
Memorial Park Golf Course / Houston Open FAQs

1. What was passed by City Council?

City Council passed a Development and Construction Agreement that allows the Astros Golf Foundation to renovate Memorial Park Golf Course to PGA standards in order to host the Houston Open. The City of Houston, Astros Golf Foundation and Memorial Park Conservancy are parties to the proposed agreement.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Mayor's Office of Economic Development and the Astros Golf Foundation presented the proposal to City Council Quality of Life Committee on November 28, 2018.

2. Will the Memorial Park Golf Course host a PGA Tour Event?

Pending City Council approval of a Tournament Agreement, the renovation of Memorial Park Golf Course to PGA standards opens the door to host the Houston Open at Memorial Park Golf Course beginning in October of 2020.

3. Who pays for the course renovation?

The Astros Golf Foundation will raise approximately \$13.5 Million in private funding to pay for the cost of the golf course renovation, new driving range and new maintenance facility.

4. What is the timing of events related to this project?

- Jan. 9, 2019 – City Council considered and passed a Development and Construction Agreement that allows the Astros Golf Foundation to renovate Memorial Park Golf Course to PGA standards
- Jan. 10, 2019 – Construction of Memorial Park Golf Course began after City Council passed a Development and Construction Agreement.
- Spring 2019 – City Council will consider a Tournament Agreement between the City of Houston and the Astros Golf Foundation to host the Houston Open at Memorial Park Golf Course starting in Fall 2020
- Oct. 2019 – Grand Opening of Renovated Memorial Park Golf Course
- Oct. 2020 – Houston Open held at Memorial Park Golf Course

5. What will remain open during most stages of construction?

- Pro Shop
- Driving Range
- Putting Green
- Becks Prime
- Parking Lot

6. While the course is shut down for reconstruction where can golfers play?

While Memorial Park Golf Course is closed for renovations, there are four municipal golf courses available to play during that time frame:

- [Hermann Park Golf Course](#) (2155 MacGregor Way, Houston TX 77030)
 - [Sharpstown Park Golf Course](#) (6600 Harbor Town Drive, Houston, TX 77036)
 - [Gus Wortham Park Golf Course](#) (7000 Capitol Street, Houston, TX 77011)
 - Melrose Park Golf Course is a 9-Hole Par 3 course – (401 East Canino Road, Houston TX 77076)
- These golf courses are conveniently located on the west, central, east and north sides of Houston.

7. Will fees increase when the newly renovated golf course reopens?

The fees at Memorial Park Golf Course will not increase as a result of this privately funded renovation.

8. Why is this good for the golfers?

Golfers will benefit by being able to play on a newly renovated golf course designed by a world-renowned golf course architect. The renovated course will offer premier turf conditions using new turf grass varieties, new bunker liners, improved course aesthetics and playability and a state-of-the-art irrigation system to capture stormwater for course irrigation reuse.

9. Why is this good for the City?

- \$13.5 million renovation of Memorial Park Golf Course which will include course renovation, new maintenance facility, improved and increased driving range and a new The First Tee facility.
- Renovations will be paid with private funds raised by the Astros Golf Foundation.
- \$1 Million per year to the City for Houston parks.
- A return of the Houston Open to the City of Houston and a significant economic impact to local businesses estimated at \$50 to \$90 Million.