

AGENDA

**ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

RUSH PARK
Auditorium
3001 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Thursday, October 6, 2022

6 p.m.

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Directors Searles, Rips
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. PUBLIC FORUM

Any person may address the members of the Parks and Facilities Committee at this time on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Parks and Facilities Committee of the Rossmoor Community Services District.

C. REGULAR CALENDAR

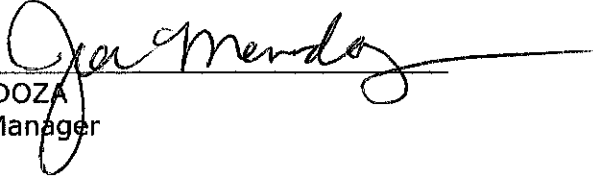
1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMANENTLY ADDING PICKLEBALL IN THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

D. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I hereby certify that the attached Agenda for the October 6, 2022, 6 p.m., Parks and Facilities Committee Meeting of the Rossmoor Community Services District was posted at least 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

ATTEST:

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JOE MENDOZA
General Manager

Date: 10/4/2022

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM C-1

Date: October 6, 2022

To: Parks and Facilities Committee
Director Nathan Searles
Director Jeffrey Rips

From: General Manager Joe Mendoza

Subject: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMANENTLY ADDING PICKLEBALL IN THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD) Parks and Facilities Committee discuss and review the information provided; and direct the General Manager accordingly.

BACKGROUND

For the past several months, there has been continued interest and discussion about pickleball in Rossmoor. It has been the desire of the Board that the Parks and Facilities Committee thoroughly evaluate the feasibility of pickleball in Rossmoor and make recommendations about a pickleball program in the District. The Parks and Facilities Committee met on August 25, 2022 and discussed the following:

1. Cost of converting an existing tennis court to four pickleball courts vs. building a new pickleball court (information provided to the Committee: conversion - \$25,000-\$35,000; new build for multiple courts - \$150,000+ and neither includes the cost of fencing or noise mitigation measures);
2. Consideration of a negative declaration or a study by an independent consultant with regard to noise and the impact on the community (directed the General Manager to research costs associated with both);
3. Cost and material available for noise mitigation on the courts (staff has secured some potential options and is in the process of securing bids);
4. What other agencies are doing regarding pickleball (staff has toured and gathered operational information); and
5. The Committee directed the General Manager to include a pickleball update on the September 13, 2022 Board of Directors meeting agenda and they scheduled their next meeting for September 20, 2022 (the General Manager provided a pickleball update at the Board meeting; the September 20 Parks and Facilities Committee meeting was canceled because not enough information had been gathered following the August 25 Committee meeting and the September 13 Board meetings to warrant a Committee meeting)

INFORMATION

Since the August Committee meeting and the September Board of Directors meeting, the General Manager has continued visiting pickleball sites in the cities of Cypress, Cerritos, Costa Mesa, La Palma, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Seal Beach and Tustin. Data regarding court usage rules, operations, fees, impact on surrounding neighbors and tennis players was part of the information collected. These cities were all contacted to discuss the process that led to the addition of a pickleball/transformation of a tennis court to pickleball courts in their respective agencies. The findings were mixed – some agencies converted tennis courts to pickleball courts, and others built new pickleball courts.

With regard to sound mitigation, the City of Newport Beach hired a consultant and incorporated sound mitigation material when building their four pickleball courts. The General has interviewed both the City representative for the project, as well as the contractor that performed the study and is waiting for him to submit a bid. The City of Carlsbad also has installed sound mitigation material to their pickleball courts. Samples of the material they used have been secured and we are waiting for a quote from the company they used.

The sound mitigation material appears to be effective and is shown to reduce the noise. This data will be shared with the Committee.

The District's Policy 6050: Facilities – Tennis Courts will need to be revised since subsection 6050.110 Prohibited Uses on Courts specifies, *"The tennis courts are for tennis play only. The courts may not be used for other sports, rollerblading or skating, skate boarding, bicycling or any other wheeled device..."* Therefore, should pickleball become a permanent amenity by converting a tennis court to pickleball courts, a policy addition will need to be made to accommodate the pickleball use. If a new pickleball court were constructed, then a policy would need to be drafted for pickleball only in that location. Another subsection for review and revision is Policy 6050.52 Method of Payment.

Changes to this policy and subsections would come to the Parks and Facilities Committee for approval to forward to the Board.

