
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/17/2019
TO: Corey Lakin, Director of PRCS Department
FROM: Arames White- Shearin, RCS Coordinator
SUBJECT: Pickle Ball Study
CC:

I have completed the Pickle Ball Study with the help of Eugene and Luis. The cities that were contacted were:

Beverly Hills, Carson, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, El Segundo, City of Los Angeles, Burbank, Pasadena, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

The following questions were asked:

1. Do you have paddle tennis courts in your City?
2. Have you had any complaints from paddle tennis players about pickle ball?
3. Do you have courts that are shared usage? If yes, how do you divide the time or adjust the nets?
4. Do you have signage up at your courts? If yes, what does it say?
5. Do you have exclusive pickle ball courts? If yes, how many?
6. Do you offer pickle ball as an enrichment or sports class to your patrons?

The answers for each City is below.

Hermosa:

They have 4 pickle ball court. Hours of operation 9am -9pm first come, first serve. They offer beginning and intermediate classes.

Manhattan Beach:

They have 1 Pickle ball area designated. It is first come, first serve. They offer an enrichment class for an 8-week session on Wednesdays.

Pasadena:

They have a pickle ball court at Allendale Park. The courts are first come, first serve. Tuesday and Thursday 6-10, Saturday and Sunday 8-1pm. They also offer classes through an outside contractor.

