

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022**

“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

This meeting was held remotely using the Zoom Webinar platform and was streamed online. The public was invited to join the meeting by phone or computer, as well as invited to submit “Public Comments” in writing via a webform. The form was made available on the Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards>.

NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Committee Members, City staff, and presenters during the meeting. City staff also used the screen-share function to allow viewers to view content shared by the speaker which included PowerPoint presentations and websites.

Before the meeting was called to order, City staff read instructions to the public regarding technical procedures for making live Public Comment during the Webinar.

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Nick Anastasopoulos David Baron Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell – Chair Ron Cho Rick Gulley Dennis Otsuji – Vice Chair Evelyn Smith Pita Verdin Noli Zosa	Molly Chase	Andy Field, Director Tom Tomlinson Louis Merlin Ryan Barbrick Michelle Abella-Shon Shannon Scoggins Ilisa Goldman Sarah Erazo Shelly Stowell Michele Kelley Elvi Ricafort

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 2:06 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 17, 2022

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Gulley/Mr. Becker

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the **March 17, 2022, Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**. The motion was approved 7-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Molly Chase, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, Pita Verdin, and Nick Zosa. Nay: None. Recused:

None. Abstained: David Baron and Ron Cho. Mr. Anastasopoulos arrived too late to participate in vote.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Phillip Sunbury	<p>I live across the street from Jefferson Elementary. While signs specifically state it is a "passive park" and no team sports are allowed this joint use park has been taken over by soccer and football teams of adults. These teams are often very loud screaming and applauding, kicking balls against the fence. The often play after dark and will climb the fence when the field is closed and park illegally. Sometimes they also play music from radios. They drive community families away by taking up the field. I have personally been asked to leave the field because they said they had the field. (When I asked, they admitted they had no permits.)</p> <p>I have contacted others to see what can be done. While they have admitted that team sports are not allowed to play nothing is done about it and it has only gotten worse and worse. These teams play a minimum of Tuesday-Thursdays - Sundays and almost all-day Saturdays including two football games. Please can something be done to get rid of these games and return this back to a community park for families.</p>
Jeffrey Janicik	<p>I am a concerned parent, volunteer coach and taxpayer residing in the city San Diego. I am also a business owner of an approximately 100-person tech company in Sorrento Mesa. Please see attached email. There are many parents discussing how the wet/soggy fields are being "called" for no practice or games. Simply looking for how this is measured or judged. Too many times have we seen nearby counties and areas play their sports when ours are cancelled. I am appreciative of your time and response in advance. I am happy to attend a meeting if this topic is brought forward.</p>
Gary Cooper	<p>I would like to submit my support for Butterfield Trail Ranch becoming a county park. There is a lot of development happening in Valley Center, and it's important to maintain natural areas for wildlife and community alike.</p>
Susan DeBoer	<p>Last week, the government of Washington State signed a bill making Pickleball their official state sport.</p> <p>As he signed the bill he said "Pickleball is a sport for all ages, backgrounds and any experience level".</p> <p>I am not here to ask you to make PICKLEBALL our official sport of SAN DIEGO, just asking for a permanent outdoor place to play and out limited space is SHARED.</p> <p>Your responsibility as outlined in your bylaws is to act in the public interest by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Periodically review the recreational program of the City in relation to the needs and desires of the citizens 2) To INSURE BEST UTILIZATION OF OUR PARK SPACE"

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
	When recreational programs are “reviewed” why not use a fact-based tool which ensures all proposals and renewals of contracts are consistent and fair. When you do not take a fact-based approach, corruption happens due to favoritism and friendships. A good example is when it is stated that Parks and Recreation Department awards an organization “good standing” when renewing yet nothing is defined publicly about utilization. Opportunity cost is a basic expectation when you are serving the public and managing their park space.
Daniele Laman	Three questions: now that City Council is back in person, when will Park and Recreation Board be back in person? Is there an update on the District 9? Is the staffing shortage of electricians impacting Balboa Park buildings and facilities?
Anne Fege	Parks play an essential role for ecosystem services, cooling, public health, etc. There is an overlap in two meetings, between Environment Committee and Park and Recreation Board. There is overlap between urban greening, air and water quality, open space, etc. Could these two committees do not meet at the same time where they overlap the third Thursday of each month?
John Broderick	Concerned with public statements by pickleball advocates about utilization of tennis courts. Comments stopped and will be part of Item 201.

