

Comprehensive Feedback Transcript: June 10, 2026

All notes, letters, documents, and statements contained within were provided to Seattle Parks and Recreation between April 6 - May 25, 2026 in response to the Draft Racquet Sport Strategy released on April 6, 2026. Personal private information beyond names have been redacted. If there are any comments or feedback submitted to SPR that you think we may have missed, please send them to Jonathan.Garner@seattle.gov for inclusion in future releases.

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PUBLIC COMMENT**BPRC Meeting 4-23-26**

Greg Tuke

Awarding a trophy for being "Worst in the West"

New trophy will be presented to Katie Wilson. "Worst in America [per capita] for pickleball courts"x
Private industry has recognized growth of pickleball - 4 private locations by end of 2026

Joe Lammy

Tennis players: 40K, Pickleball: 65K (reference: AI)

Need 289 courts to meet demand by 2030

David

Support for tennis numbers

The idea is a good start (removing dual use) but fails in execution

Brent Carson

Opposed to draft strategy, has played for a while since retiring

Wants to see data, has filed PDR

Dual use space can be managed, happens on athletic fields

Brent Carson

Commission Members,

Thank you for listening last night to my comments and the comments of others who are opposed to the SPR Draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy. It is unfortunate that you did not have the time to listen to the many others who wanted to speak. I would encourage you to hold a Commission meeting where all members of the public can speak directly to you on this Draft Strategy, well in advance of any public hearing held prior to a Commission vote.

I wanted to follow up on a few statements staff made last night, after the public comment period ended.

First, I want to congratulate staff on stating that one of its key goals is increasing play time. I know that all Seattle tennis and pickleball players support that goal. Unfortunately, for the reasons I stated yesterday and that I add today, the Draft Strategy will do just the opposite for pickleball – it will diminish pickleball play opportunities on Seattle’s open public courts.

Second, I appreciate staff’s comment to “Trust the Process.” I recognize that this is only a Draft Strategy. Yet, I also heard staff state a goal of implementing this strategy by June of this year. What is the rush? When so little data has been collected on actual play time on existing courts, and so much information that has been collected by SPR hasn’t been published on a public website, available for the public to review, adoption of any changes to use of SPR public outdoor courts is premature.

Staff stated last night that they have used “reservation data” for their recommendations. Post summaries of this data on the SPR website by Park, courts, and actual numbers of players for each sport. SPR also stated that they used Pacer.AI data. Again, Post it. SPR commented that issues with School District Joint Use of courts influenced this draft. Again, Post the data on school use agreements by court and time of dedicated school use. Conflicts and complaints influenced the staff draft. Post these so all can understand how often these occurred, when and where.

As each of you know from your past work experiences, good data drives good decision making.

Guess work leads to disasters.

Here, to allocate the scare resource of outdoor public courts, the key question, as raised last night by one of the Commissioners on zoom (I apologize, I could not see which Commissioner it was), is “how are all of Seattle’s outdoor courts utilized? “ Without knowing existing utilization for each park and each court, how do you know which courts are underutilized or overutilized, or what conflicts are present.

I would “Trust the Process” if all available data was posted, all necessary data to make an informed decision was collected, adequate time was provided for the public to review and evaluate this data, and a balanced group of individuals worked with staff to develop a fair solution to the known shortage of pickleball courts in Seattle.

Third, SPR did a respectable job explaining Open Play in pickleball. However, staff have two

fundamental misunderstandings of Open Play and pickleball court use.

Staff do not understand that Open Play time periods must be limited so that a critical mass of players shows up with sufficient players who are playing and sufficient players who are waiting for the next court to open after a game ends. If a period of 2-3 hours is set aside for an Open Play period, the pickleball community wanting to play at that park comes in that window. The pickleball community quickly adapts to such a schedule so that a “sweet spot” of players shows up at parks where the Open Play courts are neither overcrowded nor under used. However, if a court is designated for “Open Play” all day, as proposed by staff, there may never be sufficient players in any period to provide the active play and rest periods most pickleball players are looking for. So, an all day Open Play Only Hub, as proposed by SPR staff, is a poor and ineffective idea.

The second misconception concerns staff’s recommendations for 9 of the proposed remaining 16 parks that will have pickleball courts, being limited to “closed play only.” The reality of pickleball is that most beginner and intermedial pickleball players want to play using the Open Play format. 80-90% of general pickleball players fall into this category, where Open Play is the standard format. Indeed, in public parks, Open Play often accounts for the vast majority of court use.

