## Pickleball in the City of San Diego

Parks and Recreation Department

Park and Recreation Board Information Item 202 March 18, 2021



## Overview

- Introduction to Pickleball
- Inventory of Existing Pickleball Amenities
- Considerations in Identifying Future Pickleball Amenities
- Potential Pickleball Locations
- Opportunities for Implementation
- Next Steps
- Q+A, discussion



# Introduction

- History of Pickleball
- State of Pickleball in San Diego
- Growing Demand in San Diego

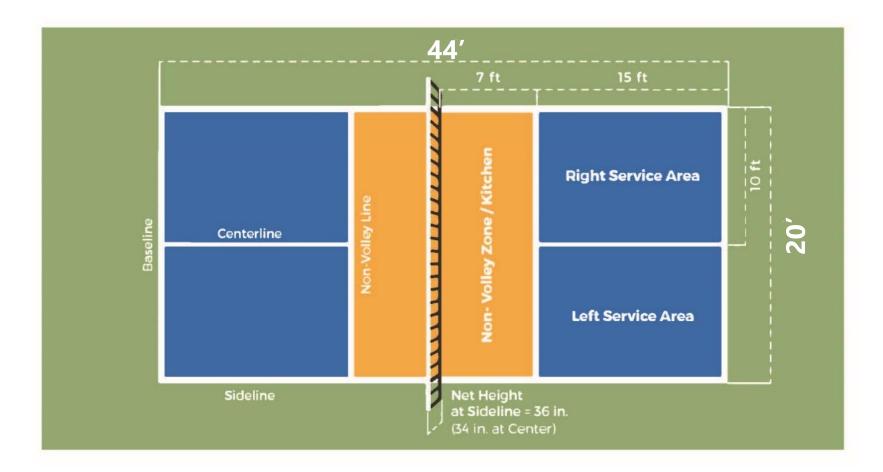
#### What is Pickleball?

It's fun, social, and friendly. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

(USA Pickleball)

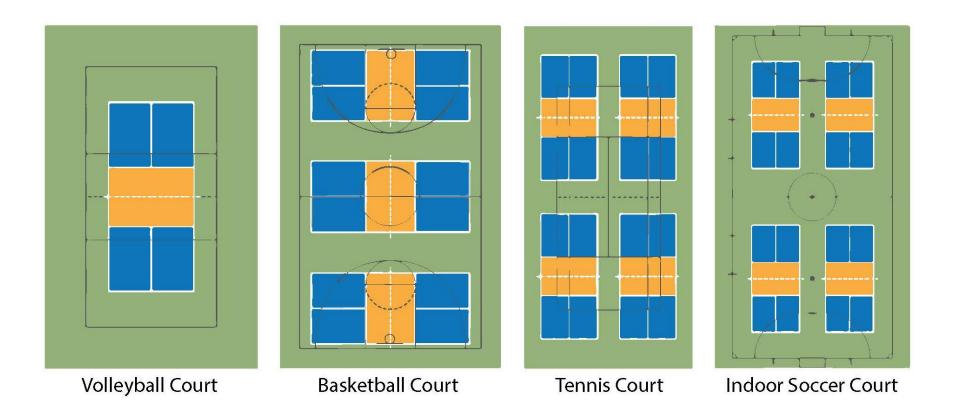


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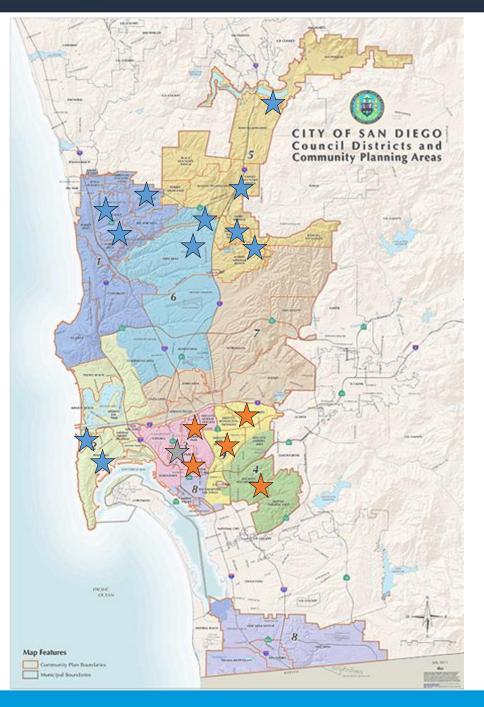