CONSENT AGENDA: (two votes needed):

A motion was made by Mr. Barron to move Item 101 and 102 to consent agenda. Withdrawn motion due to number of public comments.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Committee Name:	Summary of Comment:
Area Committee CP-1	No update.
Area Committee CP-2	No update.
Balboa Park Committee	No update.
Mission Trails CAC	Mr. Gulley met with Dorothy Leonard to learn more about how Mission Trails Regional Park operates.

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION (SDPF) UPDATE:

Topic:	Update: (from Ms. Bothwell)
Come Play Outside	Planning is underway
Other	Retreat went well Today there will be an update on Linda Vista Community Garden The golf tournament went well and was quickly sold out

CHAIR COMMENTS: Chair Bothwell noted Nick Anastasopoulos arrived late.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Field noted the following updates for the Board:

- **Appointments to the P&R Board – no updates**
- **Return to In-Person Meetings**
 - The Department plans to issue each Board member a Chromebook to allow future meetings to occur in person while allowing remote participation
 - These meetings will return to the Balboa Park Club ballroom
 - The target date for in-person hybrid meetings is June 2022
- **Employees of the Quarter – no updates**
- **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Development and Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Monitoring**
 - Mayor Gloria released the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget on April 15, 2022 and is part of Item 202 on today's agenda
 - Budget Hearings
 - Parks and Recreation Budget – May 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
 - Capital Improvements Program Budget – May 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
 - May revision to the proposed budget will come out in mid-May
 - City Council will deliberate the budget and adopt a budget by mid-June
 - Fiscal Y 2022 Third Quarter Budget Monitoring – due for release May 2022
- **Come Play Outside/Summer for All of Us**
 - Efforts continue to plan for summer activities, programs, and events in collaboration with partners such as San Diego Parks Foundation and Price Philanthropies
- **Job Opportunities in Parks and Recreation**
 - We are hiring ... job openings are posted now at <https://www.sandiego.gov/jobs> for:
 - Golf Operations Assistant - T11439-202105
 - Grounds Maintenance Worker II - T11457-202203
 - Laborer - T11178-202109
 - Park Designer - T10768-202201
 - Pesticide Applicator - T11472-202111
 - Pool Guard I - T10996-202103
 - Pool Guard II - T10997-202103
 - Recreation Aide - T11355-202107
 - Recreation Leader I - T10975-202105
 - Recreation Leader II - T11348-202105
 - Swimming Pool Manager I - T10998-202103

- Swimming Pool Manager II - T10999-202103
- Swimming Pool Manager III - T11000-202103
- Therapeutic Recreation Leader - T11314-202105
- **Parks Master Plan (Parks for All of Us):**
 - Copy of the plan is available on City's webpage at <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-for-all-of-us>
 - Proposed budget includes resources in Asset Management (landscape architects, GIS specialists, etc.) to help with implementing recommendations of the Parks Master Plan
 - No major updates on the recommendation list for this month
- **Council Policy 700-42 and Community Recreation Group Update**
 - No major update this month
 - The Department continues to monitor the ongoing efforts to update the relationship between the City and the Community Planning Groups with a planned revision to Council Policy 600-24
 - After the relationship is settled and Council Policy 600-24 revised, the Department will use the same guiding principles for a revision to Council Policy 700-42 on Community Recreation Groups
 - Interim Standard Operating Procedures remain in effect for the time being
- **Play All Day/Joint Use:**
 - No major updates this month
- **New Facilities/Groundbreaking and Grand Opening**
 - City Heights Pool – opening planned for May
 - Bud Kearns Pool – grand reopening held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with a ceremony featuring Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Stephen Whitburn
 - SDSU Mission Valley River Park – Ms. Bothwell and I attended groundbreaking ceremony yesterday to begin construction of the new river park, which is scheduled to open in late 2023
 - Fairbrook Park – grand opening planned for May 11, 2022
- **Street Vending Ordinance:**
 - Additional park ranger and maintenance resources are identified in the proposed budget for Street Vending Ordinance implementation
 - Park Ranger Chief Michael Ruiz is leading department efforts to create educational materials, maps, and training for street vendors and park stakeholders
- **Pickleball**