Open Play is so prevalent for obvious reasons:

- Inclusivity: It lowers the barrier to entry. Inexperienced players don't need to "know people" to get a game started; they just need to show up and put their paddle in the rack.
- Court Efficiency: In a sport where demand often outpaces the number of courts, Open Play allows multiple players to share a single court through rotation.
- Play and Rest time. Open Play allows each player to find active cardiovascular exercise with periods of rest, maximizing health gains while minimizing over exertion and injury.
- Variety of Players. Open Play offers a chance to play with a diversity of players with different skill sets. This increases awareness of how the game is played and enhances the experience.
- Social Networking: Open Play serves as a "social hub" to meet other players and to simply socialize with a diverse community.

Staff proposes to only permit Closed Play at seven of the eighteen Seattle parks that will remain available for pickleball. This will reduce the amount of pickleball play time in the City, not increase it. While some individuals may desire to reserve individual courts for closed play, these numbers will be small.

SPR staff have an admirable goal of expanding play time and establishing separate courts for tennis and pickleball. In an ideal world, separating these two sports onto separate courts makes sense. Indeed, in 2022, SPR staff proposed creating many new pickleball court facilities, yet none have been built and none are funded to be built. Our reality is that money and space are limited. Until we invest in many more pickleball courts to meet the exploding demand, the City must continue to use the Dual Use approach. While both tennis players and pickleball players may be inconvenienced by multiple lines on the courts, that is a small price to pay for having sufficient courts for players of both sports.

Commisioner Feedback/Questions

Kevin	Context criteria that the strategy is trying to optimize for?
	One other criteria was playing time, how did we measure playing time
Steve	
	Check my understanding of the transition planning: signage goes up, infrastructure comes down, reservations would be honored...would removal of infrastructure hinder pre-approved reservations
Unknown	Question on hub strategy and understand characteristics that separate it from other sites

John	Comment-public comment period (3 mtgs) seems brief compared to 2 yrs of strategy development. Add more regional locations where possible.
	Data: court utilization data-was there any analysis by observation?
Chair	Want to see summary of public engagement and updates to plan based on feedback received

