

Keller Golf Course Project Progress Report January 2012

The Keller Project Design Group met the consultant teams in mid-December and reviewed concept drawings of the entry road and parking areas. Golf Course architect Richard Mandell, presented concepts based on feedback he received at the course walk through sessions held in October. The design group engaged in discussion weighing the pro's and con's of constructing one building versus two buildings. A decision was made to move forward with constructing a clubhouse and a separate pro shop.

The design group reviewed Mandell's concept and provided direction on several key areas. Agreements were made on the following: keep the large oak trees in front of #4 and #17 greens; build a new tee complex on #16 which will play as a par 5 from all distances; shorten the forward tee distance on hole #13; slide the first tee complex north and east to accommodate the new pro shop building; move the putting green closer to the pro shop and first tee; improve safety, drainage and sight lines throughout the golf course.

The unusually mild winter weather has allowed the consultants to drill soil borings at building locations and key areas on the golf course. The resultant geotechnical survey report will provide critical information used in building and course design and construction.

The design group will meet next with the consultants in late January and early February. Schematic designs will be displayed for the buildings and golf course. The group will provide feedback and give direction to the architects so they can proceed with detailed design development.

An article written in the St. Paul Pioneer Press incorrectly stated the cost of the project. The total for the entire project including design, construction and owners items is \$12 million. The project is being funded by general obligation bonds as a Ramsey County major capital improvement project.

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