- No update in Director's Report as this is part of Item 201 today
- **DeAnza Special Study Area**
 - No major update
- **City Council Items:**
 - **Proposed curfew at 3 Pacific Beach-area parks (PB Library Grounds, Fanuel Street Park, and Bob McEvoy Fields)** approved by City Council on June 8, 2021; Coastal Commission review pending
 - Proposed modifications to **on-leash dog approved hours for Mission Bay Park** was approved by the Environment Committee on January 20, 2022 and is pending City Council consideration
 - **Proposed Overnight Gated Closure of Certain Coastal and Bay Parking Areas package** is being developed for Coastal Commission to receive in summer 2022
 - **Coastal Development Permit for Sea Lions at Point La Jolla** is at Environment Committee this evening April 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Vacancies**
 - Mr. Field advised the Board that the Department continues to have between 100 and 130 permanent, full-time vacant positions. These include grounds maintenance workers, mid-level supervisors, recreation staff, and a variety of office and administrative staff.
 - The Department continues to do what it can to fill all vacant positions and ensure each recreation center and pool has sufficient staff to allow for regular operations.
- **Balboa Park Updates**
 - Special events have caused traffic delays in the Central Mesa area; staff is looking at ways to provide a designated drop off area.
 - Staff will bring ideas to address parking needs and improve mobility to the May Balboa Park Committee meeting.
- **Board Member Questions of P&R Director**
 - Ms. Bothwell noted that professional women's soccer is coming to Snapdragon Stadium. While that facility will not open until fall, everyone should come see the soccer team play at University of San Diego.
 - Mr. Otsuji reinforced that he has concerns with the fires at Balboa Park and is concerned about possible conflagrations and resultant damage in unirrigated areas; two fires have been in Japanese Friendship Garden. He also noted that vendors have dumped greased into storm drain in addition to the trash cans. Mr. Field responded that the vendor ordinance will help to address these issues and provide clear education to the vendor community. He also noted that the Department added more nighttime security patrols to allow for more

routine visitation of park areas to ensure prompt reporting of fires, vandalism, and safety issues.

- Mr. Baron did not notice public health signage of food vendors nor any notice that they were cleared for food vending by the County of San Diego. Proof of license to sell food should be clearly displayed. He noted that there are often no nearby handwashing stations nor routine use of gloves. Food handling without gloves can increase chances of disease transmission, with is a public health and safety concern. Mr. Field responded that County Environmental Health is aware and is working to address these types of concerns with street vendors throughout the City.

ACTION ITEM:

101. – General Development Amendment for Linda Vista Community Park – Linda Vista Community Garden

Presenters: Ilisa Goldman, Park Designer, Parks and Recreation Department
 Amy Zink, Program Manager, Bayside Community Center
 JT Barr, Principal, Schmidt Design Group

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Gulley/Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **General Development Amendment for Linda Vista Community Park – Linda Vista Community Garden**. The motion was approved, 9-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, Pita Verdin and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: Marcella Bothwell. Not present: Molly Chase.

