

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Casey Richardson; Jaime Chew; Manuel Hernandez
Cc: Dianne Edmonds; Dan Mitchell
Subject: Open comments to Parks at Rec

Casey - please forward these comments to the Parks and Rec Commissioners in advance of this weeks meeting. Please confirm that the Commissioners have received it. thanks,

Also, since I may not be able to attend, can my comments be read into the record as if I had spoken at the meeting.

To: Parks and Rec commissioners.

July 11, 2022

The City staff has indicated that they will stripe 6 shared use Pickleball courts at McKenize Park. As discussed many months ago, McKenize Park is an ideal location for Pickleball courts because there are no nearby homes (noise concerns). It is essential in site selection of PickleBall courts to find a location not near homes because of the noise generated by the paddles. (This is unlike tennis.) The proximate neighbors are businesses and the City's Maintenance Facility Yard. The issue at McKenize Park, (and this was raised months ago) is the lack of parking. If you visit the Park and want to use the Park at 10:00 am on a weekeday you will be lucky to find 1 - 3 parking spots vacant of the more than 30 spots.

WHY? Two constituencies have started parking in the Mckenize Park parking lot, although they are not park users. The City's own Maintenance Yard employees have in recent years started parking there. I do not remember when this started. But I do remember a time when it did not happen. I remember when the parking lot was mostly empty and was only used by people actually enjoying Mckenzie Park. Employees of the nearby Medical offices and the Sub Acute clinic also park there. You can see folks in medical scrubs leaving their cars in the morning and heading to their offices. These spots are occupied most the day making it difficult to access the Park for true Park users. I would posit that the parking lot's intended use was to support the Park and not private business.

The City has indicated that over time, they will provide their employees with alternative parking options. We are optimistic of the City's promise to remove these cars which are parked all day. We do not have a time line for that, yet. I would urge the City to quickly eliminate the practice of City Maintenance Yard Employees parking in the Park's parking lot.

We have asked the City to send a friendly reminder letter to all nearby business reminding them that the parking lot is to be used for Park users. The City has indicated that it is NOT willing to do so.

I do believe that the Parks and Rec Commission has a role in ensuring that the purpose-built parking lots within Park boundaries are being used by community members accessing the parks. I urge the Parks and Rec Commission to look into this situation and understand who is using this parking lot and why it is so full from the early morning hours.

There we are... a promise of 6 Pickleball Courts at McKenzie and Parking problem to be solved.

Dorit

Dorit Perry



Casey Richardson

From: Irene Hashfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Cc: Irene Hashfield
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE) - JULY 13, 2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

I strongly support creating public pickleball courts in Los Altos. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and is attractive to all ages. Many towns in the Bay Area have public pickleball courts. Los Altos needs to create some. Pickleball is a very social sport which benefits from having many courts at the same location. I support the pilot program with 6 shared courts at McKenzie Park (pickleball priority on M/W/F/Sat) and 4 shared courts at Montecaire Park.

Thank you,

Irene H Hashfield

[REDACTED] Deep Well Lane
Los Altos 94022

[REDACTED]

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13, 2022

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Cates [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 10:21:25 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: Dianne Emonds pickleball [REDACTED], Dorit Perry [REDACTED],
Dan Mitchell [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13, 2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission,

I have been an avid pickleball court for the last two years. Because Los Altos does not have enough designated Pickleball courts, I drive across town to Palo Alto's Mitchell Park.

Pickleball is a great way to bring community members together. Los Altos residents are supportive of building a Los Altos Pickleball "club" modeled on the Palo Alto Pickleball Club.

Please support the proposed pilot to expand Pickleball in Los Altos. A good start is to support the six shared courts at McKenzie Park with pickleball having priority for all day and evening hours on Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday. In addition, we are pleased that courts will be stripped for Pickleball to share at Montecaire Park.

Julie Cates

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Casey Richardson
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From: K Orr [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 10:30:19 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

Hello. I am writing in support of the new pilot plan to bring more pickleball courts to Los Altos.

As I've mentioned in my previous public comment, I started playing pickleball in August 2021, and have become a fairly competitive pickleball player (I represented California in the 2022 National Senior Games). In order to play pickleball, my husband and I have to either drive to Palo Alto, Portola Valley, or Menlo Park. If there were courts available in Los Altos, we could bike to and from the courts (local courts also make it easier for my children to play pickleball without an adult--pickleball is an excellent activity for teens, both social and active).