Burbank:

They offer pickle ball courts at Olive Park. The days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11-1pm. It is first come, first serve. They also have classes and offer a lesson with an outside contractor.

Los Angeles:

They offer many pickle ball facilities, mostly in the valley and by the Griffin area. The time and days varies and are determine by each park facilities. Classes also varies and are determine by each facility.

Beverly Hills:

No courts currently. In the process of installation of paddle tennis courts within one year. Unsure about offering Pickle Ball.

Carson:

No paddle tennis courts. Only handball and tennis courts. No pickle ball offered.

West Hollywood:

1 paddle tennis court ran by contractor. 1 tennis court. No pickle ball offered. However, thinking about offering PB within 6 months.

Santa Monica:

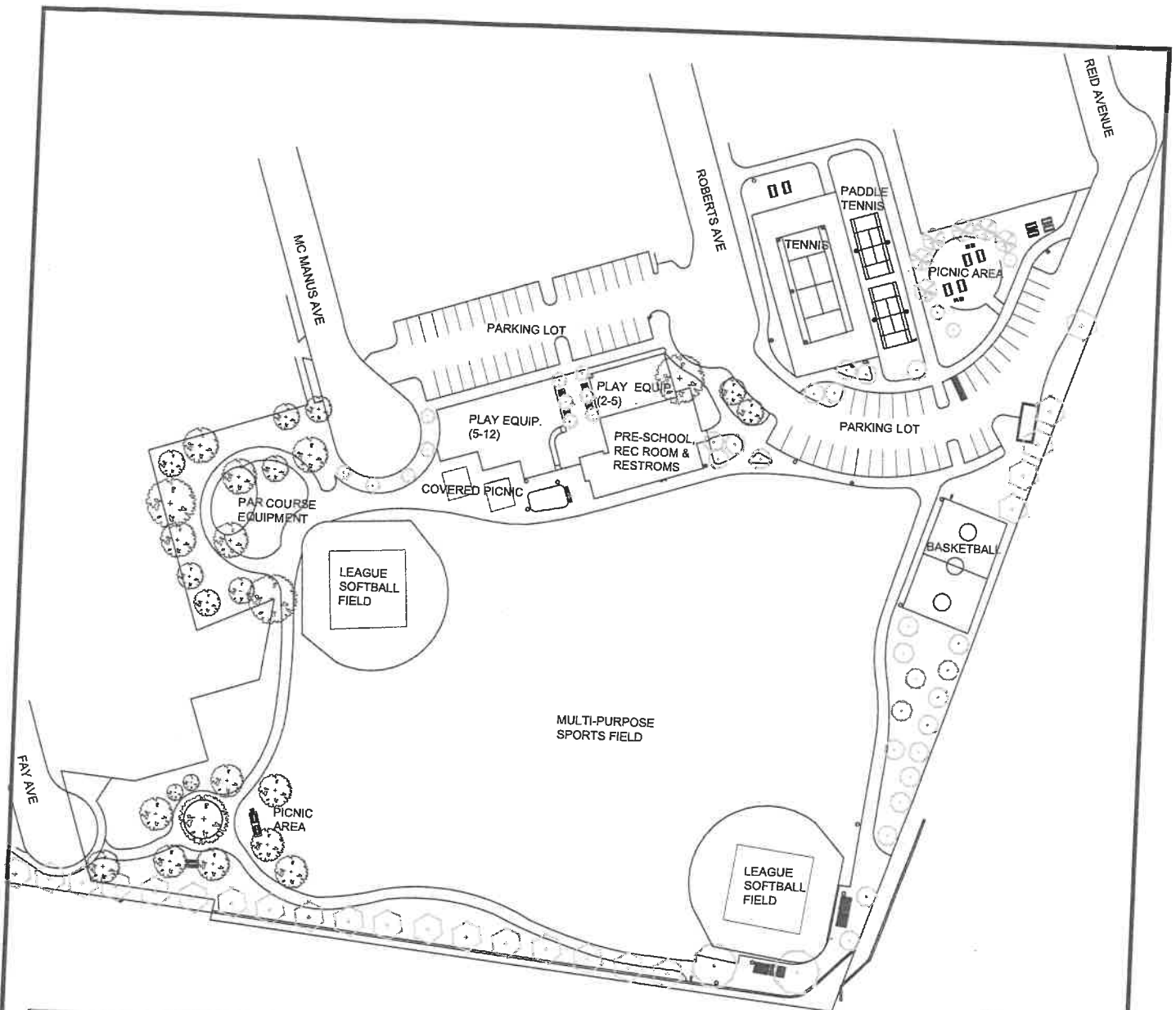
1. Do you have paddle tennis courts in your City? Yes
2. Have you had any complaints from paddle tennis players about pickle ball? Yes
3. Do you have courts that are shared usage? If yes, how do you divide the time or adjust the nets? Yes – pickle ball hours are: Wed/Sat/Sun 8 am-12 pm & Wed 5 pm-9 pm.
4. Do you have signage up at your courts? No
5. Do you have exclusive pickle ball courts? No
6. Do you offer pickle ball as an enrichment or sports class to your patrons? Pickle Ball is only offered recreationally.