Public Comment:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Emalyn Leppard	Emalyn Leppard is requesting that the P&R Board vote “YES” to amend the Linda Vista Community Park’s General Development Plan to include the Linda Vista Community Garden. There is no other place that brings community members from all walks of life & diverse backgrounds, to exercise their human right to grow and to eat healthy delicious food, like a community garden. We had a beautiful garden in Linda Vista at the old Bayside Community Center. I remember when we broke ground, I remember pickaxes moving earth; students working alongside grandparents, and I remember the joy of residents putting their first seeds in the first beds. I remember the last night in that garden, in 2017, watching the sunset with tears flowing, knowing that the space that had produced bushels food, hosted community events where people of multiple languages would gather around the table to share their harvest; this sacred

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
	ground was soon going to turn into a parking lot!!! Yes, they paved a thriving community garden to put up a Parking Lot! It's been 5 years. It's time to regrow our garden, and what better place than in a public park?
Magdalena Ruiz	By this letter I want to ask for support for the community garden project in Linda Vista. I'm currently part of the Bayside program and it is very important for me because I don't have enough space for growing food and even to keep showing my kids how to do it. Also, if we can receive the support, we need with this space our children will be motivated to eat healthier, in my opinion my kids started to eat more vegetables when we started growing our own veggies. Thank you so much for your comprehension and your support on making this project happen in Linda Vista.
Consuelo Evangelista	This is very important for the Linda Vista community. I need my children to know how to grow our own vegetables, that will help us a lot because we need to eat healthier with fresh veggies and fruit and to save money too. I am part of the community garden program and for us it is very important to have the correct space available to grow our veggies. Thanks to God we have the experience needed but now we need the space to grow food. The apartments where I live are short of space and they don't let us grow things, that's why we are asking for support for this project.
Diane Silva	I am part of Bayside's program and I'm asking for help for the families of this garden program. This garden will allow us to grow and harvest our own food and will help our kids to take care of nature. We don't have enough space in our living places to grow our own food. Thank you so much for your attention and comprehension.
Kim Hanson	Hi, I am Kim Hanson. Linda Vista Grows Steering Committee. What does it mean to me to have a Community Garden within walking distance of my home? Most of the 23+ years that I have lived in Linda Vista, I have worked 50-60 hours a week while raising a family. I was constantly exhausted. I would meet up with a friend to take walks. Frequent place was on Kelly Street by the Community Garden. Safe place to meet (many places in Linda Vista I do not feel safe). A beautiful view while waiting for my friend. Moments to think about a future where I would not have to work so hard, dream about gardening, taste fresh fruits and vegetables, meet people toiling in the soil. I was devastated when that garden was paved over into a parking lot. Not just the live fertile soil now a dead black top, or that all the work had been erased. It was that sinking deep feeling that this was no longer a possible future. Family now grown; lost my job. Now time to garden. What happened to that community garden? Moved to a different location? In a safe place not visible? Vote "YES".

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Anthony Hackett	<p>My name is Anthony Hackett and I am one of the District Representatives for the office of Councilmember Raul Campillo. Thank you for having me here today. I would like to read a letter of support from Councilmember Raul Campillo and the office of Mayor Todd Gloria. We write today in full support of Action Item 101, amending the Linda Vista Community Park General Development Plan that will allow the creation of a community garden and ask the Board to approve staff's recommendation. Members of the Linda Vista community have worked extremely hard in identifying a location for a community garden at Linda Vista Community Park. Establishing this garden will support the entire community and bring education and awareness for a healthier lifestyle, while addressing food insecurities and promoting the restorative effects of gardening. San Diegans deserve access to desirable neighborhood amenities regardless of their zip code. Let's take this strong step together in support of this historically underserved, and culturally rich and vibrant neighborhood. We look forward to working closely with the Linda Vista community and the City's Park and Recreation Department to see this garden become a reality. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Hello I am a resident from Linda Vista and since I live in an apartment it is very hard for me to have a space for my own garden, that's why I would like to have a space where I can grow my own fruits and veggies. It's also important for me to show my kids how to do it because this can help them eat healthier and what better than with our own harvest. I hope you can help us. I am a person who has been living for 20 years in the Linda Vista area. I love Bayside, my whole family has been participating in many programs they have.</p>
Michel Anderson	<p>All the previous speakers said it best but wanted to note that San Diego Parks Foundation is proud of this project and glad to support it.</p>
Vicki Granowitz	<p>This project could serve as a pilot project to bring more community gardens into San Diego. Thanks to JT Barr and Parks and Recreation staff. Linda Vista is a community of concern, and we need to be mindful that Linda Vista is deserving of the support it is receiving for this project.</p>

