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7/1/2025 Ann Arbor Planning Commission Meeting

From: Larry Hagerty**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 9:34 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** 7/1/2025 Ann Arbor Planning Commission Meeting

Hello – My name is Larry Hagerty and I have been a tax-paying resident of Ann Arbor since 1980 (except for a 5-year Superior Township period from 1987-1992). I am out of town for the Fourth of July week and am unable to attend the public meeting tomorrow evening, which I just learned about today.

I am writing to register my outrage at the approach the Planning Commission has been taking in the development of its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The term “railroading” comes immediately to mind. The fact base is flawed, the analysis is flawed, and the bias of the City Council is obvious and appalling. While the so-called “Plan” deals with a much broader agenda than parkland and golf courses, the underhanded parkland fact-base change related to golf course land is particularly egregious. It is frankly shameful.

The City Council’s apparent disdain for the sport of golf is obvious and facts that I have seen cited by City Council members are simply wrong. Golf is a healthy, growing activity - up almost 40% since pre-Covid and up 5% in 2024 over 2023. The city’s municipal golf courses play a key role in making this healthy outdoor activity available to youth, seniors, and others that may not otherwise have access to the sport. Moreover, the courses provide heavily-used areas for sledding and cross-country skiing during the winter off-season. How could the City possibly be thinking that these beautiful venues should suddenly, and inappropriately, be removed from the City’s parkland asset base. It defies reason and suggests that Council members may be out of touch with the interests of its tax-paying citizens.

As mentioned earlier, there are many other significant and problematic issues with the proposed land use plan. I will leave it to others to go into them in more depth. And I do sincerely trust that the City Council will listen carefully to the input it is receiving from its citizens on the land-use plan.

Thank you,

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