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From: Julie Edson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 11:01 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I would like to voice my support for more Pickleball court space. There are many occasions we have to wait to play. The sport is becoming very popular here in Santa Rosa and I would love to see more court space. Thank you.
Julie Edson

[REDACTED]

From: Nancy Cartan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 11:58 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball Expansion

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To whom this may concern,

I have read your post for the tennis and pickleball community that is on display at Finley courts. It is very misleading to the tennis community. It is worded to sound like the PB players are wanting to convert the courts to PERMANENT PB courts. There is no mention of lines for temporary play on weekdays or when courts are VACANT. The post reads the tennis courts will be, simply for PB, which is incorrect and needs to be corrected.

I overheard a conversation today between tennis players, that PB is coming in to "regentrify" the tennis courts. We need the tennis community to realize there is only so much space and we can play together to maximize the utilization of the courts with lines and temporary, moveable PB nets. This model is in use world-wide...

If they are given incorrect info then we are spending lots of time and info to correct what should be disseminated by the BOCS office. Thanks. Nancy Cartan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: NASLUND EDWIN [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 1:46 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Pickleball has become a very popular sport for all ages. Unfortunately there is not enough courts to accommodate all the new interest. By the same token, tennis is not quite the sport it used to be i.e. empty courts most weekdays at both Finley and Howarth Parks. It would certainly be a bonus to use a few of these empty courts for pickleball!!! Thank you for your consideration. A lot of us older folks have certainly benefitted from this game.

[REDACTED]

From: Gramm Vineyards [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 6:07 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball Court Expansion

I am writing to express the need for more Pickleball courts at the Finley Community Center. We desperately need more courts as more and more people are playing Pickleball. We are asking to cross-line an additional 6 (six) temporary Pickleball courts on the two west Finley tennis courts for use when the courts are empty.

Pickleball is one of the fastest, if not THE fastest growing sport in the country. Santa Rosa has an amazing community, of all ages, coming out to play pickleball. Let's keep people active, connected and 'in-shape' by providing enough courts so everyone can play.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Muller

[REDACTED]

From: Shannon Utter [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:19 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Support

Hello,
I am an avid pickleball player and would like to express the need for additional pickleball space in Santa Rosa. In addition, it would be great to get some lighting at the existing courts.
Thank you,
Shannon Utter

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:22 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

My name is Al Fiori, I have played city leagues for years until I was about fifty years old then there was nothing for a senior to competitively play. Then came Pickleball, as a person over eighty and a very competitive person it was fantastic. I play at Finley park three days a week. The bottom line is we need more Pickleball courts, they are to crowded. Let's do something for the senior population for a change. Cards or Bingo doesn't do it. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Mathieu Isaacs [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:08 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

I am a regular Pickleball player at Finley and we desperately need more dedicated Pickleball courts there. Every day there are 30, 40 and 50 people who come out to enjoy both the physical and social benefits of the game which provide excellent recreation for the seniors in the community.

I urge you to convert the two Tennis courts to 6 temporary Pickleball courts to serve our community Thank You Mathieu Isaacs

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Don P [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:14 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Pickleball Courts, please.

Allow me to add my voice to the many other pickleball players here in SR. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Communities around the country are adding new courts and swapping tennis out courts for pickleball courts. Tennis court usage is in decline according to the USTA. I see new players on our few pickleball courts regularly. Our facebook page shows new player signups almost daily.

In addition, Santa Rosa would be a great place to host sanctioned pickleball tournaments. If we had more courts, these events would add to SR's economy (to a far greater extent than tennis does) as well as benefit our local tourist economy.

Adding more courts is necessary as it addresses an obvious and genuine community need.

Kindly invest our local tax dollars in support of pickleball in Santa Rosa. It's the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do.

Thank you,

Don Pitts

[REDACTED]

From: Ron Bartholomew [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:51 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for new Pickleball courts

I enthusiastically support any new attempts to increase the number of pickleball courts at Finley. On many occasions I need to wait to play on the existing courts while the tennis courts are empty. New striping and portable nets could eliminate the waiting on the existing courts. Thank you for your consideration.
Ron Bartholomew

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda Ristow [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:05 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Need more Pickleball courts at Finley

Pickleball is really popular! We have crowds at Finley waiting to play. On most days the tennis courts are empty. We would like to be able to use them.

Sent from my iPhone
Thanks
Amanda
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Gayle Pickrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:07 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickleball courts

We need more pickleball courts in Santa Rosa. In the meantime, we request that we cross-line the two west tennis courts at Finley to accommodate six additional temporary courts with mobile nets to add multiuse capacity for pickleball during times of no use by the tennis community. Finley court players typically run in the 40s on M-F mornings when no tennis players are out. We would like to be able to expand into the unused area during those times.

Gayle Pickrell
Santa Rosa

McClure, Shelley

From: CAROL MCREYNOLDS [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:27 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment; Kathy Kerst
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expansion of local pickleball courts at Finley

Hello members of the Board,

I am a resident of Santa Rosa, and have been for over 30 years. For the last 8 years I have enjoyed playing pickleball at Finley Park as well as Howarth. I play at Finley usually daily. Over the years I have seen the sport expand in Santa Rosa by leaps and bounds! It used to be mostly seniors who had the time during the day to play. But now I see Pickleball players of all ages and skill levels from the aged to the mostly young and fit competitive players. We as a local club have always tried to allow a way for everyone to enjoy the game and have equal opportunity for access and play.

Even with new courts added in Rohnert Park and Windsor and Sebastopol, it seems we can't keep up with the growth. Almost every day at Finley Park the courts are full. We always have a waiting list and we use a board so everyone has a chance to play. That leaves people still waiting around.

During the week, the tennis courts are usually empty with the exception of occasionally 1-2 players who stay for a short time. The weekends are when the tennis courts are used.

If we had access to the tennis courts during the week it would allow for more play, warm up, and skill drills.

Your consideration in this is greatly appreciated!

Thank you

Carol McReynolds
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:47 AM

BOCS Public Comment

[EXTERNAL] Please add my name to the list of residents requesting more Pickleball courts. Obviously for many reasons this game has become very popular. I've been playing several years and have seen the popularity explode with not just seniors but all ...

Ron Langermann
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jon ODay [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:56 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Pickleball courts

Pickleball is very popular, more so than tennis I think now. Times have changed and the tennis courts need to be repurposed to Pickleball by restriping them for both. That way those tennis players can still play when they want and when not in use (which is most of the time) the Pickleball players can use the courts.

Jon O'Day
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ramona [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:07 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball At Finley Courts

Hello,

I play Finley frequently and very often experience more players than there are courts on which to play. It's been my observation - during the week - that there are more often than not - no tennis players on the tennis courts. If the tennis courts were lined and netted for pickleball, many of us could play rather than stand around and wait for an open pickleball court.

Please consider addressing this matter. We are in need of more courts.