Board Member Comment:

Mr. Anastasopoulos asked what the total size was. Mr. Barr noted that it is about a quarter acre with 25 individual garden plots. Bernardo Heights has a 2.25-acre parcel that could also be a future community garden.

Mr. Becker thanked the presenters. Mr. Becker asked if fencing would be secured or low fencing? Mr. Barr stated it would be a six-foot chain link fence. Mr. Becker also asked if irrigation available? Mr. Barr stated it would draw water from the existing Linda Vista Community Park mainline water and would be submetered.

Mr. Baron asked who would be allowed to participate? Amy Zink responded that Linda Vista residents would have priority along with those who farmed in the previous garden at Bayside Community Center.

Mr. Cho commented that it was a great presentation and great use of space. He asked if the previous use as a baseball field considered as part of this plan. Ms. Goldman stated that the baseball field never had a backstop and had a grade change, so the field would not be used for baseball. The Community Recreation Group voted to support this change in use.

Mr. Otsuji asked if the food would be sold or distributed? Ms. Zink anticipated that families would grow their own food and share with others in the garden. Vegetables would not be sold; they will be shared with the community. Mr. Otsuji wished the group the best and agreed that this should be replicated in other communities.

102. Eugene Brucker Education Center Temporary Off-leash Dog Park General Development Plan

Presenter: Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer, Parks and Recreation Department

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Ms. Verdin/Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Ms. Verdin and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **Eugene Brucker Education Center Temporary Off-leash Dog Park General Development Plan**. The motion was approved, 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Marcella, Bothwell, Jon Becker, Ron Cho, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, Pita Verdin and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not present: Molly Chase, and Rick Gully.

Public Comment:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Marc Johnson	Mr. Johnson is the chair of the University Heights Community Recreation Group and noted the overwhelming support for this proposed dog off-leash area.
Sherrie Rollins	Thanks everyone in University Heights for helping make this dog park happen. This space is desperately needed, and there should be a permanent site. She asked whether the park could stay open past dusk.
Ernie Bonn	University Heights Development Corporation is supportive of this temporary dog park. Ms. Bonn hopes this will be supported by the Board.

Board Member Comment:

Ms. Bothwell asked staff to respond to Ms. Rollins question about closure time. Ms. Scoggins noted that the area has no lighting at night. Ms. Rollins responded that the proximity of the intersection of Park Boulevard and El Cajon Boulevard and Normal Street should make the ambient light sufficient.

Mr. Becker asked what was the timeframe for the temporary dog off leash area? Ms. Scoggins noted this will be a 10-year license agreement, but it is not known when the school district will redevelop the site and create a permanent dog park. Mr. Becker noted the proximity of the major intersection and asked about the chain link fence. Ms. Scoggins responded that the chain link fence would be normal four-foot tall fence. Mr. Becker asked about water. Ms. Scoggins said there is no plan for a drinking fountain in the park.

Mr. Otsuji asked how large was the dog park? Ms. Scoggins stated it is about 10,000 square feet. Mr. Otsuji noted it might be too small given its likely popularity and high level of use.

Ms. Bothwell asked if this is a solution for off leash dogs at a nearby joint use? Ms. Scoggins said yes, that is to alleviate off leash activities at nearby Birney Elementary School. How can we use this as a prototype? Ms. Scoggins responded that other temporary off leash areas planned at North Park Community Park (to alleviate Garfield Elementary), Ward Canyon (to alleviate Normal Heights Elementary), and Memorial (to alleviate nearby Logan K-8 and Sherman Elementary).

