

The Closure of Deer Ridge Golf Course **Responses to Public Questions and Concerns**

The owners of the Deer Ridge golf course recently announced its permanent closure. Brentwood residents, many from the Deer Ridge neighborhood, have asked the City questions about the status of the former golf course. The intent of this fact sheet is to provide some responses to frequently asked questions.

Does the City of Brentwood have any interest (ownership or otherwise) in the former golf course?

No, the entire property is privately owned and the City has no ownership interest.

What does the City zoning allow for the former golf course site?

The site is zoned for two permitted uses: either as a golf course or as open space.

Can the property owner develop the site with another use?

No, not without first obtaining a zoning amendment from the City Council at a public hearing.

Has the property contacted the City regarding a possible rezoning for another use or development at the site?

No, the property owner has not indicated to the City any interest in seeking a rezoning to allow another use. If an application for a rezoning is submitted to the City, the City will promptly notify the neighborhood residents.

Is the City interested in taking over ownership of the former golf course and either reopening it as a golf course or using it as a public open space or park?

No, the City has no plans or interest in either managing a golf course business or maintaining the site as public open space. The City does not have the funding necessary to own and operate a golf course.

The former Deer Ridge club house windows and doors were boarded over with plywood. Is this allowed?

Yes, there are no provisions in the City code prohibiting a property owner from securing their abandoned or vacant structure. This is actually encouraged, to prevent trespassing. The City contacted the property owner and requested that the existing plywood sheets be painted to match the exterior walls.

Can the property owner install a chain link fence to keep the public out of the former golf course property?

Yes. Owners of private property are allowed to secure their properties from trespassing. If any property owner desires to secure their property with a chain link type fence, no City permits are required. However, the fence must be located entirely on private property and not in the City's right-of-way.

What will the City do to ensure that weeds are abated at the site?

The City's weed abatement regulations will be enforced. The property owner will be required to mow all weeds within 30 feet of any residential property line. All other land outside this 30 foot buffer area can be allowed to grow freely.

What can be done about maintaining the golf course's street landscaping?

The City will request the property owner to maintain its street landscaping, according to the project's original conditions of approval. If this is not done, the City may resort to enforcement actions, including issuing citations or other legal means.

How can a resident submit a complaint or concern to the City?

Residents are encouraged to use the Brentwood Connect 24/7 app to report any issues to the City. It can be downloaded on both the App Store and Google Play. Here is a link to information about the app: https://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/cd/code/crm_requests.asp