El Segundo:

1. Do you have paddle tennis courts in your City? Yes
2. Have you had any complaints from paddle tennis players about pickle ball? No
3. Do you have courts that are shared usage? No
4. Do you have signage up at your courts? No
5. Do you have exclusive pickle ball courts? Yes, If yes how many? One
6. Do you offer pickle ball as an enrichment or sports class to your patrons?
Only Pickle Ball tournaments & recreationally.

Overall Picture

Name	Do you have paddle tennis courts	Any complaints	Shared courts	Signage (all said first come first serve)	Exclusive pickle ball courts	Pickle ball enrichment or sport
City of LA	Yes	n/a	no		multiple	Yes
Burbank	Yes	n/a	yes	M, W, F 11 - 1	1 court	Yes
Pasadena	Yes	n/a	yes	Sat/Sun 8-1, T/Th 6 10	1 court	Yes
Manhattan Beach	Yes	n/a	no		1 court	Yes
Hermosa Beach	Yes	n/a	no	9am – 9 pm	4 courts	Yes
Beverly Hills	No in the process					
Santa Monica	Yes	yes	yes	W/Sat/Su 8 a- 12 and W 5 - 9	no	No
Carson	No					→
West Hollywood	1 paddle tennis court	no			no	Thinking about it



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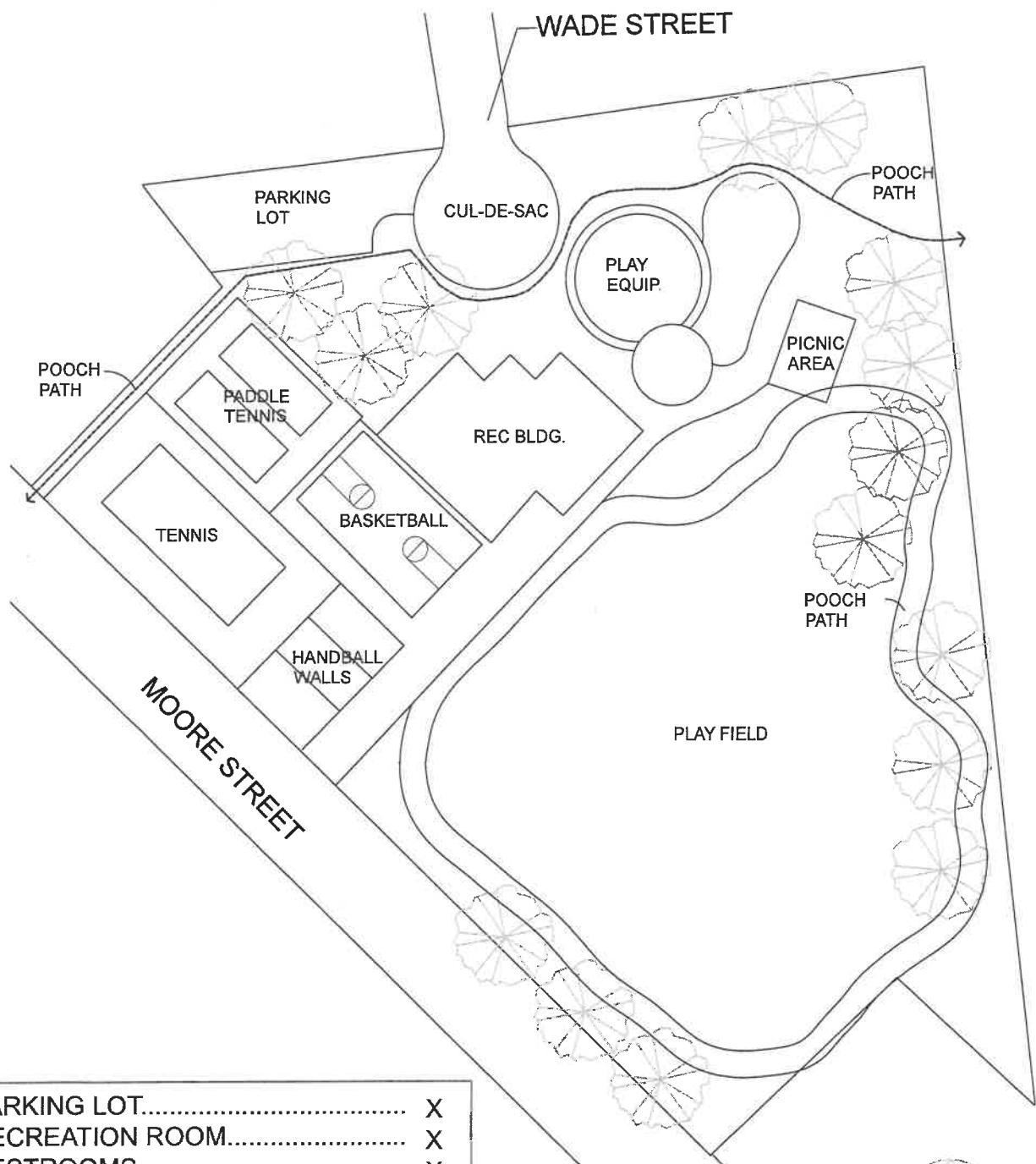


PARKING LOT.....	X
RECREATION ROOM.....	X
RESTROOMS.....	X
COVERED PICNIC AREA.....	X
OPEN PICNIC AREA.....	X
BARBEQUES.....	X
PLAY EQUIPMENT: AGE 2-5.....	X
AGE 5-12.....	X
PAR COURSE EQUIPMENT.....	X
SPORTS FIELD-MULTI PURPOSE...	X
SOFTBALL (LIGHTED).....	X
BASKETBALL.....	X
TENNIS.....	X
PADDLE TENNIS.....	X

