



Agenda
City of Scotts Valley
Parks and Recreation Commission
Date: April 20, 2023 – 6:00 pm

CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY

Recreation Division
361 Kings Village Road
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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City Council Chambers
1 Civic Center Drive
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Gillian McGlaze, Vice-Chair
Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner
Martin Spierings, Commissioner

City Staff Members

Chris Lamm, Public Works Director
Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager
Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk

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Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Consent Agenda

Approval of March 16, 2023 meeting minutes.

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent or regular agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

Parks and Recreation Staff Update: Staff Updates – Department & Division

Public Comment Time

This portion of the agenda is reserved for discussion by the public of items which are NOT agendized. No

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action may be taken by the Commission except to refer the matter to staff and/or place it on a future agenda. It is in the best interest of the person speaking to the Commission to be concise and to the point. All speakers are requested to sign their name at the podium so their name may be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting. A time limit of three minutes per individual will be allowed. If speaking on behalf of a group, the speaking time limit will be 5 minutes.

Regular Agenda

1. Skypark Courts Usage Information Gathering – Director Lamm & RDM Robinson
2. Parks Master Plan & Recreation Strategic Plan Update – RDM Robinson

Future Agenda Items

- May - 5-Year CIP Budget Presentation
- May - Siltanen Pool Operator Update

Adjournment

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Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager

Meeting called to order at: 6:01 pm

Roll Call

Present: Vice-Chair McGlaze Commissioners Denger, Spierings, and Sorci-Murray
Absent w/ notification: Chair Sanguinetti

Consent Agenda:

M/S: Spierings/Denger to approve February 23, 2023 meeting minutes.
Carried: 4/0

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda: None.

Parks and Recreation Staff Update:

- RDM Robinson announced the following:
 - The City rolled out a new, updated website today with a special homepage for Parks & Recreation. This new site will allow for #12 of the Recreation Restoration Plan to accept online facility reservations for picnic sites.
 - Public Works kicked off a striping project this week to install 'High Visibility Crosswalks' throughout the City for increased pedestrian safety which creates safe routes to our parks for all visitors. This is a step as outlined by the City's adopted [Active Transportation Plan](#).
 - Two vacant Maintenance Worker positions have been filled with two new employees starting this week. This brings the street/parks crew staffing to full at 5. There are two new vacancies in Public Works with two recent resignations. We are actively recruiting to replace the Maintenance Division

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Manager position and hope to start a recruitment for the Administrative Secretary III in Recreation. This leaves Recreation with just two employees to get summer up and running.

Public Comment Time None.

Regular Agenda

1. Creation of Adhoc Committee – ADA in Parks (1 year duration) –

RDM Robinson outlined two upcoming projects in 2023 that staff would like to have input and consideration be taken for ADA accessibility. Both the Parks Master Plan and the playground equipment replacement from the Prop 68 grant are projects where it is vital to have the different types of park users represented.

Commissioners expressed full support of this committee.

M/S: McGlaze/Spierings

To approve Resolution number 102 to create an ADA Adhoc Committee for the duration of one year.

Carried 4/0 (AYES: Denger, McGlaze, Sorci-Murray, Spierings)

Vice-Chair McGlaze assigned themselves to serve on this adhoc committee.

2. Pickleball & Tennis mixed use – current issue introduction and April action plan –

RDM Robinson announced at their March 15th, 2023 meeting, the City council assigned the Parks and Recreation Commission an item to review pickleball activities and associated impacts at the Skypark tennis court.

RDM Robinson explained there are short-term changes to pickleball usage that can be made through park rules and long-term solutions that may need to be addressed as part of the Parks Master Plan. Since the plan is expected to be adopted by Council in early 2024, there have been multiple complaints recently on the use of the tennis courts that need to be addressed. These complaints include noise of the specific paddle type and parking issues being more intrusive than that of just tennis.

RDM Robinson restated this agenda item is informational only. Since the City Council assigned the Parks and Recreation Commission this issue to them just last night, no action can be taken today. This item will return on the April agenda and staff report materials submitted in advance to Commissioners.

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The Commissioners reviewed a complaint letter from a resident group including photos of the illegal parking on the landscaping and trail path.

Commissioner Spierings noted that many local municipalities are facing the exact same challenges with pickleball usage, and it would be beneficial to see what other cities have come up with as fair solutions.

3. Parks Master Plan & Recreation Strategic Plan Update –

RDM Robinson provided the Commission with an update on the Parks Master Plan progress and notated the following:

- This Commission has an established adhoc committee consisting of Commissioners McGlaze, Sanguinetti and Spierings. Although the adhoc is part of the Core Team meeting with staff and the consultant regularly, all commissioners will be involved in this process including the Arts commission and Senior Center Advisory Board.
- The community outreach portion is starting in April and getting the word out is crucial for a successful survey. More participation equals more balanced data to make informed decisions for years to come.
- Three meetings will be held in April facilitated by the consultant and attended by City staff. The times and locations have been identified to capture the most Park users and get a variety of demographics.
- When taking the survey and encouraging others to participate, it is important to think big and small for both immediate short-term improvements and longer-term potential Capital Improvement Projects.

RDM Robinson emphasized that this is a unique opportunity to create a document that will plan next 10 years of future of our Parks and Recreation spaces.

This week the consultant team finished the facility inventory portion of the plan. The final schedule of the entire process was reviewed. The plan is to take a fully adopted Parks master plan and Recreation strategic plan for Council adoption in February 2024.

Commissioners reviewed the consultants complete project calendar and asked questions about specific dates.

4. Parks Master Plan & Recreation Strategic Public Outreach Plan

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RDM Robinson expressed the importance of this upcoming month with the Parks Master Plan survey.

RDM Robinson reviewed the three public meetings facilitated by the Parks Master Plan consultant with emphasis on Commissioners attending at least one event and explained the format of the April 29th Stakeholders meeting where community groups and organizations will be given an allotted time to speak as well as participate in the survey.

In addition to the three hosted open house style community outreach meetings, a calendar of potential Park outreach and tabling opportunities was shared asking the commissioners to volunteer for time slots.

Commissioner McGlaze signed up for two outreach days.

Commissioners agreed they would review schedules and submit interest to staff via email at a later date.

Future Agenda Items:

5-Year CIP Budget Presentation

Siltanen Pool Operator Update

Pickleball usage impact on Skypark neighborhood and facility

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

City of Scotts Valley
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2023
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager
SUBJECT: Skypark Courts Usage – Information Gathering

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Background

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport and the Skypark Tennis courts have played host to pickleball players at leagues since 2014, beginning on temporary courts. In 2018, following recommendations of the Park and Recreation Commission in 2017, the City Council approved more permanent striping changes to 2 of the 4 tennis courts converting them to full time pickleball usage.