Respectfully

Ramona Haller

******* I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him. Galileo Galilei***

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From: Linda Doyal [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 11:32 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

We need more pickleball courts in Santa Rosa - specifically at Finley center. Most days M-F it is standing room only for pickleball and there are no tennis players on adjoining courts. The sport is growing in popularity and crowding will only get worse. Please allow more courts!

Thank you,

Linda Doyal

[REDACTED]

From: Chad Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 1:13 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Hello Board of Community Services,

I am a local pickleball player and would like to express our need for more pickleball courts in Santa Rosa. I live close to Howarth park and play there several times a week. Many of the popular times (9am-noon most days, and 5-8pm weekdays) become too crowded to play, with up to 10 or more people sitting on the side waiting for courts to open up. I started playing just over a year ago and plan on continuing to play in Santa Rosa regularly for the foreseeable future. It would be great if the city of Santa Rosa could recognize the popularity and speed that pickleball is growing! As a new sport, it will only continue to grow and it would be great if Santa Rosa could be ready to accommodate that growth by having more courts available!

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Thanks, Chad (Sent from iPhone)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:04 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pickleball Courts

Hello committee,

It is my understanding the up coming BOCS meeting is to stripe the west courts at Finley and to be used exclusively from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

This a complete waste of time and money and you going to have angry tennis players complaining about the added lines and crowd. You are targeting one small crowd.

Its my belief that if this was a direct effort to draw people to Santa Rosa for the fastest growing sport in the United States you would consider Howarth Park. You can add 12 more courts under the lights. More people in the city means they will spend their money for breakfast, lunches, and dinners if there are more courts that have lights. More money spent in SR means more revenue for the city. Tournaments could generate a lot of people coming to wine country, again more revenue for the city. Or city has been ravished by fires, so this seems like a small amount of money for the bigger picture.

I know from people talking that this is not an option to rebuild to existing tennis courts due to the cost. Not to long ago the city had an influx of money from FEMA, I think 28 Mil., and they were asking the community what to do with the money. Invest in something that gives back to the community.

The goal should be drawing our local players and players from out of town to an area where they want to play with high caliber players. Concord is on place I've heard as well as Novato.

Rohnert Park has six permanently stripped court that will soon have lights that operate. Howarth only has four. If you want to provide a place where people WANT to come as opposed to a default area because there are lights, then this seems like a long-term investment for the city.

Thank you, Jim Cartwright

[REDACTED]

From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:55 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic; BOCS Public Comment; Schwedhelm, Tom
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Dear Mayor, City Council and BOCS members,

My name is Ta Dang. My current resident is at [REDACTED] I am Vietnamese American and have lived in Santa Rosa for 40 years.

I want to address my concerns to the city regarding the proposal to convert the remaining 2 tennis courts to a hybrid with pickle ball lines drawn over it. I and many members of my community are against it.

Here are my concerns:

1, Inequity

There are 4 dedicated pickle ball courts vs 2 dedicated tennis courts. Eventually no more dedicated tennis courts on the entire west side of town.
Well funded and well organized pickle ball club has the resources with money and time to influence the city decision, i.e. paying the city to convert the courts a few years ago.

2, Minority people rarely speak up

A small community of Asian tennis players who regularly play at Finley may find the courts undesirable to play. We will eventually need to find another place to play. That causes economic burden considering the lower income level relative to the east side town.

3, Conflicts and animosity

Changing the courts condition will escalate conflicts and animosity between tennis players and pickle ball players. That's not what we want. We need to respect everybody. We feel we got bullied.

4, Not enough representation

Our Asian community is too small. Eventually our players will move to play in another area (concern no. 2.) We will effectively or indirectly get pushed out of the area. We cherish and love where we live on this west side of town. Our children have also grown up here.

5, Entitlement

Pickle ball club knows how to work the system to get what they want at the expense of other under-represented groups. Again they have the money and time.

I enjoy and support ALL outdoors activities. I trust the city of Santa Rosa will consider my concerns and support our small minority group when deciding the Finley tennis/pickle ball courts decision.

Sincerely,

Ta Dang
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Shelli Main [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:58 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle Ball in Santa Rosa

Hi,

I am writing to express my desire for more pickle ball courts in Santa Rosa. I have been playing for 5 years now. When I started, it seemed like we had plenty of courts for all levels of play but the growth and love for the sport has grown exponentially in these last couple of years. The tennis courts at all of the parks sit empty while we have up to 30 people or more people waiting to play on the very few courts we have.

I have now traveled to different states as well as different cities in CA and those places all seem to have embraced the love and need for more Pickle Ball in their communities. I really hope to see the same thing happen here. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have the ability to have great tournaments, as well as support our local population in doing what we love!!!

In good health,

Shelli Main

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Mike Bryant [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:26 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts Needed

I hope the city will help the community attain more pickleball courts.
It is an extremely popular activity for all ages and genders. We have too few courts. Almost every day there are dozens of people waiting for an open court at Finley.
Thanks,
Mike Bryant

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: Linda Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Shelli Main
Cc: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Pickle Ball in Santa Rosa

Great letter, Shelli. Thank you for sharing it.

Linda Hoffman

[REDACTED]

On Sun, Oct 17, 2021 at 4:57 PM Shelli Main [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

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In good health,

Shelli Main

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: al Fiori [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:23 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PickleballClub

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Sent from my iPad

I am 85 and my wife is 84. We play Pickleball 3 times a week and feel it helps us keep fit and healthy. The need for more courts is apparent as attendance keeps growing. So often the two tennis courts are vacant. Making them multi-use would be wonderful.

Thank you for considering this.

Al Fiori

[REDACTED]

From: Kathy Burrows [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:15 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle all at finely

I support lining the Finely tennis courts for pickleball. Most mornings we can have up to forty pickleball player which include all ages, but mostly seniors. The tennis courts are rarely used by tennis players and should be multiuser courts.
Thank you
Kathy Burrows

[REDACTED]

From: marty cassity [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 12:40 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Finley

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Hello,

I am writing to request your support of striping the 2 western tennis courts at Finley for 6 pickleball courts. There is a dire need for more courts both at Finley as well as at Howarth park.

Pickleball is growing at an unprecedented rate with new players added to our local ranks on a weekly basis. Additionally, as a K-6 educator (Helen Lehman Elementary School - 1700 Jennings Ave. - near Finley) I am introducing my students to Pickleball as a means to provide a healthy, inexpensive and easy entry activity for students and their families.

Please support this expansion of Pickleball in Santa Rosa.

Sincerely,

Marty Cassity

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Susanne Lake [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:48 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

To Whom It May Concern,

Five months I began playing pickleball.

Not only I have made numerous new friends and introduced at least six (6) women to the game. We play 3 to 4 times a week and have such a blast doing so. We have met so many other residents as we pick up games at Finley.

When my daughter comes home to visit me, we play pickleball together. It is something that can be done between multi-generations.

Often times however, we have to wait for a court because it has become so popular. However, there is NO ONE on the tennis courts. I have seen people on the tennis courts possibly 3 times in the last 5 months.

With Pickleball becoming the most popular and fastest growing sport in the USA, I encourage the City of Santa Rosa to line more courts for this fascinating sport.

