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Additional notes (red font) from Kevin Gomillion

Gomillion states that he will provide an update in another form in the coming weeks before construction starts.

Morris Williams Renovations

What is the problem with the course?

Old greens (the grass)

rocks between fairways

tee boxes on par threes

length of course not 7000 yards

difference in sand in traps

rock steps

asphalt on some cart paths

Why change fairway grass? - We are hoping to re-grass the fairways, not really making significant changes to all fairways. Just leveling some areas and working to improve the density. The current grass in the fairways is common bermuda. Typically, common bermuda is not as hardy of a grass as 419 bermuda. The common will not hold up to cart traffic as well and is less drought tolerant. The 419 bermuda produces more chutes per node of grass which produces more density. Grass farms have improved common bermuda, and we may very well be improving the shape of some fairways and re-sprigging with the improved common. That would be the less desired approach but may be the result due to funding for the project.

Why move greens? In most cases the overall location of the green position will not change. The size of several greens will be larger and the slope may change. Some greens will move slightly left, right or perhaps back.

4 Examples of greens planned to move slightly:

- We plan to move #4 back and the left to create separation between #4 green and #5 tee. This green plays very hard for the average golfer and we want to reshape the green and can add a little distance to the hole by moving the green back and to the left.
- We plan to move #5 green back slightly and to the right. We hope to achieve a slightly longer par 5 and create plenty of mounding to challenge the player.
- We may move #6 green back to the right to create separation between #6 green and #7 tee. We have another opportunity to lengthen the hole slightly.
- We plan to move #11 green back and lower the green to soften slope and lengthen the hole.

Why move tees? – Most of the tees at Morris Williams are unlevel and direct play away from the fairway. While this is not a problem for players who frequent the course, new players to the course often question what direction they are playing. In addition, larger level surfaces will allow for variations in length and allows for more efficient maintenance.

Where are you getting 400 yards? - We added about 200 yards with the new smaller championship tees, including the new 14th hole. That is not incorporated in the current score card. Once the renovation is complete, the overall length should be within 400 total yards of the existing yardage, meaning we may expand with the potential of another 200 yards during

championship events. Many holes will maintain the same distances. The holes that may lengthen will be a result of expanding tees and changes to the center point of greens. The length of the women's tees and forward tees should remain very close to the current standards with the ability to stretch lengths with longer tee complexes. The current scorecard from the back tee is 6,637 yards and we are closer to 6,837 during the City Championship with the expanded tees.

What is changing at Morris Williams

new grass in all fairways (first to be dropped)

new grass on all greens except 14 - All greens, including # 14 will be re-grassed with the same grass

new sand in all traps

all greens enlarged and flatten – I wouldn't say we are flattening greens. We will still have plenty of slopes, however the severe greens will be softened and the greens will not slope away from the approach shot. In addition, some greens will enlarge to allow for more hole locations

some greens moved

most tee boxes made one level and have one big tee box for each hole

a new set of family tees on front nine from 200 to 250 yards out (10 by 20 feet)

#1

the tee box is made 1 level

mounding on left of fairway

green enlarged to the right and moved some

bunker on right removed

new bunker on left

#2

the tee box is made 1 level except back tee box on hill

back box enlarged

plant trees on left

bunker on left removed and new bunker on right

green moved right

#3

maybe change cart path behind new tee box with concrete

mounding behind 3 green

dig out pond deeper not bigger

change slope on green

#4

large one level tee box

move green back left

Mounding in back of green

no bunker in front

no front to back slope

#5

longer and wider tee box
level fairway
move green back right with mounding

#6

move tee box to right of cart path same distance it is now – **This is still undetermined.**
maybe fairway on left
maybe a new fairway left along with right one
move green back and right

#7

mounding right
lower fairway 2 to 4 feet – **The entire fairway will not be lowered. We will remove quite a bit of material on the left side from about 125 yards to the 200 yard position. Much of that material will be used to form the mounding on the right side.**
move green back and right and lower

#8

tee box same height – **The back tee box will be lowered to avoid the steps. Green will keep the current shape, however may enlarge to the original size, close to the mowing pattern of the apron.**
raise ladies tee box to match
no bunker except in back of green – **The bunker on the left side is planned to stay**
straighten up cart path

#9

mounding left and long skinny bunker left
move green back and left
bunker back of green instead of right

#10

new cart path left
tee box same as #1
mounding right new grass to stop balls
May add a bunker to the fairway along the right between 175 and 125 to green.
no cart allowed in trees

#11

move tee box right if par 5
flatten fairway to creek – **Similar project to #7. We will remove material to lower the fairway and create mounds on the left to protect green on # 12 and tee of #13.**
mounds left
move green right and back
Left bunker reshaped with new green and right bunker eliminated.
Additional mounding on the right side of the green.

#12

green enlarged in back **right.**

#13

lower tee box

add topsoil to left and grass

move green back and right – The green will be in the same location, just expanded to the right with a softer contour.

mounding right of green

#14

enlarge middle tee box

lower front of green maybe – Would really be the entrance to the green and the approach slope.

#15

make one big tee box

fairway no change

mounding right or left?

Lower green to see more shots - Green will be lowered and enlarged towards the back. The mounding in front of the green will be removed.

#16

move tee box up and right – Still not sure on this one. We will consider other opportunities to reshape the current tee.

shorter hole

move cart path to left side

mounding right and no cart travel – in the trees

flatten mounding around green? – We will actually create some mounding around the green and the green will enlarge slightly back to original design.

#17

one big tee box

mounds left or right of fairway?

Move green right

bunker right of green not left

We will add soil and irrigation on the left to increase stand of grass from 150 to the green on the left side of the fairway and rough.

#18

enlarge green back left

stadium type for big finish

mounds on fairway left

no bunker left – Green will still have a bunker