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L.5. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

- **Subcommittee Review Letter Regarding Alta Vista Pickleball Courts by Vice Chair Galassi**

Many thanks to Kelly Orta and Michelle Pinedo for all their work on getting the Alta Vista courts ready. Staff at the facility has been great and managing this new transition well. Signage for court etiquette at the facility is posted at the courts. I wish to note and thank the ambassadors from our adjacent communities for their guidance and support, in particular I want to thank Dallas Poffenrof for working with me throughout these last few years to get to this day! I also want to recognize former Rec and Parks Commissioner Crystal Deckman and Anneke Blair creating a Picklball committee and for meeting when I was a Picklball community organizer (before I joined this commission) to facilitate this worthwhile goal.

I'd like to note a few items for consideration to continue the positive roll out:

1. At the gate there's a small step. *Recommend- painting the edge with a yellow and black striping (or some other color) so people can note the change in grade to avoid trip hazard.
2. Two benches are very helpful, thank you for including them. *Recommended: putting both benches on the same side - centrally located (or add an additional bench). Players waiting to play during drop in congregate near paddle saddles.
3. *Recommended: Extend the chain link fence to close off the pickleball courts from the adjacent tennis court. Currently there is a soft netting material behind the bench where players would be sitting or standing waiting to play. Players would be more protected from tennis balls, paddle saddle can be moved to this section for more streamlined and less intrusive movement and, also pickleball players tend to clip their pickleball bags to the fence to avoid trip hazard. (This is a typical pickleball culture at all the parks)
4. Appreciated the provided paddle saddles. Unfortunately the paddle saddles are not good quality, have sharp edges and will cut into the paddle handles. Also, being that they are black there's no way to see them or tell who is up next. Our original idea to have saddles split up will not really work for drop in play and people will not know who is up next. *Recommended- to use one longer rack, with 4 different colors, and a little sliding "sign" that says "next". This rack should be put at the center section by the benches where players will congregate to wait their turn.

I'm providing a link to paddle saddles used in some local locations. They are "tube" type so they protect handles from being cut by sharp edges. Or, there are "slot" type paddle racks as well.

https://www.nextuppickleball.com/products/paddle-saddle?srsltid=AfmBOoqANkcUV_RHCgpoKCiwDliWI8_rHWfbx7gXyqQFeDNn2DNAKq3Q

Providing a photo of recommended location for extension of chain link fence, benches and paddle saddle :



- Move second bench next to this one
- Extend chain link fence all the way
- Put (recommended) paddle saddle in middle section

Alta Vista Pickleball has reached thousands of individual viewers on FB. I'm providing a copy of the post I made on the Redondo Beach Pickleball page. We are excited for what this means for our city and our pickleball community. There is much to be celebrated!

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