Another Trial Pickleball Program

It has been suggested that we consider allowing additional trial pickleball opportunities while the Board makes their determination about the future of pickleball on a permanent basis. To do this would require:

- Temporary taping of a tennis court to provide two to four pickleball courts; noise could be reduced by offering two pickleball courts, rather than four.
- Possibility providing noise mitigation material (dependent upon cost and availability) during the second trial.
- Determine days and hours and whether or not to charge a fee for use of the courts

Next Steps

Set a meeting of the Parks and Facilities Committee (between October 19 – 25) to review final costs and sound mitigation materials so that a final recommendation may be made to the RCSD Board of Directors at the November 8, 2022 meeting.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Policy 6050: Facilities – Tennis Courts

Rossmoor Community Services District

Policy

No. 6050

FACILITIES – TENNIS COURTS

6050.10 Appropriate Etiquette: All persons playing on or visiting the Rossmoor tennis courts shall use commonly accepted tennis etiquette. All attempts shall be made not to disturb other players. The Rossmoor courts are primarily intended for the playing of games by two or more persons. A reservation does not take effect until two or more persons are present and ready to play.

6050.20 Use Limitation For Non-Reservation Players: Court use is limited to one hour for non-reservation players when there are people waiting. This does not mean that someone has to wait one hour, only that the party occupying the court has to surrender the court after one hour of use whenever anyone else appears and wishes to use the court to play or immediately if someone appears with a reservation in hand or posted on the Court Tennis Schedule at the east entrance to the tennis courts.

6050.30 Use Limitation For Players With Reservation: Court use for persons making a reservation is limited to a maximum of one and one-half hours (per day on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays).

6050.40 Expiration of Reserved Time: Courts shall be surrendered to the next waiting party when their playing time has expired. When a game is in progress at the time of expiration, play may continue up to a maximum of five (5) minutes to complete the game in progress. No new game, other than the concluding game of a set, should commence with less than five (5) minutes remaining on the allowable playing time.

6050.50 Advance Reservation: All reservations must be made no later than 4:00 p.m. PST. for use that evening or 4:00 p.m. on Friday for use that evening or the weekend through Monday at 4:00 p.m. Times during PDT shall be 3:00 p.m. The posting of the Court Tennis Schedule shall be done in a manner so as give proper notice of courts and times reserved. The charge for reservations shall be established by Policy No. 6015 Establishment of Fees and Charges for use of District Parks, Buildings and Facilities.

6050.51 Reservation Limit: No reservations may be made for more than two weeks in advance by residents and one week in advance by non-residents.

6050.52 Method of Payment: Payment for the use of reserved play time may be made at the District office during normal business hours or by placing the fee in an envelope provided at the District's Recreation office, and placing the envelope in the slot on the north wall of the Rossmoor Park Community Center building.

6050.53 Rain Check: A "rain check" or refund may be given, upon request, for a reservation that is not usable due to inclement weather, acts of God or other reasons deemed sufficient by the General Manager. A refund will be given for a reservation that is cancelled no less than twenty-four hours prior to the reserved time.

6050.60 Use By A Single Player: A single player may occupy a court for practice so long as it is available and there are no groups of two or more waiting. The court shall be vacated by the single player upon determination that there is a group of two or more waiting to play.

6050.70 Challenge Match: A challenge match, that may consist of up to six persons playing doubles, shall occupy a court for no more than two hours when there are persons waiting to play.

6050.80 Appropriate Footwear Required: All players shall use footwear which is appropriate for the hard court surface found at the Rossmoor courts. Such footwear shall not mark, chip, or otherwise damage the surface of the courts.

6050.90 Court Maintenance: The tennis courts will be closed for washing or maintenance each Wednesday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.. This provision is in effect even if there is no one actually washing or performing maintenance during this time.

6050.100 Court Reserved For Instruction: Courts may be reserved at various times for use in both private and group classes sponsored by the District. Reserved times will be posted on the reservations board adjacent to the courts.

6050.110 Prohibited Uses on Courts: Tennis courts are for tennis play only. The courts may not be used for other sports, rollerblading or skating, skate boarding, bicycling or any other wheeled device. Courts may not be used for picnicking, barbequing, or any other group activity. Dogs, whether leashed or unleashed are not permitted within the tennis court complex. Failure to comply with these restrictions will subject the person or persons to eviction from the courts and the park facility in accordance with Policy No. 6010.60.

6050.120 Tennis Instruction: Tennis instruction by any individual shall not be offered for compensation without a permit approved by the General Manager pursuant to a written agreement approved by the Board.

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