Pickleball causes more intensive use of the courts as 4 games can be played on each tennis court. And in addition to the more intensive usage, league play can cause players waiting to play to double or triple the impact on parking and resources above and beyond that of tennis.

The City and City Council has received multiple complaints on the use of the tennis courts for pickleball including, noise, duration of play, and parking issues associated with the more intensive use of the facilities. On March 1, 2023, the City Council requested to agendize the topic for discussion.

The City is currently undertaking a Park and Recreation Master Plan that is expected to address the swelling demand for pickleball in Scotts Valley, however, that plan is expected to be adopted by Council in early 2024 and any changes or projects would still need to be funded and completed in outlying years.

Pickleball Court Timeline

- 2014, Jan - Pickleball play begins on temporary courts.
- 2016, May - Recreation Division offers pickleball classes as part of their summer brochure.

- 2017, Nov - Parks & Recreation Commission approve permanent pickleball court conversion of Court 4 and shared use conversion of Court 3.
- 2018, Sept - City Council approves the court 3 & 4 changes.
- 2019, May - Recreation Division offers pickleball leagues, punch card passes and has recreation staff present at courts.
- 2020, July - City Council voted to lay off the majority of its Recreation Division staffing and freeze the positions in the FY 2020/21 budget, due to the pandemic's limitations to conduct City programming adequate to cover costs.
- 2020-2021 - The COVID-19 pandemic limits high risk of transmission sports by public health order. Tennis is one of the few sports allowed by County Health given the distance between participants and outdoor space. Pickleball and tennis participation increases nationwide.
- 2021-2023 - City staff receives complaints from Skypark residents regarding lighting, parking and noise related impacts on the neighborhood.
- 2021, Nov - Lighting time clock replaced to ensure lights are turned off at end of posted usage hours.
- 2022, Aug - Recreation Division Manager position filled.
- 2023, March - City Council assigned the Parks and Recreation Commission to address this issue and explore possible recommendations.
- 2023, April - Parks and Recreation Commission invites public input at their regular scheduled meeting with the purpose of information gathering.

In order to ensure all sides of the issue are being heard, the Recreation Division Manager distributed thorough public noticing of the meeting by a variety of methods.

Public Outreach for April 20th Meeting

The Recreation Division notified the public of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on April 7, 2023 by posting on the City website and social media accounts, posting a flyer on both the pickleball and tennis gates at the court, a postcard mailing to residents of Skypark, email notices to tennis instructor, pickleball group, and the two public complaints received by City Council. Public participation is being made available in person and virtually on the meeting day and email correspondence is accepted through the day prior to the meeting.

Recreation Division and Court Sports Leagues

With the current staffing model of the restored Recreation Division, there are no current plans to bring back a recreation hosted pickleball league. There are informal pickleball leagues run at Skypark by volunteers. Similarly, the Senior Bocce League Spring and Summer leagues play 6 days a week organized entirely by Senior Center volunteers. The difference between the two is there is a charge to participants to play bocce ball with the revenue coming back to the City as Senior Center revenue and the league reserves the bocce courts with the City. The City does not currently collect revenue from pickleball except for court rentals which are not frequent. Court

one is rented regularly by a tennis instructor who pays the City for the rental space and percentage of the class fees collected in line with the new classes delivery model from the 2021 Recreation Restoration Plan.

Discussion

The issue of pickleball court usage impacting the surrounding neighborhood areas is felt throughout Santa Cruz County, across many Bay Area cities, and nationwide. It is not unique to Scotts Valley, although Skypark is the only court with night time lights year-round. With the increased popularity of the sport out of the pandemic, local municipalities are struggling to find solutions that work for all parties. Both the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Capitola have not been able identify one answer to satisfy the demand for pickleball space. The County is using 2023 as a trial for a court reservation policy to help alleviate the impact on the limited court space and the City of Capitola does not anticipate expansion of court facilities with their current resources.

On March 15th, the City Council assigned the discussion to the Parks and Recreation Commission for public review, and to make recommendations, if any, on near term changes to pickleball usage on the Skypark Tennis courts. The Parks and Recreation Commission is assigned with advising the City Council on matters concerning city parks, open space, recreation, arts, cultural activities and/or other park and recreation services, or such other duties as may be directed from time to time, by the City Council. Recommendations may be able to be executed by staff if within granted authority, such as rules changes, or could require further Council action.

The Recreation Division Manager can implement park rules and changes and must hold a public hearing with 10 days' notice.

Excerpt from Muni Code:

7.04.060 - Rules and regulations—Administration—Scope.

B. Said rules and regulations shall promote the preservation of public property and its maintenance in a clean and safe condition, the protection of health and safety of the public in general, and the enjoyment of parks by the public as places of recreation and repose. Said rules and regulations shall be adopted only after a public hearing at which time the recreation division manager shall afford any interested person the opportunity to present statements in writing, with or without opportunity to present the same orally. The recreation division manager shall consider all relevant matters presented to him/her before adopting or amending any regulation. Notice of said hearing shall be given at least ten calendar days prior to such hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

As the issue has been recently assigned to the Parks and Recreation Commission by City Council, the first natural step in the process is information gathering. The Commission will hear the various issues to determine the best plan to work towards possible solutions.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Receive public comment from the community regarding Skypark courts usage.

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City of Scotts Valley
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 16, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Kristin Ard, Recreation Division Manager
SUBJECT: PERMANENT PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SKYPARK TENNIS COURT ARENA AND CHANGES TO COURT THREE SHARED BY TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

For the past three years, pickleball and tennis players have been sharing two of the four tennis courts (courts 3 and 4) at the Skypark Tennis Court Arena. One court is lined predominantly for tennis with an underlay for pickleball (Court 3) and the other is predominantly pickleball with an underlay for tennis (Court 4).

Currently, pickleball is played on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings only. Volunteers go out each time to set up and take down temporary nets. Pickleball has been consistent at the allotted times with 26 players utilizing 6 courts. In addition, the Recreation Division Office has received several calls within the community and from out of town guests asking if there are pickleball courts in Scotts Valley they can play on. Also, at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in July 2016, students from Scotts Valley High School brought to the attention of the Commission that pickleball is now a part of their curriculum and they would like to have a place to play and practice.

