

CITY OF WALNUT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WALNUT CITY HALL
21201 LA PUENTE ROAD, WALNUT
MAY 17, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.
2. FLAG SALUTE COMMISSIONER CAJULIS
3. ROLL CALL COMMISSIONERS CAJULIS, LEPP, MUNGUIA, PEDERSEN & POLLALIS
4. MINUTES REGULAR MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may present public testimony at this time. If any person wishes to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any item on the agenda or on any other matter, please present your testimony at this time, and please limit your comments to three minutes. The Commission may choose to remove the item for discussion.

The Chairperson may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting. When addressing the Commission, please write your name and address on the sheet provided on the podium.

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Parks and Maintenance Report for April 2022

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. Administratively Approved Park Use Requests April 2022

Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. Recreation Division Activities Summary April 2022

Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

9. DISCUSSION

A. Mount San Antonio College (Mount SAC) Recreation Facility Use Policy

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Review the Mount SAC reservation fee schedule for general public use (Attachment A);
2. Determine whether or not the Commission wants to request public use beyond what is in the current policy, such as:
 - a. Including hours for no cost public use of recreation facilities; and/or
 - b. Reducing fees and offering a simplified reservation process for public use of certain recreation facilities; and/or
 - c. Allowing the City of Walnut Recreation Division to use Mount SAC facilities for programs such as track and field and aquatics free or with modest use costs.
3. If the Commission wants additional public uses, send a memorandum to Council from the Parks and Recreation Commission asking them to make a formal request to the Mount SAC Board of Trustees to work with the City to find best way to achieve the selected objective(s)

B. Walnut Ranch Park Tennis Court: Pickleball Pilot Program

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Review the current status of the Tuesday/Thursday pilot program on Tennis Court (A) at Walnut Ranch Park.
2. Recommend one or more of the alternatives from the list below as the next step for the City Council to take:
 - a. Extend the current Tuesday/Thursday pilot program for a determined period of time.
 - b. Discontinue the program at the scheduled end date of June 30, 2022.
 - c. Initiate a new pilot program for the summer (May 30-September 2, 2022) to open pickleball courts seven days per week to further evaluate community interest and impacts on tennis court use.
 - d. Initiate a capital improvement project to identify a location and funds to build and maintain permanent pickleball courts.
 - e. Other alternative(s) selected by the Commission.

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

11. STAFF ITEMS

- A. Upcoming Recreation Programs/Events
- B. Update Diversity Plaza

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Parks and Recreation Commission
of the City of Walnut

A regular meeting of the City of Walnut Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by C/Pollalis at 7:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Pollalis

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Cajulis, Lepp, & Pollalis

ABSENT: Commissioner Munguia & Pedersen

Also present at the meeting were Assistant City Manager-Community Services/Public Works Rooney, Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo, Community Services Superintendent Bumia & Executive Assistant Vermeer.

MINUTES:

C/Cajulis made a motion, seconded by C/Lepp and was carried 3-0 to approve the minutes on January 18, 2022.

AYES: Cajulis, Lepp, Munguia, & Pollalis

ABSENT: Munguia & Pedersen

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C/Lepp made a motion, seconded by C/Cajulis and carried 3-0, to accept items 7A – 7C under Consent Calendar as recommended.

AYES: Cajulis, Lepp, Pedersen & Pollalis

ABSENT: Munguia & Pedersen

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSION ITEMS:

Mount San Antonio College Recreation Facility Use Policy

STAFF ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant



AGENDA ITEM 7A

- Consent Calendar
- Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: MAY 17, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Mary Rooney, Assistant City Manager- Community Services/Public Works

FROM: Melissa Barcelo, Deputy Community Services Director MB

SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance Report for April 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the Parks and Maintenance Report for April 2022.

BACKGROUND:

This report is prepared and provided for the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and information on the current status of the maintenance and operations of the City of Walnut's Park system.

The Maintenance Division of the Community Services Department manages general park maintenance at all City parks. General maintenance is performed largely by a landscape maintenance contractor and some by the City staff. The general maintenance includes mowing, edging, hedging, pruning of shrubs and trees, as well as the monitoring of rodents and pests. It also includes irrigation audits and playground inspections. Restroom maintenance services are provided by the custodial contractor. Park restrooms are open and maintained seven days a week, with the exception of two holidays per year (Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

City parks with sports fields are maintained at an optimum level through the services of sports field specialists. City staff augments the maintenance services through regular inspections and audits of the fields.

City maintenance staff also performs special projects in all parks including graffiti removal and playground equipment repairs. In order to conform to California playground standards, staff performs playground inspections on a weekly basis.