Ms. Verdin agreed that light is needed for safe access to the dog park. It would be good to add that for nighttime use. Agreed with Ms. Bothwell that this should be replicated elsewhere given numbers of dogs at other joint use areas. Agreed that this site might be more popular than anticipated.

103. Fiscal Year 2023 Recreation Center Fund Budgets and Recreation Equity Report
Presenter: Sarah Erazo, Recreation Program Manager, Parks and Recreation
Department

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Anastasopoulos/Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **Fiscal Year 2023 Recreation Center Fund Budgets and Recreation Equity Report**. The motion was approved, 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Marcella, Bothwell, Jon Becker, Ron Cho, Dennis Otsuji, Pita Verdin and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not present: Molly Chase, Rick Gulley, and Evelyn Smith.

Public Comment: None:

Board Comment:

Mr. Otsuji asked why there were so many vacancies? Ms. Erazo noted that people are making job decisions that have created a revolving door. As the Department hires new staff, other staff leave. The Department has a new webpage almost ready for public review that provides guidance for job opportunities. Turnover continues, which complicates getting the help that is needed to deliver programs.

INFORMATION ITEM:

201. Pickleball Update

Presenter: Shelly Stowell, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Public Comment:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Ron Bell	<p>The SD PB group has many false or misleading claims. A foundation of their argument is that PTC Members can play at Barnes and this is not true. The mission of Barnes is Youth Tennis and the courts are used for Youth Tennis and related tournaments during the hours (primetime hours) that PTC members play. Barnes can confirm this fact. SD PB claims our usage is low. They use Park Hours as their denominator; this is misleading and yields inaccurate results. PTC members have invested over \$100K in improvements.</p> <p>They use the courts. They serve Pt. Loma High School, other youth groups (no charge for under 18), and many other adult clinics and players. Please preserve PTC. It is used, financially supported, and friendly.</p>
Duncan Depew	<p>My name is Duncan Depew, I am currently the Director of Tennis at PTC. For the past 38 years I have taught, managed, and coached Point Loma High School at PTC.</p> <p>PTC is a very active no-profit Tennis Club operated and maintained by club membership and day use fees for public use. With over 500 members, Adult and Junior clinics, USTA tournaments and leagues, school teams and individual play both members and non-members. I have also led along with many devoted PTC members a number of fundraising campaigns to resurface our courts, replace nets, windscreens and light fixtures.</p> <p>I am proud of our efforts in maintaining our facility as a great place to play public park tennis.</p> <p>I do recognize the need for more Pickleball courts in San Diego, I do not believe that it should be accomplished by taking away any tennis courts at PTC.</p>
Carole Farr	<p>I am a lifelong tennis player (over 20 years in San Diego), a member of Peninsula Tennis Club, and a San Diego District Tennis Association Board member. I am fully supportive of the City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department Report on Pickleball in San Diego dated March 24, 2022. Peninsula Tennis</p>

