

NextDoor Inquiry and Questions re: Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort

DECEMBER 2020 – Response to public questions about the property.

Here is some additional information to answer your questions and concerns:

1. Maintenance and Inspection: “The installed infrastructure needs routine maintenance and investment that the county has not done.”

Answer: County Park Rangers stationed at nearby Kayak Point County Park stop by weekly, monitor and inspect the site, and meet with the disc golf operator. Former Division Manager Russ Bosanko, and Park Planning Supervisor Sharon Swan, have stopped by several times over the past few months, to walk and drive the grounds to inspect progress, proposed changes, disc golf course layout, etc. The disc golf operator has purchased over 15 golf carts, numerous hand push mowers, and most recently a 11' wide mower to keep the grass down on the fairways and the rest of the property.

2. “The current frisbee course does not spray the invasive weeds and does not water...”

“The dangerous weeds (like poison hemlock) will continue to spread...”

Answer: As part of the disc golf proposal, the vendor indicated unlike typical ball golf they wanted to limit or eliminate entirely the use of any herbicides and pesticides to remove or limit invasive plants which the county parks department encouraged. In the summer of 2020, a disc golf staff person and the neighbor asking these questions drove the property, took pictures of the poison hemlock and have subsequently removed all poison hemlock identified to date from the 270-acre park site.

3. What is the current lease?

Answer: A scanned copy of the Concessionaire License Agreement has been added to the Kayak Point Golf Course property webpage.

4. Request for Proposal Information

Answer: There have been four (4) RFP (request for proposals) to date with the 1st RFP included only the Kayak Point Golf Course property. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th RFP highlighted the Kayak Point Golf Course property along with the other 109 county park properties and trails. Update on RFP (request for proposals) 003-20SB - Two (2) of the four (4) proposers who submitted a written proposal related to the golf course property, via RFP 003-20SB, provided a presentation to the RFP Evaluation Committee on Friday, October 9, 2020. Snohomish County Parks staff. After reviewing the proposals and evaluation scores recommendations were made to the Parks,

Recreation & Tourism Department Director. There is a qualified respondent that the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department is currently in negotiations with.

5. "The golf course becomes a fire hazard in the summer"

Answer: The Kayak Point Golf Course property is not a fire hazard. We will continue to monitor tree and forest health throughout the year. Any concerns or issues will be addressed as needed to continue properly managing this property with Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort.

6. "The county has not invested in public recreation here and has neglected its stewardship role to promote tourism"

Answer: There is currently a \$16 million project planned at Kayak Point Park. We are investing in the overall Kayak Point Park, Campground and Golf Course complex. This very large-scale project, along with the popular Disc Golf Resort provide many beneficial opportunities for the community, the public, residents and visitors.

7. "The 11,000+ square foot restaurant still has black mold, the parking lot asphalt is a mess, drains clog and fairways flood etc."

Answer: While there was some mold in the building, it was tested and found there was no black toxic mold in the building. After it was identified, most of the problem was remediated. It was taken care of on the public facing middle floor. The bottom floor (which is more of a storage space) is being taken care of now. Regarding the asphalt, drains and any flooding – these issues are being addressed and are a continuation from past years and past property management.