Public Meeting Comments
May 4th, 7th and 9th

Meeting Date	Name	Comment	Via (public or written comment)
4-May	Tony Pisa	1 Fastest growing sport in U.S. & funding should align with this; No net loss and don't remove access before replacement; Don't make decision on legacy; Add new light; Protect school use; Do not convert to Pickleball yet (Dual); Focus on underutilize; Build first.	Public Comment
4-May	Dale Schlotzhauer	2 90 - 95% of Pickleball don't use the system; Current system does not include all Pickleball courts; Tennis can reserve all; Dual use is working; Has not had issues; Open play is working as is; 240 in W. Seattle using open play. Georgetown is not sufficient; Stay as is until something new is built.	Public Comment
4-May	Peter Dunwiddie	3 Thinks USTA was involved in the Strategy; Concern over number of Pickleball vs Tennis resurfacing; Questions regarding Magnuson tennis condition and use; Ravenna West as well; Question as well regarding proposed Magnuson Pickleball courts; Want to see Environmental Impact Study for this.	Public Comment
4-May	Kevin Wilhelm	4 Tennis & Pickleball player: Uses dual use sites; Concerns regarding data reported for usage: Most Pickleball play is open play and not closed play.	Public Comment
4-May	David Middaugh	5 Perception that SPR favors Tennis over Pickleball historically and going forward; Why? Mentions SMPA proposal for solving problem; Want all dual sites converted to dedicated Pickleball.	Public Comment
4-May	Aya Nakazato	6 & 46 Pickleball has been important for physical health and community; Demand is high; Reservations are difficult; Hasn't seen how demand/use is informing decision; Booking don't reflect numbers; Hold off on plan and release data; and make changes as adds are made; 74,000 of homes do not have cars and that needs to be considered in locations.	Public Comment
4-May	Pat Shaffer	7 Dual use is most efficient to maximize court times; Data used is flawed; Play is important for socializing; If creating dedicated, where is money from, and how will decisions be made? Give priority use via a schedule by day/hour/location.	Public Comment
4-May	Steve Johnson	8 Tennis player and involved in sporting goods trades; Never has had a conflict with Pickleball players; Dual use works fine; Economic impact at Gilman is significant; Culturally important significant: Especially at sites and needs to be considered; Enforcement at sites should be priority.	Public Comment
4-May	Amy Greger	9 W. Seattle has a big Pickleball community; Socializing is important; Shared 2024 criteria for hubs; Delridge, Georgetown and Miller do not have space to expand - 5' Sideline, 8' baseline.	Public Comment
4-May	Jakob LeVine	10 Coming from playing Pickleball at Gilman; Time with family; Embedded in community; Sad about proposal feeling out of touch with community/culture/experience; Loves the age diversity of play; Proposal feels drastic - erasing community.	Public Comment
4-May	Frank Chiappone	11 SMPA firm President - Can't run tournament is Seattle because we don't have a facility here; Don't remove courts before you replace them; Magnolia Park Pickleball- Money has been sitting there; Find a real plan to grow the sport and acknowledge/respect what Pickleball means to the community.	Public Comment
4-May	Kate VanGent	12 We finally have open play but at what cost? Los of courts feels like a punishment and recovery timeline is too long; Trust issues with ability to deliver because of other projects that fell through; Want replacement before loss; Georgetown is not desireable for a hub - prefer Delridge; Would like more transparency.	Public Comment
4-May	Nancy Breyfogle	13 Preserve dual use till new courts are built; Don't destroy the community; Diversity of ages/background is great; Expand; Don't reduce.	Public Comment
4-May	Bretnie Eschenbach	16 Goal of reducing number of courts to increase use doesn't align; Doesn't think number of tennis players compared to Pickleball at same time that can use the same space should be equally considered; Seems Reservations System is the issue and dual use.	Public Comment
4-May	Ellen Nichter	17 High Point teacher and Pickleball Instructor - W. Seattle resident; 85% student from reduced lunch program; High Point Elementary could be used for Pickleball; Wants SPR to support kids using these spaces.	Public Comment
4-May	Nancy Carson	18 Agrees with a lot of what has been said; Highlights multi-generational users; Easy entry; So more people can get involved in; One Pickleball court supports 8 people in same footprints as 2 on a tennis court; Are we going to have open play drop-in tennis?	Public Comment
4-May	Sam Wineburg	19 Two sports shouldn't be compared; Pickleball is more about what happens on the sidelines, and afterwards. Its egalitarian and accessible; Goal should be about creating strong communities.	Public Comment
4-May	Nan Hammond	20 How are new courts going to get built? Where and how? Where is funding? Mentioned sites that didn't pan out.	Public Comment

