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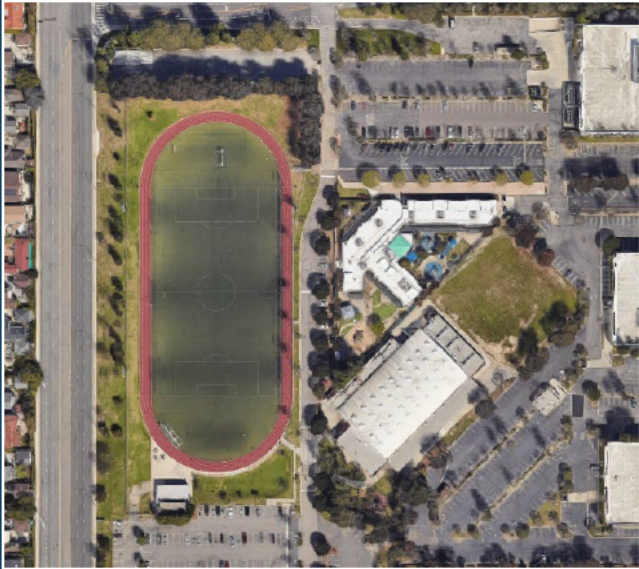
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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 5, 2024**

N.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPROVEMENTS AT AVIATION PARK AND THE POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL RECREATION AMENITIES

**CONTACT:** CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**
- **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**



# AVIATION PARK IMPROVEMENTS

*Strategic Plan Update*

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE ITEM

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Working with potential regional partners, identify options for the City Council to consider installing additional recreational amenities at Aviation Park or other sites, including pickleball and a new aquatics facility.

# AVIATION GYMNASIUM + EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

## AVIATION GYMNASIUM



### **STATUS: Completed**

- ✓ Abatement
- ✓ Repair stucco and masonry
- ✓ Refurbish and recoat metal piping
- ✓ Refinish the glulam support beams
- ✓ Exterior painting

## CONCRETE PATIOS & SIDEWALKS



### **STATUS: Completed**

- ✓ Replacement in areas due to cracking and root displacement.

## PLAYGROUND RESURFACING



### **STATUS: Completed**

- ✓ Replacement of deteriorated surfacing.

## AVIATION FIELD



### **STATUS: Completed**

- ✓ Full replacement of the field area with synthetic turf
- ✓ Replaced by South Bay Sports



# AQUATIC CENTER

- Feasibility of constructing and operating a 50-meter pool behind Aviation Gymnasium was provided to the City Council in a Budget Response Report as part of the FY 2021-22 budget.
- Location was the site of the former Aviation High School pool.
- Conditions of the previous pool are unknown. Soil testing and an inspection would need to be completed to confirm.



# AQUATIC CENTER

## Estimated Construction Costs

Site Improvements	\$3,000,000
Swimming Pool	\$2,500,000
Support Building	\$4,000,000
30% Soft Costs (A&E fees, plan check, tests, inspection)	\$2,850,000
10% Contingency	\$950,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,300,000</b>

## Estimated Annual Utility Costs (Year-round Operation)

Swimming Pool Utilities	\$350,000
Building Utilities	\$50,000
O & M	\$960,000
<b>EST. ANNUAL OPERATING COST</b>	<b>\$1,360,000</b>

# PICKLEBALL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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## **November 2021**

Pickleball Feasibility Study was completed.

## **May 2022**

City Council reviewed the feasibility study and directed staff to install courts at Perry, Franklin and Anderson Parks.

## **January 2022**

Recreation & Parks Commission (Commission) reviewed the feasibility study.

# PICKLEBALL COURTS

- Perry, Franklin and Anderson Parks -

- Existing basketball courts at each location were repainted and striped to add pickleball court lines (orange) in July and August 2023
- Overall, court installation was successful and all courts are used on a regular basis

**Perry Park**



**Franklin Park**



**Anderson Park**





# PICKLEBALL COURTS

Aviation Park • November 2021 Pickleball Feasibility Study

## Aviation Park - Open Field Area



- 6 – pickleball courts
- Cost estimate: \$1,333,087
- Same location as proposed aquatic facility

## Aviation Park - North Parking Lot



- 8 – pickleball courts
- Privately owned
- Owner uninterested in repurposing this space for pickleball courts

# PICKLEBALL COURTS

- Aviation Park (West of the field) -



- Recent feasibility study was conducted for Aviation Park
- 9 – pickleball courts
- Cost estimate: \$66,625 per court to \$600,000 for 9 courts.
  - Cost estimate does not include necessary site work (i.e. grading, pathway installation to and from the courts, fence and tree location, irrigation adjustments, etc.)
- Southern-most court = least costly option
  - Adjacent to existing ADA compliant pathways
  - Would require minimal site prep/grading
  - Would not require relocation or removal of trees
  - Would not significantly disrupt the current park fence line



# PICKLEBALL COURTS

- Dale Page Park -



- Recent feasibility study was completed for Dale Page Park
- 1 – pickleball court and 1 half-court basketball court
- Feasibility study concluded enough space to install pickleball court lines and repaint the half-court basketball court while allowing enough space for pedestrian passage on the walkway west of the pickleball court
- Public Works will be doing concrete repairs in the next few weeks
- Cost Estimate = \$100,000 to resurface concrete and add striping for pickleball and restriping basketball court

# RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

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- The Commission held an agendaized discussion on February 28 covering updates on existing pickleball courts and information from the recent pickleball feasibility studies conducted at Aviation Park and Dale Page Park.
- The Commission expressed support for the development of dedicated pickleball courts and made a commitment to analyze and review existing and future court options throughout the City through a newly-formed Pickleball Subcommittee.
- The Commission took the following additional actions:
  - Recommend the City Council **restripe two tennis courts at Alta Vista Park** for shared use between tennis and pickleball play, and the eventual development of dedicated court use hours for each sport. *(motion received five votes in favor and one in opposition)*
  - Recommend the City **study the possible installation of a fence between the basketball courts and the skateboard elements at Perry Park**, located on the eastern border of the basketball courts. *(motion approved unanimously)*
  - Recommend the **allocation of Aviation Park for future, dedicated pickleball courts** with the Open Field Area identified as the first priority followed by the area west of the field as an alternate location. *(motion received four votes in favor and two in opposition)*

# RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends the City Council provide direction on any desired improvements at Aviation Park and/or any future pickleball court installation throughout the City.

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**From:** Desiree Galassi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 7:55 AM  
**To:** James Light <james.light@redondo.org>; Nils Nehrenheim <Nils.Nehrenheim@redondo.org>; Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>; Paige Kaluderovic <Paige.Kaluderovic@redondo.org>; Scott Behrendt <Scott.Behrendt@redondo.org>; Todd Loewenstein <Todd.Loewenstein@redondo.org>  
**Cc:** Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>; Cameron Harding <Cameron.Harding@redondo.org>; Michelle Pinedo <Michelle.Pinedo@redondo.org>; David Galassi [REDACTED]  
Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Alta Vista data analysis supporting "shared use"

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Dear Council,

In addition to the Alta Vista usage data I emailed you last week showing the feasibility of a shared use scenario with PB, I want to send along a rough estimate of the cost per court to turn 2 tennis courts into shared use. I based my estimate on the Trueline contract with Redondo, and assuming striping on an "already prepared" tennis surface. On that PDF are also photos of other facilities, including across the street from Alta Vista, at Brookside Village. See PDF attached.