TOTAL PARK (ACRES): 6.7

SYD KRONENTHAL PARK

ADDRESS: 3459 McManus Avenue
Culver City, 90230



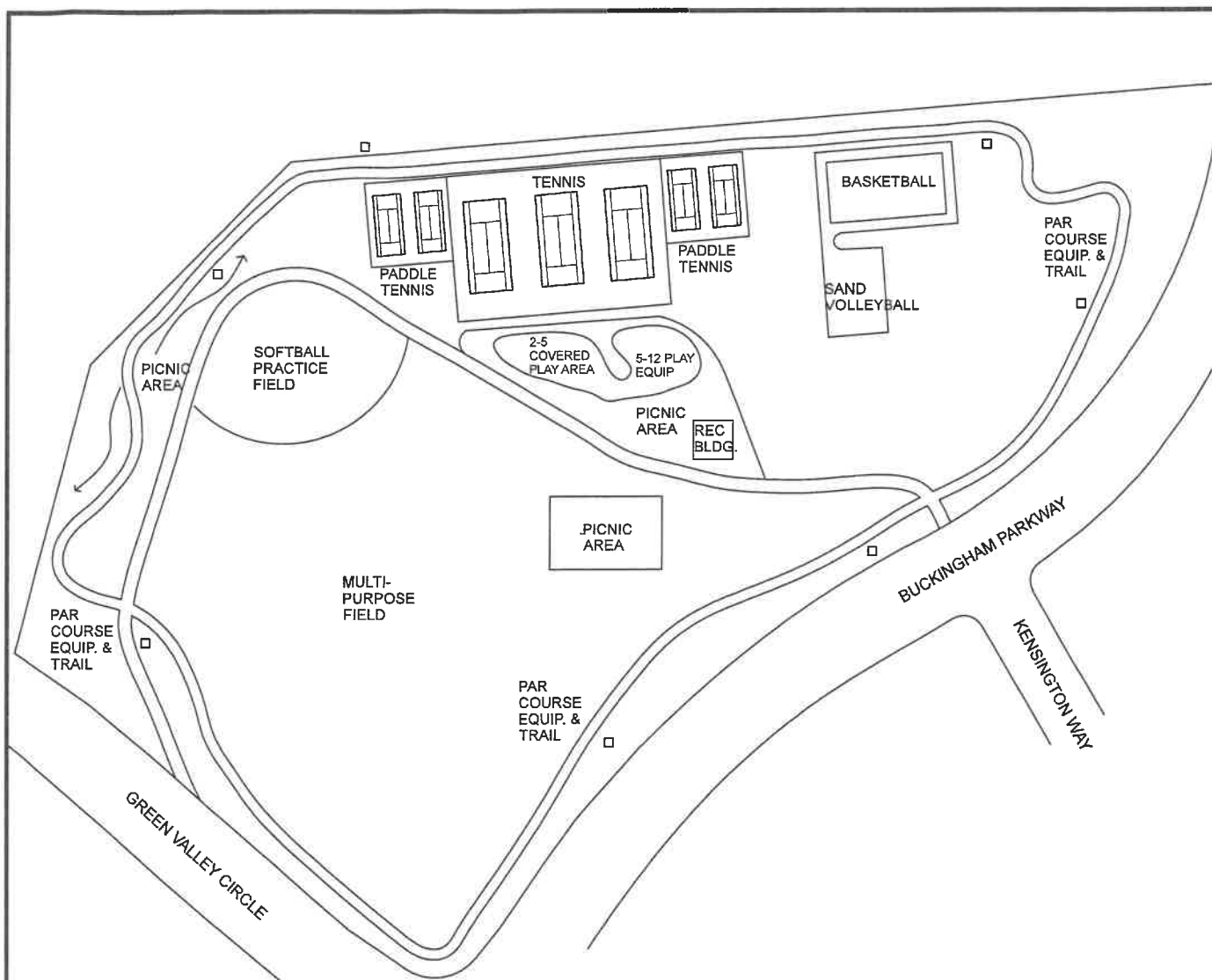
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PARKING LOT.....	X
RECREATION ROOM.....	X
RESTROOMS.....	X
GROUP PICNIC AREA	X
BARBEQUES.....	X
POOCH PATH.....	X
WALKING PATH.....	X
PLAY EQUIPMENT: AGE 2-5.....	X
AGE 5-12.....	X
FIELD-MULTI PURPOSE.....	X
BASKETBALL.....	X
HANDBALL.....	X
TENNIS.....	X
PADDLE TENNIS.....	X
TOTAL PARK (ACRES): 3.1	

