

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS
JUNE 12, 2024 MEETING**

6.1. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board Work Plan

1. At least one other neighborhood group is in the process of implementing a pollinator habitat in coordination with City staff. Can the Work Plan addition of "Cuesta Pollinator Habitat" be expanded to include updates on all park pollinator habitats (and possibly reporting on other community-driven park feature enhancements.)

Staff can update next year's work plan to include updates on other volunteer-led projects including pollinator habitat projects at other locations. In the meantime, PRC can choose to make a motion to update the FY2024-25 work plan to include updates on these projects.

6.2. Pickleball Court, Project 23-36 – Draft Preliminary Study Findings

2. How many daily or weekly users are there for the dog run area in the "bowl" at Cuesta Park?

Staff does not track or have data on the number of users in this space.

3. As it relates to Location A, what is the plan for creating a new dog run area in another section of Cuesta Park? Where? Size? Fencing?

A plan would be developed after the site is selected, as a parallel but separate CSD project.

4. What are the dimensions of the overall lawn area in Location B? How much of that lawn area would be needed for 6 courts? Would it be possible to fit 2-3 additional courts in that area?

The lawn is approximately 42,000 SF and not rectangular, but with the general dimensions of about 250' by 170'. The 6-courts take up about 21,000 SF. Adding more courts could encroach into tree roots from the adjacent mature trees and fencing for the additional facilities would encroach closely to existing pathways within the park.

5. Would the courts be lighted? Could the decision for lights (or hours of lighting) potentially be different for Locations A and B?

Pending budget approval, the courts would be lighted. Initial cost estimates include lighting and the electrical engineer did not see any issues with the existing infrastructure for either location upon preliminary review. With the appropriate fixture configuration, lighting should not be an issue for either location from a light pollution standpoint (photometrics drop quickly). Hours of lighting could potentially be different for Locations A and B, that would be a programming option decided during detailed design.

6. Were any locations considered outside of current City parks?

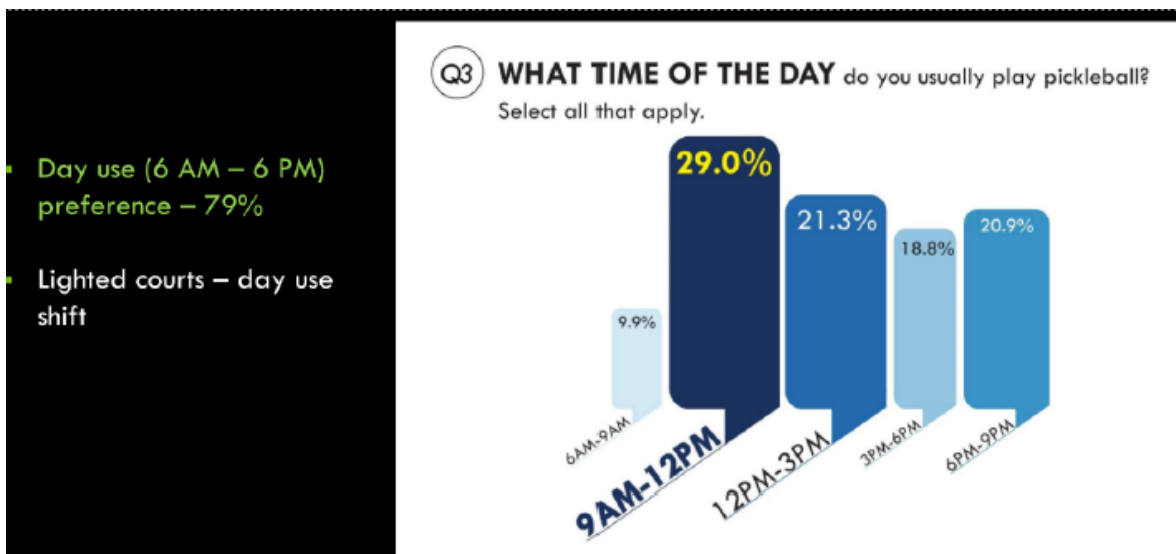
Yes, all City-owned parcels were considered including parks and City-owned developed/undeveloped land. Current City parks are more cost-effective to develop because they have existing infrastructure that can be utilized. Therefore, the timeline of project implementation would be reduced due to existing development, and simplified permitting and environmental conditions.

7. Would pickleball players reserve courts and pay fees, similar to tennis?

If Cuesta Park is selected as the site for development, the City may be able to amend the existing agreement with the Cuesta Tennis Operator to include oversight of the new pickleball courts. This approach is similar to what other cities have done with their tennis court operators. By overseeing pickleball courts, the operator could offer pickleball lessons, camps, and court reservations, expanding services available to the community.

8. In the survey results, can it be determined whether the 6am-6pm play for 79% of players is due entirely to preference, as opposed to being somewhat mirroring the availability of court times? (Lighting was listed as a top 3 amenity, so is it reasonable to assume more than 21% would play in the evenings if court time were available?)

The answer may be a bit of both. The preference may be due to the lack of lighted courts, and safe to assume that more than 21% would play if available. There was no follow up to that question. Below is a more detailed breakdown of the responses.



9. Was there any sense from either survey results or public meetings whether players would be willing to pay a fee similar to tennis players for court time on the new dedicated courts?

Staff received some comments where residents were willing to pay. A number of them stated they play at the Sunnyvale Tennis Center where the fee is \$13/hour for non-residents to play.

10. Which of our neighboring cities has a 12-court tournament-level pickleball complex?

Sunnyvale and Palo Alto have 12 courts; Cupertino has 8.

11. Has staff evaluated the heritage trees (pines, maples, and a few small oaks) currently growing on the berms?

A professional tree survey will be completed after the site preference is confirmed by PRC and Council. Preliminary observations by Staff are that the proposed courts can be implemented with minimal impacts to heritage trees. At Location A, three trees may need to be removed, and Location B no trees would need to be removed per the concept layout. Final confirmation of the number and type of trees potentially affected by the project will be brought back to PRC for consideration at the completion of Conceptual Design.

12. Did staff evaluate any currently paved areas as potential sites for the pickleball courts?

Yes, currently paved areas were considered in City parks. Many of those are already programmed which limited options. Some dual-use options were considered but were not recommended by staff due to impacts to other recreational uses and the complexity of managing dual use areas.

13. If this project moved ahead, would the current Rengstorff pickleball courts be kept?

The existing three dedicated pickleball courts at Rengstorff would be kept. A decision on the dual-striped tennis/pickleball courts at Rengstorff Park would be determined in a future meeting by the PRC.

14. What is the square footage of Option A?

40,100 SF.

15. Is Option A feasible without razing the berms surrounding the bowl? How many courts could the current configuration of the bowl accommodate without grading or at all impacting the berms?

Location A is not feasible without razing the berms if 12 courts are selected. With no impact to the berm, the options at Location A would be:

Only three to four courts would potentially fit in the hardscape area between the tennis courts and the berm, where the existing bleachers are located.

Staff evaluated if six (6) courts could fit in the currently flat area at the bottom of the dog bowl space. Two (2) courts fit between the side berms for up to three (3) rows for a total of six (6) without cutting the berms.