



## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2021  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Michael J. Aho, District Administrator  
**Subject:** Recommendation on Direction for Providing the Fair Oaks Community Pickleball Courts  
**Prepared By:** Nick Davison, Recreation Supervisor

### **I. Recommendation**

Recommend a direction for staff to pursue in providing pickleball courts for the Fair Oaks community.

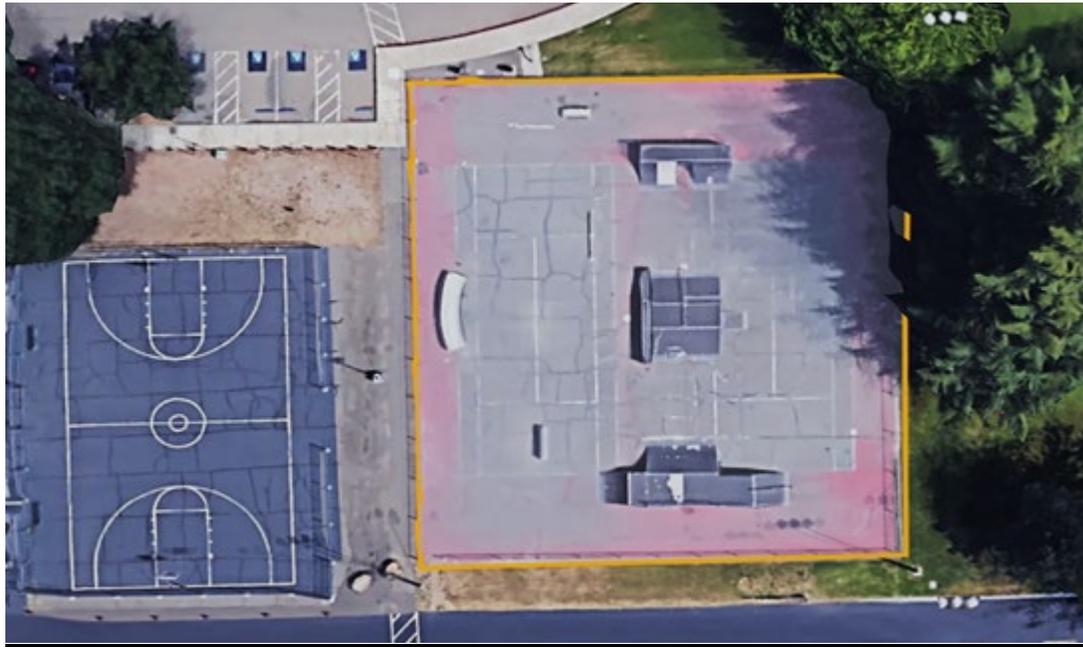
### **II. Background**

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and has been desired by the Fair Oaks community for several years. Most recently the District has been approached by an organized group of pickleball enthusiasts that would like to assist the District in adding courts. The organized group and staff have identified three (3) potential options for the Board to consider with varying degrees of costs and community impact.