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	<p>Club (PTC) has served the San Diego Tennis Community for over 40 years and is in good standing under its Special Use Permit. PTC serves both youth and adult tennis -- it is home to the Point Loma HS Boys and Girls tennis teams, supports Warren Walker Middle School tennis programs, and provides adult tennis clinics, leagues and recreational play that draw tennis players from all over San Diego County. Although close to Barnes Tennis Center, PTC and Barnes have separate goals...PTC is a community tennis club used by players of all ages for recreational purposes while Barnes primary mission is to promote youth tennis development but both facilities are well utilized. Tennis is supportive of development of separate pickleball facilities at Robb Field and elsewhere in San Diego but not at the expense of well-used tennis courts.</p>
Robert McClure	<p>I agree with the Parks and Recreation position that the Peninsula Tennis Club courts at Robb Field are not available to be taken over and used as a for-profit central pickleball facility. Having played on these courts for over 40 years, I have seen that they are busy during the peak times of 8-noon and 4-8, with league play, individual play, and junior tennis. The club hosts Pt. Loma High School tennis teams, high school matches and a Middle school tennis team. We also have free play for juniors under age 18. Peninsula is a non-profit club with the proceeds going to the maintenance and management of the courts and facilities. The other unique feature of Peninsula Tennis Club is its accessibility for handicapped players using wheelchairs. While pickleball has been growing, tennis has been growing at a faster pace and they too need more courts. Taking away an existing and busy tennis facility so they can be used for pickleball is not an option.</p>
Patricia McClure	<p>I am a 40-year member and supporter of Peninsula Tennis Club and although I recognize the need for more Pickleball courts in San Diego, I do not believe that should be accomplished by taking away the Peninsula Tennis Club courts. Peninsula Tennis Club is a very active club with clinics, junior programs, league play and school teams in addition to individual play. It is a non-profit facility operated and maintained by club membership. I agree with the Parks and Recreation position that Peninsula Tennis club is in good standing with its Special Use Permit and is not available to be taken over and used as a for-profit, centralized Pickleball facility. If that were ever to happen, you would have tennis players with no courts to play on, school teams with no place to practice and hold matches, league teams with no courts to hold matches, and juniors without courts to play on. Please support tennis in San Diego and let Peninsula Tennis Club continue their successful programs with their Special Use Permit.</p>

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Todd Spraque	<p>As stated in the report, “...Peninsula Tennis Club at Robb Field remains in use for tennis with a permittee in good standing and thus not available for a proposed centralized pickleball facility.” I support this position by the Parks & Recreation Department. Tennis is a growing sport. Between 2019 and 2021 tennis added 4.9 million players in the United States. The growth in the number of tennis players in this period is greater than the total number of pickleball players today in the U.S. There are more than 4 times more tennis players in the U.S. than there are pickleball players. In San Diego there are nearly 300,000 tennis players compared to 50,000 pickleball players. Greater than 70% of tennis in the U.S. is played at public facilities. Peninsula Tennis Club is a public facility and is needed for adult, youth, and school programs. All public tennis facilities in San Diego are well-utilized during peak times, which in general are from 8:30 am - noon and 4:00 pm - closing for public tennis facilities. There is no capacity at Barnes Tennis Center to relocate PTC players, high school teams and instructional programs to that facility.</p>
	<p>Wants to correct the record with the City’s presentation. He stated the number of courts listed is incorrect. Stefan looked at every venue and determined that there are 586 courts for tennis because the City did not include schools and other facilities. The City number of 111 pickleball courts is wrong, it should be 89. There are only 5 publicly available pickleball courts. As noted in the Union-Tribune stated in its article a few weeks ago, the pickleball court shortage is real. Pickleball and tennis should share space. Peninsula Tennis Center players should be shifted to the Barnes Tennis Center so that pickleball can be played at the Peninsula Tennis Center</p>
Stefan Boyland	<p>Wants to correct the record with the City’s presentation. He stated the number of courts listed is incorrect. Stefan looked at every venue and determined that there are actually 586 courts for tennis because the City did not include schools and other facilities. The City number of 111 pickleball courts is wrong, it should be 89. There are only 5 publicly available pickleball courts. As noted in the Union-Tribune stated in its article a few weeks ago, the pickleball court shortage is real. Pickleball and tennis should share space. Peninsula Tennis Center players should be shifted to the Barnes Tennis Center so that pickleball can be played at the Peninsula Tennis Center</p>
Debbie Merickel	<p>Ms. Merickel was a board member at Barnes Tennis Center. Stefan and Mike have done much to increase access to pickleball, which is an easier game to play for older adults. One pickleball court can fit into four tennis courts, which increase utilization of the space. The facilities should be shared. The pickleball courts scattered around the City are not really courts. Some have no nets, no lines, and the rest are shared with</p>

