

Greetings St Paul City Council Members -

I am writing today regarding the RFP to privatize golf in St Paul. I have been following this issue for some time. Here are my concerns:

We have been told there will be no job loss. Last Wednesday at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting we were told there will be.

Will a private contractor really make as much as the city thinks? If so, why would we be so willing to give that revenue away?

PROM is a great vendor for food and beverage. What do they know about golf? What do we know about the person they intend to partner with? Why did he resign his position in Minneapolis?

The employees of the City of St Paul deserve to have a chance to turn this around. They had three years. I do not believe that Parks and Recreation management have been as supportive about making the correct changes and suggestions by employees under the performance plan to make the courses as profitable as they could be. Does a private partner deserve to have more time than the people who have done this work for years?

I heard at a prior meeting on this issue that there are options if this plan does not work out. I believe there are many unanswered questions out there. Privatization is the easy and I mean no disrespect, lazy way of doing business. Laying this item over, would allow time to get these questions answered to be sure this is the correct way to go.

I appreciate your time on this issue.

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