With such an increase in interest for the sport of pickleball from both inside and outside the community, pickleball players would like the Commission to consider the four temporary courts on Court 4 be made permanent. In addition, they would like the consideration to keep Court 3 a shared court with the following changes that would be more advantageous for the tennis community (pictures attached):

- Thinner pickleball lines
- No cross over of pickleball lines painted over tennis
- Pickleball lines in dark blue or black, not a lighter color

In order for this project to be completed, both Courts 3 and 4 would need to be resurfaced. The cost for this project is approximately \$5200.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project is approximately \$5200.00. A funding source has yet to be determined and may include external funds and/or a budget adjustment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed changes to the tennis/pickleball courts at Skypark which include the following:

- Make Court 4 permanently playable for pickleball
- Keep Court 3 as a shared court so either pickleball or tennis can be played on it with the following changes:
 - Paint the thinner pickleball lines
 - No cross over of pickleball lines painted over tennis lines
 - Paint Pickleball lines in dark blue or black, not a lighter color

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City of Scotts Valley CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 19, 2018
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kristin Ard, Recreation Division Manger
APPROVED: Jenny D. Haruyama, City Manager
SUBJECT: **PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SKYPARK PARK**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

For the past four years, pickleball and tennis players have been sharing two of the four tennis courts (courts 3 and 4) in Skypark Park. Court 3 is lined predominantly for tennis with an underlay for pickleball and Court 4 is predominantly pickleball with an underlay for tennis.

Currently, pickleball is played on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings with volunteers setting up temporary nets for play. Pickleball consistently has 30 to 40 players utilizing all 8 courts. Attendance has reached as high as 52 players with 20 of the players waiting on the sidelines. To accommodate everyone, game times are shortened. In addition, the Recreation Division Office receives several calls within the community and from out of town guests inquiring about the availability of pickleball courts.

With such an increase of interest in pickleball, this proposed project went before the Parks and Recreation Commission at their November 16, 2017 meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to move the proposed project forward to Council with the following recommendations:

Court 3

1. Have court 3 remain a shared court by making the following accommodations to benefit the tennis community by:
 - a) Painting thinner pickleball lines
 - b) Having no crossover of pickleball lines painted over tennis lines
 - c) Paint pickleball lines in blue or black, not a lighter color

Court 4

1. Make court 4 a permanent pickleball court by restriping and installing permanent pickleball nets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the project is \$5200.00 and will be funded by the Scotts Valley Advocates. There is no fiscal impact to the City's general fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To give staff direction on the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to restripe Court 3 as a shared tennis/pickleball court and make Court 4 a permanent pickleball court by restriping and installing permanent pickleball nets.

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February 21, 2023

Scotts Valley City Council
1 Civic Center Drive
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Dear Scotts Valley City Council Members,

At the request of several neighbors, I am writing to you regarding the addition of the pickleball courts at the Skypark tennis courts. It has been a very bad plan from the beginning for a variety of reasons, several of which are outlined in this letter. The impact on our neighborhood was not well thought out and the outcome is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for the residents. A few photos are attached to give you a real sense of the problem.

One of the tennis courts on the far end of the property was converted into four pickle ball courts by the city. This has resulted in at least an additional 20 plus users at a time. That large number of extra people and cars has resulted in careless driving and crazy parking all over the open park lands and on the Skypark streets thereby eliminating the few parking spaces available for the neighbors and their visitors.

The sound from hitting a pickleball is much louder than that of hitting a tennis ball causing much more noise pollution. People are coming from all over Santa Cruz County to use these courts and are now setting up their own portable pickleball nets on the other tennis courts adding even more people, noise and cars to the mix. (Photo attached)

All this activity goes on from early morning to late at night seven days a week 365 days a year. There is little break from the onslaught.

None of us are opposed to playing pickleball, however no one should be subjected to this type of intense activity in any family neighborhood especially at the end of a dead-end street. We recommend returning the courts to tennis only as was in the original plan for the Skypark project and which previously had a long record of minimal impact on the neighborhood.

A pickleball court built in the area of the skatepark would be a much better option where it would not negatively impact any of the Skypark streets or city residents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Hutchison".

