

**SLIGO CREEK GOLF COURSE DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT**



**SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

March 21, 2022

County Executive Marc Elrich and County Council President Gabe Albornoz:

[Delivered via e-mail]

Advice from the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board re:

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Dear County Executive Marc Elrich and County Council President Gabe Albornoz,

It has come to the attention of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board that the driveway and parking lot to the Sligo Creek Golf course is in serious disrepair and, as a result, has become a hindrance to the facility's accessibility and a hazard to the public. Our understanding is that several requests have been made over the past few years to get this fixed, but because Park and Planning's original proposal was to replace both the driveway and parking lot (including providing a new base), it was cost prohibitive. We support, at a minimum, the recent proposal by the Sligo Creek Golf Association (SCGA) to focus only on getting temporary repairs to the driveway, which is in particular disrepair and is hazardous to all, especially seniors, children, and the disabled. (See attached SCGA letter dated January 13, 2022.)

Sligo Creek Golf Course is the closest golf course to Downtown Silver Spring and one of only a handful of courses inside the 495 Beltway. As such, the course is an excellent venue for golfers in the area, particularly as it provides a shorter and, often, less challenging layout that is appealing to beginners, casual golfers, and seniors. While the golf course is a major feature, please note that both golfers and non-golfers of all ages use the facilities, particularly as the course also doubles as one of the few FootGolf venues in the area. Further, the on-site restaurant and rest room facilities are often patronized by walkers and bikers on the Sligo Creek Trail and in Sligo Creek Park. Finally, the weekly summer concert series has been a very popular family and community activity, attracting between 500 to 1,500 citizens each week.

Sligo's impact has been very apparent during the pandemic. The course attracts new players, seniors, local school leagues, and local residents who want close access to a sport that is largely safe from Covid-19. Fixing the driveway and parking area would provide easier and safer access to this public facility, which is a true gem for the Silver Spring area community. We urge you to fund repairs to the Sligo Creek Golf Course parking lot, or at the very least, the driveway as soon as possible.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration

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