Also, in a quick calculation, the reported revenue that I received from the FOI process supports the usage numbers data from the 4 sample months of detailed reports I received from Rec and Parks department. The last column shows the average revenue per court, per hour, which is in line with posted fees of \$6-\$9 depending on time of day, youth or adult. (There are no "non-resident" or multiplayer organization fees. See flier attached.)

	Reported Revenue by month	Hours used based on R & P reports	Average per court hour tennis
23-Mar	14,814	1970	\$7.50
23-Jun	15,837	2101	\$7.53
23-Oct	19,022	2209	\$8.61
23-Dec	11,967	1582	\$7.56

Thanks for reading,

Desirée Galassi

On Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 7:16 PM Desiree Galassi [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor Light and Council Members,

This past week I attended the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting and presented an analysis of usage and revenue data provided to me through the Rec and Parks department as well as the FOI process to substantiate the motion to recommend overlay of Pickleball stripes on 2 tennis courts for SHARED USE at Alta Vista.

Attached you will find a 5 slide PPT presentation with a summary of findings of the analyzed city data that my husband and I compiled. We also compiled an analysis (screenshot attached) of the usage and revenue for El Segundo ( which is readily available in their Parks and Rec summaries in the meeting minutes) to show the revenue impact of utilizing two tennis courts for pickleball and the number of play hours made available to the community as a result. 8 pickleball courts impacts an exponential number of players, giving them the access to a healthy, broadly inclusive sport.

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If you have any questions, we are happy to answer them.

Sincerely,  
Desirée and David Galassi  
Redondo Beach residents



# Alta Vista Tennis Center



715 Julie Ave (310) 318 - 0670

Membership fee is currently \$17 per year

All players MUST sign up for a membership to use Alta Vista Courts

All updated fees are **effective August 1, 2023.**

In exception to selective dates.

Lights: \$6.00

(Effective Nov. 1, 2023)

Tennis PER HOUR, PER COURT		Time	Adult	Senior (62+)	Youth
Monday - Friday	8 AM - 12 PM		\$9	\$9	\$9
	12 PM - 6 PM		\$7	\$6	\$6
	6 PM - 10 PM		\$9	\$9	\$9
Saturday - Sunday	8 AM - 5 PM		\$9	\$9	\$9
	5 PM - 8 PM		\$7	\$6	\$6
Racquetball PER HOUR, PER COURT		Time	Adult	Senior (62+)	Youth
Monday - Friday	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		\$9	\$7	\$0
	4:30 PM - 8:30 PM		\$11	\$9	\$9
Saturday - Sunday	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM		\$11	\$9	\$9
	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM		\$9	\$7	\$0
Round Robins: \$8.00 (Effective Nov. 1, 2023)		Time	Level		
Monday C/D		8 AM - 11 AM	3.0+		
Monday B/C		8 AM - 11 AM	3.5+		
Tuesday A/B		8 AM - 1 PM	4.0+		
Wednesday C/D		8 AM - 11 AM	3.0+		
Thursday A/B		8 AM - 1 PM	4.0+		
Friday B/C		8 AM - 1 PM	3.5+		

City of Redondo Beach Group Tennis Classes for Youth and Adults  
To register for group tennis classes, please visit [www.redondo.org/classes](http://www.redondo.org/classes)



Cost per tennis court to overlay 4 PB court lines on prepared surface *estimate based on Perry Park overlay cost	\$2,000	
Cost of 4 movable nets (per tennis court)	\$1,000	
Paddle Saddles (per tennis court)	\$400	
Signage	?	
Additional Costs	?	
<b>Approximate Total Per Tennis Court</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>	

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## Making room for pickleball

San Diego is restriping many tennis courts across the city to make them suitable for both tennis and the increasingly popular sport of pickleball. This diagram shows how four pickleball courts fit on one tennis court.

The diagram illustrates a tennis court layout with dimensions and labels. The overall dimensions of the tennis court are 60 ft. wide and 120 ft. long. The court is divided into four pickleball courts, each measuring 20 ft. wide and 44 ft. long. The labels include: Tennis court, Pickleball court, Tennis net, and Portable pickleball net. The diagram shows the placement of the tennis net and the portable pickleball net, and the dimensions of the courts.

Labels:

- Tennis court
- Pickleball court
- Tennis net
- Portable pickleball net

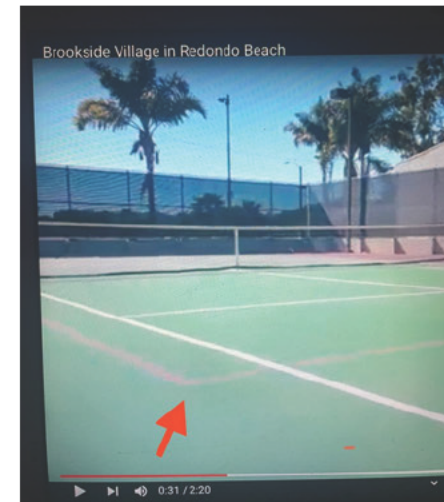
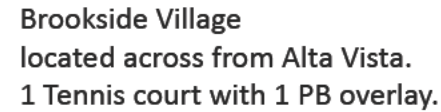
Dimensions:

- 60 ft.
- 120 ft.
- 20 ft.
- 44 ft.

Source: USA Pickleball

MICHELLE GUERRERO U-T

Ernie Howlett, 2 PB courts on 1 Tennis •



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**From:** Desiree Galassi [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
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Redondo Beach residents

# Current Situation

- Demand for PB courts very high. Players' abilities at competitive levels on irregular surfaces with no fencing. Nighttime play not possible. RB the only city in the South Bay without PB courts on appropriate court surface. No nets provided impacts access to our residents. (City provides nets for BB and Tennis!)
- RB has no true pickleball courts. Dedicated PB facility is "conceptual" and 'years out" with a potential cost of 1.2 million which requires funding. (No council action on a dedicated facility since the \*2021 feasibility report which estimated 600k for a freestanding facility at Aviation Park)
- **We analyzed Alta Vista data from 4 months (1 per quarter) provided to us by Rec and Parks. Model below shows tennis courts are not fully optimized**

	Total Court Usage	Reported Revenue	% Time with 1 available Court	% Time with 2 available Courts	Tennis to 4 Pickleball Revenue Model	Tennis to 8 Pickleball Revenue Model
23-Mar	67.73%	\$14,814.00	75.26%	55.79%	7600	15200
23-Jun	65.01%	\$15,837.00	83.66%	65.10%	8080	16160
23-Oct	66.38%	\$19,022.00	80.77%	56.01%	8320	16640
23-Dec	50.00%	\$11,967.00	92.62%	80.15%	7860	15720

## Model Assumption:

1) 50% utilization (Minimum report usage rate for Tennis)
2) 1 Tennis CT - 4 Pickleball
3) \$10 per hour per pickleball court (Average resident rate: MB, ES)

*Data analysis provided by David and Desiree Galassi*

Example below is the month of March.

