com](mailto:coloradotempe@yahoo.com)>; 'Raymond Carr' <[raymondparkthecarr@gmail.com](mailto:raymondparkthecarr@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Process

Good afternoon all,

I wanted to share this flyer with you to use, if desired, to promote the meeting. It has the project website on there that will be used as we move forward. I have posted two of these signs at cottonwood. See you next week.

Thanks,

David

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**From:** Tempe Krieger [<mailto:coloradotempe@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David; 'Raymond Carr'  
**Cc:** [hippieproduce@gmail.com](mailto:hippieproduce@gmail.com); 'Bennett, Sidney'; 'Kurt Stauder'; 'NATHAN WINFIELD'; 'Jim Conrad'; [guntotingfish@gmail.com](mailto:guntotingfish@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Process

David,

Will we have the agenda beforehand?

Best regards,

Tempe Krieger

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**From:** Deitemeyer, David [<mailto:ddeitemeyer@springsgov.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 5:20 PM

**To:** Raymond Carr <[raymondparkthecarr@gmail.com](mailto:raymondparkthecarr@gmail.com)>; Tempe <[coloradotempe@yahoo.com](mailto:coloradotempe@yahoo.com)>

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**Subject:** RE: Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Process

Good afternoon all,

Thanks for the feedback. Let's plan on meeting:

Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5pm at the Parks and Rec Offices at 1401 Recreation Way C/S, 80905

I will work on prepping an agenda. Please let me know if there are specifics you would like to talk about as well. Thanks

David Deitemeyer

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## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Tony Munger <ynot\_munger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 7:52 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood Creek redesign  
**Attachments:** Cottonwood Creek redesign.jpg

David,

My responses to the questions are as follows:

1. I prefer Option 1, because it's a full course. Even if we were to shrink it down to 14 or 15 holes, I still prefer that to separating the park into two separate 9-hole courses.
2. I least prefer Option 2, because it separates the course into two "zones". I think it really breaks the flow of the park, and I think a lot of people would go elsewhere. You might also get new people coming in to use the "kid friendly" course, but I think the course would lose more people than it gains. Also, hole 9 on the Course B has no real convenient access either to the street (to leave) or to hole 1 on Course A (for those who do want to play both courses as an 18-hole round. Finally, I think the holes on Course A are too spread out (a lot of wasted space) and the holes on Course B are too close together (especially if it's intended for beginner level or young players).
3. If I could change 1 thing about Option 1, it would be holes 7 and 11. I think throwing down from street level into all of those trees will often be "blind" throws, especially when the trees are heavily foliated. It could lead to increased injuries. Especially with hole 8's T-box and hole 9's basket right in that same area.
4. No other significant comments. However, if you're still taking submittals for the new design, I would like to submit the attached layout.

Hole 5 could be tricky to lay out.

A new path could be created to access hole 10 from the street, for those who want to start with the "back 9".

Hole 11 would run back up the corridor of current hole 8

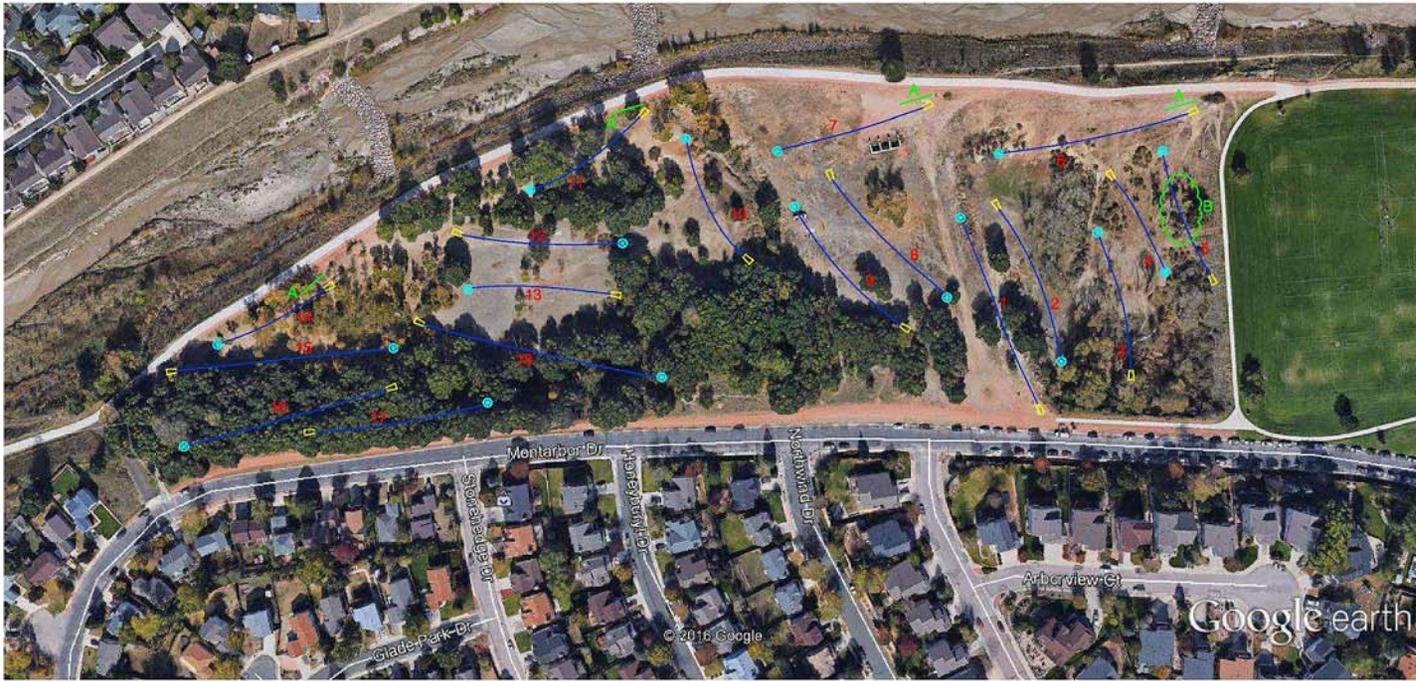
Holes 14-18 are basically the current holes 12-16. It's a little cramped in a couple of spots, but I think most of the disc golfers are okay with that, and it doesn't seem to break the flow.

