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My understanding is that our city parks and public golf courses are being promoted as locations to expand designated homeless living spaces. That would not only be a death knell for Portland Parks, it would be the same for Portland at large. Summer, families outdoors for recreation and enjoyment of our wonderful city, tourists who visit because of the opportunity to recreate in our parks and gold courses. We voted in millions of dollars to fund a sustainable and humane program for humane housing of the homeless population; **THIS IS NOT THE ANSWER!** We need leadership, sane thinking, and action - this does not qualify. There are cities around the country who hare dealing with the issue of homelessness and who have successfully put into action programs which are working. Could we learn from them and apply that knowledge here? I think so. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, we just need to ACT responsibly without destroying our city and its value.

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