Additional maintenance activities for the division in April included the following:

Arroyo:

- Conducted weekly inspections of park.

Butterfield:

- Conducted weekly inspections of park.
- Unclogged drain in restroom.

Country Hollow:

- Conducted weekly inspections of park.

Creekside:

- Imported infield mix for all baseball fields.
- Removed graffiti during the month.
- Removed large tree roots next to sidewalk near N/E entrance.

Heidelberg:

- Conducted weekly inspections of park.

Lemon

- Converted all walkway lights to LED.
- Repaired irrigation mainline break in turf.

Norm Ashley:

- Repaired walkway lights and replaced circuit breaker.
- Converted 5 lights to LED.
- Installed new LED light under gazebo.

Snow Creek

- Unclogged drains in restroom.
- Repaired drinking fountain.
- Installed new home plate on baseball field.
- Treated for gophers during the month.

Suzanne:

- Removed graffiti during the month.
- Imported infield mix for all baseball fields.
- Painted restroom doors.
- Repaired damaged turf.

Walnut Hills:

- Conducted weekly inspections of the park.

Walnut Ranch:

- Set up and take down Pickle Ball Court nets on Tuesday and Thursday each week

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will enhance civic pride by offering superior facilities and programs.



AGENDA ITEM 7B

- Consent Calendar
 Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: MAY 17, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Mary Rooney, Assistant City Manager - Community Services/Public Works

FROM: Chris Vermeer, Executive Assistant

SUBJECT: Administratively Approved Park Use Requests – April 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file this informational report.

ANALYSIS:

Attached, please find a list of park use requests that were administratively approved during the month of April in addition, staff included requests that were administratively approved since February and have been reviewed by the Commission during previous meetings.

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

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Location	Date	Day	Start - End Time	Event	Attend/Qty
Creekside Picnic Area	Feb 5, 2022	Saturday	11:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	40
	Feb 12, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Picnic	80
	Feb 26, 2022	Saturday	11:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	30
	Mar 5, 2022	Saturday	09:00 AM - 06:30 PM	Birthday	40
	Mar 20, 2022	Sunday	01:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	35
	Mar 26, 2022	Saturday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	50
	Apr 2, 2022	Saturday	12:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	25
	Apr 9, 2022	Saturday	12:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Birthday	80
	Apr 16, 2022	Saturday	11:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Picnic	45
	Apr 17, 2022	Sunday	07:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Easter- No Reservation	1
	Apr 23, 2022	Saturday	08:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Family	30
	Apr 24, 2022	Sunday	11:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	75
	Apr 30, 2022	Saturday	01:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	45
	Lemon Creek Picnic Area	Feb 5, 2022	Saturday	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Baby Shower
Feb 6, 2022		Sunday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Picnic	25
Feb 12, 2022		Saturday	11:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Birthday	35
Feb 19, 2022		Saturday	08:00 AM - 07:00 PM	Birthday	50
Feb 20, 2022		Sunday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	30
Feb 27, 2022		Sunday	02:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Picnic	100
Mar 5, 2022		Saturday	10:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	75
Mar 6, 2022		Sunday	10:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	70
Mar 19, 2022		Saturday	01:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Baby Shower	60
Mar 26, 2022		Saturday	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	40
Apr 2, 2022		Saturday	12:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Baby Shower	75
Apr 3, 2022		Sunday	08:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Birthday	40
Apr 9, 2022		Saturday	11:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Picnic	95
Apr 10, 2022		Sunday	12:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	100
Apr 16, 2022		Saturday	09:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Picnic	35
Apr 17, 2022		Sunday	07:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Easter- No Reservation	1
Apr 24, 2022		Sunday	11:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	25
Apr 30, 2022		Saturday	12:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Birthday	60
Snow Creek Picnic Area	Feb 19, 2022	Saturday	03:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Meeting	45
	Mar 5, 2022	Saturday	01:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Picnic	13
	Mar 13, 2022	Sunday	11:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Picnic	25
	Mar 19, 2022	Saturday	01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	20
	Mar 20, 2022	Sunday	12:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	35
	Mar 26, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Picnic	35
	Apr 2, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Birthday	30
	Apr 16, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Picnic	40
	Apr 17, 2022	Sunday	07:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Easter- No Reservation	1
	Apr 23, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Birthday	10
	Apr 24, 2022	Sunday	11:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Picnic	25
	Apr 30, 2022	Saturday	01:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Picnic	60
	Suzanne Picnic Area	Feb 5, 2022	Saturday	07:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Team Meeting
Feb 6, 2022		Sunday	08:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Birthday	25
Feb 12, 2022		Saturday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Picnic	50
Feb 13, 2022		Sunday	07:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	70
Feb 26, 2022		Saturday	10:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	35
Mar 6, 2022		Sunday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	100
Mar 12, 2022		Saturday	11:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	20
Mar 13, 2022		Sunday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Picnic	10
Mar 19, 2022		Saturday	09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	60
Mar 26, 2022		Saturday	09:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	45