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4-May	Jenny Thompson	21 Pickleball is cure for Seattle Freeze; Number of courts isn't relevant without talking about location; Reservation data and Strategy will become self-fulfilling as some sites are not easy entry sites; Community Centers and play fields are shared, so courts should be as well; Indoors is not a sufficient alternative.	Public Comment
4-May	Keith Williams	22 Tennis & Pickleball player; Echoes sentiments of others regarding community; Hopes dual use can continue.	Public Comment
4-May	Clark Skillman	23 Plays at Gilman; Strategy would take 1.5 hours round trip on bus to Discovery or Green Lake - Not fair to folks who don't have a car; Questions if use determinend use at Gilman.	Public Comment
4-May	Maddie Cronk	24 Recently moved here and plays at Gilman; Walks there; Thriving open play location; Made lots of friends; Welcoming to people of all abilities - especially beginners; OK to show up by yourself, exercise, and have fun; Keep dual use until new courts are ready.	Public Comment
4-May	Marilyn Wood	25 Former Tennis player; Lives in Ballard and does drop in at Gilman and Sound View; Dual use works; Slow down Plan and find a way to preserve dual use access and find new spaces; Likes dual use and drop-in, but wants dedicated, too.	Public Comment
4-May	Alex Le	26 Gilman regular: Pickleball player; Doesn't want to lose Pickleball access at Gilman; Concerned over lack fo transparency and loss of 3rd place where community has been created outside that supports exercising.	Public Comment
4-May	Peter Seitel	27 Green Lake East Pickleball; Likes open play at GLE and would like it separated from the rest fo the plan and not put on hold; Would like to see data informing decisions; Wants SPE to visit all locations to confirm decisions; Don't make it a tennis versus Pickleball thing - Thinks advisory boards are a good thing.	Public Comment
4-May	Matt Harding	28 Lifelong Tennis player; Plays at Magnolia with his kids; Good exercise for them to do together; Data - couldn't find data in the Plan, so he created his own - especially at Magnolia.	Public Comment
4-May	Sue	29 Wants to play Pickleball in W. Seattle when wants at her own courts - Alki & Delridge; It bothers her when one tennis player is using a court to practice serv.	Public Comment
4-May	Susan Leiser	30 Started playing Pickleball after retirement; Private clubs are not affordable; Use resources to share courts and work together to solve issues.	Public Comment
4-May	Linnel	40 People are eager to play now.	Public Comment
4-May	Franc Placide	41 32 Represents Diversity & Inclusion in Pickleball (DIIP) - Happy June date is not set date - pause through Sept. and create joint planning committee that play across courts to better understand system and don't remove courts until replacements are ready - new, elderly, those with low outdoor access, groups of families, areas reliant on public transportation - more affected.	Public Comment
4-May	Janice	42 Bitter Lake - Pickleball is the only sport you can show up and plan; This creates a diverse community of play; Stratety rips the community apart; Leave it as is; People who don't normally have access to exercise do	Public Comment
4-May	Sandy	43 Not a lot of data to see; QR at courts to track who l planing while Strategy is put on hold.	Public Comment
4-May	Shari Thompson	44 33 Magnolia courts: Playing Pickleball has enabled her to meet her neighbors and build community; What's App group of 100 organize open play; Taking away cours while Community Centers are closed is infeasible.	Public Comment
4-May	Greg	45 Would love to trust the process to get concrete results in a meaningful time line (Solstice/Loncoln/Magnuson/Genesee) - but experience makes it difficult; Hopes that outcomes are delievered.	Public Comment
4-May	Maxwell	47 Gilman - Pickleball; Whats App 100 group messages; Ballard High School (BHS) has tennis courts - Big group to Green Lake East - Really harms community.	Public Comment
4-May	Allison	48 Walt Hundley - Pickleball - Cities are driving economic growth through Pickleball (Bend OR; Liberty Park); enable tournament play; Don't take away growth.	Public Comment
7-May	John Rankin	1 W. Seattle; SMPA Secretary; Referee; Petition has 3,100 signatures; Strategy should be pased and parity sooner and have more transparency and data driven; Enhance community safety by presence; Keep community intact; Respect community group; Invest in growth.	Public Comment