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We did an analysis based on each day of the week for the 4 months of the data provided (“Wednesday” example below). *\*\*Blue boxes show most availability. Red boxes show all 8 courts were used*

TIME / DATE	Day of Week	8:00:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	2:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	5:00:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	TOTAL	
3/1/2023	Wed	1	3	5	3	3	3	4	6	6	7	7	5	3	1	57	
3/8/2023	Wed	2	7	8	8	6	5	4	6	8	8	7	6	6	5	86	
3/15/2023	Wed	2	4	5	5	3	1	1	2	7	7	7	8	5	4	61	
3/22/2023	Wed	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	5	6	8	8	6	3	1	49	
3/29/2023	Wed	3	7	6	2	2	2	4	4	6	8	5	7	4	1	61	
6/7/2023	WED	2	5	6	4	5	2	5	8	8	8	7	8	8	0	76	
6/14/2023	WED	2	6	7	6	2	1	7	6	7	7	5	7	4	0	67	
6/21/2023	WED	3	4	5	4	4	2	6	6	7	7	7	7	4	0	66	
6/28/2023	WED	2	7	7	3	4	3	5	7	7	5	6	8	6	0	70	
10/4/2023	Wed	2	7	7	4	2	1	5	6	7	5	5	8	6	1	66	
10/11/2023	Wed	1	8	7	6	5	1	4	5	6	8	7	7	8	1	74	
10/18/2023	Wed	2	8	8	7	5	0	4	6	7	6	6	8	5	0	72	
10/25/2023	Wed	4	6	6	4	2	0	3	7	8	8	8	8	6	0	70	
12/6/2023	Wed	3	5	7	5	2	0	2	5	5	6	6	8	6	0	60	
12/13/2023	Wed	1	2	6	5	2	0	6	7	5	5	8	8	8	0	63	
12/20/2023	Wed	2	3	4	3	2	0	3	5	4	7	7	6	5	0	51	
12/27/2023	Wed	2	5	6	5	5	1	4	3	4	6	4	6	4	0	55	

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Based on our analysis of the 4 months of usage data provided by Rec and Parks, we have proven that not only can a “2 tennis court to 8 PB shared use model” be sustained at Alta Vista, we have also identified **potential days and times** below as the LEAST IMPACT TO TENNIS as well as the “potential revenue” generated for the city.

	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
MON					99%										\$4,160.00
TUE					96%										\$6,240.00
WED	98%														\$8,320.00
THU					100%										\$4,160.00
FRI					95%										\$4,160.00
SAT											98%				\$4,160.00
SUN											98%				\$4,160.00
															\$35,360.00
Percentage of available courts based on P&R 4 month usage data															
	2 Tennis Court- 8 PICKLEBALL CT														
	1 Tennis Court - 4 PICKLEBALL CT														

- Makes available 136 pickleball court hours per week on true court surface with fencing, lights and city provided nets
- Impacts on average 2.25% of Tennis usage, 5% maximum per day
- Generates 35K in additional revenues (based on the assumption of \$10 per PB court @50% usage)

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# Conclusion

- The “shared use” scenario provides an equitable, inexpensive, and quick solution to the need for real courts for the PB community
- Tennis and pickleball CAN co-exist, this model builds unity and community. Everyone gives a little, everyone gets a little.
- This model honors taxpayer dollars, maximizing our limited resources for the good of our whole community.
- This model allows Redondo to generate some revenue through open play hours as well as “by reservation”
- Shared use at Alta Vista diversifies our portfolio of assets encouraging Redondo residents and visitors to “stay in Redondo”, patronizing our restaurants, stores and other amenities in a centralized location.
- Shared use scenario allows for additional data to be collected and analyzed regarding park use including what (or who) impacts its use, the potential for increased revenue, and data to support the need for a dedicated PB facility.

**WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS COMPROMISED SOLUTION**

*Data analysis provided by David and Desiree Galassi*

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**From:** Charfen, Michelle  
**To:** [Elsene Mancano, City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Bringing Drop-in Pickleball To Redondo Beach - Item N1 - City Council Meeting March 5, 2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:10:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[1\\_13\\_2024 Updated Listing of Pickleball Open Play Drop In First Come, First Served Places to Play in South Bay and Adjacent.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Redondo Beach creating permanent pickleball courts in both North and South Redondo. More specifically, I am advocating for the placement of courts that can be used for drop-in play. During drop-in play courts have racks placed on the sidewalls where participants can place their paddles and play with random groups of 4 individuals at a time. Participants do not have to have a group of people to play with before they arrive. The groups of 4 are created as individuals arrive and courts open. As one game finishes players come off the courts and place their paddles in the rack again to play when the next court is available. There are many benefits of drop-in pickleball play for the community and cities all over the South Bay have been working to support this type of play (please see attached spreadsheet with local opportunities for drop-in play).

Drop-In play is an inclusive form of recreational play that welcomes individuals who do not know each other to come together and play.

1. Allows community members that may otherwise not interact to come together in a fun and inclusive environment. Participants vary across skill level, age, gender, socioeconomic status, political affiliations as well as other variables. (This week I played with 12 year old and someone in their 70's in the same group).
2. Participants do not have to come with other players in able to be able to participate. (I spoke with a women whose husband recently passed away and drop-in pickleball provided a safe and healthy space for her to get out and interact with other members of the community – without needing to have a partner in advance.)
3. Between games, while individuals are waiting for their turns there is a lot of conversation and opportunities for community members to connect. Every time I go to drop-in pickleball I meet new people.

It has always been important for elected officials to consider the health of the community in decision making. With increased rates of depression, anxiety and substance use in the general population in the post pandemic era, initiatives that help promote both physical and mental well-being have become imperative.

Studies have shown that participating in pickleball is associated with not only increased physical health but also increased measures of mental health and well-being. A recent systematic review of the literature showed significant improvements in multiple psychological variables in pickleball players including: personal well-being, life satisfaction, depression, stress and happiness. ([Front Psychol. 2023; 14: 1137047](#). Published online 2023 Feb 21. doi: [10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1137047](#))

The benefits of pickleball have led to public health departments working to support the placement of pickleball courts in an effort to improve both physical and mental health in communities.

#### Differing models in the South Bay

Some cities have free drop-in Pickleball and others charge a small fee (\$4-7 for participation). Manhattan Beach charges \$15/month residents or \$20/month for nonresidents to participate in drop-in play unlimited basis at the courts at Manhattan Heights Park. One time drop-in charge \$3 for residents and \$4 for nonresidents.

The Manhattan Beach middle school is open for free drop-in play down to dusk both Saturday and Sunday.

ES Rec Park charges \$5 for drop-in play for 2 hour session on the weekends.

Park in Crenshaw has drop-in play all day for free every day of the week.

Multiple parks in Torrance with free drop-in play.

Pickleball courts can help increase revenue through charging residents fees for their use and also help to draw tourists to the area.

Please see this article for city governments discussing the benefits of supporting community pickleball play.

[City Governments & Pickleball: Bringing The Popular Sport to Your Neighborhood | GovPilot](#)

In order to foster community play multiple courts are needed at one time (ideally at least 6-8 courts). In Manhattan Beach the two sites that host community play have 6 and 7 courts. Manhattan Beach Middle School has 6 permanent courts and Manhattan Heights Park has 7 courts (3 permanent and 4 that get converted into pickleball temporarily during drop-in play times).

The councils previous restriping of 3 basketball courts in Redondo Beach does not help to support pickleball for the use of community drop-in play. The current locations each have one court striped on pavement without provided nets. This requires that individuals come with their own net. It is also not ideal as the surfaces are uneven and there are no fences around the courts to contain the balls. The single court does not provide the space to foster drop-in play.

I am hopeful that the City Council will recognize the many benefits of making pickleball accessible to the community and move forward at this time to create the establishment of permanent pickleball courts in both South and North Redondo Beach.

