

Parks and Recreation Commission Questions
April 12, 2017

Item 6.2 - Pickleball Facilities at Rengstorff Park

1. Is there a visual example of what the painted pickleball lines added to the tennis courts will look like?

Photos will be part of the presentation tomorrow night. Attached are examples of lines at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. Additional photos will be provided as part of the presentation.

2. Are there other nearby jurisdictions we can look to for examples of combined pickleball tennis courts and/or standalone pickleball courts?

Mitchell Park in Palo Alto is the closest location that provides examples of blended lines. Three tennis courts have blended lines at this location.

Item 6.3 - Castro Street Median Renovation and City Hall Plaza Enhancement

1. For the median landscaping on Castro ... are these intended to be aesthetic remodels only or are they intended to accommodate pedestrians walking on the medians, sitting, etc? My impression was part of the "activation" intended to cover the medians as well, but in reviewing the packet, it seems like the designs aren't really intended for folks to walk/sit upon

These are aesthetic landscape remodels for the medians. General consensus was it wasn't the best idea to encourage pedestrians to spend time in the middle of the street.

2. Just to clarify, in the proposed median plans I am assuming there will be no changes to the current sidewalk hardscape features like the corner benches, wrought iron tree surrounds, or light posts?

The project is landscaping only. There are no changes to any hardscape features in the medians.

3. Was there a shade analysis included for the different median and plaza plans?

I don't believe a formal shade analysis was conducted.

- a. E.g., how much shade do the olive trees from the Traditional plan provide compared to the palm trees from the Modern plan?

The palms provide very little shade. The olives would provide filtered shade for the plant material under their canopy

- b. How much shade do the bamboo planters provide compared to the dogwood trees proposed in the two plaza plans? How tall will the bamboo grow? Will it be possible to see through the bamboo, or will it be relatively solid and cut off the view to the street?

Bamboo is a grass and would not provide much in the way of shade. Plants can grow 8 to 20 feet tall depending on the species planted. We have bamboo at the Child Care Center and selectively prune out older stalks to provide a view through the plants. We would do the same if planting bamboo in these planters.

- 4. Is there more detailed information available regarding the computer and cell phone charging terminals and benches?

I will ask our consultant to provide more information for the presentation Wednesday evening.

- a. How many outlets are included on each?

Each Soofa bench has two outlets. Each Legrand power pedestal can have two or three outlets.

- b. How many terminals are included in the plans (from the drawings it only looks like 1-2)?

That would be determined once we have an approved concept and are able to determine how many Soofa benches could be accommodated and how many locations we could bring electrical power to for the Legrand pedestals.

- c. How fixed are these - are they costly to relocate or to maintain?

Staff's understanding is the Soofa bench is portable. The Legrand stations are fixed. Maintenance on either should be fairly minimal.

- d. Are there other examples within driving distance that I could visit to see them in action in person?

Staff is not aware of current locations and will check with our consultant to see if they are aware of nearby locations.