CULVER WEST ALEXANDER PARK

ADDRESS: 4162 Wade Street
Culver City, 90230



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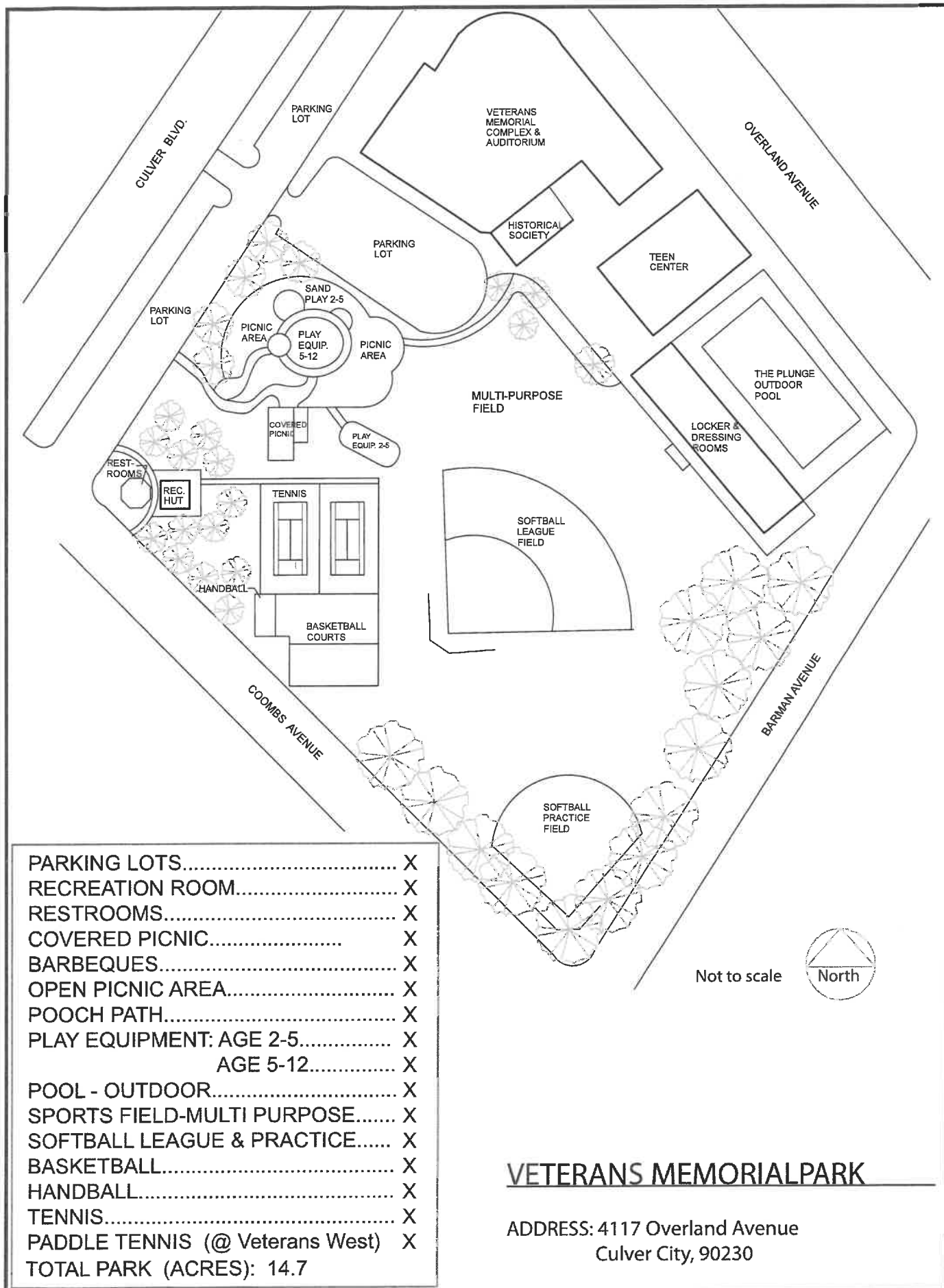


ON STREET PARKING.....	X
RECREATION ROOM.....	X
RESTROOMS.....	X
PICNIC AREA (GROUP).....	X
BARBEQUES.....	X
PLAY EQUIPMENT: AGE 2-5.....	X
AGE 5-12.....	X
SPORTS FIELD-MULTI PURPOSE...	X
PAR COURSE EQUIP.....	X
RUNNING TRAIL.....	X
BASKETBALL.....	X
TENNIS.....	X
PADDLE TENNIS.....	X
VOLLEYBALL.....	X

TOTAL PARK (ACRES): 10

FOX HILLS PARK

ADDRESS: Green Valley Circle &
Buckingham Parkway
Culver City, 90230



PARKING LOTS.....	X
RECREATION ROOM.....	X
RESTROOMS.....	X
COVERED PICNIC.....	X
BARBEQUES.....	X
OPEN PICNIC AREA.....	X
POOCH PATH.....	X
PLAY EQUIPMENT: AGE 2-5.....	X
AGE 5-12.....	X
POOL - OUTDOOR.....	X
SPORTS FIELD-MULTI PURPOSE.....	X
SOFTBALL LEAGUE & PRACTICE.....	X
BASKETBALL.....	X
HANDBALL.....	X
TENNIS.....	X
PADDLE TENNIS (@ Veterans West)	X
TOTAL PARK (ACRES): 14.7	

