

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT FOR DESIGN REVIEW AND PRESERVATION BOARD
June 5, 2025

PROJECT TITLE

Tennis and Pickleball Court Renovations at
Galvin and Howarth Community Parks

APPLICANT

City of Santa Rosa Department of Recreation
and Parks

ADDRESS/LOCATION

Howarth Memorial Park, 630 Summerfield
Road and Galvin Park, 3332 Yulupa Avenue

PROPERTY OWNER

City of Santa Rosa

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

013-191-014; and 147-150-001 (respectively)

FILE NUMBERS

PLN25-0085 and PLN25-0086 (respectively)

PROJECT SITE ZONING

PI (Public Institutional) and
RR-40-G (Rural Residential, within the
Gateway combining district)

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION

Parks/Recreation

APPLICATION DATE

March 8, 2025

APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE

June 5, 2025

PROJECT PLANNER

Nathan Junge, Assistant Parks Planner

RECOMMENDATION

Provide comments and recommendations

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes renovations to rebuild and resurface tennis courts and convert a select number to pickleball courts at each park site. Renovations will include new striping, interior fencing, net systems, and seating improvements to support the new layouts at each site, with landscape planting adjacent to the courts at Howarth Park, and the installation of a bioretention area at Galvin Park to satisfy stormwater treatment requirements. Additive alternate scope items at Galvin Park include the construction of two new tennis courts complete with perimeter fencing, lighting fixture upgrades, a ball wall, concrete pathways, and landscape planting and irrigation improvements for specified, court adjacent areas. The majority of the existing perimeter fencing at each site, and the CMU ball walls at Howarth, are anticipated to be protected in place with minor repairs and modifications as needed.

The Recreation and Parks Department conducted outreach with the tennis and pickleball communities to understand the needs and preferences of the two groups, including several meetings and conversations with individual stakeholders, an online survey, and a public

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meeting attended by over 120 court users to review four alternative layouts for the court renovation and conversion project at each of the two park sites. The survey received 608 responses, and revealed the preferred option (Option 2) was the most popular choice for Howarth Memorial Community Park, with 35.50% of respondents selecting this configuration, reflecting the desire for a balanced mix of tennis and pickleball courts, providing four dedicated tennis courts, and six dedicated pickleball courts.

For Galvin Community Park the preferred option (Option 3) was the most popular choice, with 35.34% of respondents selecting this layout. This preference also reflects the desire for a balanced mix of tennis and pickleball courts. The layout provides 12 dedicated pickleball courts, seating and shade structures, and includes convenient pathways for users to access the site. Given the strong tennis community at Galvin, the preferred layout includes a total of 10 dedicated tennis courts with the construction of two new tennis courts in the open lawn area to the west of the existing courts 7 and 8. In the event the city cannot afford to build the two new tennis courts the layout will revert to providing only six pickleball courts in order to maintain the preferred number of 10 tennis courts.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 - Design Concept Narrative
- Attachment 2 - Howarth Park Project Plans
- Attachment 3 - Galvin Community Park Project Plans
- Attachment 4 - Galvin Park Project Plans
- Attachment 5 - Galvin Park Neighborhood Context Map