Suzanne Picnic Area	Mar 27, 2022	Sunday	09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	50
	Apr 2, 2022	Saturday	11:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Picnic	100
	Apr 3, 2022	Sunday	03:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Birthday	40
	Apr 8, 2022	Friday	08:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Suzanne Middle School	100
	Apr 9, 2022	Saturday	09:00 AM - 07:00 PM	Picnic	60
	Apr 16, 2022	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Picnic	100
	Apr 17, 2022	Sunday	07:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Easter- No Reservation	1
	Apr 22, 2022	Friday	07:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Suzanne Middle School	380
	Apr 23, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	40
	Apr 24, 2022	Sunday	12:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	50
	Apr 29, 2022	Friday	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Suzanne Middle School	150
	Apr 30, 2022	Saturday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	50



AGENDA ITEM 7C

Consent Calendar

Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: MAY 17, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Mary Rooney, Assistant City Manager - Community Services/Public Works

FROM: Jamie Bumia, Community Services Superintendent *JB*

SUBJECT: Recreation Division Activities Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

This report is prepared and provided for the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and information on the Recreation Programs that occurred during the month of April.

SENIOR PROGRAMS:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health modified their Health Order to lift the mandate of indoor masking. It is still "strongly recommended" to wear a mask, but not required, regardless of vaccination status. Staff and program participants at the Senior Center and other City facilities now have option to wear masks indoors.

SENIOR CURBSIDE/HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

Staff continues to coordinate the County Nutrition Program for older adults, which had been a congregate meal program at the Walnut Senior Center. The program is now operated as a hybrid pick-up/home delivery programs. Those residents who cannot leave their home continue to receive home delivered meals, while others are scheduled for drive-through (no contact) pick up. Los Angeles County has extended the curbside service to continue through 2022 until further notice.

MT. SAC OLDER ADULT CLASSES:

Summer session of classes begins on Monday, June 20. Registration is currently open online through May 29. Those students unable to register online may contact Mt SAC's Older Adult Program directly or attend the first day of class for class availability.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

The Walnut Senior Center have continued to keep their doors open to the public welcoming back a few of the social groups including Mahjong, Bridge, Billiards and Tole Painting. All social groups have designated meeting times with the exception of Billiards, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tole Painting	Monday	10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Chinese Brush Painting	Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Bridge	Tuesday	12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
Social Beading	Tuesday	12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
Senior Club (Bingo)	Wednesdays	12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
Mahjong	Friday	9:00 am to 12:00 noon

TEEN CENTER:

The Teen Center is open for the 2021-22 school year, regular hours are Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Thursdays from 12:30 to 7:00 pm for Suzanne's early dismissal days. Teens in 6th through 12th grade enjoy activities including sports, crafts, movies, board games and snacks. Teens also have access to various textbooks and computers to complete their schoolwork between the hours of 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, the Teen Center hosts Film Fridays between the hours of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm where teens are shown a movie on the projector screen. Parents have the option of purchasing the entire school year for \$100 or by semester for \$55 per semester.

The outdoor area in front of the Teen Center has been equipped with tables and chairs for teens who wish to eat a snack (eating inside is currently not permitted).

There are currently 274 registered members of the Walnut Teen Center.

Every Tuesday in the month of April the Teen Center hosted Special Treat Tuesdays where we sold Cheeseball Carrots (cheeseballs in the shape of a carrot), Ice Cream, and Dirt Cups (Pudding with crushed cookies and gummy worms.) The prices for all treats were \$1.00 each.

The Youth and Family Group Counseling program is conducted every Monday at 6:00 pm at the Walnut Senior Center.

SPORTS LEAGUES & CLASSES:

Open Gym hours for Table Tennis, Badminton, and Basketball are available in the morning from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Walnut Gymnasium and volleyball on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Walnut Youth Basketball (WYB) summer season registration began on April 18 for residents and April 25 for non-residents. The summer season will be a 6 week league starting with games on June 18. The WYB season is for children in grades K thru 8th, it is a co-ed league.

