

Community Services Commission - December 3rd meeting

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The Community Services Commission met on December 3rd at 5:50 PM PST in the City of Irvine council chambers.

The agenda included the discussion around the results of the staff report and recommendations of the future of all disc golf courses in Irvine. The recommendation was to suspend course play until the risk assessment report was fully completed.

With a showing of approximately 30 disc golf supporters, many stood and spoke for the support of disc golf in the Irvine parks. Personal testimony of the benefits of disc golf and our aim of safety had a positive overall impact on the Commission. Additionally, a representative from Innova Disc Golf attended, presented his case for keeping the disc golf courses and offered his services (gratis) to re-designing the courses for safety and aesthetics. The Commission agreed they wanted the course re-opened as soon as possible and asked for 3 levels of effort:

- * Short-term: Determine what minimal efforts can be accomplished (with minor budget) to re-open the course. These include minor tweaks to make the course safer.
- * Medium-term: The Commission would like to budget a full course redesign for both Deerfield and University parks for the following year.
- * Long-term: The Commission was interested in our thoughts on where else they may be able to consider adding a disc golf course in the future (existing and developing parks)

While the Commission voted unanimously to keep the motion of suspending disc golf play on the Deerfield Community Park course until the January CSC meeting, they did add a stipulation that the park staff was to work with local disc golf enthusiasts to find short-term workarounds for holes considered risky. A group of players met on the course to evaluate possible "tweaks" and worked with the Innova representative for recommended suggestions. The Innova representative will be meeting with and working directly with the park architectural firm for resolution.