From: carrie shen <

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:37 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Please reconsider drawing pickleball lines on Tennis courts

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Dear Mountain View City Council members:

I just found out recently that the Mountain View City Council is considering drawing pickleball lines on Rengstorff Park or potential other tennis courts in Mountain View.

I am happy to see a new Sport getting popular. However, I want to raise concerns as part of the tennis community. After the pandemic started, I noticed more and more people are showing interest in tennis and finding a tennis court is very hard. Making such a decision will make the situation even more difficult. Has the Mountain View City Council heard enough voice and made enough research to make such a decision? Have we considered other alternatives, for example, building new pickleball courts? I hope the city can listen to more voices and come up with a proposal that can make it a win-win situation.

Sincerely, Carrie

From: Yongfa Fan

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:54 PM

To: City Council

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Sincerely

Tennis player in mountain view.

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From: Yong Guo

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:08 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Rengstorff Park tennis courts

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Dear Mountain View City council members:

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-Yong Guo

From: Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: FW: Pickleball propossal

From: A.L.F. Kuba

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:47 AM

To: , Recreation < recreation@mountainview.gov >

Subject: Pickleball propossal

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My name is Alfred Kuba, I am a Mountain View resident and I am writing in OPPOSITION to adding pickleball courts in any Mountain View tennis courts.

Sincerely:

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Defend Animals Coalition

Alfredo Kuba, President

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From: Yong Li <

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:01 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Don't use blended lines in Rengstorf tennis courts for Pickleball use

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Sincerely

Tennis player in mountain view.

Wilson Li

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Ning Liu

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:49 PM

To: City Council

Subject: DO NOT DRAW pb lines on Rengstorff Park Tennis Courts

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Sincerely, A tennis player

From: Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: FW: Don't use blended lines in Rengstorf tennis courts for Pickleball use.

From: Christy Ma

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:10 PM

To: City Council < City.Council@mountainview.gov >; christy ma

Subject: Don't use blended lines in Rengstorf tennis courts for Pickleball use.

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Tennis player in mountain view.

From: Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: FW: Concerning on the proposal of Copper tennis courts for pickle ball use

From: Xiaoze (Jay) Ou <

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:40 PM

To: , Recreation < recreation@mountainview.gov>

Subject: Concerning on the proposal of Copper tennis courts for pickle ball use

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Dear Sir or Ms,

I am a resident living in the Waverly park area, Mountain view, and I am writing to express my concern on the proposal of restriping copper tennis courts for pickleball use.

Pickleball is a fun sport to play, however, it creates much louder and higher pitch sound than tennis. In my opinion, it should only be played at a venue distance away from a residential area. Cooper park is a nice and quiet park that my family and I visit every week, we really enjoy the calm and peaceful mood of the environment. Having pickleball played in Cooper park will be very disturbing and annoying for all the visitors to the park. On top of that, the tennis court is only a few feet away from the residential homes, I can't imagine how bad they will feel if they hear the pickleball sound from their backyard on a daily basis.

I would hope the committee to seriously reconsider this proposal. Please let me know if there is any further information I can provide.

Best regards, Xiaoze Ou

From: Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: FW: Don't use blended lines in Rengstorf tennis courts for Pickleball use

----Original Message-----

From: Gary Pang

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:14 PM

To: City Council <City.Council@mountainview.gov>

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Sincerely

Tennis player in mountain view. Gary pang

Sent from my iPhone

From: John Rhoadarmer

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:22 PM **To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

Cc: James, Colin

Subject: Pickle Ball Proposal for the Cooper Park Tennis Courts

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Regarding the Pickle Ball Proposal for the Cooper Park Tennis Courts

Unfortunately, I will be traveling on June 29th and unable to make the meeting discussing the Pickle Ball proposal for Cooper Park. So I'm submitting my comments here, taken from an email thread of other concerned neighbors who border the courts, and are in general agreement with my statements.

I have lived directly behind the Cooper Park tennis courts for 16 years on Swanson Way. I have several concerns about the use of the Cooper Park Tennis courts being used for Pickleball. The Pickleball paddle and gameplay produces a higher pitch popping noise when the ball is hit which many have <u>complained about at neighborhood courts across the country</u>. Having this additional noise directly behind my house will be annoying and unwanted. If Pickleball courts are being proposed in Mountain View, they should be added to courts that are far away from nearby homes like the courts at Cuesta Park, not in courts that are 30 feet from homeowners.

It does appear like one of the courts already has Pickleball lines painted on it. As a tennis player myself, I find the extra lines on the court distracting which cause me to do a double-take when playing a ball. I think many die-heart tennis players will agree that the extra lines are distracting. Since the one Cooper Court already has PickleBall lines on it, people are already beginning to play on that court, although it has not been officially authorized. So those PickleBall lines will need to be removed, assuming this proposal isn't approved.

An adjacent but related concern is the timing of proposed use for Pickleball starting at 8AM. Currently, the Cooper Park Tennis Courts are supposed to only be open and used from 8AM to dusk. For most of the past 16 years I have been living behind the courts, players have generally adhered to this timeframe for play, until this year. We have seen an increase of play on many mornings with players starting as early as 6:50AM and many times playing regularly at 7:15-7:30. So current start times for tennis play are not being enforced, causing some very loud gameplay to occur before the courts are to be open. I don't imagine the proposed Pickleball schedule (8AM - 2 PM) would also be easy to enforce nor would the higher pitch sound of Pickle Ball gameplay be tolerated.