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

ADDRESS: 4117 Overland Avenue
Culver City, 90230

LAUREL PARK TENNIS COURTS RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Los Alamitos residents can reserve a tennis court by contacting the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis and must be done five (5) business days in advance.
 - Please call (562) 430-1073 for reservations: M-Th 7:30am-5:30pm or Fri 7:30am-4:00 pm
 - Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis
 - Reservations must be done a minimum of five (5) business days in advance
 - Courts can be reserved from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
 - Reservations can only be done for one (1) week at a time
 - Time limit for reserving a court is one (1) hour only for singles play
 - Time limit for reserving a court is one and a half (1.5) hours for doubles play
 - Proof of residency must be submitted for the first reservation and quarterly after that
 - Photo ID with address or
 - Utility bill with name of person reserving court
2. Night time court rentals are available with a reservation of lights. There is a \$7.00 per hour light fee per court up to 10:00 pm.
 - Please call (562) 430-1073 for night time reservations
 - Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis
 - Reservations must be done a minimum of five (5) business days in advance
 - Reservations can only be done for one (1) week at a time
 - Payment may be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard
3. Choice of court is determined by first-come, first-served basis. Resident with a permit has priority and if City of Los Alamitos sponsored tennis instruction is scheduled, it has priority on Court #4.
4. Time limit for use of tennis courts is one hour (singles) or one and a half hours (doubles) (except for City sponsored programs). Participants wanting to continue play must wait their turn at Gate #2 entrance for another court after all those waiting are accommodated.
5. Players are limited to nine (9) tennis balls per court.
6. Only tennis and City sponsored programs are allowed on the tennis courts.
7. Only WHITE rubber-soled tennis shoes are allowed on the tennis courts.
8. NO bicycles, rollerblades or skateboards are allowed on the courts at any time.
9. NO food or sport beverages are allowed on the tennis courts. Only water is permitted.
10. City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department sponsored events have priority on all courts.
11. Lessons are forbidden unless authorized by the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department.
12. Court #4 is designated as an “instructor” court for Los Alamitos sponsored tennis instructions.
13. Laurel Park tennis courts will be cleaned the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00-2:00pm

TENNIS COURT RULES & REGULATIONS WILL TAKE EFFECT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2014

CITY OF PALO ALTO

To: City of Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Adam Howard, Recreation Supervisor and Field Usage Ad-Hoc Committee

Date: August 28th, 2018

Re: Revised Palo Alto Field and Tennis Court Use Policy – Recommended Changes to include Pickleball Use

Action:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission Recommend City Council Approval of Revisions to the Field and Tennis Court Use Policy to include addition of Pickleball

Background:

The City of Palo Alto has seen an increase in Pickleball players and request for Pickleball space. The Silicon Valley Pickleball Club has been very active in Palo Alto and is currently using Mitchell Park Tennis Courts 5,6,7 on a first-come first-serve basis, which is not supported by the City's current court policy. The Mitchell Park tennis courts are not heavily reserved for USTA match play but are used by drop in players and are the only lit courts in South Palo Alto.

The Silicon Valley Pickleball Club recently received a proclamation from City Council recognizing Pickleball as one of the fastest growing sports with more than 2.5 Million participants. Palo Alto also hosts the Bay Area Senior Games Pickleball matches.

Discussion:

With increased demand for Pickleball, the Community Services Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission began looking into available space to provide designated Pickleball courts. With high demand on Mitchell Park Tennis Courts 5,6,7 by Pickleball, staff proposed converting those courts to permanent Pickleball courts. The proposal was met with heavy resistance from the tennis community, specifically around the idea of losing lit courts and preferring a method that kept the courts available for joint use. As staff continue gathering information and creating additional proposals for permanent space it's important that policy changes are adopted to allow Pickleball use of the courts while also recognizing the value of the lighted courts to the tennis community. The policy change allows for Pickleball to have dedicated play time, reserve space for tournaments and provides the opportunity for evening/night play.

Staff understands that dedicated Pickleball courts are the best solution and are working towards this resolution by evaluating different alternatives. This policy change will legitimize the use of court space for Pickleball in the meantime. Staff is committed to assessing this policy again in six months or less and implementing additional changes as needed.