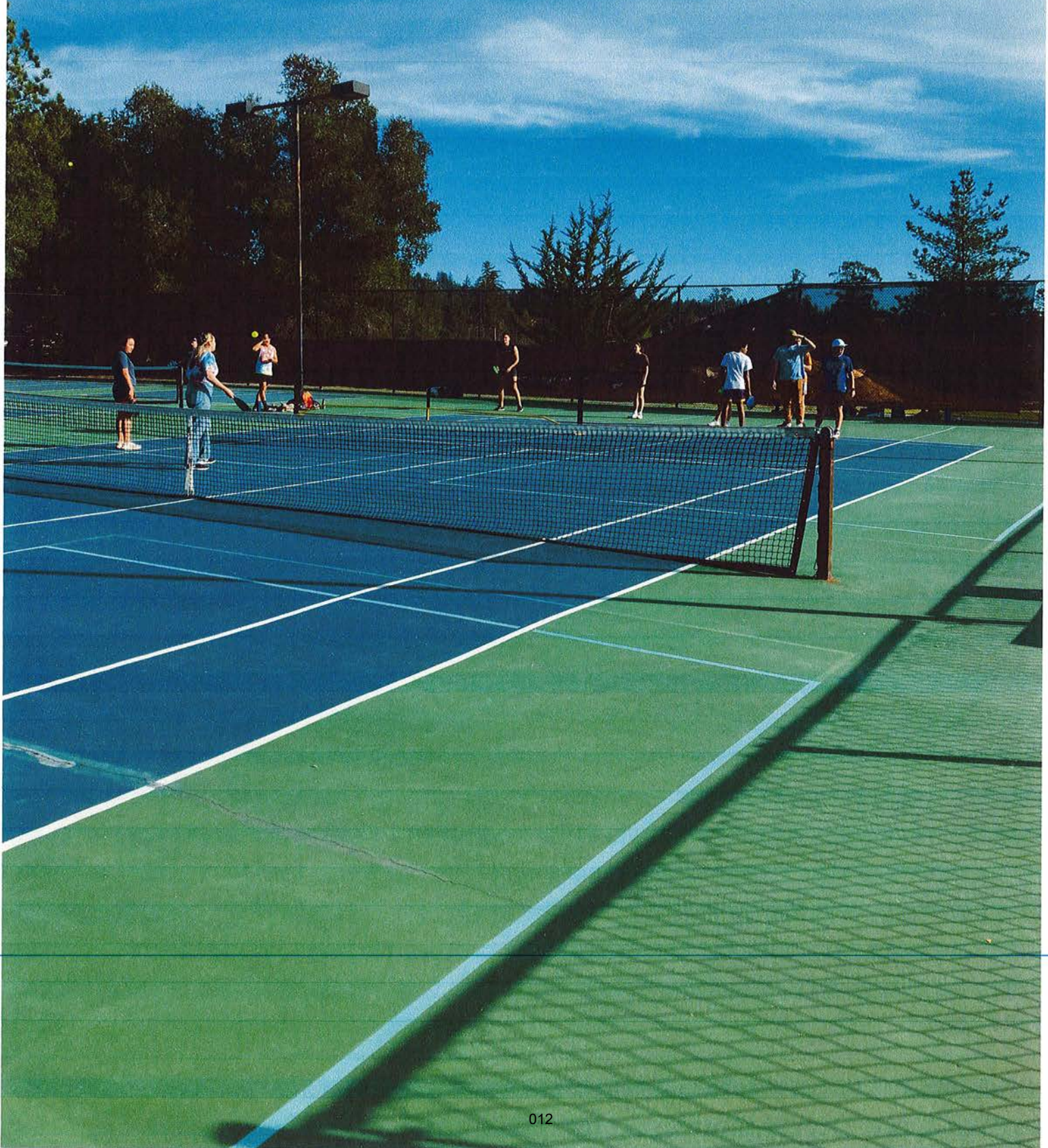
Parking on Park laws





More parking on Park Lane

Portable Pickleball net set up on tennis court.
2-19-2023





MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jack Dilles, Mayor Randy Johnson, Vice Mayor Donna Lind, Council Member Derek Timm, Council Member Allan Timms, Council Member	Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk Chris Lamm, Public Works Director Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director Jonathan Kwan, Contract Planner

SPECIAL SET MATTER

Jenna Espinosa, Manager of Customer Accounts and Services presented the Central Coast Community Energy Annual Member Agency presentation and answered questions from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a couple of Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) board meetings and reported they heard updates on key performance indicators, budget, and ridership. In regards to ridership, the Highway 17 bus ridership was up 19% over last year although still 44% lower than before the pandemic in 2019.

CM Lind attended the production of the Wizard of Oz at the Scotts Valley Theatre, it was wonderful to see the theatre in use as well as a great production.

CM Lind, along with CM Timm, Mayor Dilles and City Manager LaGoe, attended the home dedication open house for a new family moving into a home built by Habitat for Humanity.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This was CM Timms first official time attending a meeting for LAFCO. The commission welcomed three new members, Justin Cummings, Eduardo Montesino and CM Timms. The commission is receiving an uptick in homes trying to connect to sewers because of the recent rains.

CM Johnson attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference along with City Manager LaGoe and CM Timm. The conference is a chance to listen to the best information about shopping centers, commercial production and all the things that go into retail.

CM Timm added onto CM Johnsons report on the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference. The conference was well attended in comparison to last year's conference.

CM Timm reported Towncenter subcommittee met today to discuss moving forward with the City of Santa Cruz regarding land acquisition which they will bring to Council in closed session coming up.

Mayor Dilles attended a meeting of the Mayor's Selection Committee, it was a redo of a previous meeting which had some questions raised in regards to the Brown Act, also known as the Open Meeting Act, to make sure procedures were being followed correctly. CM Timms was appointed to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) as the City of Scotts Valley's representative. CM Timm was appointed to the Visit Santa Cruz County Board. The Mayor's Selection Committee also voted to recommend Yvette Brooks, Council Member in Capitola, for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission. That recommendation will be delivered to the Speaker of the State Assembly Anthony Rendon, who ultimately makes the appointment.

Mayor Dilles also participated as a panelist for the Women's Council of Relators, along with the four mayors from around the county. They asked questions about housing projects, water supply, fire cautions, traffic conditions amongst many other topics.

Mayor Dilles also attended the rededication of the home built by Habitat for Humanity along with CM Lind and CM Timm.

Mayor Dilles also attended Pajaro Valley Quilt Association Quilt Show as judge and had a great time looking at the beautiful work the quilters submitted.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Green Hills Rd: Green Hills Road has reopened. Thank you to the Public Works staff and the contracted workers for their hard work to get the road reopened. There is still some work that needs to be done.

Staffing: The City has been down two out of four maintenance workers, which has been hard during the recent storms but there are two candidates in the background check process and expect them to start in a couple weeks. With them the City will be fully staffed in the Maintenance Department. Also, two new Police Officer Trainees will go to the academy later this month. With the two trainees coming on, the Scotts Valley Police Department is fully staffed, on paper at least.

Police Department: The Scotts Valley Police Department sent two staff members, Sergeant Roberts and Officer Stoeberl, to the University of Monterey Bay Job Fair to continue to promote the Police Department as a great employer. The Police Department also participated in the Polar Plunge last weekend.

Finance Department: The Finance Department will be hosting OpenGov training tomorrow for all of the management staff, which will kick off the process for developing the 23/24 budget in the new OpenGov software. We also received the draft of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report from our auditors from last year and will now be finalizing that report this month.

METRO: Participated in the Reimagining Metro process. METRO is looking at a study of their routes and what is the best use and how they can improve the routes. Last week along with our Senior Engineer Phillip Linarte, City Manager LaGoe participated in a focus group on the services that are provided in Scotts Valley and coming up their will be many options for the public to participate in the year long process of looking at the bus routes.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one came forward.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Consent Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve meeting minutes of 02-15-2023
- B. Approve check registers dated 02-16-2023 and 02-23-2023
- C. Approve letter opposing Initiative No. 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Johnson

To approve the Regular Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Receive Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Mid-Year Financial Report, including Proposed Budget Amendments and Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget

Administrative Services Director Stephanie Hill gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Timm/Lind

To approve the acceptance of FY 2022-23 Mid-Year Financial Report through December 31, 2022

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

M/S: Timm/Lind

To approve Resolution No. 630.42.1 Amending the FY 2022-23 Annual Budget

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

M/S: Timm/Lind

To approve Resolution No. 630.42.2 Adopting Guiding Budget Principles for use in preparing the FY 2023-24 Annual Budget

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant -SCADA/PLC and Computer System Upgrades

Public Works Director Chris Lamm gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To approve the authorization of the City Manager to execute an agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney in an amount up to \$562,243

**(including 10% contingency) with Sycal Engineering for the Computer and Software and SCADA/PLC Upgrades Project.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)**

- 3. Consider approval of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorize the submittal of the Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development

Contract Planner from CSG Consultants, Jonathan Kwan gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

Tim Willoughby, from Affordable Housing Now, came forward and spoke on the next cycle of the RENA numbers and the challenges of the numbers. Tim also spoke on the frequency of bus service can affect affordable housing projects.

Linda Kerner, a resident of Scotts Valley, came forward and spoke on the City's goals to meet the affordable housing numbers. Linda offered some suggestions to meet the affordable housing numbers: 1. Expansion of Scotts Valley's inclusionary program. 2. Be aggressive in your community outreach efforts to get the community involved.

M/S: Timm/Timms

**To approve the submittal of the 2022 Annual Progress Report (APR) to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and State Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)**

- 4. Future Council agenda items
(This portion of the Regular Agenda allows the Council to determine items to be placed on a future agenda and to choose a date, if so desired.)

