



Agenda Item Staff Report

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
For the Meeting of September 10, 2024

From: Chris Constantin, City Manager

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Subject: Discussion Regarding the Potential to Construct Pickleball Courts in San Dimas.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of August 27, 2024, the City Council requested that staff agendize a discussion regarding pickleball courts in San Dimas.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

- Receive staff's report addressing options to construct pickleball courts in San Dimas and provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is dependent on City Council action. The conversion of one tennis court into four (4) pickleball courts is estimated to cost approximately \$30,000. If the City Council wishes to construct new pickleball courts, the cost is expected to be significantly higher to account for the installation of a concrete slab, electrical boxes and a lighting system, fencing, seating and windscreens.

BACKGROUND

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and can be enjoyed by participants of all ages. While local cities have provided pickleball courts in their communities, the City of San Dimas has not taken any action to provide pickleball courts in City parks or facilities. At its meeting of March 19, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission identified pickleball as one of its priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-25. For the FY 2024-25 Budget, staff prioritized capital improvement

projects to preserve and maintain existing recreation amenities and did not request funding for the construction of new infrastructure.

There are two options to provide pickleball courts in San Dimas that include converting an existing tennis court into four pickleball courts or constructing new pickleball courts at a new (undetermined) location. The cost to convert a tennis court into four pickleball courts is approximately \$30,000. Expenses include the re-painting and striping of the court; removal of tennis net and posts; the installation of pickleball nets and signage. Additional expenses could include the placement of bleachers for players and spectators.

The City of San Dimas maintains 16 tennis courts at the following locations:

- Pioneer Park (2)
- Ladera Serra Park (2)
- Lone Hill Park (2)
- Marchant Park (2)
- Splex (8)

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

It is generally considered best practice to locate pickleball courts as far away from residential housing as possible to minimize noise complaints from surrounding homes. Pickleball is louder than tennis, due to the use of wood racquets and a hard plastic ball. If the City Council elects to provide pickleball courts in the City whether through the conversion of a tennis court or new construction staff would need to develop rules for pickleball that address the use of courts, player etiquette and limited hours of use (if desired by the City Council).

ALTERNATIVES

This item was requested by the City Council. The City Council may determine the feasibility and cost of converting an existing tennis court into four pickleball courts vs the greater expense of constructing new courts in a location to be determined. The City Council may also opt not to construct pickleball courts at this time, given the City's projection of budget deficits in the next two fiscal years.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), CEQA does not apply to this item because there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no additional environmental review is needed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott Wasserman
Director of Parks & Recreation