



# Safety Wellness and Youth Committee Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: SAFETY, WELLNESS AND YOUTH COMMITTEE      DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY      WARD: 5**  
**SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: ARLINGTON PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS UPDATE**

## **ISSUE:**

Present the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee with the Arlington Park Pickleball Courts project update.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee provide feedback and receive report for file.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In fiscal year 2019/2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided funding in the amount of \$200,000 for ADA accessibility renovations to the existing sidewalk located between the existing tennis courts and Miller Street and \$57,749 for ADA accessibility improvements.

On February 28, 2022, City Council approved the transfer of the remaining \$327,000 in funds from the Arlington Youth Innovation Center account (9886720) and \$74,000 from the Community Facilities District 2006- 1 IA Bond Funds (CDF) account (9886740) into a new Arlington Park project to construct a pickleball complex adjacent to the new Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center. These funding sources along with the CDBG funds have provided the total budget of \$658,749 for the pickleball court and ADA improvements project.

On April 26, 2022, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) held a community workshop to receive input from pickleball enthusiasts about their vision for a pickleball complex to best meet the needs of the pickleball community. PRCSD received positive feedback from the community and incorporated their vision and detailed feedback into a site concept plan.

On July 27, 2022, the PRCSD met with the pickleball enthusiasts to present two conceptual pickleball complex layouts that were developed utilizing the information from the prior meeting. The pickleball enthusiasts provided positive feedback on the concept design but stressed there needs to be a minimum of at least eight pickleball courts to meet their requirements for tournament play. Their feedback also took into consideration that the complex shouldn't

compromise playability and squeeze in too many courts just to make a viable tournament area. Ultimately, community meeting provided positive feedback, consensus and support for the final concept including seven courts in phase one and two additional tournament courts for phase two, as funding is available.

On September 19, 2022, the Park and Recreation Commission was provided an update on the project and provided feedback prior to receiving the report for file. Members of the local pickleball community attended to show support and provide pickleball information.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Arlington Park Pickleball Court Project proposes the construction of 9 new pickleball courts with two courts for tournament play including bleachers for viewing the game. Also included are two shaded areas with seating and accent paving to accommodate players waiting for open courts. Court fencing will be 10-foot-high perimeter fencing with windscreens on the east and west facing sides and 4' fencing separating the courts. Court LED lighting will consist of approximately 10 light standards 24' in height and on timers. Other improvements include a drinking fountain with bottle filler, planting, and irrigation modifications along with minor grading operations to facilitate adjacent ancillary park improvements.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for design/build services for the Arlington Park Pickleball Court Park renovations is being prepared. It's anticipated that the RFP will be posted on the City's public bidding website in December 2022 with a closing date in January 2023 and City Council award April 2023. The goal is to complete the project by late fall of 2023.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The work contributes to **Strategic Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation**, which aims to provide diverse community experiences and personal enrichment opportunities for people of all ages. **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being**, which aims to ensure safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive and **Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government**, which aims to provide world class public service that is efficient, accessible, and responsive to all.

Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation:

- **Goal 1.3:** improve parks, recreational amenities, open space, and trail development, and fulfill critical lifecycle and facility maintenance needs

Priority 2 – Community Wellbeing:

- **Goal 2.3:** strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide, and

Priority 5 – High Performing Government:

- **Goal 5.3:** enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

The project aligns with *the five Cross-Cutting Threads* as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – To build community trust and ensure that the Project reflects the public's interests and needs. The planning process for the Arlington Park Pickleball Court Project has relied on community engagement, including two community-based meetings and presentations at public meetings.
2. **Equity** – PRCSD projects support the City's racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, identity, geographic, and other attributes of diversity and is committed to advancing the fairness of treatment, recognition of rights, and equitable distribution of services and facilities to ensure every member of the community has equal access to share the benefits of community progress.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The project is being funded mainly with a CDBG grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
4. **Innovation** –The Arlington Park Pickleball Court Project responds to the community's changing recreational, social, and health and wellness needs. The project proposes to create ten new pickleball courts, eight (8) in the area where there currently exist two asphalt tennis courts and two tournament courts with bleachers adjacent to the eight courts.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Project seeks to increase park and recreational resources to meet the needs of the present community, without compromising the needs of the future by finding solutions that help Riverside adapt to climate change and resource depletion through actions such as planting more trees, using native and low-water landscaping, and implementing on-site stormwater infiltration.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. The estimated cost for full build out of the preferred concept is \$1,350,000 and there is approximately \$660,000 of available funding, leaving a deficit of approximately \$690,000. Although there is not currently sufficient funding for full build out of the preferred concept, the project will proceed using the \$660,000 available in the project account to build the first phase. Additional Measure Z funding will be pursued to complete the full build.

No increase in maintenance costs is anticipated since the project is using a developed park area that is already being maintained.

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Attachment: Presentation