I have been a resident of Los Altos for almost 14 years, and I expect to be a resident of Los Altos for the rest of my life--I also expect to be a pickleball player for the rest of my life, so I would love to have courts that are readily accessible.

Sincerely,

-Katy Orr
Benvenue Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024
[REDACTED]

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:40 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Apfelberg [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 10:48:48 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Committee,

As an active and enthusiastic pickleball player, I support the decision to install pickleball court lines at Rosita, McKenzie, MaryMeade, and Montclair parks. Los Altos is one of the last local cities to support the very popular pickleball sport.

Thank you,
David Apfelberg
[REDACTED] Bay Tree Lane, Los Altos 94022

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Masashi Suzuki [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 11:26:09 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission,

This is Masashi Suzuki living in Los Altos.

First of all, thank you so much for your effort to take care of parks and recreation areas in our community.

As for Pickleball courts, I go to and play at Mitchell Park at Palo Alto and recently noticed that its 15 courts have been almost full at as early as 8 am weekdays.

This situation is not desirable as many people don't have time in the morning to go to workplaces.

And there was a Facebook post that in one evening 55 people were waiting there for a court at the park.

This is statistically (BTW, I am a statistician) no wonder because the Pickleball player population is growing 15% in the US.

Your support for building Pickleball courts in our community will be greatly appreciated by many players flocking to these courts day and night.

Best regards,
Masashi

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Henely [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 11:31:29 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

I am a 70 year old resident of Los Altos. I have been living in Los Altos since 1985. I am president elect of Los Altos Kiwanis. I do lots of charity work in and for Los Altos. This year I ran the Pet Parade. I love Los Altos.

Los Altos has a large population of seniors which can benefit from Pickleball. Pickleball can be played up into a person's 80s. It is essential that Los Altos provide pickleball to their seniors.

I support the making of all courts at McKenzie Park into permanent 24/7 pickleball courts. Any other courts that you can make into pickleball courts will be well used and appreciated. However, McKenzie park in particular is perfect for pickleball and will serve our senior community.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Robert Henely
[REDACTED]

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Casey Richardson; Gabriel Engeland; Jaime Chew; Manuel Hernandez
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Susan.

Thanks for your input and support.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan Hanson [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 11:41:43 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

I support the tentative plan that all three groups have agreed to for a pilot program. This new pilot has 6 shared courts at McKenzie Park with pickleball having priority for all day and evening hours on Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday.

I am a former tennis player who transitioned to pickleball during the past year. I play 3-4x a week at parks including Rengstorff, Mitchell, and at a private home.

Susan Hanson
Pickleball and tennis player.

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:08 PM
To: Gabriel Engeland; Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

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From: davidrome [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 12:07
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022
To: <crichardson@losaltos.gov>
CC: Dianne pickleball [REDACTED], Dorit Perry [REDACTED]

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

I strongly support expanded Pickleball capacity in Los Altos. This sport has become immensely popular and access should be expanded

Sincerely,

Dave Rome

Sent from my iPhone

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Dorit

Dorit Perry
[REDACTED]

Casey Richardson

From: John Rimbach [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

As a Los Altos resident, I am writing in support of the proposed pilot program to share courts at McKenzie Park with pickleball having priority for all day and evening hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the striping of 4 courts to share at Monteclaire Park.

John Rimbach

Casey Richardson

From: seth strichartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fw: public comment agenda item 7, pickleball July 13

see below

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 12:15 PM, seth strichartz [REDACTED] wrote:

attention Parks and Recreation Department:
I right to offer my support for the proposed pickleball pilot project.
Appreciative of your work on this project.
Sincerely, seth strichartz
[REDACTED] Sioux L n., Los Altos

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Angela Wu; Casey Richardson
Cc: Edmonds Dianne
Subject: Re: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Thanks Angela for your input and support. I've forwarded your email to The City.

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On Jul 12, 2022, at 14:03, Angela Wu [REDACTED] wrote:

Dianne,

I received an error message below.
Do you know if the email address was correct? Or could you forward the email to the correct address? Thank you.

Angela

Sorry, we were unable to deliver your message to the following address.

<crichardson@losaltos.gov>:
No mx record found for domain=losaltos.gov

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 12:33:06 PM PDT, Angela Wu [REDACTED] wrote:

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

Thank you for working on the pickleball courts for Los Altos resident.