With gratitude,

Michelle Charfen

## City Governments & Pickleball: Bringing The Popular Sport to Your Neighborhood

By Marisa Pangaro



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With pickleball's rising popularity, people across the country are looking for a chance to play the sport in their communities. Local governments like yours need to factor this growing popularity into public space planning, building courts, handling court rentals, and beyond.

This rapidly growing sport has captivated people of all ages and backgrounds across the nation, offering a unique blend of physical activity, social engagement, and accessibility that is not always found in traditional sports. By embracing pickleball, local governments can lay the foundation for a healthier, more connected, spirited community, where residents can come together, and forge a sense of community.

In this guide, you'll learn how your local government can [improve municipal services](#) to efficiently bring pickleball to your neighborhoods, and the positive impact it can have on the overall well-being and unity of your residents. GovPilot can help your local government get in on the action by bringing the sport to your community quickly!

#### Why Do Local Governments Need to Care About Pickleball?

Local governments need to care about pickleball because their citizens want to play, it can boost the local economy, and it is a prime opportunity to get less active community-members some great exercise!

Learn more about why pickleball courts needs to be available in your neighborhood:

- **Pickleball is Rising in Popularity Among U.S Citizens**

Citizens of all backgrounds and demographics seem to enjoy pickleball, making it the perfect sport for younger and [older people in your community](#) to utilize the courts. The low-impact sport is very accessible to all citizens, and has adaptable rules that can be adjusted to accommodate every skill level.

Construction of new courts will encourage community members who have never had the opportunity to try pickleball to play, while attracting new players to your area. Embrace the popularity of the sport and build physical infrastructure to support the activity in your community.

Learn more about how to [promote equity in local government](#) in our guide.

- **Economic Opportunity**

Bringing pickleball to your community has many benefits for [local government revenue generation](#) and [economic development in your municipality](#).

Building pickleball courts brings new tourism to your area when people travel to the community to utilize the pickleball facilities. Additionally, many communities charge fees for using public facilities like parks and sports courts or even establish organized leagues in their community to generate revenue. And don't forget, people are willing to invest in attire, paddles, etc. which can drive some serious revenue (and tax dollars) from your local sports shops.

- **Great Way To Get Citizens Active**

With obesity on the rise nationwide, it is critical for [local governments to prioritize exercise](#) within the community for public health purposes. Pickleball is a great, non-traditional way to encourage citizens to get active while having fun, being social, and learning a new skill.

#### How To Build Pickleball Courts In Your Neighborhood

Building pickleball courts takes some planning, which is worth it to bring the sport to your community. Keep reading to learn easy ways to organize the construction of pickleball courts in your community.

##### 1. Planning and Zoning To Determine The Best Suited Public Spaces

Plan and organize what areas in your neighborhoods will be the best suited public spaces to build courts. Which areas of your community have the most foot traffic to encourage people to hop on the court and play? What parks in your area could use a revamp or new attraction?

Keep in mind when planning and zoning that citizens often complain about noise disturbances to their local government, and try to find a location for new pickleball courts away from neighborhoods or residential buildings when [public space planning](#).

Utilize Government [Planning and Zoning Software](#) to streamline zoning in your municipality.

##### 2. Utilize GIS Maps

GIS maps are the best tool for assessing the potential land your local government can allocate towards pickleball courts. GIS Maps are a computer system used for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions regarding the geographic layout of your community.

Use [GovPilot's GIS Mapping Government Software](#) to analyze data and pick the most convenient spots for your community's pickleball courts.

##### 3. Accept Digital RFPs From Private Sector Contractors

An RFP is a document typically used by local governments to solicit proposals from potential vendors or contractors for specific projects. Accepting digital RFPs from private sector contractors to build pickleball facilities simplifies the application review process for your local government departments by automating the once manual process.

Learn about [local government partnerships with the private sector](#).

##### 4. Digitize Construction Permitting

Digitize your local governments construction permitting with [Government Construction Permitting Software](#) to expedite the process of getting relevant permits approved for a faster construction turnover. This cloud-based construction permitting software empowers local governments to review, approve, and track projects from start to finish, all online.

#### How Can Your Government Promote Pickleball Courts For Local Economic Development?

- Release a press release promoting new pickleball courts in your neighborhood:



[Creating a municipal press release](#) and [holding a local public meeting](#) to inform residents of the new pickleball courts will entice them to check out the new community activity. Bringing buzz to the new pickleball courts will encourage all citizens to get out and use them, or at least check them out!

- **Forge leagues to drive revenue and bring more people into your community:**

Encouraging citizens to join pickleball leagues to play the sport will likely lead players to spend time and spend money in your community. Enticing new citizens and tourists to utilize your parks and recreational facilities within your municipality will broaden the amount of citizens who spend money, patronize local businesses or surrounding vendors and [encourage population growth](#).

Learn more about [Parks and Recreation Department Software](#) and [how to manage local parks](#) in your community.

## **Proper Government Pickleball Court Management Using Parks and Rec Software**

### **1. Digital Business Registration**

[Digital Business Registration Software](#) allows businesses related to pickleball like training and leagues to register online with your local government. When business registration is handled digitally, municipal and county employees can keep track of renewal statuses, business licenses, and other business records via this digital government cloud platform.

### **2. Digital Activity Registration**

Allowing citizens to digitally register for local public activities makes it easier to form leagues, pickleball training or classes, tournaments, and more. [Digital Activity Registration Software](#) makes it possible for local governments to organize, manage, and track data regarding the public activities occurring in the community. Applicants can register on-line for various activities in the community. Once submitted, the department can keep track of payments and registrations.

[Fees can be collected digitally by your local government](#). Explore the [best credit card processing partners for local governments](#) available with GovPilot integrations to get online payments incorporated into your [government website design](#).

### **3. Digital Facility Usage Application**

The manual process of scheduling space rentals online is made easier through automation with GovPilot's Government [Facility Use Application](#). This online form lets citizens register on-line to use various public spaces and facilities in the community. Once an application is submitted into the system, the appropriate government department can keep track of payments and registrations to manage the facility use.

## **Use GovPilot To Bring Pickleball To Your Neighborhood**

Bringing pickleball to your community quickly, as it rises in popularity, is critical to [improve public health](#), [revenue generation](#), parks and rec management, and overall constituent satisfaction.

All age groups and demographics are beginning to understand the growing popularity of pickleball, and need somewhere to exercise and play it.

Utilize [GovPilot's technology solutions](#) for local government in order to streamline parks and recreation application processes and payment services regarding the sport.

To learn more about how GovPilot can ensure the popular sport is easily integrated into your community, [book a free consultation](#).

## **Local Government Pickleball FAQ's**

- **What Are The Benefits Of Bringing Pickleball To Your Community?**

Pickleball provides a welcoming environment for beginners and seasoned players alike, while fostering a sense of togetherness and unity. It's adaptable to various court sizes and allows for the efficient utilization of existing facilities, making it a cost-effective option. Pickleball also delivers significant health advantages, promoting physical activity, improved fitness levels, and improved mental well-being.

- **Why Should Health Departments Encourage Pickleball In Your Community?**

[Health departments](#) should care about bringing pickleball to your community because it is shown to improve citizen health when played, encourage mental well-being and stimulation, and it helps to combat growing obesity rates nationwide.

