

# Parks and Recreation Commission



## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 11/15/2023  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Locations:** Teleconference and  
Arrillaga Family Gymnastic Center  
501 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

### A. Call To Order

Chair Bunyagidj called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

### B. Roll Call

**Present:** Bunyagidj, Lee, Theriault, Wessel  
**Absent:** Brosnan, Joshua  
**Staff:** Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Library and Community Services Director Nick Sgezda, Library and Community Services Supervisor Tricia Mullan

### C. Regular Business

C1. Approve minutes from the September 18, 2023 meeting, the September 27, 2023 joint meeting with the Library Commission

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Theriault/ Wessel), to approve the September 18, 2023 and September 27, 2023 joint meeting minutes, passed 4-0 (Brosnan and Joshua absent).

C2. Recommend a draft addendum to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan to include pickleball and other updates (Staff Report PRC-2023-033).

- Jim Schott, with donated time from Andrea Beylen and Hinoko Yoshido, spoke in support of pickleball courts at Nealon Park (Attachment).
- Ravi spoke in support of keeping the current number of tennis courts.
- Shani Podell, with donated time from Carol Fan and Ryan Esseuby, spoke in opposition of pickleball at Nealon Park.
- Peter Diepenbrock spoke in support of increasing pickleball access.
- Neil Wolt spoke on concerns related to the need for additional parking in order to support any additional activities at Nealon Park.
- Janice spoke on noise concerns related pickleball.
- David Bingham spoke in support of maintaining tennis courts at Nealon Park.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bunyagidj/ Wessel), to approve the adoption of the recommendations in the draft addendum with the following changes:

1. That in recommendation No. 1 of the draft, the pickleball courts at Nealon Park should remain temporarily designated to pickleball pending proof of the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures.
2. That the considerations for adding pickleball courts at Burgess Park be prioritized.

Passed 4-0 (Brosnan and Joshua absent).

**D. Informational Items**

D1. Department updates (Staff Report PRC-2023-034)

D2. Parks and Recreation Commission tentative agenda calendar (Attachment)

Assistant Director Szegda introduced the item.

- Shani Podell spoke in support of adding an agenda item to address the lighting at Nealon Park.
- Atia Rahman spoke in support of adding an agenda item to address the lighting at Nealon Park.

**E. Commissioner Reports**

E1. Individual Commissioner reports

None.

**F. Adjournment**

Chair Bunyagidj adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Ashley Walker, Management Analyst

# Tennis & Pickleball

## Information for Consideration

# Short-Term Proposal

Ask for consideration...

- Two additional Pickleball Courts at Nealon
- Set up court 4 for shared use with tennis
- Add striping for Pickleball
  - Striped per USTA guidelines
  - Proper Pickleball court dimensions  
(Existing Nealon courts are undersized; not suitable for competitive play.)

# Nealon Tennis Court Use: Green=Empty Court

Data source: MP city staff & Pickleball community.

76%-99%...empty court(s)

## Total Number of Players on Courts 1,2,3,4

Menlo Park Staff Survey

10/28/23 - 11/03/23

Tennis	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Ct. 1,2,3,4	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3
8:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9:00	0	6	6	4	2	-	4
10:00	5	-	8	4	8	4	4
11:00	-	2	4	14	6	2	11
12:00	4	4	0	-	4	0	2
1:00	6	4	0	0	0	0	2
2:00	6	4	0	2	-	0	4
3:00	10	4	4	6	4	6	4
4:00	6	6	0	8	8	6	2
5:00	8	4	-	8	11	2	4
6:00	8	2	8	-	8	-	4
7:00	8	6	8	-	7	10	8
8:00	8	6	7	-	6	8	9
9:00	-	-	-	-	2	8	6
10:00	-	-	0	-	0	6	2

93%...an empty court

## Percent of Time an Open Court is Available

Menlo Park Pickleball Player Survey

8/31/23 - 9/30/23

TENNIS (1,2,3,4)	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
8-9AM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
9-10AM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
10-11AM	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	67%	100%
11-12PM	100%	50%	67%	100%	100%	60%	100%
12-1PM	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	75%	100%
1-2PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2-3PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
3-4PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
4-5PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
5-6PM	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%	100%
6-7PM		50%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
7-8PM	0%	100%	50%	50%	67%	100%	100%
8-9PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
9-10PM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Court Use: 4 courts in use 2-4 courts in use 1-4 courts empty no data  
 Unknown: if courts have 1-4 players.

# Tennis Key Revenue

Data Source: MP city staff

- 11% of Tennis Keys are non-resident.
- Request Pickleball Lessons & Clinics on Nealon Court #4

**MP Annual Tennis Key Distribution by Number and Sales**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Resident Keys</b>	<b>Non Resident Keys</b>	<b>Total Keys</b>	<b>Resident Total</b>	<b>Non-resident revenue</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>
2020	489	107	596	\$25,269	\$10,783	\$36,052
2021	564	109	673	\$33,285	\$13,804	\$47,089
2022	378	100	478	\$21,316	\$6,289	\$27,605
2023	244	58	302	\$13,944	\$5,674	\$19,618

# Tennis Court Reservations

Data Source: MP City Staff

Year	Reservations	Revenue
• 2020:	1,221	\$41,578
• 2021:	2,631	\$90,036
• 2022:	1,757	\$57,081
• 2023:	679	\$54,354

A number of reservations appear to be for private coaching lessons.

19% of reservations are non-resident.

Year	Location	Total	Court #1	Court #2	Court #3	Court #4	Court #5
2020	Burgess	121	118	3			
2021	Burgess	460	454	6			
2022	Burgess	386	384	2			
2023	Burgess	52	49	3	NO RENT	NO RENT	NO RENT
2020	Kelly	47	47				
2021	Kelly	87	87				
2022	Kelly	69	69				
2023	Kelly	24	24	PICKLEBALL	NO COURT	NO COURT	NO COURT
2020	La Entrada	22	22				
2021	La Entrada	3	3				
2022	La Entrada	0					
2023	La Entrada	0	NO RENT	NO RENT	NO RENT	NO RENT	NO COURT
2020	Nealon	728	418	299	2	3	6
2021	Nealon	1291	833	458			
2022	Nealon	923	616	288	11	8	
2023	Nealon	376	269	101	3	3	NO COURT
2020	Willow Oaks	298	163	132			
2021	Willow Oaks	785	390	395	395	395	NO COURT
2022	Willow Oaks	375	210	165	165	165	NO COURT
2023	Willow Oaks	222	112	110	NO RENT	NO RENT	NO COURT

# Court Reservations

Data Source: MP City Staff

- Tennis Court Popularity (high to low):

26%	Willow Oaks Court #3
25%	Nealon Court #1
23%	Nealon Court #2
16%	Kelly Court #1
6%	Willow Oaks Court #4
4%	Burgess Court #1
0%	Other courts: no reservations



# Request to Contribute

City Staff stated they will not consider proposals or recommendations from any source other than the city-wide survey or direction from PRC and CC.

Ask if Pickleball & Tennis communities can participate in proposals for court use.