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From: Parks and Recreation Commission
Subject: FW: Copper Park pickleball courts on tennis courts - objection to project

From: Carrie Darling <
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:58 AM
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Subject: Copper Park pickleball courts on tennis courts - objection to project

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Dear Mountain View City Council Members and Mountain View Parks and Recreation Commission (Tennis Advisory Board) Members:

We are writing to ask you to not move ahead with the Cooper Park restriping proposal for pickleball and to let you know that we strongly oppose this action. We ask you to kindly find an alternative location, which is not in such close proximity to residences. We suggest Cuesta Park as an alternative.

We live right behind the Cooper Park tennis courts (in possibly the closest house, without the benefit of any trees separating us from the courts) and can see and hear the tennis courts from our windows. Tennis players are playing there constantly. They do play outside the hours posted, but that is for another meeting. It is a highly utilized tennis facility. They start early in the morning and play all day into the evening.

I am very disappointed that this proposal has continued thus far and that you are still considering moving forward with it despite many very thoughtful, collaborative objections and proposals for alternatives. Mr. Chambers, an avid pickleball player and neighbor, alerted us to the proposal. He wants to enjoy playing the sport and knows that there will be strong opposition if a proper location is not utilized. He does not want to fight with neighbors, as we have seen in so many cases across the country. I am certain that this contention will occur if you move forward.

The main problem with allowing pickleball to be played next to our homes is the noise factor. There is a loud pop pop pop of the pickleball paddles when they strike the ball. Many articles may be found online that supports this noise issue when municipalities across the country have installed pickleball courts in neighborhood parks surrounded by residences. Noise studies have been done that supports this excessive noise issue.

We also understand that the pickleball community feels that the shared pickleball lines on tennis courts and new dedicated pickleball courts that will be studied and constructed, should be at Cuesta Park where there are no

adjoining residences. Cuesta Park has 12 tennis courts with many of them often underutilized between 9 am and 3 pm when pickleball is most popular. It is the perfect location for shared tennis/pickleball courts and future permanent dedicated courts.

I ask you to consider this alternative and to not move ahead at Cooper Park. If the players don't want this to move ahead and the community doesn't want it to move ahead, then why are you still pursuing it? We highly value our quiet enjoyment of property and hope that we will not have to resort to legal action to stop this project, like so many other communities have done.

Thank you for your time.

Carrie and Donald Darling

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Subject: FW: Concern regarding the plan to restrip Cooper tennis courts for pickle ball use

From: Rajvardhan Deshmukh
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:13 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@mountainview.gov>; , Recreation <recreation@mountainview.gov>
Subject: Concern regarding the plan to restrip Cooper tennis courts for pickle ball use

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Hello City council and Tennis Advisory Board,

I regularly (2 days a week) use the tennis court in Cooper park with my friends.

I am writing to you to raise my concern regarding the plan to restrip Cooper Park tennis courts for pickle ball use.

The reasons for my concern are as follows:

1. Cooper park is visited by pet walkers, joggers and the tennis courts are close to the houses bordering it. Pickle ball will cause a lot of noise and would result in complaints from the above parties. Few link that talk about this problem seen by other communities:
<https://crazypickleballady.com/2021/07/13/the-sound-of-pickleball-a-detailed-explanation-and-what-you-need-to-consider-before-building-courts/>
<https://www.pickleballportal.com/blog/pickleball-noise-quiet-paddles/>

2. Cooper park Tennis courts are always in use, with people lining up to play. The City's tennis association takes up 2 courts on Saturday and Sunday after 9 am. Which means general public can't access any courts there. This affects me and friends that I play with.

Please take into consideration my concerns.

Thanks you,
Rajvardhan

Flynn, Allison

From: Steve Everett
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission; Crosby, Kristine; James, Colin
Subject: June 29 agenda item 5.1 - dual striping of pickleball courts

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Thank you very much to staff for researching and making their recommendation. I support staff's original recommendation to the Tennis Advisory Board - dual striping of six courts at Rengstorff Park. There is already a strong community of players at the existing three Rengstorff Park courts. Adding six more courts will only strengthen this community.

That said, I am not opposed to dual striping six courts at Cooper Park. However, I am very concerned about potential neighbor opposition to the Cooper Park pickleball courts.

- Traffic/parking: 24 players can play on 6 courts often with more players waiting on peak hours. There will be more traffic and parking in the neighborhood.
- Noise: The plastic ball hitting the paddle makes a relatively loud sound. Neighbors bordering the courts may be annoyed by this noise, seven days a week. Installing screening on the fences may help to dampen the noise but it remains to be seen by how much.

If the neighbors do raise strong objections to the Cooper Park pickleball courts, what is the plan "B"? Surely it can't be to return to the current status quo of the three Rengstorff pickleball courts (only 2 of which have permanent nets).

Best regards,
Steven Everett, Mountain View resident

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From: Duane Hinders
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 7:30 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission; City Council; , Recreation
Cc: r
Subject: Pickleball

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We live at 2625 Swanson Way, which is very close to the Cooper Park Tennis Courts #2 (how close: we get the occasional errant ball from court 2 in our back yard). I've been reading with interest (and some disbelief) the horribly misguided plan to re-paint lines on courts#1 and #2 for the purpose of pickleball. We do hear tennis balls being hit all the time but it's at a reasonable noise level. I don't even want to think of what it will be like to have the CLANK-CLANK-CLANK of pickleball paddle whacking a plastic pickleball.

