

**Presented to RSFA Board meeting, July 1, 2021**

**Good morning, my name is Chet Koblinsky. My family owns a home adjacent to the 7<sup>th</sup> hole on the golf course.**

**Today, I want to share my concerns, and those of countless other covenant members, about the ongoing golf course renovation. The project is deviating substantially from the 2020 Golf Course Master Plan with regard to the trees.**

**I'm concerned about the tremendous number of tree removals. On the front 9 alone about 7 times more trees than the 4 identified on the Master Plan are now gone; affecting our trails, views, and property values.**

**THE FACTS ARE CLEAR:**

**The Golf Club and Association repeatedly reported to Covenant members that only 6 total trees would be removed from the entire course in the 2020 renovation plan.**

**We were told that this number came after an ARBORIST'S REVIEW OF ALL COURSE TREES during the planning stage.**

**However, on the Front 9, at least 27 trees in addition to the approved 4 have been removed.**

**Trees are visibly missing. Go see for yourself. I invite you to visit the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, which looks like a clear cut.**

**The construction company tagged 9 more large trees for removal last week. The golf course pro told me that these new removals were not because of tree health, but to facilitate laying the new turf.**

**Furthermore, on the front 9 holes, only about HALF of the trees identified in the 2014 Golf Course Master Plan now remain. AND NONE OF THE 26 Eucalyptus approved by that plan were ever planted.**

**For weeks, walkers, runners, riders, and even golfers have been complaining about the destruction of healthy trees, the loss of shade, and the overall barren appearance of the renovated course.**

## **WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

**I recommend that the Association:**

**Immediately stop unapproved tree removals; and  
develop and implement a thoughtful plan for replanting trees.**

**We are now at risk of losing the eucalyptus, our iconic and historic skyline tree on the course, despite the fact that arborists have identified species that are drought and pest resistant.**

**Our 2018 RSF FOREST HEALTH STUDY found that the golf course trees are in good health and low fire risk, but their age distribution is badly skewed toward old, mature trees.**

**We need to save our extremely valuable older trees with a vigorous maintenance program.**

**However, only 6% of all course trees are immature (Less than 6" in trunk diameter), when the FOREST HEALTH STUDY cited the ideal as 40%. We need to build up our stock of these younger trees as recommended by study arborists.**

**Otherwise, our kids, grandkids, and future residents will never get to enjoy the beautiful trees that once distinguished our golf course.**

**Thank you.**