

Hands off Pacific Spirit Park, Marty

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To the editor:

Re: "Give Musqueam piece of Pacific Spirit Park instead of golf course," Aug. 22

Marty Zlotnik states that he doesn't "relish the thought of billboards, casinos, commercial development [and] all that sort of stuff" on the lands of UBC golf course.

Well, many of us don't relish logging one of our last urban forests for any of that "stuff" either. Like Stanley Park, Pacific Spirit Park is a gem in our growing city. People of all ages from all over the Lower Mainland enjoy this park for walking, biking, plant and animal identification and interpretation and bird watching.

It's green without the intensive use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. It doesn't need daily mowing. It doesn't need thousands of gallons of municipal water to grow, and it's free!

It is unconscionable that Mr. Zlotnik represents the park board and would further sacrifice real green space to preserve the UBC golf course. The forest has already been compromised by the construction of the course and driving range. We don't need more destruction of our rare and valuable urban forests.

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