# **Existing Pickleball Inventory**

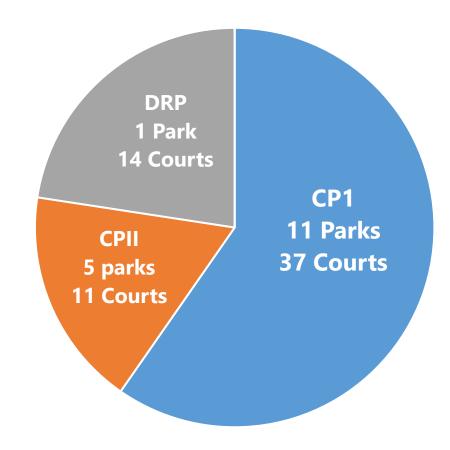
#### **Characteristics include:**

- Name of Park/Facility
- Location of Park/Facility
  - (CPI, CPII, DRP, etc.)
- Permanent or Temporary
- Indoor or Outdoor
- Co-Striped or Stand Alone
- Special Use Permit / Leaseholder Offerin
  Pickleball
- Community Requests for Pickleball



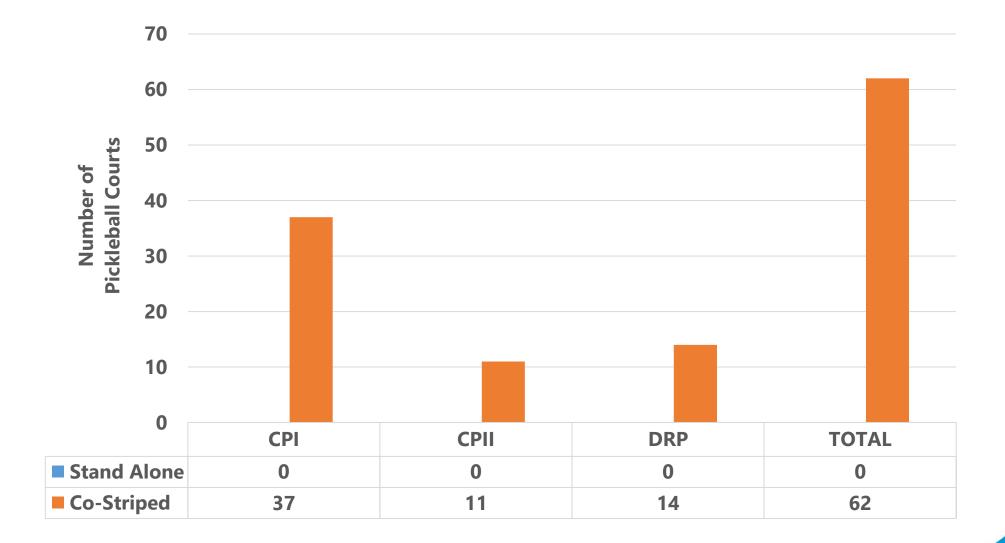


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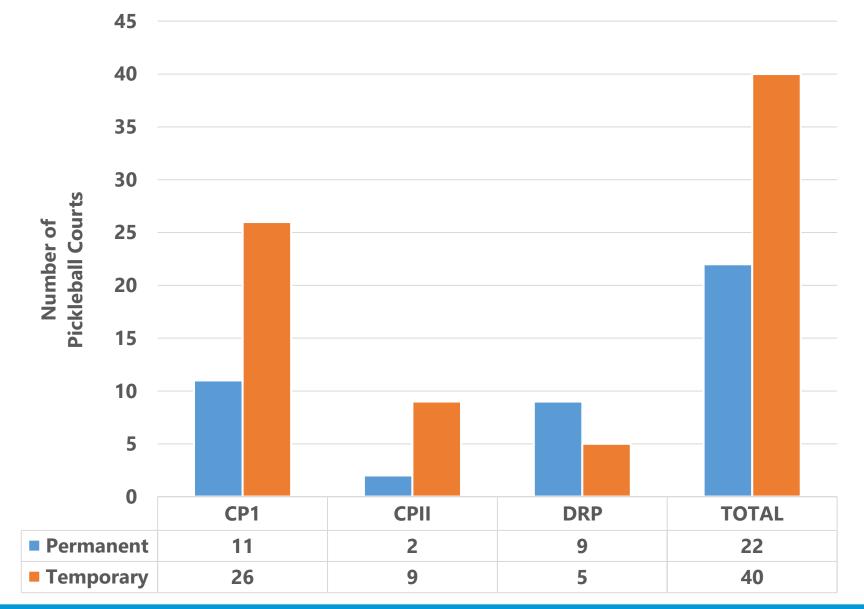
#### Total Parks with Pickleball - 17 Total Pickleball Courts - 62