Summary of Current Policy and Recommended Changes:

Issue	Current Policy	New Policy Recommendations	Comments
Court Usage	Courts are only available for tennis use.	<p>Change language to allow more flexibility on the courts rather than only allowing tennis.</p> <p>Designate priority hours for tennis and Pickleball on Mitchell Park Courts 5/6/7.</p> <p>Any hours not listed in priority hours are available first come first serve</p>	<p>Priority times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Priority Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4pm-10pm on Tuesday and Thursday ○ 2pm-10pm on Saturday and Sunday • Pickleball Priority Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4pm-10pm on Monday and Wednesday ○ 8am-2pm on Saturday and Sunday
Court reservations/tournaments	Reservations only made for USTA Match Play and Palo Alto Tennis Club weekend/tournament use.	<p>Allow tournament reservations for Pickleball with residency requirements.</p> <p>Allow department to allow special events like Senior Games to reserve more than 50% of courts</p>	Large events have been allowed to reserve more than 50% of courts in the past, this is just updating the policy to reflect current practice.
50% policy	Only 50% of tennis courts can be reserved for USTA Match Play	This policy is not being changed, however, in cases where an odd number of courts exist, the extra court will be left available for drop in use.	Example: 9 available courts, 5 would be reserved, leaving 4 available. Staff will now only reserve 4 courts, leaving 5 available.

Next Steps:

If the PRC approves the staff recommendation, staff will bring the revised policy to City Council for approval.

Updating the court usage policy is an important step; however, there are still additional steps that need to be taken to improve the overall use of courts in Palo Alto.

1. Continue to investigate the addition of dedicated Pickleball courts
2. Examining tennis court fees (comparing neighboring cities)
3. Process for USTA rentals (residency requirements)
4. Investigate adding additional lit courts
5. Change small paddle ball court to official Pickleball courts. Staff to confirm current use of courts.

Attachments:

1. Draft Revisions to Section XII of Field and Tennis Court Use Policy - redlined
2. Draft Revisions to Section XII of Field and Tennis Court Use Policy– clean
3. Current City of Palo Alto Field and Tennis Court Use Policy can be found at <https://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61286>

Tennis & Pickleball Courts

Tennis Courts Locations & Rules

- Bonito Canyon (1 Court)
- Forrester Ranch Park (2 Courts)
- Liberty Park (2 Courts)
- Marblehead Park (1 Court)
- San Geronimo Park (2 Courts)
- San Luis Rey Park (4 Courts)
- Verde Park (1 Court)

Tennis Court Rules

- Good sportsmanship is the first rule of tennis. The honor system & tennis ethics shall prevail.
- Courts are for tennis play only – no bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, scooters, animals, eating or drinking.
- Tennis shoes or rubber-soled shoes only.
- Limit play to 1 hour if others are waiting.
- Permit holders have priority over general public use.
- Private and/or group lessons are not permitted without a permit.

Tennis Lessons

Authorized tennis lessons are offered exclusively through the Recreation Division. [View all courses and register online.](#)

CAUTION! Teaching a lesson without a City issued permit and authorization is against San Clemente Municipal Code and punishable by an administrative fine. Users should take caution when signing up for a private or group lesson that is not affiliated with the City of San Clemente.

Pickleball Courts Locations & Rules

- San Geronimo Park (4 Courts) - *Now open!*
- San Luis Rey Park (4 Courts) - *Now open!*

Pickleball Court Rules & Usage

GENERAL RULES

- Pickleball is permitted on designated courts only. See site specific designations below.
- Priority court usage is given to pickleball on specific days, based on each site. See site specific designations below.
 - The four pickleball courts are open play courts that are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - Outside of the "priority usage", pickleball players can use the pickleball courts for open play, but will need to vacate the court once a tennis player(s) wishes to use the court.
 - On non-priority days, it requested but not required, that tennis players utilize all other courts prior to using the court with pickleball lines to allow pickleball players an opportunity to play.
- Private and/or group lessons are not permitted without a permit.
- Players are requested to observe "tennis court courtesies" as well as rules of good conduct on and around the pickleball courts at all times.
- Portable Nets
 - Sitting or leaning on the nets is strictly prohibited.
 - Nets should be rolled to side of courts when finished playing.
- No pets, bicycles, skateboards, roller-skates, rollerblades, or cleats are allowed on the courts.

SAN LUIS REY PARK RULES

- Pickleball is permitted on Tennis Court #4 only.
- Priority court usage is given to pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- View court designation.

