## Meeting Notes from 12/13 CRPAC meeting

Como Golf Course discussion notes: (potential re-purpose ideas and general feedback)

- How about optimizing what we have?
- Market the building...RFP the concessions out you can't get much to eat there now. Who would want to stay after they golf?
- Highland 9 is not in as much trouble why? Could we make it a 9-hole at Como?
- Keep the ski program if possible downhill and cross-country.
- Golf at Como is impacted by ski...this is a catch-22.
- Have a donation box for the cross-country ski program.
- What would the costs be for build-outs?...to get it to what would be developed?
- Don't drive a stake through this course...
- Could there be shared uses...parking at the golf course for the Como Campus?
- We could promote more league play consistent money but Como is hard to walk and golf is expensive.
- Some people only have time for 9 holes.
- I feel like I'm only half finished after 9 holes.
- The City doesn't do enough to market golf. Could you get a list of what we've done? (Some in the group report seeing advertisements some not at all.)
- Family golf is a great idea...gets kids out and builds future players...inexpensive!
- Continue to support school programs and junior programs.
- We can't cater to any one particular group.
- Great marketing programs won't matter if the experience is bad...they won't be back. The business model now is horrible...maybe go back to independent contractors...contract out whatever part of the business operation makes sense.
- Jess feels that from a planning perspective, it should not be parking. There is so much land here that not continuing on as open space would be difficult for people to handle.
- Could the Zoo expand?
- If it was something different, it would have to be something that brought in revenue.
- More trails doesn't make sense, we have a lot of those in this park already.
- 9 holes seems to make some sense...with a driving range, like the U of M.
- The staff this year at Como has been great!
- Bloomington is closing one of their two 9-hole courses and turning it into a driving range...can't sustain 2 courses and can accommodate all those who want to play 9 holes on the one course that remains.
- Fort Snelling has made it's 9-hole course dual purpose...disc golf and regular golf...same fairways...same tee times disc off to one side.
- What are other communities doing with their golf courses?
- The preference seems to be that the golf course stays here even if a private company managed it inside and out. (like Manitou Ridge)
- Are any interns working on golf?