I play both Tennis and Pickleball. Although I am reluctant to give up limited number of tennis courts in Los Altos, but understand the constraints for an solutions. I support the new tentative plan.

The rule of Pickleball allows players to join after a game ends so the waiting time is shorter. But, Tennis players have to wait much longer for a court. Now, the number of tennis courts will be reduced, tennis players' frustration of waiting time for courts will increase. If city could provide a Tennis Court Reservation apps, it would be very helpful for players to better plan their time, assuming people respect the honor system.

For long term solution, it seems the empty lot next to Cuesta Park in Mountain View will an idea place for a nice pickleball park. Will City of Los Altos and Mountain View explore the feasibility of a joint project?

Thanks.

Angela

Casey Richardson

From: deanne tucker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission,

I am writing in support of the plan to put pickleball courts at Mckenzie park. This is a good location for pickleball in Los Altos because it is far enough from homes that the noise will not be an issue. Also, with 6 courts there will be a critical mass for the social nature of the sport.

Thank you,
Deanne Tucker
[REDACTED] Covington Rd, Los Altos

Casey Richardson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:37 PM
To: Casey Richardson; Gabriel Engeland
Subject: FW: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Dianne Edmonds
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:39 PM
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

I fully support the proposed Picklball Pilot .
Best
Hannah Geiger

Sent from my iPhone

Casey Richardson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:40 PM
To: Casey Richardson; Gabriel Engeland
Subject: FW: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Dianne Edmonds

From: Jenny Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:33 PM
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission

First, thank you for supporting recreation opportunities for the people of Los Altos. It's important work. I would like to add my voice of support for pickleball courts to be created in our town. Pickleball is all the rage, and a good fit for our active community. Fortunately, it can be played on easily-modified tennis courts, without the need for costly construction of new facilities. Please work to bring pickleball to Los Altans. Thank you for being our champion!
Jenny Robertson

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 8:53 PM
To: Sherry Azaria; Casey Richardson
Subject: Re: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Thanks Sherry for you input and support.

I'm forwarding to the City.

On Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 20:29 Sherry Azaria [REDACTED] wrote:

Attn: Parks and Recreation Committee

How wonderful to hear that pickleball courts will be available in Los Altos! So many communities have recognized the popularity and benefits to have these courts available for patrons. Having these facilities and keeping community residents local are not only a plus for residents but also a plus for retail businesses and restaurants in town.

I played pickleball at the old Hillview community center when the gym was opened for pickleball on Wednesdays. I was surprised and saddened that the new community center did not include a gym, but pleased to learn that positive action is being taken to bring a popular sport to our parks.

Thank you for all your efforts to make this possible.

Sherry Azaria

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Send replies to:
[REDACTED]

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Dorit

Dorit Perry
[REDACTED]

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 8:55 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kenneth Wu [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 20:10:36 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: Kenneth Wu [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention: Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission

I support the pilot program that has 6 shared courts at McKenzie Park with pickleball having priority for all day and evening hours on Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday. In addition, 4 courts will be stripped to share at Monteclaire Park.

Best Regards,

Kenneth Wu
[REDACTED] Juarez Ave.
Los Altos, CA 94024

Casey Richardson

From: Dorit Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:55 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

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Begin forwarded message:

From: John Fadely [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2022 at 21:42:30 PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: Yuhwa Fadely [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission:

As Los Altos residents ([REDACTED] Ray Ave) we write in support of the expansion of public pickleball courts in Los Altos.

We are also avid tennis players. The choice between tennis vs pickleball courts is a false choice. There is room for both.

A growing portion of the tennis-playing community has already started to play pickleball or will start playing it in the coming years, because of its growing popularity, the ability to play competitively or recreationally (just like tennis), and its suitability to an aging tennis-playing population by being easier on the body and reducing injuries.

Expanding the number of pickleball courts would put not only the growing pickleball community but also the tennis community (which is already starting to overlap with the pickleball community, as noted above) in a better place, even if some members of the tennis community can't yet see that ball coming.