I also encourage you to line the courts at Howarth Park as four courts are certainly not enough on the east side of town. The condition of the courts at Galvan Park are poor so most people on this side of town play at Finley or Howarth.

Let's keep up with the growing demand!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susanne Lake

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Kovatch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:16 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

To whom it may concern,

I'll play pickle ball at Finley Community Center a round 4 to 5 days a week. There is a drop in time from nine to noon. Often, there are 20 to 25 people waiting to play, and the courts are full. Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. We definitely need more courts available. 90% of the time at Finley, there are no tennis players at all. Please consider striping the tennis courts so there will be more space available for Pickleball.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Carol Kovatch

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:18 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Striping courts

I am writing in support of striping the west tennis courts at Finley for temporary Pickleball play. It will solve the overwhelming crowding on weekdays on the PB courts. This model of temp courts/ nets is in use all over the world... easy fix to share the space. The original BOCS flyer posted at Finley was misleading by not saying the courts would be temporary. This needs to be revised. I think it has caused incitement within tennis community.

Nancy Cartan [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Reed Ferrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:26 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

to whom it may concern
we have been in need of more pickleball courts in sonoma county for years
we have come to the city with requests before for permanent courts and not had any success
with the striping of the finley courts we will have usage of those courts when they are empty thereby relieving the over
crowded pickleball courts at finley
we would not be using the tennis courts when tennis is in play
striping the tennis courts will not effect the tennis game whatsoever
thank you for taking action in relieving the overcrowded pickleball court situation in sonoma county
reed ferrick

[REDACTED]

From: Mike Bryant [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:40 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Finley

I support **the striping of temporary pickleball courts at Finley.**

I play pickleball almost every day at Finley.

Except on weekends the tennis courts are seldom used. On the occasional instance where tennis is being played, it's often on only one court not both courts.

Disproportionate use is likely due to demographics. Pickleball players are generally older than tennis players and have free time. Tennis players are generally younger and work during the week. That is why court utilization should be enhanced by striping the tennis courts with Pickleball court lines. This is A common practice both on indoor and outdoor courts.

The county urgently needs more pickleball courts. This is an extremely popular and worthwhile activity for a huge number of people.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mike Bryant

[REDACTED]

From: Tamara Baganz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:45 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Striping more temporary pickleball courts at Finley

Since I live close to Finley it would be awesome to have more pickleball courts available when needed. However in general it is important to have access to more courts in our community in general. In order to have opportunities to have any kind of organized play, having more courts is a must so that all kinds of play is a viable option. Thank you so much for considering adding more temporary courts before we can get more permanent courts!

[REDACTED]

From: Mike Janus [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:53 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball court conversion at Finley

Dear Board of Community Services,

I write today in support of re-lining the tennis courts at Finley park to support both tennis and Pickleball. I routinely play Pickleball at Finley, mostly on the weekdays and there is regularly a moderate sized crowd of a dozen or more players waiting to play Pickleball while the tennis courts are mostly empty. Re-lining the courts will support the increased popularity of Pickleball while retaining flexibility for the tennis players.

Of course, the best course of action would be to construct a large number of Pickleball courts as many communities across the country have done. In the meantime, flexibility on court usage would seem most appropriate.

Regards,
Michael Janus

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Mike Janus
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Laura Larrecou [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:52 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball In Santa Rosa

Hello,

I'm writing in support of striping the multi use courts at Finley park in Santa Rosa.

I've been playing pickleball there for quite some time. On weekdays, there usually are not any tennis players using the courts while 10-20 people stand by waiting to play pickleball.. These two often unused courts could double as temporary pickleball courts with lines and temporary movable nets when not in use by tennis players.

I played tennis in high school and college and taught tennis at a tennis center. It's a wonderful sport. I believe we can all find a way to work together, be considerate of each other and find ways to support each other.

Please consider ways to be flexible and allow more folks to be able to be outside, enjoying sport and recreation.

Laura

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Laura Larrecou
Broker Associate
WREALESTATE

35 Years Real Estate Experience
Past President SR Chapter of Realtors (R)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:58 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Striping the Tennis courts at Finley....

I am in favor of the striping of the tennis courts in Finley for Pickleball! Im an advit Pickleball player, (and sometimes tennis) and it has changed my life. So many people get such great joy and exercise from the game. The tennis courts are often empty, and there are many people playing pickle ball daily. It wouldn't hurt the tennis players games.

Warmly
William

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Debbie Gordon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:08 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Need for more pickleball courts

Good morning,

As you may have been hearing, pickleball is the fastest growing sport across the US. It is a sport that can be played by all ages and abilities. Pickleball players are extremely welcoming and friendly. It's all inclusive. I am 67 years old and started playing earlier this year and fell in love with the sport. My husband and I have now played in every city we have visited, always finding plenty of courts and plenty of people inviting us to play. It's a big attraction for us to find cities that offer courts and open play. Santa Rosa has a huge need for more courts and to be able to expand Finley's capacity, even on a temporary basis, would be hugely utilized and appreciated!

Thank you for your consideration,
Deb Gordon

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Theresa Haynie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:22 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cross-striping Tennis Courts for Pickleball

To Santa Rosa Parks management-

I live in Seattle, yet for the last five years have been a frequent visitor to the Napa Valley area to support family. An avid pickleball player, I seek out good places to play, and most days I'm in the Napa Valley, I drive over the hill to Santa Rosa and Finley courts.

Finley courts are a magnet for pickleball players, what with the several dedicated pickleball courts plus the extra tennis court to expand to. Even with that layout, many a day I've played at Finley courts with pickleball players stacked up by the sidelines while the tennis courts to the north remain empty. Yes, there is *some* tennis on *some* days, although when I've visited we can often warm up to play or stretch on the unoccupied tennis courts. All this while the many pickleball players, of a very diverse age, ethnic, and economic demographic, crowd onto the limited pickleball courts. In a two hour time frame, four tennis players may play one or two matches while in the pickleball courts, 40+ pickleball players have rotated in for several games each lasting about 20 or so minutes. An elitist sport pickleball is not, unlike the long-standing reputation of tennis. Intergenerational, easy to blend varying skill levels of players, generally easy to quickly learn to play, pickleball is the populist sport that brings together families and sustains our growing senior populations.

Convincing you that pickleball is popular isn't why I'm writing; you know that by now. I'm writing to say that pickleball draws locals and visitors alike when the cities where it's supported step up. When I travel to Santa Rosa to play, I'm buying fuel and food, I visit the mall, buy coffee, and eat out. I don't just use your city benefits, I participate in supporting local businesses (hello, City Donuts!).

I'm writing to say that even my home city of Seattle has taken up the mantle of cross-striping pickleball courts on to tennis courts for the same reason many cities do: land is expensive, especially on the West Coast, and the cost of adding new hard surfaces is an expense most cities can't bear right now. An exception, or possible example, might be Palm Desert, California, where the Parks department realized that it was cheaper to convert an existing multi-sport tennis complex to dedicated pickleball courts to accommodate the mass of players and build two new tennis courts, all driven by the numbers. Their study showed 15/5 ratio of pickleball to tennis players.

