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You are receiving this letter as we are planning to make changes to downsize the golf course making it an 18-hole par 60 – after over 7 years of ownership, it has not turned out as I had envisioned. No matter what improvements are made. We have a community of over 1,200 homes, yet we have only 57 current golf members and perhaps 25 or 30 regulars from the community that frequent the bar and restaurant. Golf itself in my opinion is in bit of trouble, especially at the smaller one owner courses, not owned by a big corporation that can offer golf as an amenity to sell homes or one that is owned by the city and subsidized greatly by taxpayer dollars.

There will be 2 public meetings on these changes which will be conducted by the city and your voices will be heard there, but I am sending this information ahead of those to homes that will be directly affected by the planned changes. Basically holes 3 and 4 will become new homesites as well as holes 10, 11 and a portion of 12 (these preliminary concept plans are attached.)

In addition to higher costs and lower revenue, the Southwest Florida water management district has deemed the entire Central Florida area as one of critical concern and golf courses (as their water use permits come up for renewal as ours has) will no longer be permitted to water the rough, and fairways will only be allowed to be a certain distance wide – with the sandiness of our soil here, the grass will simply not grow, therefore changes must be made.

While I am disappointed these changes must be made, I believe it is critical to the community overall that a golf course still exists which is why I am limiting the amount of changes to keep the course for the benefit of all in the community — I have also included some rough sketches of what will remain of the golf course layout — a brief summary is as follows hole by hole:

- 1. Hole 1 remains the same
- 2. Hole 2 will now be the 4th green with a new tee box the hole will parallel Meadowlark Drive
- 3. Hole 3 will be the old hole 5 and be unchanged
- 4. Hole 4 will be the old hole 6 unchanged
- 5. Hole 5 will be the old hole 7 and be unchanged
- 6. Hole 8 will now be a par 3 hole 6 and a par 4 hole 7

- 7. Hole 9 will now be a par 3 hole 8 and a par 4 hole 9
- 8. Hole 10 will be the existing 13th hole unchanged
- 9. Hole 11 will be a portion of hole 12 as a par 3 utilizing the existing 12th green as is
- 10. Hole 14 will now be a par 4,  $12^{th}$  hole and a par 3,  $13^{th}$  hole utilizing the existing  $14^{th}$  green
- 11. Hole 14 will be the existing hole 15 unchanged
- 12. Hole 16 will now be a par 3 15<sup>th</sup> hole and a par 4 16<sup>th</sup> hole with the 16<sup>th</sup> green staying in its present location
- 13. Holes 17 and 18 will remain as is

These changes will create a par 60, 18-hole course of approximately 4,200 yards in length.

If you wish to comment prior to the public meetings, I can be e-mailed at Dtavlin@linkssp.com. I understand there will be frustration, but I cannot continue to lose money at the rate we are. All that perhaps believe it was my intention all along to develop the course for homes needs to understand I have spent millions of dollars on additions, renovations and improvements and I have owned the course for over 7 years now, if my intent was other than to make the golf course viable as it could be, home sites would have been immediate and covered the entire course.

This process will take time and these changes will not be immediate. When it becomes appropriate new memberships will be paid monthly until such time that new rates are determined based upon the reduced course and layout.

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