

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Silver, Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 12:58 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: RE: Windemere Park Tennis courts
Importance: High

Dear Amy,

Regrettably, I was unable to attend last Mon.'s meeting in person.

Since I had emailed you on Oct. 4, it's my understanding that there are now 2 additional options:

1. NO new tennis courts
2. an additional 4th option

My preference is to save the \$\$\$\$ and NOT build new tennis courts in any location.

However, if the decision is to construct new tennis courts, **the North option is preferable**, and the **east option is the least desirable**, from my viewpoint. The additional option (4th) proposed at last Mon.'s meeting is preferable to the south and east options, but the best option is NORTH, if the decision to build is made.

Thanks in advance for considering these thoughts.

Terry M. Silver, M.D.
[REDACTED]

From: Kuras, Amy Beth [AKuras@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 7:57 AM
To: Silver, Terry
Subject: RE: Windemere Park Tennis courts

Thanks Terry, I will pass your comments along.

From: Silver, Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 12:45 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park Tennis courts
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Kuras,

While I hope to attend the meeting on Monday re: the tennis court issue, in the event that I can not make the meeting, my preference is for the tennis courts be relocated to the NORTH option, with the SOUTH option a distant second choice. By far and away the

LEAST desirable location, from my perspective, would be the EAST option.

Thank you in advance for considering my opinion/recommendation.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Silver, M.D.



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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Me [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 11:22 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Tennis Court at Windemere Park

Dear Amy,

I object to the planned relocation of the tennis court at Windemere Park.

I prefer finding a different solution in a different park.

Thank you,

Yaniv Atzmon
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Morag, Yoav [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:51 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth; Straw, Jeffrey; Smith, Colin
Subject: Windemere Park Tennis Courts

To: Mr. Colin Smith, Ms. Amy Kuras, Mr. Jeffrey Straw
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Re: Windemere Park Tennis Courts

We appreciate the fact that Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has included us, the homeowners, in its deliberation regarding Windemere Park tennis courts. We recognize that the last option provided is a "best" compromise. We are also aware that this is a public park which belongs to all residents who choose to enjoy it. However, the homeowners in close proximity to the park are most vested in this park.

We can argue without end regarding the courts utility. The activity at the courts has not been monitored. **From our experience - they are vacant most of the time.**

What is clear is that these courts are an eyesore- a large caged structure dominates this small park. No amount of tending will prevent the natural deterioration of this structure including the rust, the gaping holes and the accumulation of debris snagged along the periphery. Even with optimal landscaping, the current beauty of the park attained over many years, will be lost. We believe the allocated money will be better spent towards additional plantings and up keeping of this beautiful park.

Sincerely,

Yoav and Michal Morag

Please forward this Email to additional PAC members we have not included for lack of Email

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Morag, Yoav [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:44 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park Tennis Courts

Hello Ms. Amy Kuras,

We vote for relocating the tennis courts to another park rather than keeping them at Windemere Park.

Thank you,

Yoav and Michal Morag

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Laura Steiner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park

Dear Ms. Kuras,

I would like to inform you that I oppose relocating the tennis courts within this park as I think it will ruin the layout and design of the park. Windemere Park is a small and lovely park and should stay as originally designed.

Sincerely,
Laura Steiner
Ann Arbor resident for over 30 years

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Christine O'Connor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:53 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth; Smith, Colin
Subject: Windemere Park tennis court project

Hello,

I was disappointed that a 4th option was presented for relocation of the tennis courts. I feel that the open green space will be lost for the sake of tennis courts. Far more activities take place on the open grassy area than tennis courts and far more neighbors/children use this open space than the tennis courts. Many summer evenings walkers pause, stop and sit to watch the sunset over the park. The neighborhood children use the big open space for impromptu games, kite flying, rocket launching, rec-Ed practices, etc. Again in much larger numbers than those using the tennis courts.

Many of us see that area as similar to the town squares in old new England villages.

Since the tennis courts cannot be re-built in the current location and there does not seem to be a "great" area for relocation, I would prefer to have no tennis courts in our park.

Again I feel keeping the open space for all to enjoy is far more important than the proposal 4 relocation of the tennis courts.

On another note:

I would rather have a walking path looping the periphery of the park.....the neighborhood is full of dog walkers, families pushing strollers, kids on trikes/small bikes, etc. Certainly a looping path would get far more use than a tennis court.

Thank you,

Christine O'Connor
Sent from my iPad

Kuras, Amy Beth

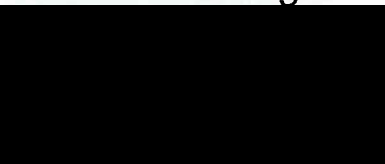
From: Miriam Weinger, [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park tennis court

Hi Amy,

I think the new location of the tennis court in Windemere Park is great (since I proposed it, I better think so). One question: the scale of the court appears larger than the original court. Will it be a larger footprint. Just curious.

Thanks for your hard work.