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7-May	Mia Caballero	2 Homeowner 22 years; Opposed to Strategy until disclosures made regarding data; Investigate impropriety and Grants; Connections to USTA; Don't give preference to one use over the other; Concern over distance to hubs; Restripe all dual use site for Pickleball-only; Make decisions regarding use/player number only; Concerns over special interest; Prioritize equitable access.	Public Comment
7-May	Dave Middaugh	3 Assist Tony P. with SMPA in Opposing Strategy; How much previous/current/future plans favor tennis; Believes Strategy doubles tennis; Players of both sports equal in number and Pickleball expected to see significant growth; Requested information regarding why SPR supports tennis over Pickleball; No one has spoken regarding why tennis should be; Dedicate dual use site for Pickleball only.	Public Comment
7-May	David Leong	4 Tennis is more popular than ever; Finding a court without reservations is difficult; No court can be used 24/7; Tennis & Pickleball are entirely different sports; Full court capacity is not the same; Dual use makes play difficult; Prefers dedicated courts; Believes Pickleball should have dedicated courts; Current proposal doesn't provide equitable solution and creates more conflict.	Public Comment
7-May	Rishi Tekriwal	5 Tennis player and Pickleball player; Supports Effort made and structure and especially open plan using large reservation blocks; Issue with clarity around expectations recognizes there's an issue with loss of Pickleball courts; Doesn't have an issue with dual use: Renton has dedicated schedule for racquet preference.	Public Comment
7-May	Shirley Purkey	6 Pickleball is extremely popular and likes that it provides community; Lives near Magnolia; Tennis and Pickleball create very different types/levels of noise: Number of players and "pop" of ball - 7 AM start, all day, which creates stress and prevents ability to enjoy their outdoor space, or indoor space with windows open; Supports removal of courts near residences, but wants them to be relocated.	Public Comment
7-May	Shirley Marcus	7 Magnolia - Prior to Pickleball, there was a pause in use, and now there is constant use; Now there's never quiet; Organizing life to escape noise; returning some courts to tennis-only is not unreasonable.	Public Comment
7-May	Christiana Broadwin	8 Tangle-Torm; Tennis coach and Pickleball player; Works with youth/Senior/Adults; Tennis experienced loss when dual use occurred and that Pickleball are experiencing now; Feels like they're both losing now; There should be a budget for Pickleball courts to be built away from homes and tennis; Don't pit two sports against one another; Shared petition "Save & Grow Seattle Tennis".	Public Comment
7-May	Sianne DuSault	9 Lives near Magnolia courts and echoes neighbor's thoughts; Asks for future courts and be able to play and some people do not follow rules (e.g., they bring lights and boom boxes)	Public Comment
7-May	Tamarah Taylor	10 Plays a Miller and Rainier Beach Play Field; Concerned with process and outcome; Didn't realize there were issues with dual use - could play/reserve as liked; Plan excludes data and doesn't reflect existing use: Plan doesn't appear equitable; What data was used and what courts were used and what was considered; There are inconsistencies; Specifically concerned regarding South Seattle.	Public Comment
7-May	Helena Jones	11 Tennis & Pickleball player; Strongly opposed to Strategy; Doesn't reflect actual use; Dismantles growing community; Concerned about data use; App/Smart phone? Should be driven by mutual inquiry and accurate data/facts.	Public Comment
7-May	Kevin Kelley	12 Tennis & Pickleball player - Believes dual use isn't an issue; Plays in W. Seattle; Strategy direction is misguided; It maximizes community and use of existing spaces; Splitting dual sites without considering larger numbers of tennis courts - few are dedicated to Pickleball courts.	Public Comment
7-May	Pam Walker	13 Lives on Bainbridge Island for a long time, where there was no noise; Relocated to W. Seattle to be with family and didn't know anyone else; Then, she too up Pickleball at Delridge and that changed things.	Public Comment
7-May	Greg Tuke	14 One hundred dedicated tennis, and 7 dedicated Pickleball courts - Didn't know where these are.	Public Comment
7-May	Theresa Haynie	15 Pickleball coach and instructor - paid thousands of dollars; 2017 SMPA formed to work with SPR and get more dedicated Pickleball courts; Long history of saying they will do something and not doing it; Haven't heard how successful the pilot was; They build community and oppose the Plan.	Public Comment
7-May	Aimee Peck	16 Lives in Pioneer Square; Plays tennis; Not speaking against Pickleball; Believes Pickleball deserves their own courts; Strategy pits two groups against one another; Issue is scarcity; High demand makes access impossible and private options are unaffordable; Reduces access; Courts are important resources for youth development and access.	Public Comment