CM Timm would like to bring to council a discussion of whether or not to seek input from the Parks and Recreation Commission on the recent noise complaints regarding the pickleball courts in Skypark.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Jack Dilles, Mayor

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Lauren Lambert
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Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT – SKYPARK COURTS

APRIL 20th Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 12:24 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Skypark Pickleball Courts

Thank you for asking for public input on the Pickleball play at Skypark. I am a 20 year resident of Scotts Valley and 63 years old. I LOVE playing pickleball at Skypark. The permanent nets are wonderful. There are people using the courts everyday. On Saturdays the courts are packed with people waiting to play. It would be great to have the entire east side of the courts all permanent nets and lines without the tennis court lines. Rarely do I see anyone using the tennis court on the east side. I think it would keep more people active if this change was made.

One issue for sure, is the parking situation. It is great that there are wood chips to the south of the courts for additional parking. I thought for sure when the parking lot was repainted that there would be at least one more spot but it was painted with very wide parking spots.

I know most of the players would come out for a community work day to spread wood chips for parking and reattaching the black wind netting that has come down the recent high winds.

Thank you for listening to the community and addressing the needs at the tennis courts.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bratby

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

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:32 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Cc:

Subject: Public Hearing Input

Dear SV Parks and Recreation,

I just wanted to weigh in regarding the Pickleball courts/parking situation at Sky Park. I'm a Scotts Valley resident and use the Pickleball courts several times a week. Nearly every time I show up, particularly if

it's after 9:00am, I can't find a parking place in the paved parking area. Along with about 15-20 other cars, I try to scrunch into the "off road" parking areas around the tennis/Pickleball courts. If that's not available, I go out into the street and park in front of the residences' homes.

Here is my concern, if you don't accommodate more cars by paving the areas along the court fencing, you will have an even more difficult situation led by disgruntled home owners who can't find parking near their homes, or who may be blocked in by court users who aren't careful. Either way, everyone is unhappy. If you can increase the "legitimate" parking spaces off the street, at least some of the issues will be less problematic. I'm not sure why the parking hasn't already been increased by the city; not sure what the problem is with the land clearly not being used for anything else.

As Pickleball continues to become more popular, the situation will require more parking — and more Pickleball courts, if possible! Not easy to please everyone, and it's hard to deny people access to recreational (and healthy) activities!

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Allen

From:

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:50 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvally.gov>

Subject: Comments on pickleball at Skypark

SV Parks & Rec folks, I want to say "thank you" for having the only set of lighted pickleball courts in the county. I want to be upfront that I am not a Scotts Valley resident (unlike my brother), but I invariably end up spending money in SV while I am there, often at Safeway on my way home with a sudden shopping list from my wife! And about 25 of us pickleball people had a farewell party for one of our own at Bruno's some months back. Pickleball in Scotts Valley has been very successful with it not uncommon to see 8 courts in use at one time . . . with all ages. I've seen as young as 6 and as old as 80s out getting exercise. 8 courts x 4 doubles players = 32 people. And it's also not uncommon to see players waiting to get onto one of those courts. 36-40 people might be there on a given evening for pickleball. Some walk, some ride bikes, many do drive . . . be it from elsewhere in SV or some from further away like me. With this success, you may get concerns about the impact of parking in the neighboring streets. This is a pretty easy fix. Ground/weather permitting, players are already parking on the unpaved portions next to the courts. Paving these areas would help remediate parking overflow. Noise was mentioned in the public notice. I'm a bit surprised given that houses aren't that close, but there are noise dampening materials that could be added to the fences on the sides facing the direction of homes. If there continues to be an issue in the neighborhood, one recommendation would be that SV P&R contact the Santa Cruz

P&R (both city and county) about adding lighted courts somewhere in addition to Scotts Valley. Brommer Street Park would be a natural, for instance. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Andrew Lenz Jr. Santa Cruz, California U.S.A.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:06 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Skypark Pickleball

I love having pickleball courts at Skypark. It's nice to be able to show up and play anytime. It's even nicer if there is available parking nearby. I used to play tennis and public use tennis courts were always open and free. Now I can only play pickleball, so I appreciate having the same opportunities. Skypark has a much larger use of the pickleball courts than tennis. Maybe we could add 4 more permanent courts. Population use seems like a 4 to 1 ratio. So 2 tennis courts and 8 pickleball courts is reasonable. Just looking into the future as more youngsters are playing now. It's becoming very popular. I see whole families playing pickleball together.

Thank you, Carol Hagen Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:24 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Sky Park Public Meeting Input for April 20

Hi there,

I wanted to get my input out there ahead of time. I am a regular user of both the pickleball courts and tennis courts at Sky Park and I know the majority of players on both sides.

Posted Signs

It would be helpful to formalize when pickleball/tennis has priority on the shared court. Fights have broken out over this. Posting a sign that says what days/times pickleball has priority vs tennis would solve a lot of the current conflicts.

Personally, I recommend that tennis has priority except for a few times when pickleball has regular large group play.

Tue/Thurs pickleball has priority 5:30pm to close

Saturday pickleball has priority 8am to 1pm

Ask the pickleball community if there are other days when everyone shows up. The times I mentioned almost always have all 8 courts going.

Thanks,

Eric Ferrante

USTA Tennis Player

Santa Cruz Pickleball Club Member

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 12:39 PM

To: Ali Robinson <arobinson@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Pickleball Feedback

Hi Ali

I am glad you are gathering input on the best way to expand new courts and share the ones we have, as you know the interest in pickleball continues to grow. I personally appreciate the use of the Skypark courts on Saturday morning as well as Tuesday and Thursday evenings, but my understanding is the use of the pickleball and shared use courts is much more frequent than that. I know there is a large group that plays Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings as well, as I have joined them a few times.

As more Pickleball players show up, the need for more courts becomes clear. Last Saturday we had 8 courts going and 20 people ready for their turn. We had to bring out the signup board. This is a bit unusual for Skypark but not for the other venues in Santa Cruz and the County.

With this growing demand comes tension. In fact, I was told when I arrived, last Saturday, between 9:00 and 9:30, there was some tension between two tennis players playing on the shared court and the pickleball players wanting to set up. Words were said over the 30 minute rule and after the pickleball players asked the tennis's players to move as it had been 30 minutes, and the tennis players said gives 30 minutes more. Around this time court one or two was vacated and the tennis players had some place to go, but hard feelings were experienced by both groups.

As the demand for courts increases the need for a clearly defined prioritization process becomes more important. I think the goal should be maximizing the court utilization so there should be some flexibility when the demand for pickleball is great and there are empty tennis courts or if there are more tennis player and the current shared court is available.

I like the new net between tennis courts that was installed and wondering if that adds the possibility of tennis court 2 also having pickleball lines to be used only when there are no tennis players wanting to use the court, or if a similar net could be set up between all tennis courts? That could improve the tennis experience on the shared courts when pickleball is active on the permanent courts.