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
	basketball, tennis, and volleyball. Tennis players are not more important and pickleball players should be treated equally.
Nikki	The comments repeatedly about Peninsula Tennis Center being open to the public are false. After paying money for an annual membership, the coach stated Nikki's level of skill play was not good enough and that she should go to another location to play tennis. This occurred with several other players. That experience at Peninsula Tennis Center led Nikki to play pickleball. It is important to look at data that is not hearsay and instead is factual. Nikki took pictures of the pickleball area at Cadman that is cracked and not in good repair.
Sue deBoer	City of San Diego has difficulty allocating space. Pickleball is suffering from poor allocations. Mike and Stefan have requested Peninsula and Barnes Tennis Centers share their financial statements. Mike and Stefan have found that utilization is only 20% of the time, and the two organizations can combine. We can better use our park spaces.
Ron Bell (verbal comment)	Tennis is growing as well as pickleball. He supports the growth of both but not one at the expense of the others. He understands the need and is happy to support adding pickleball courts but not to replace tennis courts.
John Broderick	Mr. Broderick plays both sports including at the club level. He is a member at Peninsula, Balboa, and La Jolla tennis clubs. He noted tennis is a growing sport and should be supported.
David Coppa	The court count of pickleball vs. Tennis is incorrect. There are no (zero) dedicated pickleball courts. The City should construct and add spaces to be comparable to other nearby cities, such as the Bobby Riggs facility in Carlsbad.
Judy Sweet	This is about sharing. Tennis has 588 hours of court access at University City Racquet Club. Pickleball has 36 hours of access on basketball court and indoors. USTA allows blended lines. Both sports can thrive with the right attitude. There are many underutilized tennis courts. This sounds like the attitude of men's sports when title 9 was passed to give women opportunities.

Board Member Comment:

Mr. Zosa expressed that he was not pleased with the response. Where were the 111 pickleball courts? Why should he drive up to Encinitas to play? This is frustrating and there are insufficient facilities. Who determined Barnes Tennis Center should be a youth tennis facility? It should be considered adult. At McKenzie Park, City of Chula Vista converted tennis courts into pickleball courts. The same is true at Big Rock park in Santee. Why can't the lines be co-striped? Decisions need to be made based on data not hearsay.

Mr. Cho expressed that there seemed to be discrepancies on data on both sides. No satisfactory sense that either side is accurate. Needs to be additional investigation. As Mr. Zosa stated, 4S Community Park has multiple lines for a variety of sports to play on shared spaces. This should be the way to move forward.

Mr. Otsuji shared that he had been involved in designing parks for the last 50 years. This challenge is not a new one. Multipurpose courts are an important part of design. Can Parks and Recreation convene a task force to look at all hard courts in the City?

202. Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Presenter: Michele Kelley, Fiscal Operations Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

Public Comment:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Daniele Laman	Regarding the San Diego Humane Society \$350k, why are there no full-time positions? How is it spent? Ms. Kelley noted this is a contractual addition, not a personnel expense by a City employee. How do we get more sites on the patrol list? Ms. Kelly asked Ms. Laman to send an email to Mr. Field with her areas of concern.
Rene Smith	What is included in the supplemental position list? Ms. Kelley noted this includes Asst Director, 2 Program Managers (Asset Management and Financial Operations), Sr Analyst for CIP/Grants, Recreation Specialists, Supervising Analyst for Community Parks, Rec Ctr Director for Old San Ysidro Library, Asst Deputy Director for Balboa Park/Mission Bay Park, and park rangers.

Board Member Comment:

Ms. Bothwell asked Mr. Field to answer a question raised by Kim Hanson in the meeting chat. She asked how can Linda Vista residents obtain use of the Revere School campus on Gifford Way? Mr. Field replied that he was not familiar with the parcel and does not have an answer.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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Next Calendared Meeting: May 19, 2022

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