The pickle ball, six month pilot program on Tuesdays and Thursdays is well underway at Walnut Ranch Park. Staff has been monitoring the use of play, hosting community meet ups, and conducting clinics for anyone who wants to learn the game of pickle ball. There has been growing popularity from 4 people showing up to 28 people playing, most of whom, are Walnut residents. A second V.I.P. (Very Important Pickleballer) Tournament was held on April 19th and April 21st with the finals held on April 26th. A total of 17 pickleballers participated in a round robin style of play where each participant partnered with each other. The top 2 individuals from the 19th and 21st were invited back to the finals on the 26th. The finalists played in a round robin tournament and the individual who had the most wins was championed as the V.I.P.

On Saturday, April 23, staff held a Volleyball Clinic for players 8-14 years old for a cost of \$10. Each player learned the fundamentals of Volleyball and were able to run through drills. Staff is excited for Volleyball to grow in Walnut and is looking forward for additional programming this summer.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS:

Excursions are in full swing all while staff continuous to take a cautious approach to booking excursions. Capacity for trips is currently at 70% and will increase to 100% in June. Masking is no longer being required on the bus, however most venues still require mask and vaccinations.

Senior Excursions

Reagan Presidential Library – **full**
Tuesday, April 5

Descanso Gardens – **full**
Monday, April 19

Community Excursions

Mission San Juan Capistrano - **full**
Sunday, April 3

The Flower Fields at Carlsbad – **full**
Sunday, April 24

RECREATION CLASSES:

Recreation classes are in their last weeks of the season. Classes continue to take place with modifications and limited capacity. Classes are held indoors at the Walnut Senior Center or the Walnut Gymnasium. Summer registration will begin in May.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None to report.

MR: jb



AGENDA ITEM 9A

- Consent Calendar
 Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: MAY 17, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Mary Rooney, ACM: Community Services/Public Works

SUBJECT: Mount San Antonio College (Mount SAC) Recreation Facility Use Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission:

1. Review the Mount SAC reservation fee schedule for general public use (Attachment A);
2. Determine whether or not the Commission wants to request public use beyond what is in the current policy, such as:
 - a. Including hours for no cost public use of recreation facilities; and/or
 - b. Reducing fees and offering a simplified reservation process for public use of certain recreation facilities; and/or
 - c. Allowing the City of Walnut Recreation Division to use Mount SAC facilities for programs such as track and field and aquatics free or with modest use costs.
3. If the Commission wants additional public uses, send a memorandum to Council from the Parks and Recreation Commission asking them to make a formal request to the Mount SAC Board of Trustees to work with the City to find best way to achieve the selected objective(s).

BACKGROUND:

At the April 22, 2022 Meeting, the Commission requested staff to place an item on the May 17, 2022 agenda to discuss public use policies for the newly renovated Mount SAC facilities. These Mount SAC improvements were funded through two voter-approved Bonds: Measure R in 2001 and Measure RR in 2008.

ANALYSIS:

Citing the annual cost of the bonds to tax payers, Walnut residents have inquired about how and when they may have free access to the beautiful new recreation facilities at Mount SAC. To that end, staff attempted to go through Mount SAC's reservation process which (as it stands) takes considerable time to complete (each request requires review by the Events Coordinator and the Athletic Department). In addition, the fee structure (e.g., tennis courts) would seem to be a discouragement for casual recreational play. For those reasons, in short, it would be an onerous process for a resident or community group to undertake.

If the Commission wants to support additional community use for Walnut residents, encouraging the City Council to make a formal request to Mount SAC would be an effective first step

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will enhance civic pride by offering superior facilities and programs

Attachment:

- 1) Mount SAC Facility Rental Fee Schedule

Mt. San Antonio College Facility Rental Fee Schedule

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

- The fees contained herein comply with California Education Code Section 82537.
- Fees for facilities not listed, multi-day rentals, and multi-facility rentals are calculated on a case by case basis.
- Fees for for-profit and/or commercial uses may vary from what is listed below.
- Fees listed are subject to change. Actual facility rental fee will be listed on the Facility Use Agreement.