There is a similar tension between groups of pickleball players as well. Santa Cruz Pickleball Club is looking at signage to help encourage sharing of the public pickleball courts when people are waiting. To encourage players to exit the courts when people are waiting, so groups do not take over a court for a long time. I would be happy to share that language with you.

I hope you get a good turnout for your meeting on Thursday, but there are a few things you should know. On Thursday April 20th , Santa Cruz Pickleball is sponsoring a training for our members at Sargent Derby just before the meeting and Thursday evening is a normal night that pickleball players show up at Skypark to play, so I expect there might be less pickleball players at the meeting. It is good you are providing others ways to provide input.

Thanks again for working to improve the court experiences for all.

Mark Dettle

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:30 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject:

Dear Parks Dept Comissioners, Thank you for providing courts and lights. As you know Pickleball is expanding, with resistance from tennis players. A few weeks ago there were 6 Tennis Players and 20+ Pickleball players Saturday morning. On the dual stripped court there was a tennis couple practicing with a large number of Pickleball players waiting for them to finish based on Parks Dept time allotment per signage. They refused until 2 tennis players shared their court. When I started playing the majority of players were 60+. It is now expanding to 25+ age group. Tennis is low usage, Pickleball high usage. I hope you take this into account.

Sincerely, Allan Kass

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:27 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Scotts Valley Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Hello SV Rec,

I've seen the signs that were posted and received an email from Santa Cruz Pickleball club regarding the upcoming meeting.

I'm a Skypark resident and regular user of the pickleball courts. I play approximately 4-5 times per week at the courts. I'm hoping that these courts remain as a drop in style play. This is a very social/community oriented sport. Half the fun is showing up and playing with a large number of varying people. You won't get that in a situation where you have to reserve courts.

One change I'd love to see is with the one tennis court that currently has overlay lines turned into 4 additional permanent pickleball courts. That would give an even split on space for tennis and pickleball players, and there would be no struggles between the two sides for that hybrid spot. Currently this sport is growing so fast that at peak times we have all eight courts playing with many players waiting on the sides.

The number of pickleball players vastly outnumbers the number of tennis players that are using the courts. I feel an even split of the space between the two sports is warranted.

Another issue that we have seen at the courts is parking. The demand for these courts is huge and the current parking is not sufficient and the overflow is the surrounding neighborhood. If the city were to help expand the parking down the sides of the courts and in front that could help alleviate some of the issues I'm sure the local residents are upset about. I'm lucky enough to ride my bike to the court, but others coming from further in SV or even SC must drive.

I think the addition of the timer on the lights has helped the issues where players were staying past 9:30PM. So we should have no issues there.

If there are neighborhood complaints on noise I would suggest the city looking into noise dampening screens for the fences. See link below. In addition some additional trees on the linear trail to help further dampen noise would be beneficial. These noise reducing screens are much more permanent and once installed will likely stay up much better than the existing screens that blow down in every storm. There is very minimal upkeep.

<https://www.fencescreen.com/Sports-and-Events/Facilities/Pickleball-Privacy-Sound-Solutions/Pickleball-Courts-Acoustic-Wraps.aspx>

<https://usapickleball.org/member-news/quash-pickleball-noise-with-acoustifence/>

These courts are a huge benefit to the community and I really want to make sure that both players and residents can live harmoniously.

-Matt Babb

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 8:36 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvally.gov>

Subject: Pickleball

Hello, I am an avid pickleball player and have been playing for 8 years. I am 72. When I first started playing in Santa Cruz and at Skypark the number of players was small. I became a member of the Santa Cruz Pickleball Club (SCPC) and we had 40 members and only one facility to play at (Mike Fox Park.) Now, SCPC has over 150 active members and many non members seeking court space. As pickleball has grown, not just for seniors but for young and middle-aged as well, places to play are becoming a rare commodity.

This sport is a wonderful way for families to play together, for students to be actively involved in a positive after school activity, and for seniors to get out of their homes and make friends. Pickleball players are a very social, accepting, and welcoming group.

I respectfully ask that you and your constituents do all within your power to insure that pickleball can continue to grow in Santa Cruz county by not only maintaining and upgrading our current courts, but also by allocating more unused tennis courts to pickleball.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

Cece Shain

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:00 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvally.gov>;

Subject: Skypark

April 14, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Barb Raab. I am a 70 year old woman who has been playing Pickleball for 8 years. I previously played tennis. Pickleball is a wonderful sport for all ages and has been growing exponentially year after year. The need for more permanent Pickleball courts is great as the few permanent courts are full of players most days with

additional players rotating in due to the popularity of the sport. I have a net that I can set up but it is cumbersome to carry and weighs about 22 pounds which is not comfortable to transport.

At Skypark the dedicated tennis courts are not always full and when they are being used it is typically for singles play which means 4 people playing for over an hour to play a few games on two tennis courts.

A tennis court converted to Pickleball courts transforms into 4 courts with 16 players. So two tennis courts converted to Pickleball courts creates 8 courts and allows 32 community members meaningful physical activity.

A typical game of Pickleball lasts for about 20 minutes so three games accommodating 32 players verses one or two games with 4 players playing tennis illustrates the critical need to create additional permanent Pickleball courts at Skypark to provide increased opportunities for more players to access positive socialization and exercise in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The group of friends I now have thanks to my participation in Pickleball have enriched my life in wonderful and unexpected ways. Spending a few hours on the courts laughing, smiling, and chasing after a Pickleball while getting good exercise and fresh air is a joy.

Please consider the benefits to the growing number of community members whom would be thrilled to have more permanent Pickleball courts at Skypark.

Thank you for your time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Much appreciated,

Barb Raab

From:

Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 5:44 PM

To: Ali Robinson <arobinson@scottsvalley.gov>

Cc: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Re: April 20th Public Hearing

Thank you for the information. I have observed similar issues to everything you mentioned above from both the neighbors perspective and the tennis players. We live down the street but walk linear park and the neighborhood and anytime we walk near that area and notice it is pickle ball night we turn around. I have nearly been hit by the pickel ball players in their cars. They drive fast, do not look, they hardly ever stop at any of the stop signs especially the one at skypark dr and Coast Range. They just turn right. I would be very upset if I were living in a house near there.

As a tennis player we have not been able to use courts very often since picke ball started. I think the court was perfectly sized for the town back when it was built and up until 2020 when covid happened. Since then many people have taken up tennis and pickle ball became popular. Now with pickleball you have between 4 to 8 times more players on the same court that was designed for tennis. The roads and parking also have up to 8 times more cars trying to park and extra traffic. We have had to wait for hours to get a tennis court and people are very rude and drive in from Santa Cruz! I have seen cars parking anywhere they can fit a car, illegally, in the dirt over the linear park down linear park. So yes this is a huge concern.