Miriam Weinger



To the Ann Arbor Parks Advisory Commission:

Currently, the Ann Arbor Park and Recreation Department plans to invest in Windemere Park by updating the Windemere Park Tennis Courts. **At our summer meeting, everyone seemed to like the option I will call it Plan 1 (the first of the three options submitted by Amy Kuras). To me this seemed to be the best option IF the tennis courts are to remain in Windemere Pk.**

At the latest meeting of Oct 8th between the Ann Arbor City Park and Recreation Department representative and local constituents, a new proposal was spontaneously presented. No drawing or other information was available to describe, support or assess the impact of this new location. This new, and fourth proposal, places the tennis courts in a more southerly location in the park. The latest last minute proposal was sent to the association members on Oct 12th, the day it was received by the EKHA leadership. The Park Advisory Committee meets Oct 16th to make a decision on the tennis courts' location.

This very fast turn around prevents the neighbors living on the perimeter of the park to consider and digest the impact of this last minute proposal on our homes and neighborhood. Consequently, I am asking the Park Advisory Committee (PAC) for a one month delay on their decision. This valuable time provides the neighbors most affected by the relocation, an opportunity to work together to determine which of the proposals allows for the most equitable impact.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McCarrin

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Charles Blackmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:26 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: Chuck Blackmer; Ed Weiss
Subject: Windmere Tennis Court relocation

10/11/12

Good meeting Amy at Gallup Park re: above! I support the compromise
#4 as discussed.
chuck blackmer

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Chuck Blackmer
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Dave and Patty [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 9:18 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Keep the courts here

Hello,

We are in favor of keeping the courts at Windemere Park.

Thanks,
Patty & Dave Schatz
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: joe dorenbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:35 PM
To: Smith, Colin; Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: Edward Weiss; Charles Blackmer; Scott Campbell; mgoldstein [REDACTED]; Meg DuRant; Miriam Weininger; Timothy Pinto; Rosalie Koenig; Michal Morag; SvenHahr [REDACTED]; Ruth Huff; Luibisa Mladenovic; Katherine Myles; Ann McCarren; jdorenba [REDACTED]
Subject: Windemere park. Tennis courts

Dear Mr. Smith, Ms. Grand, and Ms.Kuras

I voted against relocating the tennis courts within the Windemere park and this is still my position. However, if the courts are relocated I'd like respectively ask the Park and Recreation department and PAC to consider my request.

To me right now the most important is that **everybody**, who is living on the park's perimeter, has a good barrier from the tennis court(I do not think anybody want to see the fence.).

I think we,people living on the perimeter, should have the active role in every step of the planning and approving landscaping(we have to live with this) around the court. This request does not antagonize one neighbor against another one. I hope you can grant this petition.

I'd appreciate if you positively consider my request.

Thank you you for your consideration,

Dr. Joseph Dorenbaum
[REDACTED]

PS.

I could not find Julie Grand's e-mail address. Could you please forward this e-mail to her.

Thanks

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Spires, Mary (M. Catherine) [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:09 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: RE: Windemere Park

Thank you.

I am in support of tennis court re-location in Windemere. Your original proposal, "Proposal 1" creates the most equitable effect for all the residents who live on the park's perimeter.

The sudden replacement by this original proposal with the one spontaneously proposed during the Oct 8th is disconcerting. It allows only 4 days (since we did not receive the information until the 12th) to review and discuss with neighbors before the Oct 16th PAC meeting. The last minute proposal cuts the park up into 4 sections making soccer, baseball and T Ball games more difficult to arrange because the last minute proposal (#4) sections off the park into small sections

If indeed the tennis courts are going to be built, I support Proposal one (the original one which specifies the new location of the tennis courts in the north section of the Windemere Park.) It

Listening to the Ann Arbor government speak of its tight fiscal status, I had suggested no tennis courts as a cost savings. Currently, the city seems to struggle to provide needed park maintenance. We and other neighbors have had to care for the new tree plantings and remove dead trees since the park department was unable to do so even with our requests. Also, the baseball back stop has had holes in it for years. Obviously the city has not kept up with the tennis courts. These all seem like indicators that the city is financially strapped and unable to manage what parks as they currently exist.

Finally, the tennis courts are used by pro to teach private lessons. This is distressing as well.

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Bernadette Heston [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Please

Please, keep the tennis courts at Windemere Park. As a 25 year resident of the neighborhood, past member of the Homeowners Ass. and user of the courts, I feel strongly that the courts should be replaced.

Thanks for working on this.

Bernadette Heston
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Bitzer, Markus [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2012 8:03 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park tennis courts

Dear Amy Kuras,
we live on [REDACTED] Windemere Dr and we think there should tennis courts at Windemere Park. The 4th location looks acceptable to us.

Many thanks,
Markus Bitzer
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Homeowners

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Steven Harwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 6:13 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere park

Amy

Thanks for all of your hard work. The 4th option for the Tennis Court in the middle looks good. I am definitely in favor of keeping the courts.

Steven Harwood MD