My plea is this: support your pickleball playing community, shown by studies to age better, build more social connections and create community networks, enjoy good mental health in times of crisis (Covid, fires, economic downturns). The return for the city is a good one, with healthy adults making fewer demands on the health support systems. And look to the Finley pickleball play group alone for evidence of a caring pickleball player community that takes care of the facility (leaf blowers, toweling courts, picking up, managing locking and unlocking), and I challenge you to find a local tennis court where the same thing can be said.

The city of Napa has only two tennis courts, both cross-striped for pickleball, yet they have managed to accommodate both sports by providing clear guidelines for sharing. We are not a selfish group, us pickleball players, however we are engaged and accommodating, even with a sport on the wane as tennis is.

Thanks for your consideration. Keep growing Santa Rosa pickleball - it serves city's best interests.

Theresa Haynie

Visitor

USA Pickleball Ambassador - Seattle

VP Seattle Metro Pickleball Association

[REDACTED]

From: Nathaneal Magardie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:20 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Finley Park

Good morning,

The pickleball community in Santa Rosa, actually the larger Sonoma County has doubled no tripled in the last 2 years. If you take the time to visit the pickleball courts during weekday morning or weekends you would find that there are more than 10 people waiting to play on a facility that can only host 24 people and if you look over to the tennis courts their is no tennis player to be found.

THERE IS A FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY HERE FOR THE CITY AND THE LARGER SONOMA COUNTY.

By building more pickleball courts at Finley Park We can host tournaments, this would help small businesses, the tourist industry, the City!!

If for nothing else than the money that can be generated by hosting Pickleball Tournaments, build the courts for this reason.

[REDACTED]

From: Ann Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:29 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickelball courts

Dear Board of Directors

I just recently retired I need July, I took up Pickelball as my husband as been playing. I play both at Finley and Sunrise in Rohnert Park. I play in both places as often there are not enough courts to play in Finley. Fortunately RP has cross stripped their tennis courts so they have the ability to set up an additional six temporary courts, which is not ideal, but it helps. Pickelball is growing at incredible rate of popularity, it is a sport all ages can play. Cross stripping is a win win for both Tennis and Pickelball. In the mornings at Finely often all courts are full with many people waiting to play. So they drive to RP to play. So after playing the players will do their shopping, getting coffee and lunch in RP, not SR. Please increase the opportunity for the SR people to play in SR.

Sincerely
Brooke Davis

[REDACTED]

From: Dorothy Lampi [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:45 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] multi use courts at Finley

To Whom it may concern,

I don't generally voice my opinion on pickleball matters in Sonoma County, because I am a resident of Mendocino County, so I in some ways feel that my opinion shouldn't matter. However, I now believe that my opinion should matter, because I come and play pickleball regularly at Finley. I have been coming to Santa Rosa to play pickleball at least once a week, sometimes more for at least the last four or five years. I of course generally have lunch somewhere in town, and sometimes do other shopping as well. I support the economy in Santa Rosa because I come to play pickleball at Finley. With that being said, I have not been playing at Finley as much because of the over crowding at the courts. If the tennis courts could be stripped for pickleball, this would help alleviate the long wait times between matches. I understand that tennis players may not appreciate having additional lines on their courts, but it truly does not take long to familiarize oneself with the lines that pertain to your sport. In Ukiah (and Willits for that matter), multi-use courts are all we have, and yes the tennis players complained at first, but they adjusted, and you know what – most of the new players to pickleball were the tennis players (not all of course)!

Please vote to line the existing tennis courts at Finley for pickleball as well.

Thank you,

Dorothy Lampi
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Chris Schumacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:19 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Need more pickleball courts

Board of Community Services,

As you are aware, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. It is enjoyed by all ages, especially those over 65 years old. Finley Park is a great location, but is now becoming over crowded with lots of players and not enough courts. I support adding lines to the tennis courts (which are very rarely being used) so they can be used by the large number of players that are showing up for pickleball. Times can be set for tennis play, while allowing other time for pickleball. Our seniors have fallen in love with this sport due to the physical activity and social interactions. Please support this change, as it only makes sense to support our senior community.

Chris

Chris Schumacher
Executive Vice President &
Chief Operating Officer

[REDACTED]

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From: Pastor Dan Boyd [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:21 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle-ball

Dear BOCS,
I would like to voice my support for more and better pickle-ball courts.
Often times at Finely park all 6 courts are full, 24 players, and a dozen people waiting. There is a similar problem at Howarth park as well.
Please expand!
Thank you
Dan Boyd

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Dan Boyd, Pastor
Hope Chapel Santa Rosa
[REDACTED]

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This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.
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From: Steve Fujii [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:27 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts Anyone?

Aloha Park & Recreation!

My name is Steve Fujii and I have been a Santa Rosa resident for 40 years! Originally, born and raised in Hawaii. My mom worked for the Parks and Rec in Honolulu, so I have been involved in Hawaii's Summer Fun programs from age 6-21; being in the program as a child; junior leader and as a college hire working as a camp counselor! So, I have spent many years enjoying our public facilities and programs in Hawaii.

This email is to express the growing need for Pickleball courts in Santa Rosa! This sport is growing leaps and bounds while the tennis community seems to be dwindling away especially since the Howarth park courts seem to be almost vacant most of the time I am playing on the single tennis court on the north end (4 PB courts)! We sometimes have 30 folks at the 4 PB courts! 16 playing and 14 or more waiting! While on the other side there are 6 tennis courts mostly vacant and not being used many times during the day!

Times are changing and I played on the SRJC tennis team in 1978-1979 with Dan Magnusson, Joe Vlasak, Gary Luce and many others! We all played in tennis tournaments at Howarth park back in the day! However, tennis has been down and many of us older players have switched to Pickleball which has been a saving grace for someone like me! I have had 3 knee operations from playing soccer and basketball and basically had to give up all of those sports including tennis! However, because the PB courts are 1/4 the size of a tennis courts, I am able to play again and also playing competitively in tourney all over our western states; CA, AZ, NV, CO!

Everywhere in these other states, new state-of-the-art facilities are being built! CA-Newport 20 courts, Fountain Valley 20 courts and many 10-15 courts in SoCal. AZ has so many 20-30 court facilities there but still opening a 40 court complex in Mesa and Las Vegas just finished a beautiful 24 court at Sunset Park with separate courts, benches and roofed pavilions for spectator viewing of matches!

This sport will double in the next 1-2 years in Santa Rosa and everywhere! My feeling that without ample city planning it will become a very big problem! If we are trying to make life better in Santa Rosa especially for our aging community but also for our youngsters that are seeing how fun this game is for everyone, we need to plan now for improving what we currently have like; new PB nets at Howarth and fixing cracks on the courts and planning to add more courts wherever there is space! Howarth park could provide 4-8 additional PB courts by transitioning 1-2 of the existing tennis court! There is Galvin park for tennis as well, so Howarth could be transitioned to Tennis/Pickleball courts more equally!