I don't think parking or the courts need to be expanded. In fact, the increased traffic would be disturbing as the neighborhood was not designed for the amount of traffic it is getting now. I suggest that the skypark courts be returned to tennis only and new pickleball courts be built some where with enough parking to handle the up to 8 times more usage. Also it costs \$40 for a key to be purchased to turn on the lights. That seems like a reasonable cost but when you think about it, but I see non Scotts Valley citizens with keys and Skypark residents don't have them. It seems reasonable that Scotts Valley residents can purchase a key but non-residents should not be able to purchase one. We have issues with parking as it is with soccer. Maybe Skypark needs to be parking by permit and each Skypark house gets

two permits and then the parking can be easily enforced. Anyone can park over at the big Skypark parking lot and walk in.

Just some ideas.

Thanks,

Chris

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:55 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Skypark Pickleball Courts

Hello and Thank you!

I want to express my appreciation for supporting Pickleball at SkyPark, and to make one friendly suggestion to address neighborhood concerns about increased traffic flow.

4 reasons to support PickleBall in Scotts Valley:

1. It's a wholesome, fun activity
2. It draws all ages—I've played with folks 16-80 years of age!
3. Courts are well placed away from adjacent housing to reduce noise impact
4. Unlike the tennis courts, the Pickleball courts are often full—folks are bringing nets and setting them up. I would very much support adding an additional 4 permanent PB nets, bringing the total to 8, which would still allow for ample tennis play.

One friendly suggestion:

1. In order to alleviate car traffic in the neighborhood, allow access to the parking area from Mount Hermon. If you relocate the storage area, cars could easily access PB and Tennis Parking without impacting the neighbors at all! Easy and doable solution. :-)

With respect and gratitude,

Diane M.

P.s. Thank you for maintaining the portable restroom there...it's clean and well-maintained.

Sent by Diane Morgenstern

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:57 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Re: April 20th Meeting about Skypark Courts

Hello,

I understand that a meeting is being held regarding the courts at Skypark. I plan to attend, but I also wanted to register my comments in writing.

I think it is great that Skypark has 4 designated courts. I lived in SV for 17 years and then moved to WV. I drive to SV twice a week because of the courts and because of the good-natured people who play there.. I have noticed at times that people parked alongside the courts because of limited parking in the lot. Then that area was blocked and caused players to park in the neighborhood. I'm sure this scenario was not appreciated by the players or the people who live near the courts.

I have heard that the area along the courts is not stable and therefore cannot be converted to parking. I don't know if that is true or not. I simply want to say that I hope that the City of SV sees the merits of increasing the available parking.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Amato

From:

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:56 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Skypark Pickleball

Hi, Thank you for asking for community feedback into the matter of the tennis and Pickleball usage at Skypark. I love playing Pickleball at Skypark it is my favorite place to play. My ideal court design would to add permanent Pickleball courts to where the layover courts are. To create permanent parking spaces behind the courts where the wood hips are. The other ask would to put in permanent bathrooms at the court center , along with a water station and a picnic area. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and is played by all ages. I know the Pickleball community would pitch in for such a vision for the community. Creating outdoor spaces that promote health, wellness and inclusion is the right thing to do for the people.

Thank you Beth Sorauf Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:39 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Sky park pickleball

Dear Scotts Valley gov,

Love these courts. Pickleball is the most social community building sport I have ever played. I recently retired and now I have a new community to spend time with. So thank you. And we need more courts. Attached is a video I just took Saturday the 15th at 11:30 and this is after 25 people have already left the pickle courts.

Susan murray

5XX Bean Creek Rd spc XX

Scotts valley

From:

Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 9:53 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Pickleball courts

Good morning,

I saw the sign that was posted at the Skypark pickleball courts about a meeting. I'm emailing because I have a conflicting event and won't be able to attend the meeting.

I live in Scotts Valley and am at the Skypark pickleball courts frequently. The only issue I have noticed is that there are some cracks in the courts that need repair. In addition, a couple more signs on each gate stating court usage time limits would be useful. However, people that play there are mostly friendly and generally share the courts, allowing you to rotate in. On Saturday's there is a gentleman with a sign-up board so you can write down your name and wait your turn. It's worked very well. IF you are considering offering pickleball classes, I hope it will NOT be on Saturday mornings, because currently that is the day when there is open play for all levels.

At a city council meeting a few months ago, I heard one Skypark resident complaining about the noise at night from the ball play. The lights are on a timer and if this is an issue for residents, then obviously the lights could be timed to shut off earlier. At my house I hear loud and nonstop traffic noise from Mount Hermon road, and the only solution is earplugs.

Regards,

Carolyn DeLucia

Scotts Valley

From:**Sent:** Sunday, April 16, 2023 5:17 PM**To:** SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>**Subject:** pickleball

Dear Scotts Valley Parks and Rec Commission, My name is Susie Kaplan and have been playing pickleball 3 to 5 times a week at the Sky Park courts for almost 4 years now. It's a fantastic facility and only hope it can grow with the popularity and demand of the sport. Thank you for making one of tennis courts into 4 permanent pickleball courts and would vote to make the other tennis court on the far side into 4 more permanent pickleball courts. I realize the tennis players would feel slighted but in the almost 4 years that I've been playing I've only seen tennis being played on that court 3 or 4 times. Pickleball is almost exclusively doubles and 4 more courts could accommodate 16 players as opposed to 2 to 4 players on 1 tennis court. I know you've heard this all before but I thought I'd chime in. I also know that the neighborhood parking is an issue so paving or creating parking beyond the Port-a-Potty might help with the overflow of cars. And lastly a drinking fountain would be a good addition. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Susie Kaplan

From:**Sent:** Sunday, April 16, 2023 6:18 PM**To:** SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>**Subject:** Skylark tennis/pickleball courts

Ali, Congratulations on your new position here. We look forward to your work to improve the quantity and quality of the assets Scotts Valley has to utilize. I would ask you to consider thoughts I have relating to the upcoming town meeting. My wife and I are in our 70's and play pickleball 3-4 times a week.....now that the weather is so good! The popularity of Pball is very significant and the courts often have 20-30 people most of the mornings we play. There are 4 dedicated courts, providing play area for 16 participants (on 2 former tennis courts) now and one tennis court marked with both game lines that has no permanent P-ball nets. The 2 dedicated tennis courts and the above dual purpose court provides three courts for tennis play. Most of the time one or two of the courts are empty. By making the third pickle ball court available it would provide playing options for up to 16 people.. I believe that this third Court would be used more frequently by more people if it was converted. The 2 remaining tennis courts would seem to handle the demand as there is typically only one or two needed most of the time. Matching supply/demand seems appropriate. Parking has become an issue that results in spillover into the neighborhood streets. The rough dirt car parking beside the courts would require minimal work to provide for adequate capacity. Paving is not necessary but grading and gravel would do the trick. It is currently limited due to ruts left from the rain and muddy parking. I am sure the neighbors would be relieved to have this recreational area parking handled The netting on the cyclone fence perimeter is in constant disarray. The net is adequate but the manner in which it is attached is done and re-done in the same faulty way....failing each time. Someway can solve this failure issue so the workers dont have to keep repeating the job. Between repair sessions the screen is blown and laying in a mess. Heads

together with the work staff will surely come up with the solution. Thank you for your time with my concerns.