Related to the above concerns, I would like to understand what the general rules and enforcement policy is, on excessive noise when using the tennis courts. Again, living behind the tennis courts and being a player myself, I understand that the excitement from the game can lead to an occasional loud outburst from players which is expected and tolerated. But this year, it seems like a few players who play regularly, some earlier than 8AM, tend to produce louder and more frequent outbursts than seem necessary. For the first time in the 16 years I've lived here, I was compelled to have a polite discussion with one of the four-somes to ask them to reduce their noise level and to play after 8AM. However, the problem continues.

So the parks system will need to understand and address how the noise and court hours can be communicated and enforced prior to any discussion of providing additional features to the Cooper Park courts that will undoubtedly exacerbate the current situation.

Thanks for listening,

John Rhoadarmer

Swanson Way Mountain View 94040

From: Shiyu Hu <

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:18 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Please do NOT put pickleball counts in Cooper Park

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Dear Mountain View City council members:

I am a tennis player living next to the Tennis courts in Cooper park, and I was surprised to see a proposal to share tennis courts in Cooper park with Pickleball. I am strongly against it!

The tennis courts in Cooper park are well maintained and are enjoyed by all the residents around Cooper park. My tennis group (>30 ppl) play at Cooper park almost every day starting from 8 am, and it is surprising to see the survey showing Cooper is the least used court in the recommendation.

Also, Cooper park is the third preferred tennis court by Mountain View residents. Accordingly, there are other parks that are much less preferred, i.e Whisman or Stevenson. I am very disappointed to learn that Cooper is selected for Pickleball pilot instead of the others.

More importantly, the Pickleball produces much louder noise, which will cause significant concerns by the residents association. This is not only about Tennis or Pickleball, it is also about housing, neighborhood, environment and beyond. The tennis court in Cooper park lives in the heart of the community and is surrounded by many houses, where the distance between tennis courts and houses is less than 3 meters. You should consult with the residents before making any proposal like that. On the other hand, Whisman park is much far away from the residential area.

I would strongly suggest you reconsider the proposal for sharing Cooper park tennis court with Pickelball based on the above reasons, especially how close the tennis courts are to the resident houses. As alternatives, Whisman could be a better choice for Pickleball.

Best, Shiyu Cooper park resident

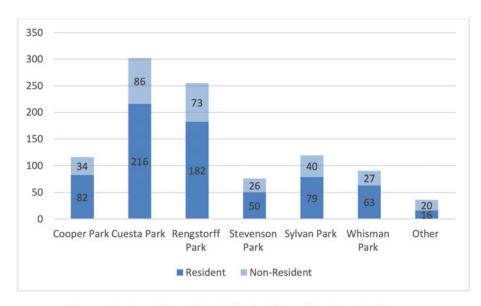


Figure 2: Locations Most Likely Played by Tennis Players

From: Tracy Chen

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:21 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Opposing restriping Cooper park for pickle ball use

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

I learned from the local tennis community that The Tennis Advisory Board recommends restriping Cooper courts for pickleball use. I am writing to express my concerns and objections about this proposal.

I am an active tennis player and play frequently at Cooper and various other public courts. Cooper is a very popular court in my opinion. I am surprised that your survey shows it's less used by tennis players. I am guessing the low number is because of less Cooper players participating in the survey.

Also Cooper courts are very close to the neighbors, only 25-30 feet from the neighbors' backyard. I don't think the fence and the few trees in between can fence off the noise of pickle ball playing. This proposal is not fair to the Cooper neighbors.

I understand we have limited choices but it's better to explore other possible options, than putting a significant noise pollution in a residential area (pickleball) and further reduce tennis player's court time.

Is Whisman an option for PB? Pickle ball is so noisy it should definitely first consider locations further away from residential areas. How about the undeveloped area next to Cuesta tennis courts? Is it possible to build pickleball courts there for their exclusive use?

Both tennis and pickle ball have grown in popularity since pandemic. I respect pickle ball players and sincerely hope we can find solutions that work for both players and at the same time do not disturb our quiet neighborhoods.

Best,
Tracy
-Tracy (Sent from my iPhone)

From: Yongzhi Wang

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:26 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Appeal from tennis player in Mountain View

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Sincerely

Eric Wang

Tennis player in mountain view.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Martha Young

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:35 AM **To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: Pickleball at Cooper Park

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Hello, I live directly adjacent to the Cooper Park tennis courts, at Swanson Way.

Since my backyard borders the courts, and I often have my windows and doors open to enjoy Mountain View's lovely climate, I am concerned about pickleball on the courts.

When we bought our home in 1991, I was thrilled that the house bordered a park. For the most part, I enjoy the park sounds that I hear - kids playing at the playground, pony baseball, soccer games, the soccer summer camps that happen sometimes (even with the added noise of the loudspeaker or bullhorn they use during parts of the camp), etc. The softer sounds of the tennis balls have never bothered me. I actually find them soothing.

But the other week I had friends in the yard for lunch. At one point someone said, "What IS that noise?? Ping-pong?" It was, in fact, a pickleball game.

No guest has ever commented on the tennis games. The sound of the harder pickleball on the paddle is very different from a tennis ball on a raquet; it is quite sharp and jarring, and really very annoying.

I think pickleball sounds like a great game, and have been thinking of trying it sometime. I have a good friend who plays it. Coincidentally, that friend was one of the guests at the aforementioned lunch, and even she agreed that it's not a great sport to have right over your back fence because of the noise factor.

I don't consider myself a NIMBY (who does?) -- I tend to be a supporter of proposed changes to the neighborhood that often put me out of step with my neighbors. (Two examples: years ago, I supported the Morgan Autism Center's efforts to build a school on the land around Primary Plus; I also supported the school district's proposal for replacing Primary Plus with teacher housing, though I did object to the district selling off the rest of the fields for single-family homes.)

But I really think it would be prudent to add pickleball facilities where they are not directly adjacent to residents' back yards.

Regards,

Martha Young
Swanson Way