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CARSON CITY EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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MEETING DATE 5-2-13 ITEM # 23 A

I will be unable to attend the meeting on May 2nd, but I still wanted to express my views. As a former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, I thought I could bring a perspective not as yet expressed in the media. Of all of the parks and recreation facilities owned by the city, only one has a positive cash flow, the golf courses. What would the result be if the swim center, soccer programs, youth baseball, softball and all other recreation acitivities and parks were required to make a profit? How would our "quality of life" be affected? In hindsight, the lease agreement between the city and the non-profit corporation was flawed in that the economic downturn was not forseen by either party. The 6% solution will allow the courses to provide recreation to all age groups at a reasonable cost. The corporation and Mr. Kepler have done an outstanding job of improving the facility with their limited funds. I play golf two or three times a week during the season and it is rare when there is no out of town group playing a tournament while I am there. As an example, we tryed to get a tee time for May 5th and were told none were available in the morning as there was a "shotgun" tournament scheduled for both courses. I respect both Mr. Millard and Mr. Richards, but would they have made the same decision to build a golf course if they knew what the economic future held? I doubt it. If you were to close the East course as has been suggested, don't think that the local golfers will automatically move to either of those courses or the West course. I, for one, will play less and probably at Dayton Valley or Thunder Canyon.

Thank you for your consideration, John Felesina