Richard Benson

From:

Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 8:11 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Meeting concerning tennis courts.

I'm unable to attend the meeting on the 20th since I have a meeting myself at 6pm. I have been a resident in Scotts Valley for 26 years. My daughter and I have taken tennis lessons for years through the community center. I captained a USTA tennis team using the courts for practice and hosting tournaments. Now that I'm much older - pickle ball has become my family's new passion for the past year. We play with a group of people every Sunday afternoon. Last summer, there were college age pickle ball players and they too form teams and have tournaments. What a wonderful way for these 18+ year olds to spend there Sundays. They even play with us older players encouraging and enjoying the game. There is no vandalism or unreasonable activities just fun. Yes, it can get loud but the lights go off at 9pm and everyone does clear out. I know this myself since I do engage with these "kids" since I know their parents. This is a wonderful community and I feel blessed to be a part of it. The Sunday's that I have attended for the past year only one tennis court is occupied. To me, pickle ball has become the dominant sport at the courts. If anything, the one tennis court marked for both tennis and pickle ball should be dedicated for pickle ball. There are people waiting for an open pickle ball court and no one waiting for a tennis court to open. I do not know what the issue is which has caused this meeting. I do appreciate that you want to hear from the community that use the facility and hope that a compromise of some sort can be negotiated. We all need to think about a win/win solution for our community.

Best regards,

Lori Volk

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 7:56 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Comment on Skypark Tennis court

I am a homeowner in Skypark and have filed complaints with the city hall about the following issues which I seek relief urgently.

1. entire Skypark is closed after dark, but tennis court stays open. We urge city hall to cut power to floodlights and enforce a uniform hour for the park so tennis court also closes after dark.

2. skate court has a security camera monitored by the police 24/7. Here large crowds gather party and conduct criminal activities in Tennis court area after dark and police needs to monitor this area closely. Serious gang activities by criminals in this area of park is neglected. We observe criminals roaming in this area up until midnight. This area must be closed after dark and closed just like the rest of the park.

3. large crowds gather and park cars on landscaping and trash the habitat for wildlife in this critical ecology. This area has a very rich and abundant bird variety and is a very sensitive habitat for wildlife. City must observe the ecological needs of this area and do not harm by allowing hundreds of people to gather and park cars on plants where wildlife feed. This tennis court is not build for such a large crowd. It is a very serious violation of Skypark development covenants. This area is protected by the covenant of development.

4. City hall has violated Skypark covenant and converted Tennis court to pickleball court in violation of covenants. The noise from pickleball court is torturing my family. Our human right and civil right is violated and we seek relief to dismantle pickleball court from here. We are being tortured by noise.

5. There is portable toilet with open sewage that often has open door and horsefly and other flies are transmitting germs in large numbers. This entire Skypark depends on a hygiene toilet but city is ignoring our health is exposing us to unsanitary conditions. Also, service is daily with loud noise very early in the morning unacceptable. In addition, transients visit this portable toilet 24 hours a day. Also, there is some sort of narcotics and sex activities in the toilet. We urge the city to remove the toilet from here. It is serious discrimination to expose us to this health hazard.

6. I called one night about large noisy crowd partying and drinking beer at 10 PM. The police came and told them to leave. But the crowd stayed and ignored the police. I went out to my backyard to see and about 20 men attacked me and assaulted me but I was able to escape unharmed. The group is some sort of organized criminal gang of white supremacists who are known to the police and the police is afraid of this gang. What can a single officer do against 20 drunken men. This Skypark is a family park but there is no woman or young woman able to be here safely. I have seen

women attacked right here by gangs. A group of young women walking with their male friends and assaulted by group of young men gangs after dark in December.

7. This Tennis court doe not support Women and young female to enjoy this sport. Mostly criminal gangs are in this area. Very violent type people. City Does not support Women recreation. My family were interested in Tennis but there is no organized tennis activities for young females or women to encourage them to learn this sport. My own daughter when she was in middle school was interested in Tennis but there was one instructor who charged very high prices hourly lesson on City property. This is immoral to ignore young female sport needs and instead promoting male gangs and violent criminals congregate in this family park.

From:

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:08 AM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Skypark Pickleball Courts

I really like playing on your dedicated Pickelball courts. Your design works well for tennis players/Pickelball players. I think that it would be important for everyone that plays there they share the courts with everyone in a rotating system. Sometimes people want to keep a court just for themselves...they do not like to share Since Pickelball is a huge growing sport and Santa Cruz doesn't have enough courts it's important to rotate so that everyone gets to play.

Christine Sent from my iPad

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From:

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:03 PM

To: SVPR-rec <rec@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Pickleball in Scotts Valley

Good Morning

I would like to share my take on Sky Park pickleball/tennis courts. I am a resident of Scotts Valley and have been playing pickleball here going on 10 years.

Pickleball was very organized in the beginning with nets, balls, lessons and organized play! Pickleball grew but the Recreation Department became less involved..volunteers Mark Dittle and Sharyl Maraviov volunteered to run open pickleball on Saturdays @ 9am.. they would set up and take down nets..collect a fee \$ and have waivers signed, sell punch cards for \$20! Then drop money at Recreation building every Saturday!

Scotts Valley acknowledged Pickleball with the need for improvement and growth. Its now the leader in promoting Pickelball with permanent courts..and still the only lighted courts in the County of Santa Cruz!

The people playing pickleball now has grown tremendously. The ages range from octogenarians to children as young as 9!

It's a social activity with exercise !

Pickleball Open Play definition- anyone can join in and play..you play one game to 11 pts then get off the court..then a new 4 people come on...you mix up and play again..everyone plays!

The majority of my friends now I've met playing pickleball!

Be the leader you've always been with Pickleball and make the 3rd tennis court 4 permanent Pickleball Courts!

1 Tennis court = 2 or 4 players

1 Tennis court = 4 Pickleball courts =

16 players

It's where old tennis players go to play!

I look forward to the meeting on the 20th.

Thank you,

Judy Carlough

Sent from my iPhone