

Homeowners near golf course fear development plans

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Many people who live near the Shaw-nee Slopes golf course in Calgary hope there is still a chance the fairways and greens won't be torn up to make way for a new housing development.

A developer is in the process of buying the privately owned course south of Fish Creek Provincial Park with plans to build 1,200 housing units on the property.

At a public meeting Thursday night about those plans, Pat Hagney, who lives near the golf course, said she feels she's being held hostage by the various plans that have been proposed for the land. If the golf course is developed, she wants to sell, but she says no one would buy given the uncertainty.

"Right now I would just like to know one way or another what is going to happen. Not to go on for years and years," she said.

Diane Colley-Urquhart, the alderman for the area, said a huge housing development would be a big change for the neighbourhood.

"They're very concerned about their property, their property values, the impact all this traffic will have on an already failing Bannister Road," she said.

Keitha Bear, who has lived in a home near the golf course for 20 years, said she never thought rezoning was an option.

"We thought there was some protection there, that the city would not just immediately agree to rezone it to commercial development," she said.

A city spokesperson said the developer has not yet made a formal application to have the land rezoned and if that happens it still has to go before council.

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Larry RS wrote: Posted 2009/03/29

at 4:49 AM ET This development is wonderful for the developers only. How come any land that becomes available in Calgary is immediately filled to the brim with condos instead of parks. I was looking at Lincoln Park yesterday and shudder at how the cookie cutter houses are jammed in there so close that you can pass a cup of coffee through your window into your neighbour's kitchen.

It is the developers' greed that is driving this development and nothing else.

How is it that the people of Calgary only find out about these things after the deals are done?

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Nartoon wrote: Posted 2009/03/27

at 5:57 PM ET What's the purpose of zoning if the city can change it whenever they want. The zoning was established to suit the area and it's existing services and utilities. This is not the way to increase housing density.

If/when this comes to council the odds of being rejected are more than winning the 649 jackpot. I hope the community association gets a lawyer and takes this to the supreme court if need be.

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armlesscrayon wrote: Posted 2009/03/27

at 5:27 PM ET After a 2 year fight with a developer, having the city on our side, the community on our side, the developer still got their permit, even though they did not meet all the requirements. I hope these homeowners know that anything they want means nothing in this city.

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NEWSGUY66 wrote: Posted 2009/03/27

at 4:35 PM ET The home owners in this area do have a choice. Raise money amongst themselves and purchase the "private property" themselves.

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MY MILKSHAKE wrote: Posted 2009/03/27

at 3:21 PM ET Don't build anything new in the city, reason: traffic, property values.

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