Hole 18 finishes near the middle of the course, which will help pull some of the parking to the west.

As with any 18-hole layout on a course this size, there are a few spots where it's a little cramped. There are still some opportunities for disc golfers to hit each other with throws. However, I think this layout significantly reduces the risk to the public. Most disc golfers (at least, out of those that attended the meeting) recognize that there will always be some degree of risk (especially on a course this size), and are willing to accept that risk if it'll maintain the integrity of Cottonwood.

Thank you.

Tony Munger



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## LEGEND

- A - SHORT FENCE OR SCREEN, IF NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFETY OF PEOPLE ON THE PATH
- B - MAY REQUIRE SOME PRUNING / TREE REMOVAL IN THIS AREA

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Justin Sutton <sutton.justin10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 8:13 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood Disc Golf Redesign

Hello,

I am an intermediate disc golf player who plays once a week, usually. I have been playing at Cottonwood for 3 years now and it has become one of my favorite courses to play at. I believe a redesign is necessary for safety as well as returning some of the natural preservation of the land.

1) I would much prefer option 1 for the redesign for a couple reasons. One reason is it maintains the prestige that the Cottonwood course has created with players. This is a nice, fun, course with a great mixture of holes ranging in distance and difficulty so all levels of players can partake in the course. I believe that option 1 will be able to provide safety and also keep Cottonwood on the map for disc golfers around the state and country.

2) I least prefer option 2 because it will drastically reduce the number of players that go there, it does not create a wide variety of holes, and it is made specifically for a certain type of player. I believe Cottonwood has done a great job with creating a course that caters to all players and I believe the redesign option 1 does that even more. By going with the redesign option 2, you completely eliminate a large amount of players who can or would enjoy playing the course. I do not believe that is a fair option and that there are other, better, options available.

3) The one thing I would change about option 1 would be to help out the people who support and want option 2. I believe that a putting/short course could easily be implemented in a couple places on the Cottonwood property. For instance, there is a good chunk of open grassland just north west of the Rec center parking lot and right next to Montarbor drive as you head down to the fields that is untouched and ideal for a beginner player who wants to learn the game. This spot of land has plenty of space for a few more baskets to be introduced so that beginner players and other players can learn the game or get warmed up for a round of play. I believe this could make both sides happy and also turn Cottonwood into the best course in Colorado Springs. If that piece of land cannot be utilized then I believe there could be a couple baskets around the beginning area of the course to work on putting and the short game.

4) I think it's great that the community has come together to collectively work on a common decision for this course. I think it shows the growing popularity of disc golf and a bright future for Cottonwood park. My only fear is that a drastic change that caters to a small percentage of players will actually deter many players from coming to Cottonwood and enjoying the course. We all learned how to play disc golf at a course that doesn't just cater to beginners. I actually first played at Cottonwood and have loved playing the game ever since. I think there is a common ground that can be discovered and my hope is that we find it. Thank you so much for your time and your hard work in this endeavor. I know this isn't an easy decision but I know that the committee will do their best to make everyone happy.

Thank you,

Justin Sutton

1. What option do you prefer and why?
2. What option do you least prefer and why?

3. If you could change one thing about your preferred option, what would it be?
4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** stacy Whelan <sawheelen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood course

I prefer the 18 hole course because it doesn't make sense to not play 18 holes.  
I least prefer the 9 hole course because it makes the game too short and not as exciting to play.  
I would change anything with the course

## Deitemeyer, David

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**From:** Scott <tech\_n9ne\_t9x@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** Deitemeyer, David  
**Subject:** Cottonwood course

I prefer the 18 hole course because it makes more sense to play 18 holes  
I don't like 9 holes because it's too short of a game and doesn't make it challenging enough  
I wouldn't change anything on the course

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