Thanks for taking time reading my message and hope that our city starts to be proactive in providing healthy, fun and cooperative conversations around this topic! We should work together to provide the general public with both sports equally and not bicker because of our self interest only! We need both sports and based on usage and what is good for the whole is how these decisions should be made and supported with our public money!

Mahalo and much Aloha!
Steve Fujii

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Kristin Ray [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:36 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Santa Rosa! Step up for seniors as well as all ages and restrictions the Tennis courts at Finley so that EVERYBODY can use them rather than sitting idle all week long!

Kristin Ray

[REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Daniels [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:45 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball comment and support

Dear Board of Community Services,

I am writing in support of our pickleball friends from Santa Rosa. Pickleball is exploding and the need for more courts is critical.

We have attended almost every tournament held in Santa Rosa and have also attended many of their drop in sessions. You have a friendly and welcoming group and we have made many new friends. The companionship and exercise pickleball provides for the community is invaluable.

Across the US , tennis courts go unused , while pickleball players cannot find places to play. There is such a demand for courts. One tennis court usually accommodates two tennis players. If you take that same court you can have 8 pickleball players playing with others waiting for their turn. If your desire is to serve the needs of the community , the way to reach the maximum number of folks is to provide places to play pickleball.

We hope you will consider the request made by the Santa Rosa pickleball players.
Below are a few of the photos I have taken while we played pickleball in Santa Rosa over the years.

Regards,
Carolyn Daniels

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Sue Ridgeway [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:45 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball Courts

Dear Members of the Board of Community Services,

I am encouraging you to consider the request of Sonoma County pickleball players for more opportunity to play on the Finley courts.

We Pickleball players need more courts; our ever expanding group of enthusiasts love this sport but often face crowded courts and long wait times between games. Especially during the week, there are very few tennis players on the Finley courts. Seeing the empty tennis courts is understandably frustrating to players waiting for a chance to play on the crowded pickleball courts.

Please consider approving the request to cross-line two tennis courts for six temporary pickleball courts to better serve our community.

Thank you,
Sue Ridgeway
Santa Rosa

[REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Denison [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:28 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: Elizabeth Denison
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Need for Pickleball Court Expansion

Dear Staff,

Pickleball has become my almost daily activity as a Santa Rosa City Senior to stay fit, stay social and stay safe during the pandemic restricted time. The quality fo my life would be greatly improved if we had enough courts to adequately serve the growing populate of pickleball enthusiasts. Please use my tax dollars to cross line the additional six courts at the Finley Recreational Center!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Denison

[REDACTED]

ELIZABETH DENISON
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:54 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball At Finley in SR

Pickleball is one of the best things that has happened to me since I retired a couple of years ago. It is such a phenomenal sport on so many levels and for so many different age groups. I've only been playing for 4 months now, but every time I play at Finley, it is packed with folks waiting for a court. Meanwhile, the tennis courts are completely empty. I don't understand why we can't share them? The same thing is happening at Howarth Park, packed pickleball courts with completely empty tennis courts.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport around and not fading away anytime soon. It appeals to more cross sections in age groups, etc. Please please please help us to be able to use courts that are otherwise standing empty. It seems the wise and fair action to take.

Regards, MDay

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Stacey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:05 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball courts

Hello,
I support adding Pickleball lines to the tennis courts at Finley Park.

I am a frequent user of the Finley Park Pickleball courts. I started playing there in 2016 and really enjoy the quality of the permanent courts. The addition of the Pickleball lined tennis courts was helpful because the numbers of Pickleball players increased through the few years the game has been in the area. Since COVID, there are not enough Pickleball courts to handle the increasing number of Pickleball players.

Adding the Pickleball lines to tennis courts may be an irritant to the tennis player, however it does not prevent tennis from being played on the court. Not having the lines prevents Pickleball. My understanding of the tennis courts at Finley park is that they are primarily used for recreation, not for USTA events, therefore not preventing Pickleball lines from being added.

I'm sure you've heard that Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US. I urge you to increase the number of Pickleball courts by adding Pickleball lines to the tennis courts at Finley Park.

Thank you,
Stacey Vilas

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: John Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:09 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PickleBall striping

Hello-

I have been playing PickleBall at Finley for the past year or so. I thought I would add my opinion why striping of tennis ball courts is necessary.

First, tennis courts are rarely used in the morning. I play at least 5 times a week and the tennis courts are rarely in use

Second, and along the same lines, there are at least twenty to thirty people WAITING to play PickleBall, each and every day. Why not allow all courts to be used?

Third, real estate is valuable and the City of SR doesn't have the money to build a dedicated park for PB; however, by striping the tennis courts, more people will be attracted to our area. I have played PB with people from Southern California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho and Arizona...all at Finley.

Fourth, the striping doesn't have to be such contrasting lines as we currently have. They could be closer to the base so that it was still easier for tennis players to see their lines and not be distracted by ours.

Fifth, perhaps the tennis players would give PB a try and they would convert to the best game ever.

Thanks for your consideration. Maybe this is a sign that we really need 12-16 dedicated courts at the 3rd St park.

John Williams, Realtor
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone. Please forgive typos.

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Wasson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:15 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

I support the striping of temporary pickleball courts at Finley.

I play pickleball almost every day at Finley.

Disproportionate use is likely due to demographics. Pickleball players are generally older than tennis players and have free time. Tennis players are generally younger and work during the week. That is why court utilization should be enhanced by striping the tennis courts with Pickleball court lines. This is A common practice both on indoor and outdoor courts.

The county urgently needs more pickleball courts. This is an extremely popular and worthwhile activity for a huge number of people.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mike Wasson

[REDACTED]

From: C Leines [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:23 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Cross striping of Tennis courts

I began playing pickleball in 2012 in Walnut Creek and Livermore even though I live in Hayward. My first tournament was in Santa Rosa and I had such a great time I have played in those tournaments ever since. The local pickleball community were so gracious and welcoming I encouraged others to come play in their tournaments.

As pickleball continues to grow each year, more courts are needed. With the presence of the Covid virus so many indoor sports were cancelled and more seeked outdoor activities with pickleball being very popular. Courts in my area are overwhelmed as well.

Please consider Santa Rosa's pickleball community's request that 2 tennis courts be cross-striped for pickleball.

Respectfully,

Cherie Leines
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Steven and Robin Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:33 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor of striping Pickleball courts at Finley

Most of the days I play at Finley there are 40 people playing Pickleball and 0 people playing tennis. Seems reasonable to add PB lines to the tennis courts.

Thank you,
Steve Brown
Santa Rosa, CA

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Wasson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:01 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

I support the striping of temporary pickleball courts at Finley.

I play pickleball almost every day at Finley.

Except on weekends the tennis courts are seldom used. On the occasional instance where tennis is being played, it's often on only one court not both courts.