- **What Government Software Can Help With Construction Of Pickleball Courts?**

Introducing GovPilot's Local Government Management Software into your community will help you bring pickleball courts into your neighborhoods efficiently and cost effectively. Here are some software solutions to help your local government integrate pickleball into the municipality:

[Government Construction Software](#)

[Zoning Permit Applications](#)

[Parking Management Software](#)

[Digital Activity Registration](#)

Read On:

[How to Report Concerns & Issues to Your Local Government: Tips for Citizens & Municipal Leaders](#)

[Tips for Newly Elected City Government Officials: Complex & Modern Challenges to Overcome](#)

[New Jersey Infrastructure Bill Grants 2023: How NJ Municipalities Can Use Infrastructure Funds](#)

[13 Benefits of Digital Transformation for Local Government 2023](#)

[How Does Permitting Software Work? Improve Your Local Government's Workflows](#)

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THE SOCIAL MAGIC OF PICKLEBALL: BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS





In the realm of recreational sports, pickleball stands out as a unique game that not only promotes physical fitness but also serves as a powerful tool for improving social connections. This unassuming sport has the incredible ability to bring people together, fostering friendships and creating a sense of community. Let's explore the reasons why pickleball can significantly enhance your social contacts.

#### 1. Inclusive Nature:

One of the most compelling aspects of pickleball is its inclusive nature. Unlike some sports that can be intimidating for beginners, pickleball is accessible to people of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned player or a novice, the welcoming environment of pickleball courts encourages social interaction, creating a diverse and inclusive community.

#### 2. Shared Experience:

Playing pickleball provides a shared experience that naturally binds individuals together. The highs and lows of the game create a unique camaraderie among players. Shared laughter, friendly banter, and the joy of competition build a strong foundation for connections that extend beyond the court.



#### 3. Community Building:

Pickleball is more than just a sport; it's a community-building activity. Local pickleball clubs and groups often organize events, tournaments, and social gatherings. Participating in these activities allows players to interact in a relaxed setting, fostering deeper connections and a sense of belonging within the community.

#### 4. Social Engagement:

Pickleball courts serve as hubs for social engagement. The game's structure, with its rotations and doubles format, naturally facilitates conversation and interaction. Players often find themselves exchanging stories, tips, and friendly banter between points, creating an environment conducive to making new friends.



#### 5. Networking Opportunities:

Beyond the court, pickleball offers unique networking opportunities. Tournaments, leagues, and events bring together individuals with a shared passion for the game. Whether you're a casual player or a competitive enthusiast, these gatherings provide a platform to meet like-minded people, expanding your social circle.



#### 6. Active Lifestyle Connection:

Engaging in pickleball is not just about the sport itself; it signifies a commitment to an active and healthy lifestyle. This shared interest in well-being can form the basis for meaningful connections. Finding friends who share a commitment to fitness often leads to a supportive social network that extends beyond the confines of the pickleball court.

Pickleball's ability to improve social contacts is a testament to the sport's unique blend of inclusivity, shared experiences, and community building. Whether you're a newcomer or a seasoned player, the social magic of pickleball has the power to enhance your social life, creating connections that go far beyond the boundaries of the game. So, grab a paddle, step onto the court, and let the social magic of pickleball unfold.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY (FREE); DROP IN (FEE); FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED (FREE) PLACES TO PLAY IN SOUTH BAY & ADJACENT CITIES									SUSAN HIGGINS, email: shiggins31@aol.com
Updated 1/13/2024									
City	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
Carson, CA	Hemingway Park, 700 E. Gardena Blvd	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 8 am - 1 pm but Courts open 8am - 8:30pm	COURTS OPEN FOR PLAY 8 AM - 8:30 PM	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 8 am - 1 pm but Courts open 8am - 8:30pm	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 5 pm - 9 pm but Courts open 8am - 8:30pm	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 8 am - 1 pm but Courts open 8am - 8:30pm	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 8 am - 1 pm but Courts open 8am - 4:30pm	PRIME OPEN PLAY TIMES 8 am - 1 pm but Courts open 8am - 4:30pm	OPEN PLAY: 8 Dedicated Pickleball Courts in newly renovated facility. NOTE: Each of the courts has a placard attached to the net that indicates the court number, skill level of play and a QR code that gives guidelines to view for a particular rating. Courts 1 and 2 are considered lower skill level courts, courts 3, 4, 5, 6 are considered intermediate skill level courts (3.0-3.5) and courts 7 and 8 are considered higher skill level courts (3.5+). If it is a slow day and the courts are empty, choose any court that is available.
Carson, CA - INDOOR PLAY	Velo Sports Center (Velodrome), 18400 Avalon Blvd	*8:30am-9pm	*8:30am- 4pm	*8:30am-9pm	*8:30am-4pm	*8:30am-9pm	*8am - 9pm	*8am - 3pm	DROP IN PLAY: 6 pickleball courts (painted lines) with portable nets provided plus barriers/ball stops between all 6 courts. Cost: \$3.00/hour per person. Lights on from 8am-10pm M-F. *Availability for pickleball play varies. Check the Calendar at URL velosportscenter.com. Scroll down to click on Calendar. Where it states "Drop In Play Available", the times are listed when pickleball play would be available on a Drop In basis.
El Segundo, CA	El Segundo Recreation Park, 401 Sheldon St	5pm - 9pm Advanced level-24 max	X	X	X	9 am - Noon Advanced level-40 max	8 am - 10 am Intermediate level-40 max; Novice-14 max 10 am - Noon Intermediate level-40 max Novice-14 max	8 am - 10 am Intermediate level-40 max; Novice-14 max 10 am - Noon Intermediate level-40 max Novice-14 max	DROP IN PLAY: \$5.00 per session. Reserve and pay in advance on line at <a href="http://esrec.org">esrec.org</a> . Spaces limited. 8 dedicated courts for Advanced & Intermediate. 2 taped courts on the volleyball courts for Novice.
Inglewood, CA	Darby Park, 3400 W. Arbor Vitae St.	X	X	5-8pm	X	X	8:30am-noon	X	OPEN PLAY: 8 pickleball courts overlaid on two tennis courts. Portable Pickleball nets are set up on the courts.
Hawthorne, CA	Holly Glen Park, 5255 137th Street	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	9am - 8pm First Come/ First Served	FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED: 4 pickleball courts striped on one tennis court. Use personal, portable pickleball nets. Lighted courts.
Manhattan Beach, CA	Manhattan Heights, 1600 Manhattan Beach Blvd	8am-noon; 6-9 pm	8am-noon	8am-noon	8am-noon	8am-noon; 6-9 pm	5pm-8pm (3 courts)	X	DROP IN PLAY: 3 to 7 pickleball courts. Drop In Play: number of available courts varies from 3 to 7. Pay in advance on line at <a href="http://citymb.info">citymb.info</a> (go to Parks & Recreation, then Tennis & Racquet Sports, then Pickleball - Reservations). Different fees apply for residents vs non-residents.
Manhattan Beach, CA	Manhattan Beach Middle School, 1501 N. Redondo Ave	Open during school holidays 8am - dusk	Open during school holidays 8am - dusk	Open during school holidays 8am - dusk	Open during school holidays 8am - dusk	Open during school holidays 8am - dusk	8am - dusk	8am - dusk	OPEN PLAY - 6 dedicated pickleball courts. One court designated for Beginners with separate paddle rack. If no Beginners using court, then all 6 courts are available for Open Play. Rack paddles in large rack on south side fence to rotate into a game.