## **Stand Alone vs. Co-Striped**

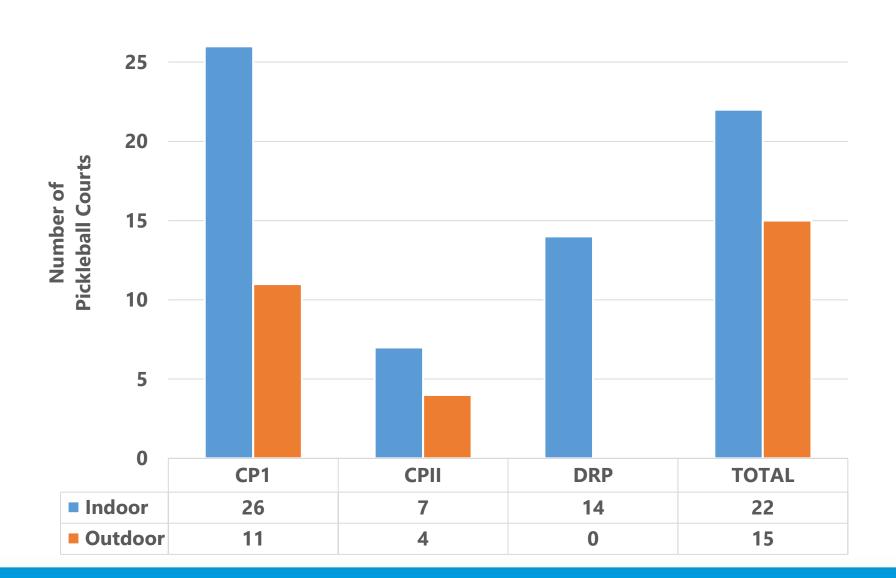




## **Permanent vs. Temporary**



# Indoor vs. Outdoor



# **Identifying Future Pickleball Locations**

#### **Considerations:**

- Community priorities
- Repurposing underutilized areas
- Site constraints and opportunities
- Construction requirements
- Budget availability



# Considerations

#### **Community Recreation / Program Competing Priorities:**

- Pickleball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Soft/Baseball
- Tennis
- Passive recreation
- Community Gardens
- Off-leash Dog park

- Skate Park
- Comfort Station
- Playgrounds
- Recreation and Community Centers
- Aquatic Centers
- Parking lot





# Considerations

#### **Repurposing underutilized areas**

- Wallball
- Shuffleboard
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Undesignated concrete and asphalt areas
- Parking lots



# Considerations

#### **Site / Construction Requirements:**

- Accessibility Upgrades (ADA)
- Space Availability
- Condition of Existing Area
  - Hardscape Condition
  - Grading Requirements
  - Greenspace or Turf Removal
- Lighting Requirements
- Permits and Approvals Required
  - Coastal Development Permit
  - CEQA
  - GDP Amendment



# Considerations

#### Equity:

- Very few identified pickleball in parks located south of Interstate 8
- Staff will need to:
  - Poll interest for pickleball in communities of concern
  - Determine if existing uses meet recreation demand or if there is interest to repurpose areas to pickleball
  - Identify funding strategies to address possible repurposing of existing park areas





# **Opportunities to Implement**

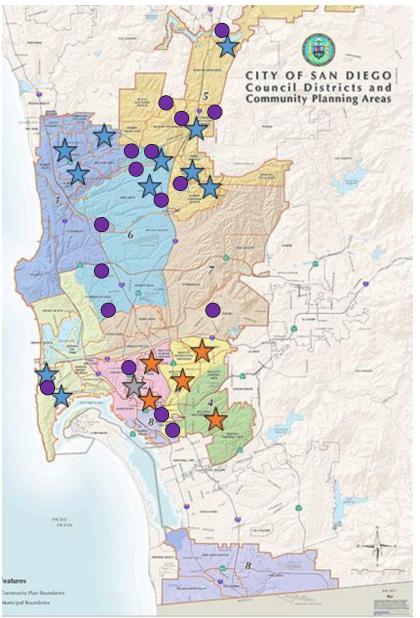
#### **Site Evaluation Queries:**

- Is this park in the process of updating its General Development Plan (GDP)?
- 2. Does this park have any open development permits or improvement projects?
- 3. Does this park have any unused or underutilized areas that a future pickleball court can be located?
- 4. Does the proposed location(s) have an accessible path of travel to an accessible parking stall?
- 5. Does the community want pickleball at the proposed location(s)?





#### **Potential Pickleball Locations**



Underutilized Area
Turf/dirt area
Shuffleboard courts
Outdoor basketball court
Tennis courts
Turf/dirt area
Turf/dirt area
Outdoor basketball court
Outdoor basketball court
Shuffleboard courts
Turf/dirt area
Turf/dirt area
Shuffleboard courts
Sand volleyball court
Sand volleyball court
Handball/tennis courts
Turf/dirt area

## **Next Steps**

- Analyze data and identify potential locations
- Identify community priorities
- Identify funding opportunities
- Consider methods to implement new locations:
  - Repurposing existing underutilized space
  - Incorporate into General Development Plan
  - Add hard court to an upcoming capital project
  - Bundle hard court construction projects
  - Examine possible pickleball at Joint Use Areas
  - Work with interest groups to create a private project or private leasehold
  - Operate pickleball courts with Special Use Permits



## **Questions and Comments**

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