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7-May	Katherine Chen	17 Pickleball, W. Seattle; Concern over loss in W. Seattle and impact on increased wait times; Limited disposable income makes private courts not feasible; Supports free open play; Does not rely on cars like many others, and removing courts increases the burden on the non-auto oriented; Preferred more, smaller, locations.	Public Comment
7-May	Kim Gould	18 Tennisplayer - Loves that we have two great growing sports; Believes both sports are under-resourced and the only solution is building more courts; Look for places to expand; and, in dense areas, enclose/sound-proof; Doesn't like dual use but continue until we have new.	Public Comment
7-May	Mindy Passe	19 Pickleball created community for her as a new resident; Data should determine where we are going; No changes in June, and rely on community input.	Public Comment
7-May	Diane Stiefel	20 Why was the plan created without engagement first: Represents South end plays a Rainier Bch Play Field on Sunday morning; Rarely have tennis players shown up then; One court was reserved for tennis; but no one shows up to use the court; so why take those courts?	Public Comment
7-May	Alexis Wolff	21 South resident Pickleball player Rainier Beach Play Field - 8 courts with lighting that services divide courts; currently have wait list; take over all available courts because of demand; Provides community and exercise; not a lot of courts in area; thinks we should keep location as dual use.	Public Comment
7-May	Bruce Jones	22 Lifelong Seattle resident; Family plays all Racquet sports competition between sports doesn't mak sense; reallocation makes sense; expension needed; dual use isn't a great fit for anyone; hubs & limiting number of courts could have more impact on neighborhoods (e.g., parking & noise) - encourages folks to consider quiet Pickleball paddles; Concern over lack of data.	Public Comment
7-May	Mark Bingham	23 Pickleball Instructor at Delridge - impressed by diversity of Pickleball Players; it's a welcoming community.	Public Comment
7-May	Karen Castelain	24 Picklebal player - believes June is too soon and the Strategy hurts the community; Lifelong Recreation Program Provider; indoor programs shift outdoors in Summer for vulnerable population; postpone until new cours can be added.	Public Comment
7-May	Timo Shaw	25 Gym use/Indoo - Miller - 10 - 1PM open play 9 hours, then 6, then 3; No option later evening or late afternoon; Gym use is low; 3PM Tuesday only 2 people; Courts full; Expand gym use in evening & late afternoon; More flexible with open gym with nets; clear and better marking on floor & higher quality nets.	Public Comment
7-May	Kaitlin O.	26 Clinical health psychologist - provides many health benefits for vulnerable populations - key health infrastructure.	Public Comment
7-May	Alison	28 How can SPR say more play time, given number of players on a court between 2 sports	Public Comment
9-May	Christina Broadwin	1 26 Tennis Coach at Sandpoint. Save and grow Seattle tennis petition; players of both sports share common ground and provide similar benefits; 10.8 % growth in TNW; Proposal is a Lose/Lose and feels rushed under interim Superintendent; 36 loss for tennis is unacceptable; More comments are needed, expecially for HS; SPR's mission is to build/foster healthy communities, but Strategy pits racquet sports against on another; the Strategy is the wrong plan and needs more time for consideration; completely restart; has SPR considered other surfaces/assets/opportunities and consider options other than tennis; not a fan of traffic impacts of the Strategy; Private sponsorship? Build Pickleball away from residential use; Dual use with different hours for use; build more dedicated facilities.	Public Comment
9-May	John Dichter	2 Mostly Seniors at Meeting; Played tennis for many years but you can't play it as a Senior, but you can play Pickleball; but Pickleball is doubling every 3 years, especially for Seniord; It is important for health and exercise; Most community-inclusive sport he's participated in, espically for Seattle; West Seattle - remarkable to even consider closing Alki and Walt Hundly; and number of players on courts comparatively.	Public Comment
9-May	Kathy Dunn	3 Lives 5 blocks from Alki; Started playing in 2017; Would like to see SPR support Senior programming, particularly at Alki, given summer use; Very rarely see tennis players there; Wants to see a reduction in car use traffic/Delridge would add to this; Also isn't interested in indoor only; Supports keeping Alki dual use;	Public Comment
9-May	Bill Mckenzie	4 West Seattle; Provided a hand-out; Doesn't want greater friction between Pickleball and Tennis and the Racquet Sports Strategy aggravates the situation without money for implementation.	Public Comment