	Rental Period in Hours	Campus Business Hours	After Business Hours
Performing Arts Center			
Sophia B. Clarke Rehearsal	6	2,535.00	
Each additional hour	1	320.00	
Sophia B. Clarke Performance	6	3,455.00	
Each additional hour	1	525.00	
Recital Hall Rehearsal	6	1,065.00	
Each additional hour	1	125.00	
Recital Hall Performance	6	1,835.00	
Each additional hour	1	290.00	
General Campus			
Classroom	4	145.00	555.00
Each additional hour	1	40.00	80.00
Conference Room	4	170.00	580.00
Each additional hour	1	40.00	80.00
Advanced Technology Conference	4	300.00	645.00
Each additional hour	1	65.00	80.00
Design Technology Lecture Hall	4	575.00	870.00
Each additional hour	1	120.00	140.00
Athletic Facilities			
Basic Athletic Field/Court	3		
Practice/No Spectators		115.00	560.00
Field Prep		250.00	250.00
Competition	4	665.00	865.00
Gymnasium	4	450.00	655.00
Each additional hour			95.00
Cross Country Practice			75.00



AGENDA ITEM 9B

- Consent Calendar
 Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: MAY 17, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Mary Rooney, ACM: Community Services/Public Works

FROM: Jamie Bumia, Community Services Superintendent *JB*

SUBJECT: Walnut Ranch Park Tennis Court: Pickleball Pilot Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Recommends that the Commission:

1. Review the current status of the Tuesday/Thursday pilot program on Tennis Court A at Walnut Ranch Park.
2. Recommend one or more of the alternatives from the list below as the next step for the City Council to take:
 - (a) Extend the current Tuesday/Thursday pilot program for a determined period of time.
 - (b) Discontinue the program at the scheduled end date of June 30, 2022.
 - (c) Initiate a new pilot program for the summer (May 30-September 2, 2022) to open pickleball courts seven days per week to further evaluate community interest and impacts on tennis court use.
 - (d) Initiate a capital improvement project to identify a location and funds to build and maintain permanent pickleball courts.
 - (e) Other alternative(s) selected by the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

On December 8, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that City Council approve a six-month pilot program allowing Tennis Court A at Walnut Ranch Park to be modified with new striping for dual tennis and pickleball use, with pickleball play on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Council approved the program but reduced the pickleball allotment of time by eliminating Sunday use. The six-month pilot program began on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and is scheduled to end on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

In order to mitigate the impacts of using Court A and to provide more tennis courts for recreational use, staff secured Courts 4, 5, and 6 at Walnut High School to be open for free public play Monday through Friday from 3PM-9PM and Saturday and Sunday from 9AM-6PM. This free use will continue as long as WVUSD approves our facility use application.

ANALYSIS:

Despite the constraints of a Tuesday/Thursday program, a community of Walnut pickleball enthusiasts has been steadily growing. City staff made intentional efforts to spark interest for the sport by providing instruction, having paddles and balls available for those without, welcoming players each day from 5PM-7PM, and encouraging pick-up games. Grass roots events (such as the two VIP-very important pickleball player tournaments) were both highly attended and (very) fun. Daily attendance has been steady (see Attachment 1) and has included a broad range of ages and skill levels.

The current pilot program establishes that Walnut residents are interested in playing pickleball. Expanding the program to include more prime time opportunities (e.g., seven days a week in the summer) may be the only way to determine if interest is sufficient enough to warrant building permanent courts and/or continuing a shared program. In all of it, considering the potential displacement of tennis court players remains an ongoing factor as the Commission determines the next best step to recommend to the City Council.

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will collaborate by encouraging open discussion.

Attachments:

- 1) Pickleball Participation Numbers
- 2) Photos

Attachment 1

Pickleball Participation Numbers	Staff Monitor (10AM, 2PM, 6PM)			
Date	Total	Residents	Non-Residents	
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	8	6	2	
Thursday, January 20, 2022	16	11	5	
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	17	9	6	
Thursday, January 27, 2022	17	9	8	
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	16	8	8	
Thursday, February 3, 2022	28	15	13	
Tuesday, February 8, 2022	12	7	5	
Thursday, February 10, 2022	8	4	4	
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	4	1	3	
Thursday, February 17, 2022	12	7	5	
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	4	3	1	*Rain
Thursday, February 24, 2022	10	7	3	
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	13	7	6	
Thursday, March 3, 2022	12	8	4	
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	16	10	6	
Thursday, March 10, 2022	21	13	8	
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	18	8	10	
Thursday, March 17, 2022	17	9	6	
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	13	5	8	
Thursday, March 24, 2022	27	15	12	
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	16	9	7	
Thursday, March 31, 2022	14	8	6	

Tuesday, April 5, 2022	10	3	7
Thursday, April 7, 2022	18	12	6
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	16	14	2
Thursday, April 14, 2022	12	4	8
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	22	15	7
Thursday, April 21, 2022	26	15	11
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	24	9	15
Thursday, April 28, 2022	16	7	9
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	13	5	8
Thursday, May 5, 2022	11	6	5
Player Total During Program	487		



Pickleball 2022