The county urgently needs more pickleball courts. This is an extremely popular and worthwhile activity for a huge number of people.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mike Wasson

[REDACTED]

From: sheena chu [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:14 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle ball court

Hi,

My name is Sheena Chu-Gray. I enjoy playing pickleball. I noticed tennis courts are empty often and the pickleball courts at summerfield Rd. are full all the time that players have to wait for their turn for a rotation. I would like to petition for building or converting tennis courts to Pickleball courts or dual use of the same courts for tennis or Pickleball.

Sincerely,

Sheena Chu-Gray

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: teo alexander [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:15 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We Need More Pickleball Courts!

I have been playing pickleball in Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park for about four years. In that time I have seen an enormous increase in the number of players. We started out with a shortage of pickleball courts, but now it has become a desperate and frustrating situation. There are days at the Finley and Howarth courts when many pickleballers are waiting to play, while the neighboring tennis courts are sitting idle. Furthermore, the four courts at Howarth Park are the only courts with lights to accommodate all the many evening players! This is woefully insufficient.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport nationally and locally. The pickleball community in Sonoma County is made up of players from age 5 to 95. All levels of play are represented, including advanced players who presently have a hard time finding available courts to use for drilling and tournament prep.

Please support adding court lines for more pickleball courts at Finley Park. And, in the longer term, please support building a new pickleball facility with at least twelve permanent courts, properly designed and spaced, and with quality lighting. This will also promote bringing added tourist dollars into our community by attracting pickleball players from around the country and the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Teo Alexander

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Teo Alexander
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Mindy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:31 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Multi use lining of courts at Finley Park

I am writing in support of the multi use lining of the tennis courts at Finley Park. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and people wait on the sidelines at the park when there are empty courts steps away.

I know that there will be opinions on both side os this issue but please take a trip and see for yourselves. Better yet, bring a paddle and join in on the fun.

Not only is pickleball keeping people active, it has fostered wonderful friends. People socialize, converse on different current events, go to lunch, get involved in community and civic issues. All ages are involved but come see the seniors play, they are awesome!

Multi use lining includes everyone in the activities they love. Let's utilize the court to their full potential.

Pickle On!
Thank You,
Mindy Pengel

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:36 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Park Pickleball

Please line the courts at Finley park for multi use.

There are more and more people playing this fun game and yet at the park the tennis courts sit empty while people stand around waiting to get a game.

This makes no sense and lining the courts is a no brainer.
Multi use allows everyone to play.

Pickleball has been a life saver for people because it is active, fun and very social.
New comers to our city have instant friends in the pickleball community.

Come out and play some pickle

Thank You
Denise Mason

[REDACTED]

From: Diane Fraizer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:40 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle ball striping on the tennis courts

The percentage of pickle ball players to tennis players is overwhelmingly lopsided. Pickle ball players are having to wait all the time to play while a whole tennis court next to them is not being used at Finley. Please make this sport more assessable.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Markowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:07 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickle ball court

I'm a 71 year old SR man trying to stay active and healthy. For about the last two years I've enjoyed playing pickle ball both at Howarth and Finley. Many times the courts have more people waiting than actually available for playing. Please increase the number of playing courts.

Thank you,
Michael Markowitz

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: JACK KILBRIDE [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:28 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PB

Hello!

I am writing you in regard to the growing sport of pickle ball. My group of mostly former racquetball players took up the sport during Covid. We play at least three days per week, starting at 7 am to keep with our group and we play for several hours, although some have to leave early for work. Since the sport has become increasingly popular, we have encountered problems with too many players, which impacts those who have a finite amount of time to play as well as the retirees. So, having two additional courts with PB lines would be wonderful. Also, since we would have to give up the courts to any arriving tennis players it should not be impactful. Rarely do I see tennis players during the work week. Thank you for your consideration!

Tammy Thompson

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:47 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickle ball

SR City: I play pickle ball at Finley courts several times a week and it has gotten very crowded with lots of people waiting! WE need more pball courts as it just keeps getting more and more popular. The best solution seems to be to use the 2 tennis courts at Finley during the week days. Carol Green

[REDACTED]

From: Ron Drake [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:26 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Striping Pickleball Courts at Finley

Hello, my name is Ron Drake and I have been playing Pickleball for over 10 years in many locations around California with my home base being at Finley Community Center. I have seen the incredible growth of Pickleball in every city with the creation of new courts and the multi-purposing of existing tennis courts to accommodate both tennis and Pickleball. They can co-exist! I have also witnessed many tennis courts being under utilized for many hours of each day, especially during the week when Pickleball use is high. I've also witnessed, and experienced, many times when player attendance is so high that many people have to wait to play. That is why we need to stripe the courts at Finley, and elsewhere, to accommodate this very fast growing, healthy sport.

Thank you for your consideration!

Ron Drake

[REDACTED]

From: Diane Naylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:44 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Adding pickleball lines at Finley

To the city of Santa Rosa:

I am writing as a pickleball player and resident of Santa Rosa requesting that the tennis courts at Finley be converted to multi-use courts by adding pickleball lines.

PB players are often waiting to play while the tennis courts remain vacant, especially during the week.

Pickleball has continued to grow in popularity across the country and courts are in high demand, while public tennis courts are often underutilized. PB is especially popular with seniors and is a fantastic way to stay in shape and maintain balance and agility without exerting the effort required by tennis. But kids love it too because it is easier to play while still being lots of fun!

Please seriously consider this request....it's a win-win because tennis players will not lose the ability to use the courts, but will enable sharing of this valuable city asset.

Thanks for your attention,

Diane Naylor

[REDACTED]

From: Ellen Beardsley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:05 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball courts

Hello! I am an avid Sonoma County pickleball player living in Rohnert Park. I have played at Finley many times and take lessons & clinics there. I strongly support the effort to get cross-striping of pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Finley. Many thanks!
Ellen Beardsley

[REDACTED]

From: Steve Bangert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:05 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickleball at Finley park

Dear Sirs,

I would like to request that at least one more tennis court at Finley be marked for pickleball use in addition to tennis. I have experienced a number of times where we pickleball players are waiting to play when the tennis courts are not being used. This would make better use of the limited resources the city has and reduce the frustration pickleball players experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Bangert

[REDACTED]

From: Robbin Pastran [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:18 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

I am an avid pickleball player. I play several days each week. Many days there are 15 to 20 people waiting a turn on a court. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation.
I would like to see more courts in the city of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.

Sincerely,
Robbin Pastran

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: alfred goodwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:30 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickleball court striping

I strongly urge you to stripe more of the tennis courts in Finley Park for pickleball use. The additional courts are urgently needed since there are usually 40-50 pickleball players who typically show up between 9-12 daily to play doubles pickleball. The tennis courts are rarely used during those hours.