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Redondo Beach, CA	Perry Park, 2301 Grant Ave.	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm and 6pm - 9pm**	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm	Designated OPEN PLAY 8am - 2pm	Designated OPEN PLAY 2pm - 9pm	OPEN PLAY: 3 striped pickleball courts on the basketball courts. Designated Pickleball hours and Designated Basketball hours signage has been posted at the Park. A Paddle Saddle/Paddle rack has been installed on the fence (in front of Teen Center) for Open Play Pickleball use. Need to use personal portable pickleball nets to set up and share for Community Use during Open Play (same as Sur La Brea Park in Torrance). If the courts are not being used outside of pickleball designated hours, they may be used on a First Come/First Served Basis. If basketball players show up during their designated play hours, finish your game within 10 minutes and remove your pickleball net. **NOTE: DECEMBER - MARCH BASKETBALL HAS PRIORITY ON THE TWO BASKETBALL COURTS FROM 5:00PM TO 9:00PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY FOR YOUTH LEAGUE.
Redondo Beach, CA	Franklin Park, 807 Inglewood Ave.	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 1pm - Dusk	First Come/ First Served Pickleball Designated Hours Labor Day through Memorial Day 9am - 1pm	FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED: 2 striped pickleball courts on the basketball courts. The City has designated days and hours for Pickleball Play and Basketball Play. Signage has been posted. Use personal, portable pickleball nets. If the courts are not being used outside of designated Pickleball Hours, then you may set up your portable pickleball net to play. If Basketball players show up to play within their designated hours, please finish your game within 10 minutes and remove your portable pickleball net. No court lighting, no fencing, no seating. NOTE: The "rogue" taped pickleball court on the concrete pad will NOT be striped by the City.
Redondo Beach, CA	Anderson Park, 2229 Ernest Ave.	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	First Come/ First Served 8am - 10pm	FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED: Shared use with basketball. The half basketball court has been resurfaced and restriped to add 1 pickleball court. Must use personal, portable pickleball net. No fencing, No seating. There is court lighting.
Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Ernie Howlett Park Tennis Club, 25851 Hawthorne Blvd	Noon - dusk first come, first served on Tennis Courtss #5 & #8. Portable Nets available. Shared use with tennis.	Noon - dusk first come, first served on Tennis Courtss #5 & #8. Portable Nets available. Shared use with tennis.	Noon - dusk first come, first served on Tennis Courts #5 & #8. Portable Nets available. Shared use with tennis.	Noon - dusk first come, first served on Tennis Courts #5 & #8. Portable Nets available. Shared use with tennis.	Noon - dusk first come, first served on Tennis Courts #5 & #8. Portable Nets available. Shared use with tennis.	X	X	FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED. Restrictions: No music on the courts and no lessons can be given in the park. Courts are NOT lighted. NOTES: Chadwick Girls Tennis Team has priority on the courts. Any weekday holidays are reservations only.



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City	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
San Pedro, CA	Peck Park, 560 North Western Ave	X	OPEN PICKLEBALL PLAY 8am - Noon	X	X	OPEN PICKLEBALL PLAY 4pm - 8pm	X	X	OPEN PLAY - 6 pickleball courts chalked on tennis courts #3 and #4 on a temporary basis. Lighted courts. Need to use personal, portable pickleball nets. TENNIS COURTS #5 AND #6 ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!! BEING CONVERTED TO 8 DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS. ANTICIPATE COMPLETION IN THE SPRING 2024!! Thank you, San Pedro, City of Los Angeles and Lysa Quealy and all those who helped make this happen!!!!
Torrance, CA	Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd	6-9pm	8am-noon** 6-10pm	8am-noon;*** 6-10pm	6-10pm	8am-noon; 6-10pm	8am-noon; 6-10pm	6-10pm	OPEN PLAY: 2 courts. Permanent pickleball nets. Lights until 10 pm. **Tuesdays: When City conducts classes, courts are unavailable from 8am to 2:30pm. ***From 1/17/2024 - 2/1/2024, due to rink construction project, courts reserved for City classes Wednesdays 8am to 11:30am. (Also on Thursdays from 8am to 12:30pm.)
Torrance, CA	Walteria Park, 3855 W. 242nd St. (Novice/Beginners)	9am-noon	X	X	9am-noon	X	X	X	OPEN PLAY: Portable Pickleball nets are provided and set up on the courts. 6 pickleball courts.
Torrance, CA	Sur La Brea Park, 23610 Cabrillo Ave (Courts off 237th St)	8am-noon; 6-8pm	8am-noon; 6-8pm	X	8am-noon; 6-8pm	X	X	8am-noon; 6-8pm	OPEN PLAY: 4 courts striped on one tennis court. Need to use personal portable pickleball nets to set up and share for community use. When available, the adjacent tennis court is taped with 1 to 2 temporary pickleball courts. Court lighting turned off at 8:00PM. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED outside of Open Play hours. Must use personal portable pickleball nets.
Torrance, CA	Southbay Tennis Center, 25924 Rolling Hills Road	6pm - 8pm	X	6pm - 8pm	X	X	9am - 11am	9am - 11am	DROP IN PLAY: \$5 charge for each session. Pay when you get there at the courts. 8 pickleball courts. Note: Tennis Court #5 has been converted to 4 fully painted pickleball courts with high quality temporary nets. If attendance warrants, more pickleball courts can be made available. No headcount limit. Lighted courts.

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Westchester, CA	Westchester Tennis Center, 7000 W. Manchester Ave.	DROP IN (OPEN) 9am - Noon then First Come/ First Served Noon - 5pm then DROP IN (OPEN) 5pm - 8:00pm all levels	First Come/ First Served Noon - 5pm	DROP IN (OPEN) 9am - Noon then First Come/ First Served Noon - 5pm then DROP IN (OPEN) 5pm - 8:00pm all levels	DROP IN (OPEN) 9am - Noon then First Come/ First Served Noon - 5pm then DROP IN (OPEN) 5pm - 8:00pm all levels	DROP IN (OPEN) 9am - Noon then First Come/ First Served Noon - 5pm then DROP IN (OPEN) 5pm - 8:00pm all levels	DROP IN (OPEN) 8am - Noon	DROP IN (OPEN) 4pm - 7pm	DROP IN PLAY ("Open Play" on Website) - \$7.00 per session. Reserve and pay on line at Westchester Pickleball Website: westchesterpickleball.playbypoint.com. Main Website: westchesterlapickleball.com. 8 striped pickleball courts on two tennis courts. Check this website <a href="http://www.playbypoint.com">www.playbypoint.com</a> for schedule of Drop In (Open) Play and to book and pay in advance. FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED is Free. Must use personal portable pickleball nets. The City has Westchester pickleball listed on its Website: <a href="http://laparks.org/pickleball">laparks.org/pickleball</a> . NOTE: The Pickleball Program is run by LA Tennis under contract with the City. LA Pickleball Club is a division of LA Tennis.

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Good Afternoon City Clerk,

Please add to the Public Comment for City Council Meeting 3/5/2024, Item N.1 the Attached Pdf Letter date 5/3/2023.

Thank you,

Warren Chun



May 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Brand, Paige Kaluderovic, Council Members, Mike Witzansky, Ted Semaan, Kelly Orta, Public Works Commission, Recreation & Parks Commission, and City Staff,

Thank you for all you do for your work on making Redondo a great city to work, live, and visit.