Best,

John & Yuhwa Fadely

Casey Richardson

From: Cheryl Herms [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Cc: Dianne Emonds pickleball; Dorit Perry; Dan Mitchell
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission -

I would like to put my whole hearted support behind Los Altos supporting the Pickleball pilot at McKenzie Park and Montclair Park. As a Los Altos resident for over 9 years, a senior citizen, and a person with disabilities, Pickleball is a safe and enjoyable way to get exercise in a healthy and fun way. For the past few years I've had to drive to Palo Alto's Mitchell Park to play and was lucky enough to be able to become a yearly member. Many of the surrounding cities have Pickleball courts and our city should have them too. Pickleball is a welcoming sport for all and Los Altos as a city and community should embrace it.

Please add me to your list of speakers during the public comment for item #7 on the agenda: Staff Oral Report -Pickleball update.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Cheryl Herms
[REDACTED] Hawthorne Court

Casey Richardson

From: Dan Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 7:38 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Cc: Dorit Perry; Dianne Edmonds
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission:

When Dorit Perry, Dianne Edmonds, and I began working with Parks and Rec 10 months ago to raise the profile of pickleball, we were delighted to learn that P&R already had pickleball on their radar. They understood the social and physical value of the sport, which cuts across age and gender. They acknowledged pb's rising popularity and were looking for a way to include it in Los Altos' portfolio of community benefits.

It is a sport with great rewards, but definitely some challenges. It is challenged with noise issues. It is challenged by its rapid growth in popularity and participation. I think the pilot -- especially the six courts at McKenzie -- are a great way to recognize these challenges but begin to answer the need for courts.

I've been a Los Altos resident for 30 years and a pickleball player for three years. I'm a member at P&R at Mitchell Park, and play there often, but the courts are over-crowded. I've also played at public courts in Redwood City, Portola Valley, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino, as well as a dozen or so private or country club courts. I use a bike for transportation, and at least once a week ride more than an hour to get to distant courts to play. It would be wonderful to have a short ride (or walk) to courts instead!!

A racquetball and squash player for 45 years, I honestly have not experienced another sport that is as social as pickleball. It encourages mixing and meeting new people. I have made hundreds of new friends at Mitchell Park! The P&R motto is "Come as a stranger, leave as a friend!" And it is 100% true! It's a tremendous community building activity!

Thank you for your initial and ongoing support to bring this unique sport to Los Altos. I whole-heartedly support the suggested pilot!

Dan Mitchell

Casey Richardson

From: Dianne Edmonds [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Casey Richardson; Gabriel Engeland
Subject: Fwd: Pickleball Courts in Los Altos - Urgent action needed

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Lessing [REDACTED]
Date: July 13, 2022 at 9:08:03 AM PDT
To: crichardson@losaltos.gov
Cc: Dianne Emonds pickleball [REDACTED], Dorit Perry [REDACTED],
Dan Mitchell [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Pickleball Courts in Los Altos - Urgent action needed

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission,

As a member of the Los Altos Community for the past 40 years I beg you to consider placing pickleball courts in our local parks.

Pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in America for a reason and our community needs to understand this and provide places for players to get together and play.

The hours of physical activity, great fun and laughter and a place for family and friends to gather and do so should not be denied in our community.

Thank you for your consideration,
Barbara Lessing

Casey Richardson

From: Irene Economy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention: Parks and Recreation Commission

Hello Parks and Rec -

I am writing to express my strong support for the pilot program which will make available 6 shared pickleball/tennis courts at McKenzie Park, and 4 shared pickleball/tennis courts at Montclair Park. As Los Altos residents for whom both of these parks are within walking/biking distance, our family is very excited at the prospect of being able to play pickleball without getting in a car and having to drive to a park outside our city (especially with the current price of gas!). Our family has seen first hand (from the great example set by the city of Palo Alto at Mitchell Park) the incredibly beneficial aspects of pickleball for the community. It's a healthy activity for all ages - even more so if we can walk or bike to the courts! It's incredibly popular - a fantastic use of a city's park facilities, so well-justified when you consider that the success of city-provided facilities is evaluated in large part by the extent of community uptake. We also love the sport for its social aspects - there are always so many other players to meet and play pickup games with, which affords great opportunity for neighbors to meet and get to know each other - a proven way to make neighborhoods safer and friendlier. I firmly believe that the courts can be easily shared between tennis and pickleball, so I hope you will adopt this pilot program for all its benefits for all Los Altos residents!