Since pickleball is almost always played as a doubles game, and since 1 tennis court can accommodate 2 pickleball courts, 16 pickleball players can and will play on a single tennis court compared to 2 or 4 tennis players. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: MOLLY PENGEL [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:39 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More pickleball court

Hello,
Pickleball is the number 1 growing sport in the US.
It only makes sense to strip all tennis courts to all more play. Most of the time especially during the week the tennis courts at Finley and howarth are empty with many many many people standing g around to get on the pickleball courts.
Strip the tennis courts
If you build them people will come.
Thank you

Sent from Molly's iphone 😊

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:40 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: YES ON MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS!!!

T Whom it may Concern,

I have been playing Pickleball at Finley for at least 8 years. My husband and I are active in supporting the Council on Aging for the Senior Games.

My husband and I play several times a week. The popularity has exploded.

There are rarely any tennis people playing at Finley. Pickleball is played more. Please help us approve making the courts available for this wonderful family sport.

Sincerely, Sandra & Dale Hartman

[REDACTED]

From: Mary Jenkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:48 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I am not so sure you even read these notes...that being said, I implore you to consider striping the tennis courts. You may think folks are exaggerating, but i play pball 5 days a week, and the tennis courts are only used on the weekends. I have been playing 6 years...not so necessary for more courts back then...but there are so many new players...please, please we need more courts!

Mary Jenkins
Santa Rosa

[REDACTED]

From: Ann Gutierrez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:49 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hello...As Santa Rosa citizens trying to stay in shape and have a bit of fun, we hope you will consider converting some more of the Finley Sport Center tennis to pickleball courts. So often, we find ourselves waiting to play at Finley while tennis courts are sitting unused. Pickleball is outstripping tennis, so we would really appreciate it if you would make some court accommodations for this change.

Ann Gutierrez
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Kebbie Keahey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:25 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

I believe we should stripe our tennis courts to accommodate pickle ball players when tennis players are not using them. It's a shame to waste all those empty courts when so many people can use them. The tennis courts I think should be primarily for tennis players but should be able to accommodate Pickleball players as well.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Finnie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:02 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I am sending in my support for lining the Finley courts for Pickleball for use during underutilized times.
Michael Finnie

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Jamie Love [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:05 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Finley park

I want to write in support of striping the tennis courts that are underused during the week. I play one week a year at Delray Tennis Center in Delray Beach Florida which have two courts that are striped and set up with 8 Pickleball courts which are the practice courts for the ATP tour which is played there twice a year and the head pro told me that they have never had one complaint by a pro player about the two different colored stripes So if they are ok for professional players then there should be no problem for the weekend tennis players. Finley park is at its tipping point with Pickleball players as there is like 50 or more trying to play daily on 6 courts and because of that Howarth is reaching the point of overcrowding on a lot of days. Thank you for your time in hearing us out.
Jamie Love

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Ilene Reeve [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:10 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Subject: Pickleball

Like many others, Pickleball helped get me through the pandemic and exposed me to a vibrant group of my peers. In these crazy times, imagine having a problem such as where can we, the active seniors, play Pickleball. There is no question of it being the fastest growing sport. Monday-Friday, I am at the Finley pickleball courts and there is not one person on the tennis courts. Half of the facility goes unused. We have two Pickleball courts that are taped for tennis. Why shouldn't the tennis courts be taped for Pickleball? Thankfully in this day and age, we don't have to get old sitting at home knitting. We can get out, play Pickleball and call ourselves the active seniors. Please help us to have the courts to play on.

Thank you,
Ilene Reeve

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Monica Bryant [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:09 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball court striping at Finley

Please stripe the tennis courts for pickleball.
Monica

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:39 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Hello,

This email is in support of pickleball in Sonoma County. Please put pickleball striping on the Finley tennis courts. With a senior center there, it is a perfect fit.

Thank you :)

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

[REDACTED]

From: Dominic Brascia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:56 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley PB Courts

Dear BOCS

I have seen the interest in pickleball exploding in Santa Rosa. We enjoy playing with our friends and family and find it challenging given the lack of courts to meet the demand. I am in favor of painting the tennis court lines at Finley in order to make them multi-use courts so they can be utilized for Pickleball during the week when tennis players rarely use the courts.

Sincerely,

-Dominic Brascia

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 6:49 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help us meet the needs of the community!

To Whom it may concern

Please help support the fastest growing sport in America Pickleball! Painting lines on a tennis court is the least we can do for a sport that give so many benefits to almost everyone in our community!

The game of Pickleball incompassive all ages, skills and is life time sport that brings all generations together.

Benefits of participating in pickleball are Health, Happiness, Friends and Memories for a Lifetime!

As a retired physical education teacher I'm a Pickleball Ambassador teaching in Marin County and throughout the world.

I have enjoyed all the above benefits by participating in pickleball. In the last 7 yrs I've travel to Japan, St. Croix, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and have just been hired to teach pickleball in Mexico.

Pickleball is the rebirth of childhood. We get to go out play and have fun and meet new friends! What game gives 60 to 80plus year olds a chance to network and have fun competing in their championship games everyday of their lives!

Thank you for your support!

Dinkingalongtheway (no r)

George Silvas

[REDACTED]

PS. We now have 6 dedicated Pickleball Courts built in Novato! I have taped or chalked another 30 courts throughout Marin County in the past 6yrs. IT'S TIME!!!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

[REDACTED]

From: Darlene Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:54 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hello, My name is Darlene Walker, I played tennis for 25 years and now am a pickleball player here in Santa Rosa We need more pickleball courts. At times there could be 20 people or more waiting to play We try to vary the times we Go out to play but that just doesn't work anymore as pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America And the world as well.

Regarding Finley, I have a hard time understanding how 8-12 tennis players who play sat or Sunday morning only can compare to 20 pickleball players waiting every morning just at Finley alone.

The pickleball players contributed funding for their Courts, did the tennis players help pay for the tennis courts? There are lots of empty tennis courts in Santa Rosa that never get used, I feel that tells a story On it's own Regarding the lines added to the tennis courts, I do understand how the tennis players say that is distracting , pickleball players have had to deal with this a lot and it is confusing. But having said that putting lines on the existing tennis courts would really help the pickleball players during the week.

Pickleball is not only fun

And good exercise, it is good for socialization Pickleball helps interaction between different ages, Different nationalities, different languages, and different cultures.

Pickleball is affordable for those who have limited disposable income, and pickleball players are quick To give a new player a paddle and a ball to use at anytime.

Thank you so very much for the courts at Howarth Park And Finley, and thank you for listening to everyone's opinion. Here's wishing for lots of new courts in Santa Rosa's future.

Darlene Walker

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Denison [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:28 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: Elizabeth Denison
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Need for Pickleball Court Expansion

I did not receive a confirmation of receipt of my input. Please be sure to take my comment. Thank you.
ELIZABETH DENISON

[REDACTED]

On Oct 19, 2021, at 11:27 AM, Elizabeth Denison [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Staff,

Pickleball has become my almost daily activity as a Santa Rosa City Senior to stay fit, stay social and stay safe during the pandemic restricted time. The quality fo my life would be greatly improved if we had enough courts to adequately serve the growing populatte of pickleball enthusiasts. Please use my tax dollars to cross line the additional six courts at the Finley Recreational Center!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Denison

[REDACTED]

ELIZABETH DENISON

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: David Frederick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 6:00 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball Court Expansion

To Whom it Concerns,

Last year during Covid, I discovered pickleball, and currently play 3 days per week. It became apparent to me, very quickly, the need for more pickleball courts in the city of Santa Rosa. Pickleball is comfortably social, provides great exercise, boosts your mood and overall mental health, and it specifically works on your balance and agility. This sport is easy enough to learn and play, that people with varying skill levels and athletic abilities can play and still have fun.