I have been a resident of Redondo Beach for 23 years and in District 3 near Franklin Park for 12 years. I have seen the development of the area surrounding Franklin Park these including: Anastasia development on 190<sup>th</sup>, the Foundry, and most recently the Friendship Foundation. I worked with many of you on issues relating to Franklin Park, the stake park, pickleball courts, and while I served on the Budget & Finance Commission (2016-2020).

Attached is a letter signed by 66 residents and users of Franklin Park that was sent in 2022. The letter and signatures are appended to this letter as a reminder and to new Board Members. It is also important because of the development of the Friendship Foundation. The letter also includes the original plan design of the park in 1989 which included direct input from the residents where we desired:

1. No organized play areas aside from the basketball and volleyball courts.
2. Basketball hoops to be opposite facing.
3. No ballfield lights.
4. No shrubs.

Most recently, the site footprint for the Friendship Foundation moved pushed into the park, reducing the park size. Many people were quite surprised by this as the park loss additional space.

It is very important that Franklin Park keeps its unique character along with original design/intentions. Franklin Park needs to keep the open spaces open. Any additional trees will encroach on the already limited open spaces.

If there are any plans to plant trees, please do not plant trees:

1. Along the border of the Friendship Foundation (yellow lines in map below).
2. Open spaces (red boxes in map below).
3. Any open space, especially on or around the mounds.

If there are any planned changes or uses to the park, please reach out to the Franklin Park community first to get our input.

Sincerely,

Warren Chun



Dear Mayor Brand, Christian Horvath, City Council, Mike Witzansky, Ted Semaan, Cameron Harding, and Recreations & Parks Commission,

Thank you all for your care and work for the City of Redondo Beach.

Attached you will find the Master Plan Franklin School Park dated August 10, 1989 where the residents of the neighborhood had input in the original design of the park which included:

1. No organized play areas aside from the basketball and volleyball courts.
2. Basketball hoops to be opposite facing.
3. No ballfield lights.
4. No shrubs.

The original plans for Franklin Park in 1989 still applies today to keep it they way the residents want it as is.


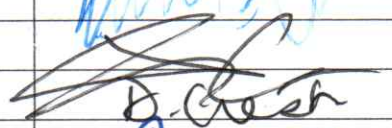
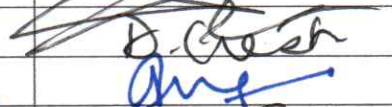
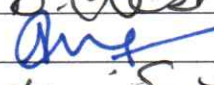
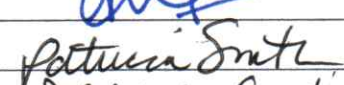
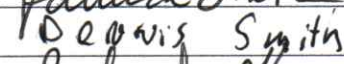
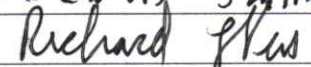
The neighborhood residents of Franklin Park and users of Franklin Park want to keep the concrete as is for the volleyball, basketball, and shuffleboard courts. All the concrete courts are already being used as mixed use, including pickleball. On weekends there is insufficient parking on both sides of the streets on the 2700 blocks of Ralston Avenue and Fisk Lane.

1. We do not want the concrete footprints of the volleyball, basketball, and shuffleboard courts to be expanded. Keep the concrete footprints as is.
2. We do not want added pickleball courts.
3. We do not want added lighting to the park.
4. We do agree that the concrete needs to be repaired and restriped.

Pickleball creates constant noise throughout the day for the residents on the 2700 block of Fisk Lane and Ralston Avenue. Adding lights would exasperate the problem. In addition, the proposed permanent pickleball courts would be a terrible fit for the pending development for the Friendship Foundation and their high touch special needs clientele.

Please keep Franklin Park as is as a mixed-use park. All the different activities of the park are great as is.

Sincerely,

Name	Signature	Date
Russell Graham		1/8/22
Vanessa Cresta		1/8/22
Domenica Cresta		1/8/22
Shobhit Chandra		1/8/22
Patricia Smith		1/8/22
Dennis Smith		1/8/22
Richard Weiss		1/8/22



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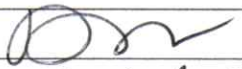




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BESS Ton		1/8/22
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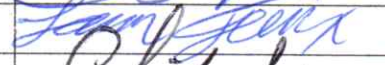

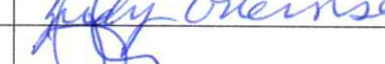
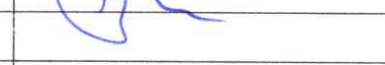
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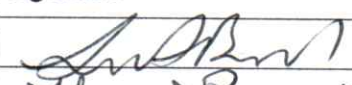
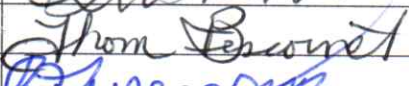
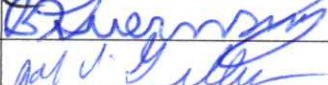
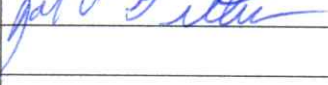
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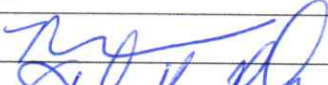
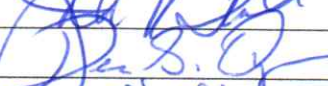

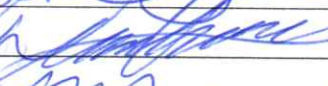






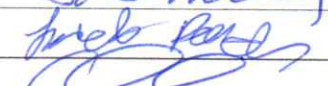
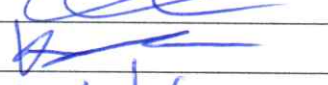

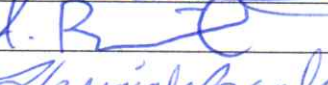
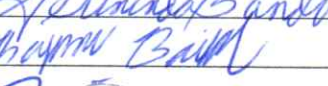
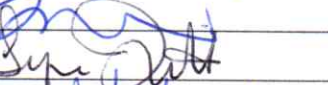

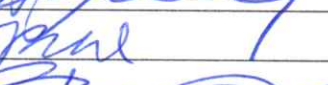
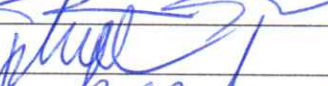




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Richard Blight	[Signature]		1/8/22
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Natalie Gonzalez	Natalie Gonzalez		1/8/22
Warren	WARREN CHUH		1/8/22





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P.O. BOX 270  
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277-0270

August 10, 1989

RE: Master Plan Franklin School Park

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you that the master plan for the Franklin School Park will be presented to the Mayor and City Council at their August 15th City Council meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at Redondo Beach City Hall, 415 Diamond Street. Council meetings are also televised live on Channel 3 if you take cable television.

The design is a result of the June 17th community meeting held at the Franklin School cafeteria and the July 26th Parks & Recreation meeting to review the preliminary work of the landscape architect. The result and master plan is shown on the reverse side of this letter.

As a result of the July 26th meeting the following changes were made to the preliminary plan:

- 1) Deleted all picnic tables.
- 2) Added walkway benches.
- 3) Reoriented basketball hoops to a north-south direction.
- 4) Add a small convenience restroom.
- 5) The play apparatus will be designed for 5 to 11 year olds.