I'm not opposed to pickleball. In fact, if I ever quite playing tennis (and I'm 83, so I might), I would certainly consider that as an alternative form of exercise. I'm just not at all clear what the reasoning is to do this here rather than in an appropriate location. It's almost like the decision makers had as their goal to maximize the disruption to a neighborhood rather than place the courts where they would have minimal impact (e.g, Cuesta Park).

A few years ago, some blue lines were added to Cooper's court #1 (junior tennis?) and the net effect is that tennis players now avoid court #1 like the plague. Some lessons occur there but, unless all the other courts are full, you just never see anyone use that court (not even for junior tennis or for whatever those lines are for). This plan would now make half of the Cooper courts very difficult to use for the purpose they were built.

Before this ends up as a contentious legal battle, I strongly suggest a reconsideration of this recommendation in favor of preserving a quiet neighborhood while still providing pickleball courts for those interested somewhere *other* than the Cooper Tennis courts.

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From: Sharon L
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:33 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission; Crosby, Kristine; James, Colin
Subject: Multi use tennis/pickleball courts

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Hello Parks & Recreation Commission,

First I want to thank the recreation staff, Stephanie, Colin and Kristine for the detailed study and analysis in order to maximize the usage of current resources.

Please support the recreation staff's recommendation of dual striping 6 pickleball courts on 2 tennis courts. Adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts is relatively quick and inexpensive.

As you can see in the staff memo "Table 1: Court Monitoring Observations", there are more people playing in the 3 pickleball courts than any other park tennis courts except for Rengstorff (8 tennis courts) and Cuesta (12 tennis courts). Mountain View has 35 tennis courts. Sharing 2 out of the 35 tennis courts seems to be the best use of city public resources to serve the most residents. Currently many Mountain View residents have to play in neighboring cities due to the lack of pickleball courts in Mountain View.

Recreation staff originally recommended sharing 2 tennis courts nearest to the 3 existing pickleball courts at Rengstorff Park which makes the most sense. That was voted down by the Tennis Advisory Board. Please support sharing 2 tennis courts either at Rengstorff Park or at Cooper Park. Pickleball is very popular so there will be more traffic, parking and noise which Rengstorff Park can already handle.

Thank you.

Sharon Lam, Mountain View resident

Flynn, Allison

From: Ariana Menhenett
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:57 AM
To: City Council; , Recreation; Parks and Recreation Commission
Subject: Pickleball at Cooper Park

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Dear City of Mountain View Parks and Recreation:

We live right next to Cooper Park and our bedroom on the second floor faces directly to the tennis court #1 & 2.

In the past 16 years, we have enjoyed the close proximity to Cooper Park and have played tennis using the courts. While the sound of tennis playing is tolerable, even though it is still quite audible through double pane windows, the increased 20-25dBa of a pickleball sounds, at about 70 dBa at about 100 feet away from the strike of the ball, (which is similar to a freeway at 50 ft from pavement edge ([source](#))) would not only disrupt our sleep, it will make it really unbearable for us to sit in the backyard or even have the windows open during the summer months. Our backyard backs directly up to the tennis courts #1 and #2.

My husband also works from home and the potential increased noise during work hours would be disruptive to our work and life. Don't get me wrong, I am all for people to play and get some exercise with pickleball playing. Cuesta Park tennis courts are just a mere 3 mins drive from Cooper Park. There are a lot more courts available and the courts are situated away from any residential houses.

Would you please consider putting the pickleball courts at Cuesta Park instead.

Thank you!

Ariana Menhenett

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From: Yinan Na
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:50 PM
To: City Council; , Recreation
Subject: Strongly Opposing Cooper Park Pickleball Proposal

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Hi there,

I am a resident who lives one block away from Cooper Park tennis court. I recently learned about the city's proposal to make Cooper Park tennis courts dual use for Pickleball. **I want to express my strong disagreement with this proposal.**

Cooper Park sits at the center of a very quiet and closed neighborhood. As we all know, Pickleball is a very noisy sport. It will definitely affect the lives of residents who live close to the tennis courts. Also, Waverly park is a relatively closed community, there are very few people coming to Cooper Park from outside the Waverly park community. Adding Pickle Courts to Cooper Park will attract a lot of random people outside the Waverly park community which brings safety concerns for the community.

As a tennis player myself, I oftentimes couldn't find available courts at Cooper Park due to its popularity. If we convert tennis courts into pickleball courts, it will further increase the tennis courts shortage, which doesn't make sense to me.

I strongly oppose the proposal to make Cooper Park tennis courts dual use for Pickleball. I think a good place for Pickleball usage should be far away from residential areas. Cuesta park should be a much better choice given its abundant courts and long distance from residential areas.

Thanks,
Yinan Na

Flynn, Allison

From: Robin Wakshull
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
Subject: Pickleball Courts

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask for your support and action to provide the community with more pickleball courts.

I recently heard a story on the radio that stated that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. I have seen the increase in participation in this sport. I am senior citizen and began playing pickleball last Fall. I have many friends who have told me that they would like to start playing pickleball. It is a terrific physical workout that requires me to improve my endurance and balance. Most of the time I play at Rengstorff Park and am happy to discover a wonderful community of fellow players. I occasionally at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. In both locations there are many more players than courts. There often dozens of people waiting to play on the limited number of pickleball courts, often next to unused tennis courts.

I am asking that you create more shared courts for tennis and pickleball. The community facilities are, and should be, for everyone's use. There are many tennis courts at Cuesta Park that could be shared by double striping the courts and establishing a system of priority of use. More permanent pickleball courts would be wonderful. In the interim, please serve this growing group of players by creating more shared courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robin Wakshull

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Please register my vote NOT to restripe Cooper Park tennis courts for pickleball use.
Thank you

George Wortiska
Mt. View Resident since 1962