We are in desperate need of more court space as our pickleball community throughout Santa Rosa continues to grow. Please consider to cross-line temporary pickleball courts in the two west Finley tennis courts for use when the courts are empty, which is the case more often than not during the week.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Donna Frederick

[REDACTED]

From: Melissa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:06 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley needs more pickleball courts indeed

To Those Who Decide How Public Facilities Service Our Community,

Yes, this is another positive support for more PB courts in Santa Rosa.

My first choice is Gavin Park yet the summer USTA tennis youth program seems to have your pocket zipped up as “theirs”. (Hmmm...)

So this leaves Finley Park as the only growth alternative for Pickleball’s increased popularity. Overpainting lines for both tennis and pickleball is a cost effective solution.

Thank you for this consideration and solution, Melissa Bowers Jay Diment

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Linda Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:13 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Pickleball Courts

On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 05:25:00 PM PDT, Linda Reed [REDACTED] wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand the discussion for additional pickleball courts at Finley will be on October 27, 2021. I play there at least 5 days a week. Each day we have to wait until games are completed for us to play. All the while the tennis courts sit empty. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America so it would behoove us, as a community, to promote it as part of a destination for tourists.

As a tax payer in this community I would like to see my tax money go to create more courts. These courts could be versatile using movable nets like the ones on the east side of the courts. It could be posted on weekends the courts would be used for tennis but weekdays Pickleball has the priority. The costs would be minimal compared to building new courts.

Sincerely,

Linda Reed

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:19 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

This email is in support of stripping for more courts at Finley park
The pickleball numbers are big and growing while tennis is all but absent on weekdays
Help us grow the game and joy. Thanks for listening

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

[REDACTED]

From: Daniel Schottenfeld [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:20 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Pickleball courts at Finley

Hi,
I am a 75 year old who loves Pickleball at Finley. I can no longer play tennis, but Pickleball has kept me physically and socially active.

Please increase the number of available courts at Finley.

Thank you
Danny Schottenfeld
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad.
Danny

[REDACTED]

From: Diane CLEAVER [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:07 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

This email is in support of pickleball stripping at Finley Park.

I play many days during the week and observe empty tennis courts, while 50 or more of us are having to wait 20 minutes or so between games.

Thank you for supporting pickleball at Finley Park.

[REDACTED]

From: MOLLY PENDEL [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:08 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hello,

I am a huge supporter of pickleball. Every court is valuable. Many times the tennis courts are sitting empty when dozens of people are waiting to play pickleball. The striping of the tennis courts is a no brainer and it doesn't hurt the tennis courts in anyway.

Rohnert Park has 6 pickleball courts striped on the 2 tennis courts and it works out fine.

Make more pickleball courts it is the number 1 growing sport in the United States.

Thank you

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[REDACTED]

From: Gabriel Ferrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:51 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball

Dear BOCS,

I have seen the interest in pickleball exploding in Santa Rosa. We enjoy playing with our friends and family and find it challenging given the lack of courts to meet the demand. I am in favor of painting the tennis court lines at Finley in order to make them multi-use courts so they can be utilized for Pickleball during the week when tennis players rarely use the courts.

Sincerely,
Gabe Ferrick

[REDACTED]

From: Jordan Ferrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:56 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Finley

Hello BOCS Team,

Pickleball is exploding in Santa Rosa. I've been playing for years now and really enjoy playing with friends and family. We often find it challenging to play given the lack of courts in our region.

I am in favor of painting the tennis court lines at Finley in order to make them multi-use courts so they can be utilized for Pickleball during the week. Tennis players rarely use the courts and we often have a number of people who cannot play due to the lack of pickleball courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jordan

[REDACTED]

From: MAUREEN MCGETTIGAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:58 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Park

Hi
I think it is necessary to paint lines on the pickleball courts. The sport has gotten very popular & designated pickleball courts is necessary for our community. Thank you
Maureen McGettigan

[REDACTED]

From: John Draper [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 10:21 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Court Expansion at Finley - Please add courts!!

Dear Staff,

Pickleball has become my almost daily activity as a Santa Rosa City Senior to stay fit, stay social and stay safe during the pandemic restricted time. The quality fo my life would be greatly improved if we had enough courts to adequately serve the growing populate of pickleball enthusiasts. Please use my tax dollars to cross line the additional six courts at the Finley Recreational Center!

Thank you,

John Draper P.E.

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[REDACTED]

From: Katie Woodrum [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 10:36 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

Dear BCOS,

I have seen the interest in pickleball exploding in Santa Rosa. We enjoy playing with our friends and family and find it challenging given the lack of courts to meet the demand. I am in favor of painting the tennis court lines at Finley in order to make them multi-use courts so they can be utilized for Pickleball during the week when tennis players rarely use the courts.

Sincerely,
Katie Woodrum



From: Karen Siemsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:29 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

For many years I have had the opportunity to play on the Pickleball courts in Santa Rosa, either in tournaments such as the Sonoma Senior Games or by joining friends for recreational outings. In all cases, it was obvious that the courts were very popular...usually full, with people waiting to get into a game.

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The popularity of Pickleball has steadily increased as the sport has continued to expand to all age groups. Santa Rosa was one of the first places, locally, to recognize the need for courts and installed 4 dedicated ones several years ago. However, since then, the need has increased dramatically as more and more people have discovered the joy of the sport. As a result, it becomes increasingly important for communities to recognize and address how to best meet those challenges.

As a result, I can only encourage you to consider expanding the use of the tennis courts with dual lines, to allow for more people to participate.

I appreciate your consideration of this.

Karen Siemsen

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Lauri Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:36 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment about pickleball at Finley Community Park

Hello,

I reside in the Finley Park neighborhood with my husband and toddler. My partner and I play tennis at Finley Park at least once a week, usually on a weekday between 8:30-11:30am. We hope to continue and increase this frequency as we help our son appreciate this sport we love at our local public park. I appreciate how the pickleball community maintains and cares for the tennis and pickleball courts. They are polite and courteous when we share space. They have many pickleball courts set up already! I would kindly ask that tennis players get priority access to the two remaining tennis courts, and if there are no folks playing or waiting to play tennis on either of the two courts, pickleball players be allowed to occupy 1 of 2: the one closest to where the pickleballers are already playing. This would allow pickleballers to increase their capacity, and also leave a court free for anyone who would like to walk on and give tennis a try.

Thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing more details about how you'll maintain opportunities for both pickleball and tennis at Finley Park!

-Lauri C. Anderson