SAN GORGONIO PARK RULES

- Pickleball is permitted on Tennis Court #2 only.
- Priority court usage is given to pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
- View court designation.

PICKLEBALL COURT ROTATION

Users are encouraged to utilize the following rotation system while enjoying the pickleball courts:

- Place your paddle on the ground near the court where you wish to play.
- Players will come off relative to the number of paddles waiting for the court.
- After winning two consecutive games, all four players come off the court.

COURTS 1, 2 & 3 (Beginning/Intermediate)

- One paddle waiting, one player comes off (3 winners remain)
- Two paddles waiting, two players come off (2 winners remain)
- Three paddles waiting, three players come off (1 winner remains)
- Four or more paddles waiting, four players come off.

COURT 4 (Challenge Court)

- Two paddles waiting, two players come off.
- Four paddles waiting, two non-winning players come off.
- Six or more paddles waiting, all players come off.

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Tennis & Pickleball Court Questions/Concerns

- Court rules and regulations are subject to change. Non-compliance with any of the above statements may result in denial of court usage.
- Concerns or suggestions regarding court usage should be reported to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department at (949) 361-8237.
- Maintenance requests should be reported to the Public Works Department at (949) 361-8317.

Platform/Paddle Tennis Courts

Two Platform / Paddle Tennis Courts are located in Longshore Club Park behind the Har-Tru Tennis Courts.

Season of Operation

Spring / Summer: April 1 - Sept. 30

Fall / Winter: Oct. 1 through March 31

Courts may be reserved for 1.5 hour sessions beginning at 7 a.m. Last reservation time is 9 p.m.

Reservation Procedures

Courts are available for reserved play in 1.5 hour sessions by going online to <http://westportct.club>

- Premium Platform Tennis Pass Holders may reserve courts five (5) days in advance online only beginning at 7 a.m.
- A minimum of four (4) players from your team must purchase a Premium Platform Tennis Pass prior to securing your standing time for the season.
- Any standing time requests must be made directly through Westport Parks and Recreation.
- Adult/Senior/Junior Platform Tennis Non-Pass Holders may reserve two (2) days in advance by contacting us at (203)341-5090 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Reservations can be changed prior to 6 a.m. day of play.
- The person booking the reservation is responsible for any daily guest fees.
- Daily players will be invoiced.

Note: Failure to purchase Premium Platform Tennis Pass may result in loss of standing court time.

Restrictions

- Juniors may play 11 a.m. or later

Platform Tennis Pass Fees

Adult Premium Platform Tennis Pass	\$85
Senior (62) Premium Tennis Pass	\$50
Junior (12 - 17) Premium Platform Tennis Pass	\$20

Premium Platform Tennis Pass holders do not pay court fees

Court Fees: Per person, per 1.5 hr. court time

Premium Platform Tennis Pass Holders	N/C
Adult Platform Tennis Non-Pass Holder (Guest)	\$15
Junior / Senior Platform Tennis Non-Pass Holder (Guest)	\$10

Standing Court Time (available to Premium Pass Holders only)	\$200
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Premium Platform Tennis Pass eliminates court fees and is valid Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2019

Purchase your pass online!**Policies and Procedures**

Only players are allowed on the paddle tennis courts.

- All players must wear flat-soled sneakers.
- Players must use Platform Tennis equipment only - no tennis racquets or tennis balls. No equipment will be provided.
- Court lights and heaters may be turned on at the switches located outside the doors of each court.
- No Parks and Recreation personnel are on duty at the paddle tennis court.
- Failure to make payment of daily court fees will result in loss of platform tennis court privileges.

Please notify the Parks and Recreation Office (203) 341-5090 in the event the court requires maintenance i.e., kickboards, screens, lights, heaters.

Cancellations

Cancellations or changes in reservations may be made directly through the Chelsea Reservation system by 6 a.m. the day of play with no penalty <http://westportct.club>

If you need to cancel due to inclement weather, notification must be made to the Parks and Recreation office at (203)341-5090. An additional reservation may be made at no charge. No refunds will be issued.

No parking at the Platform Courts, the Pearl of Longshore, or the Inn at Longshore

Platform Tennis Instruction**Private Lessons**

Use of Town courts for private instruction is permitted **ONLY** for instructors registered with the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact the Parks and Recreation office for details and list of registered instructors.

Group Lessons

The Parks and Recreation Department group platform tennis lessons are available for players of all ages and ability levels. Please visit www.westportrecreation.com for more information.