

My name is Lauren Gamble,

I am here tonight to speak up against the development of the Regent Park Par 3. I live just a stone's throw away from the land and I am here not only to represent my family but also other community members who were either unable to be here tonight or unable to speak in front of you publicly for reasons of their own.

I am here as an advocate and to encourage community members and council to reject the 4 proposed concepts. The original plans were made after 10 community members showed up to the preliminary meeting – why were there only 10 members of the community? In a community of ~1413 people having only 10 come to a meeting means that you are only speaking to <1%. Any decisions based on <1% should be considered negligent. I, personally, walked door-to-door for four afternoons/evenings over the last two weeks and had the privilege of speaking to 32 residents at length about their thoughts and feelings regarding the development of the Regent Park Par 3. 31 of the 32 residents told me that they wish the city would respect the green space, the ~60 year old trees (over 300), and not sell the land to developers in an already over developed area. The resident who did not agree with keeping the green space felt that the cost to save it was too much. No one stated that a multi sports complex was on their wish list (costly) and when shown Concept 5 – Regent Family Park and Walking Trails everyone agreed that this was a plan that fit our community needs – EVERYONE. Keep in mind – this took me two weeks not four years as it has taken the city development proposals. The online surveys done by the city were not a vote – they were a pro and con list.

I also agree with the 1,069/1,073 individuals from coronation park and North Central who signed the petition to the city to not have any buildings on the golf course land. I agree with the 350 residents of north central and coronation who personally filled in the coronation park community group surveys with their ideas of what they want on the golf course land and most recently the more than 500 residents of coronation and north central who signed an open letter to the city rejecting all 4 of their golf course options.

I also found that many community members were misinformed regarding a “seniors complex”. When I asked at the concept meeting in April whether or not they have a mandate for seniors to live there or what level of care would be provided there I was told that, “Once the land is sold it is up to the developer – we do not regulate that”. This could mean that a private senior complex could be put in which is very costly to our seniors, ~5000\$/month, or seniors low income apartments could be put in. When developers make senior living homes they can legally make the rooms smaller than typical code – however, when seniors living in seniors complexes were interviewed in our area this June it was determined that residents living there were not all considered seniors but instead used these facilities as low income apartments. The city also has a 15% vacancy rate among senior homes to date. Clearly there is not a need for more senior homes and the city is trying to disguise more low income apartments in the form of senior homes impacting the already poverty warehoused neighbourhood. 75% of the seniors in our area who were surveyed at these homes said that they have been exposed to crime in their