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Irene Economy (and family!)
Los Altos resident

Casey Richardson

From: Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 11:43 AM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission,

Born and raised in Los Altos, I have enjoyed the public sports fields and facilities in Los Altos for 60+ years. As an avid pickleball player and given the popularity of the sport, I am puzzled by the lack of public pickleball courts in Los Altos. Having courts within walking or biking distance of our home would eliminate the use of a car to access pickleball courts in neighboring cities. Although dedicated pickleball courts would be ideal, I support the proposal for dual-striping courts for pickleball and tennis at Montclair Park and McKenzie Park.

Sincerely,

Cary Bishop
Los Altos resident

Casey Richardson

From: Penny Munson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: Public comment agenda item #7 (Pickleball update) July 13, 2022

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission:

I am glad to see that Los Altos is striping a small number of tennis courts in Monteclaire and Mackenzie parks to allow for multiple use, specifically for pickleball. You have seen the statistics: how many players use the pickleball courts in Mitchell Park, in Mountain View and in Sunnyvale. These courts are crowded and many of the players are from Los Altos.

In past years, cities built tennis courts to meet the then, high demand for those courts. In years since, the demand for tennis, has waned somewhat, leaving open the possibility that some of those public courts can be shared with pickleball players. Please vote to open public tennis courts for multiple use and stripe a small number of courts on Mackenzie and Monteclaire parks.

Sincerely,
Penny Munson
[REDACTED] Spencer Court
Los Altos, 94024

Casey Richardson

From: Pat Frischmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Agenda Item #7 PRC MEETING TONIGHT

I am a Rosita neighbor, a member of Palo Alto Pickleball Club and a tennis player. I commend the pickleball and tennis communities and the city for developing a plan for pickleball in Los Altos that all constituents can support.

I have one request. Instead of over-stripping with bright-yellow-highway-color paint, which makes it nearly impossible for players to find the tennis lines, use rust-color paint. This solution has been used successfully at Memorial Park in Cupertino (photo attached) and at Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club. I have played on these courts and can attest that the color works for both pickleballers and tennis players.

Pat Frischmann
[REDACTED] Covington Road
[REDACTED]



Casey Richardson

From: linda leaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 12:22 PM
To: Casey Richardson
Subject: Fwd: Public comment agenda item #7 pickleball -july 13,2022

To whom it may concern at the Parks and Recreation Commission,

As a Los Altos Hills resident and former Los Altos resident since 1973, I would like to say how wonderful it would be to have pickleball courts available in Los Altos. Pickleball is a game for all ages. It is social, fun, and

provides great exercise. I now travel to Michell Park 2 or 3 days a week to play, and I would love to be able play

in Los Altos with other residents.

Many other communities besides Palo Alto (where I play) have courts, among them Mountain View, Menlo Park

and Sunnyvale. Let's join them ...

Best regards,

Linda

Brian Boitano Enterprises
[REDACTED] West Loyola
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 (PICKLEBALL UPDATE)-JULY 13,2022 - TENNIS COMMENTS

Attention Parks and Recreation Commission:

We are happy to see that tonight's July 13, 2022 meeting will include an oral update on the pilot project for Pickleball in Los Altos.

Helping to represent our large (but previously un-notified) tennis community, we were pleased to work with the City and Pickleball representatives on the new pilot, which we understand is moving forward as agreed:

McKenzie park - 6 pickleball courts will be placed on the two tennis courts. Pickleball will have full day priority on M,W,F, and Sat, and tennis will have priority on T,Th, and Sun all day. Despite concerns raised by many tennis players, the city plans to use a bright yellow paint color for the pickleball lines, at least at McKenzie.

Montclair park - 4 pickleball courts will be placed on the two tennis courts. There will be first-come, first-served access for tennis or pickleball. (Note that neither the pickleball nor tennis groups support the striping at Montclair because of the noise factor and proximity to homes. We recommend that the city notify residents before striping courts at Montclair.)

It has also been agreed that **NO striping will occur at Rosita or Marymeade** parks.

In essence, 40% of the tennis courts will be limited for tennis usage, as bright yellow lines are a major distraction for tennis players. (The United States Tennis Association will not allow tournament play on courts with bright yellow lines.) Nevertheless, the tennis community worked collaboratively to agree to a pilot program solution that would support pickleball.

There are many collateral issues that were raised in our discussions, such as parking, noise, striping paint color, management of nets, signage, monitoring of usage, collegial court turnover, etc. We expect to be frequently updated by the City on the pilot project and we will also work to monitor tennis activity and issues that arise at the courts over time.

On behalf of the Los Altos Tennis Community,

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