

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE SONOMA
COUNTY PICKLEBALL CLUB FOR PICKLEBALL COURT
RESURFACING AT FINLEY PARK
STAFF PRESENTER: KELLEY MAGNUSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RECREATION
RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Will the Council accept a donation of \$12,000 from the Sonoma County Pickleball Club to create four pickleball courts and install a new park bench at the Finley Park tennis courts?



COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal 4: Maintain and Enhance our City's Cultural, Historical and Recreational Assets (facilities, programs, parks, etc.).

BACKGROUND

1. The Sonoma County Pickleball Club is a group of 60 active seniors who participate in pickleball activities at various pickleball locations throughout Sonoma County.
2. Pickleball is a fast growing sport for seniors in Sonoma County. With the addition of the new Person Senior Wing, it is anticipated that more players will be coming to Finley Park to play pickleball as well as participate in other senior activities.
3. Currently, 15-20 pickleball players participate 6 mornings per week at the Finley tennis/pickleball courts. Two tennis courts are striped for both sports and two courts are striped for tennis only. More pickleball players can be accommodated if one tennis court is repainted to create 4 pickleball courts, since the size of a pickleball court is much smaller than a tennis court. When the project is complete, there will be 3 designated tennis courts and 4 designated pickleball courts.

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4. The Pickleball Club hopes to offer pickleball classes through Recreation and Parks Activity Guide and offer instructional clinics to encourage more seniors to learn how to play.
5. The Pickleball Club is hopeful that with the addition of these courts, they will be able to host the pickleball tournament at the Wine Country Senior Games in June, 2014.
6. The Pickleball Club members and some local businesses have contributed funds for the pickleball courts as well as funds for a new bench and a donor recognition plaque to be placed in the Person Senior Wing.

ANALYSIS

1. This project supports Council Goal Number 4 - to maintain and enhance recreational facilities, such as the tennis courts at Finley Park.
2. With the addition of four pickleball courts to Finley Park, the Pickleball Club will be able to increase participation, teach classes, and possibly host the pickleball tournament for the Wine Country Senior Games.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Recreation and Parks that the Council, by resolution, accept a \$12,000 donation from the Sonoma County Pickleball Club to resurface one existing tennis court into four pickleball courts and install a new bench at the Finley Park tennis courts and appropriate the funds to JL Key 09742 - Pickleball Courts.

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