### **III. Problem /Situation/ Request**

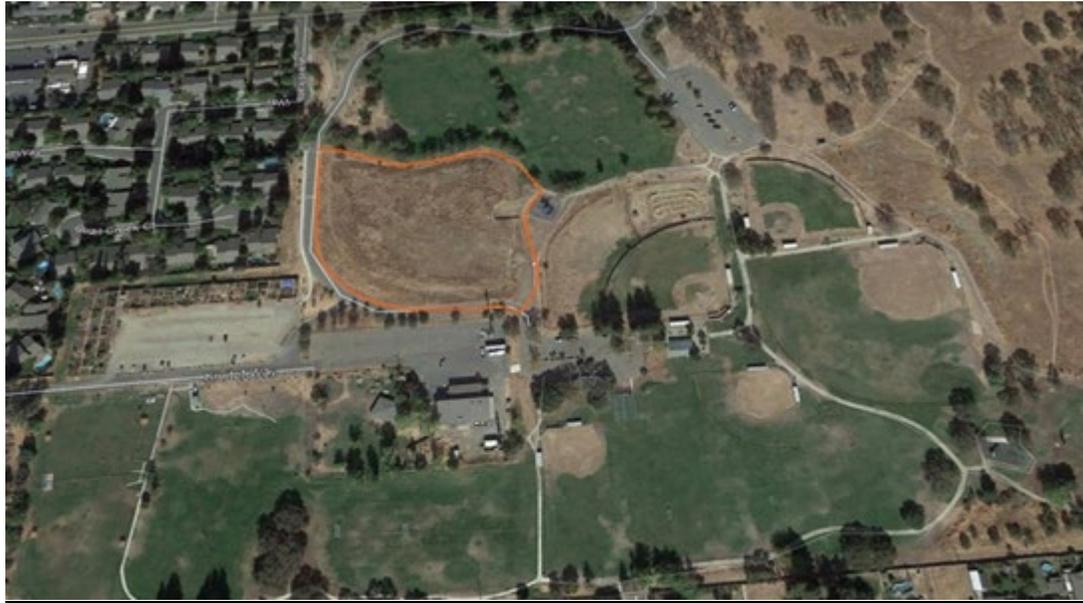
#### **Option A – Fair Oaks Park**

Install four (4) to six (6) pickleball courts at the current location of the skate park. The current skate park sits on old tennis courts which makes it a great foundation for pickleball courts. This would require the removal of the skate park which could be rebuilt adjacent to its current location or another park.



### **Option B – Phoenix Park**

Install four (4) to eight (8) pickleball courts in the undeveloped area. This would hinge on the acquisition of the La Vista school site and if the girls softball fields were relocated there.



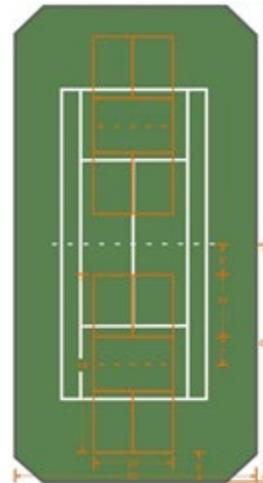
### **Option C – Miller Park**

Adding pickleball lines to the Miller Park tennis courts, thus making them dual use. There are many options to how a current tennis court could be altered to accommodate pickleball play, however staff has identified a few of the most optimal configurations.

Configuration 1 - Add pickleball lines to two (2) courts and utilize the existing tennis net. Courts will be dual use at all times. Tennis nets are 2" higher than Pickleball nets so the Pickleball courts would not have a regulation net.



Configuration 2 - Add two (2) sets of pickleball lines to two (2) tennis courts utilizing temporary nets. This would result in four (4) pickleball courts when portable nets are supplied. This option would require predetermined pickleball days/times that the portable nets were put up by staff. When the pickleball nets are up the courts would not be dual use. They would be for pickleball only during that time.



#### **IV. Financial Analysis**

Constructing new courts cost between \$15,000 to \$40,000 per court. Cost depends on multiple factors such as sub surface, drainage, fencing, irrigation (drinking fountain, hose bib for court cleaning) electrical, amenities, etc.

Option A – Fair Oaks Park would likely be in the middle of the estimated costs due to preexisting infrastructure. i.e. sub surface, electrical, light poles, irrigation, and fencing are already present. All current infrastructure are in need of repair and/or modifications.

Option B – Phoenix Park would be at the higher end of the estimated cost because it does not have any preexisting infrastructure.

Option C – Miller Park dual courts have a very minimal financial impact on the District. Portable nets cost approximately \$175. Professionally painted lines could be done for approximately \$500 per court.

Staff is in favor of pursuing “Option A – Fair Oaks Park” funded by Measure J with contributions from the pickleball group/community and potential grants. Fair Oaks Park is viewed as the optimal location because there is infrastructure in place to reduce construction cost, there is ample parking, and it importantly provides the community dedicated pickleball courts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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District Administrator