You are welcome to attend the City Council meeting and make any comments that you like. If the Mayor and City Council approve the master plan for the park, the landscape architect will immediately begin work on the plans and specifications. Those should be done in January. Allowing sufficient time for the bidding and contract awarding process, work should begin on the Franklin School Park in April, 1990. Completion should take approximately five months. If there are any questions regarding this matter please contact myself at 318-0661. I hope this park plan and construction schedule meets with you satisfaction.

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*Ken A. Montgomery*  
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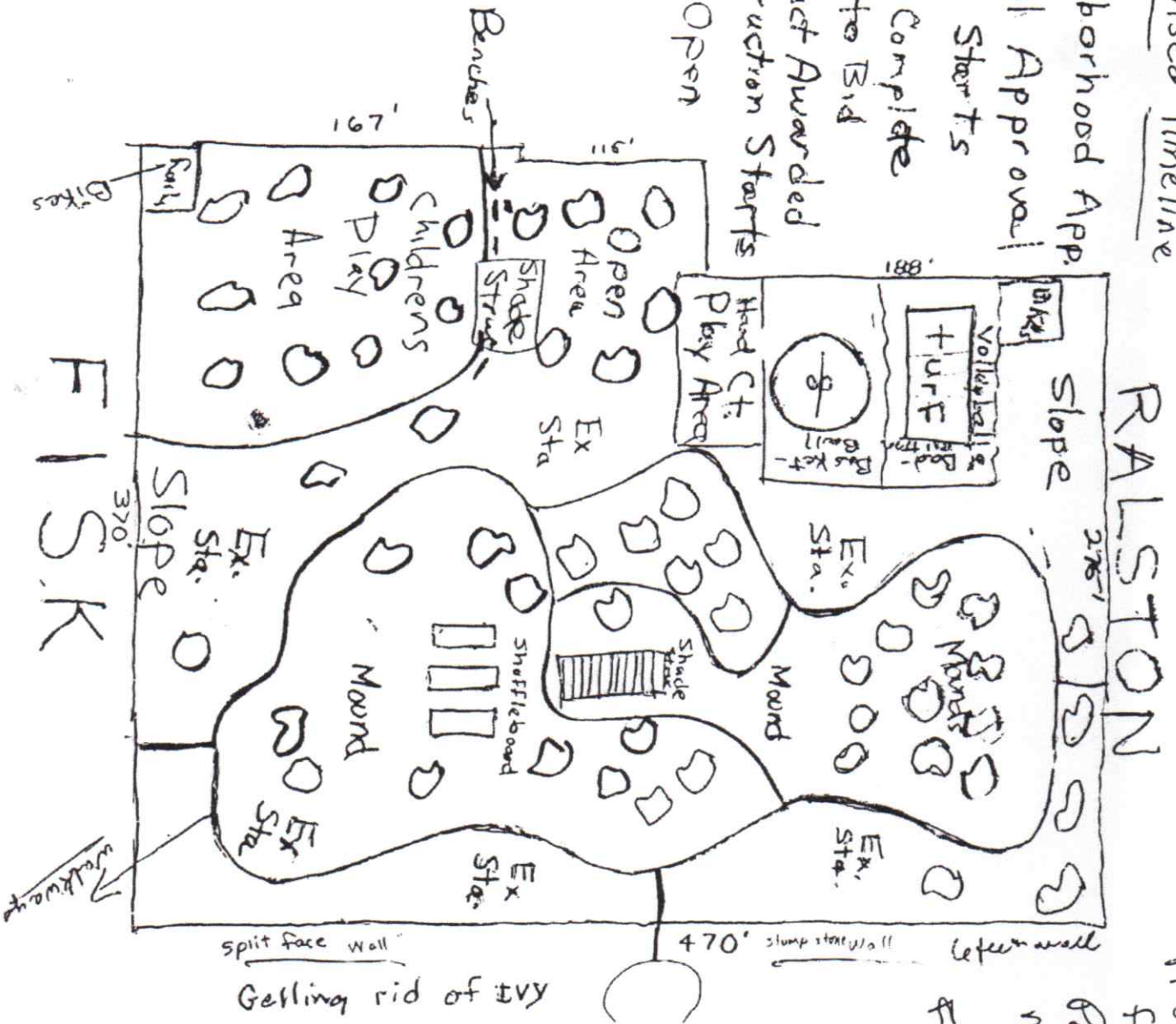
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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# Possible Revised Timeline

Aug. = Neighborhood App.  
 Sept. = Council Approval  
 Oct. = Design Starts  
 Jan. = Design Complete  
 (1990) Out to Bid  
 Mar. = Contract Awarded  
 April = Construction Starts  
 Aug. = Park Open  
 (1990)

## Franklin Park



Proposals were from community

People at meeting on 6-12-89 at Franklin Cafe.

No "organized Play" areas

No ballfield - Type 1, 2, 3

No shrubs

(trees & flowers)

To prevent undesirable activities

(also to make it easy for neighbors to monitor park)







# 11-22-2021 FEASIBILITY STUDY-DRAFT

## CITY RB



## PICKLEBALL OVERLAY AND EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Franklin Park

SCALE: 1"=80'-0"



Pickleball Feasibility Study  
City of Redondo Beach, CA



EXISTING BASKETBALL HALF COURTS WITH TEMPORARY STRIPING USED FOR PICKLEBALL



EXISTING PICKLEBALL COURT-OVERSIZED. COURT STRIPING: 30'X60', CONCRETE PAD: 38' X 70'



FLAT TURF AREA CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO FOUR PICKLEBALL COURTS

#### ESTIMATE OF PROBABLY COSTS:

Re-Stripe Existing Basketball Courts: clean existing surfacing, repair damaged concrete cracks, maintain or refresh basketball court striping and add pickleball striping in contrasting color. \*\$3,000 pickleball striping only, plus site work

New Stand-Alone Pickleball Court (per court): concrete pad, court striping, noise abatement fencing, 2 poles, 1 net, 2 benches, lighting, remove 2 trees, remove turf grass, grading to level area: \*\$3,300/court plus site work, optional sports court surfacing: \$5,000/court, 18' high sports lights: up to \$40,000/court plus \$10,000 for electrical improvements

\*All estimated costs are for basic amenities only. A survey would need to be conducted, along with a conceptual design to determine more accurate costs due to the extent of: grading, retaining curbs or low walls, tree removal, noise abatement structure, accessible path and other items that may need to be addressed on a site specific basis.

#### FRANKLIN PARK ANALYSIS:

- 2 qty. existing basketball half-courts on 58' x 110' concrete pad in north / south orientation can be overlayed to accommodate a multi-court with 2 basketball half courts and 2 pickleball courts
- Both half-courts are currently being used for two pickleball courts with temporary taped striping
- 1 qty. oversized unlit pickleball court
- No existing fencing or sports court lighting
- Parallel street parking along Fisk Lane and Ralston Lane
- Lit paths lead to all park amenities except existing pickleball court
- Basketball/Pickleball courts located in neighborhood park. Basketball courts are approximately 156' from residences across Ralston Lane. Pickleball court is about 225' from houses across Fisk Lane and 285' from houses on Alvord Lane.
- Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

#### SITE CONSTRAINTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Park is within residential neighborhood, so noise and sports court lighting could be considered an issue if people are playing at night. Sports lighting scheduled to shut off at a particular time may mitigate this.
- Existing basketball court concrete has cracks that will need to be filled and grass removed from the cracks.
- Existing pickleball court does not have an accessible path to it
- Short concrete pad to existing basketball court may not be considered accessible

#### Landscape Architect



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