

Why is Seattle Parks and Recreation seeking proposals for the construction of a Junior Golf Clubhouse at Jefferson Park Golf Course?

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) is seeking proposals for the construction and operation of a Junior Golf Clubhouse. The successful respondent will offer high quality junior golf programs at the Jefferson Park Golf Course.

In light of this Request for Proposals, we have heard from community members who have concerns about the future of the golf course, junior golf and lawn bowling at Jefferson Park. The following information is meant to address common questions and concerns about our view and vision for this facility.

- Jefferson Park Golf Course is well used by young golfers. Through partnerships with First Tee, Bogey Bear, Seattle area high school golf teams, and kids golf camps offered by Premier Golf Centers LLC, we have been able to attract many children and youth to utilize this course.
- In 2014, an idea was brought to SPR by the First Tee of Greater Seattle to build a standalone Junior Golf Clubhouse at Jefferson Park. This idea is in keeping with the golf master plan goals to improve public golf opportunities and experiences.
- Currently the junior golf program is housed within two temporary trailers and the main clubhouse.
- In order to solicit the best possible partner, a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to construct and operate a Junior Golf Clubhouse was advertised on March 2, 2017.
- Jefferson Junior Golf Clubhouse Proposals are due on June 5, 2017. The RFP and the full schedule can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/do-business-with-us/current-opportunities/jefferson-youth-clubhouse-rfp>
- The RFP language encourages proposers to develop partnerships with existing programs, and to offer operating plans that are inclusive and cooperative with the existing Jefferson Golf Course programming.
- The site of the new Junior Clubhouse is not predetermined, although it will likely be on the short nine course.
- SPR is not terminating the lease with Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling, and the Junior Clubhouse will not displace the lawn bowling clubhouse or courts. Jefferson Park lawn bowling is a long-term valued partner of SPR.
- If Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling wishes to partner with the organization operating the Junior Golf Clubhouse to redevelop the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse for a dual purpose, that proposal would be considered as a qualified response to the RFP.
- The successful proposer will be required to conduct a community involvement process as the project is developed.
- All costs associated with planning, permitting, design, construction and operation of a new clubhouse will be the responsibility of the successful proposer.
- The new junior golf clubhouse will be owned by Seattle Parks and Recreation upon expiration or termination of the contract governing this project and operating period.

- More information about Jefferson Lawn Bowling, First Tee of Greater Seattle, and Premier Golf Centers can be found at
<https://www.seattlebowls.org/>
<http://www.thefirstteeseattle.org/>
<http://premiergc.com/>

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