

# CPGA NEWS



## IMPORTANT FACTS & COMMUNITY INSIGHT

**T**he Jackson Park and South Shore Golf Courses are beautiful, but both are showing signs of their more than 100-year-old history. Avid local golfers from the Jackson Park Golf Association have called for improvements.

“It’s a great opportunity to enlighten people about how concerned our community is about what happens on the golf course. Now we have a voice, and that’s the most important thing. Once we have that voice, we can get more done.”

*Harry Gilliam, Jackson Park Golf Association*



**Working with the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance has created a structure founded upon affordability and access for longtime local golfers.**

“With the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance raising private charitable contributions to fund golf course improvements, the Park District can hold rates near current levels for

longtime local golfers; and maintain policies of children playing FREE. Following recommendations of the Jackson Park Golf Association, design plans also feature new youth-centric amenities including the 6-hole short course and indoor practice facilities. The

First Tee of Greater Chicago could flourish while continuing to offer junior golf programs to low-to-moderate income families for FREE.”

*Tracy Raoul, Jackson Park Golf Association, and Ciji Henderson, President of Chicago Women’s Golf Club, in an open letter to the Chicago Tribune*

**Tiger Woods’ TGR Design prioritizes the enjoyment of recreational golfers, and the golf course as a venue for fellowship and camaraderie.**

“Our motivation is to adapt to varying levels of play, bringing people together and allowing for multi-generational experiences.” *Tiger Woods’ TGR Design website*

“The biggest compliment that I can receive as a designer is someone finishing their round and being excited about playing the golf course again.” *Tiger Woods, May 14, 2017*



**The conceptual design plans also propose important public safety enhancements like new underpasses to promote the safety of golfers, non-golfers and drivers. Additionally, new bushes and trees along the periphery of the course will add to the ecosystem while preventing stray balls from damaging windows on residential streets.**

“I’m so excited that my kids might have a safe park to play in, that there might be a street where the windows will be safe and the cars will be safe, and people can walk without getting hit by golf balls. That’s a wonderful thing.”

*Louise McCurry, President of Jackson Park Advisory Council*





**The Chicago Parks Golf Alliance is committed to ecological standards while maintaining parkland aesthetics. We look forward to continued discussions with all park-goers to ensure the sustainability of their favorite park features. While reports have suggested the proposed 12th hole would remove the current natural area at South Shore, please consider the following:**

- The current natural area was created in the last 20 years.
- The recently completed conceptual designs for South Shore propose enhancements including:
  - Increase the total acreage of natural areas across grounds of the South Shore Cultural Center
  - Re-shape, not remove, the current natural area. Dunes would be preserved, and this natural area could stretch further south into the current 7th hole.
  - Create a new natural area in a safer and more prominent position in the park directly northeast of the South Shore Cultural Center building.



- Add a new water feature by reaching the Lake Michigan water table. The pond within the current natural area is filled by hose with tap water.
- Create new trail ways and access to natural areas, including a pedestrian entrance at the northern edge of the park near the corner of 67th & South Shore Drive
- Expand landing areas for migratory birds across the grounds of the park
- Add a new beach house with improved lockers, washrooms and food/beverage offerings
- The proposed 12th hole could also compliment the natural area with new fertile soil and native grasses at the shoreline. Currently, crumbling rocks and foreign objects line the water's edge, including materials remnant from the shooting range during South Shore's country club era. New trail ways could better connect golfers and non-golfers to a beautified lakefront for all to enjoy.

**The Chicago Parks Golf Alliance is committed to supporting the economic development of community businesses and residents. During 2017, the CPGA has engaged minority-owned enterprises in areas including:**

- Accounting
- Communications
- Community Engagement
- Special Events & Catering
- Printing & Graphic Design

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