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9-May	Lynn Drake	5 In favor of open play, Pickleball and dual usage; Plays in W. Seattle (Walt Hundley, Alki, and Delridge); People are not here because of barriers (Lack of transportation, language barriers, etc.); A very social sport; In favor of dual use to maximize public resources; They're used to it; Has been to 15 Community Centers to play indoors.	Public Comment
9-May	Scott Griffin	6 West Seattle; Why can't both sports use the courts; Should be open to all residents; Pickleball is open to all residents, especially Seniors; Teenagers play alot at Alki; You can walk onto alot of courts and they're welcome; diverse players; easy sport to learn; use colors to enable easier dual use.	Public Comment
9-May	Peter Kalmes	7 Why wasn't input prior to Racquet Sports Strategy? Community input in W. Seattle? Why does the Racquest Sports Strategy feel like a done deal; Timing of Strategy & engagement? Why not break out tables for topics and engage? What data was used? Why not keep dual use until new courts are provided? How can you reduce the number and call it equitable? Will additional engagement occur? Can the Strategy be tabled until more engagement occurs or more data is obtained? If not, why take this tennis/access away?	Public Comment
9-May	Amy Nelson	8 The Strategy greatly impacts W. Seattle; 60% reduction in courts; Drastic; Come see people play; See Impact/Use: Doesn't understand why; Pickleball enabled social network that changes would hurt; Drop-in/reservable at Delridge only would remove open play culture; Limited play time; Leave dual use.	Public Comment
9-May	Nicole Gaudette	9 Pickleball player; Theme should be space for all; There's a public health crisis and Pickleball is great for access/Exercise; Rainier Bch Play Field RBPF); Well maintained and have lighting/8 courts; League reservable, but could easily use all 8; If RBPF is lost to Pickleball, keep access in community of same #; Users are diverse (BIPOC, LGBTQ).	Public Comment
9-May	Jco (JayCo) Coffelt	10 27 Founder of Rec Sports group @ RBPF do a Spring & Summer Session; Sold out Spring Mens/Womens Session in 48 hours; Safe space for BIPOC/LGBTQ+ players; Like to play with one another; style is open play; Currently has a Waiting List; Not sure what will happen with Summer; Great space that works well for them; he's been at Rainier Bch Play Field for 3 years and only once have they had to let tennis players know they had a permit - there's not a conflict; they are open play and they're able to operate as is; they teach people to play every night; they need somewhere to play but this space is special and it's been available; they're providing an opportunity that no one else is, that is safe; Want to be part of the solution.	Public Comment
9-May	Sharon Lamme	11 Grew up playing tennis; but plays Pickleball and its very diverse/friendly; Believes Strategy was driven by Reservations, not actual usage records using staff at Community Centers to see the numbers and locations; Zero designated Pickleball courts and 10th desirable courts in W. Seattle currently; and now losing dual use; Plan is not equitable; would like meeting in W. Seattle	Public Comment
9-May	Richard Wenger	12 Bond issue to build Pickleball complex to take pressure off tennis courts; the players; Palm Springs example for a complex; dual usage doesn't work; occasionally plays at Brighton; 17 Pickleball players next to Tennis game and dual striping doesn't work.	Public Comment
9-May	Roy (Royal) Prior	13 Long-term tennis instructor @ Magnolia but can't anymore; getting tired of Pickleball; lives near Brighton; doesn't like moving nets, as they are heavy; he was trying to instruct at Brighton; Noise at magnolia represents invasiveness.	Public Comment
9-May	Allyson Shrier	14 West Seattle Pickleball player; Works with Dementia; 45% avoidable - Exercise and social engagement helps, both which Pickleball facilitates; Pickleball versus more accessible and supports opportunities; SPR could promote brain health now, by supporting Pickleball.	Public Comment
9-May	Mia Caballero	15 Pickleball plays well with others; Strategy is not a fair distribution; impact on Pickleball is 4 times that of tennis; budget forecast is insufficient and cuts possible so strategy does not seem feasible; believes dual use ending is tied to open play; Would like Seattle metro Pickleball Assoc. (SMPA) to be consulted on an updated Strategy that more accurately reflects the existing system.	Public Comment
9-May	Liz Lehman	16 South end: Supports separate facilities and doesn't believe they belong together; believes there's a large group of park users bothered by noise is not being considered; There's 12 hours of open indoor free Pickleball play within 10 minutes of her house; tennis can't afford to lose more courts.	Public Comment

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9-May	Dinah Brein	17 West Seattle; Lose indoor play in summer due to child care, so need to rely on outdoor; Look at which locations have this condition to consider impacts; 25 to 34 year olds is the fastest growing age group 2018-2024.	Public Comment
9-May	Ara Bravo Condas	18 West Seattle; Concerns are traffic and being pushed East across the Duwamish River, which is difficult to cross; need to keep existing courts open; Rainier Bch Playfield light are key; Pickleball enabled socializing/community; maintain across.	Public Comment
9-May	Drew Sellers	19 Plays a lot in W. Seattle and lives in Rainier Valley; athletic fields can manager dual use; challenges decisions being made off utilization, particularly as it relates to S. Seattle, where tennis courts are underutilized, especially in summer in areas where there are communication challenges; Numbers and participation do not back up plan.	Public Comment
9-May	Graham Smith	20 Supports Pickleball; believes there's an agenda to create change; dual use supports the most people, especially Seniors; Children are not being kicked off; concerns are ability to deliver.	Public Comment
9-May	Sook Kendziora	21 Pickleball; W. Seattle, Walt hundley; 354 member group; would be devastated by Strategy, especially the most vulnerable (children of High Point Elementary and Seniors on fixed income and non-auto users) Delridge only is inadequate to support demand; would like to start over with new creative solutions to share courts; need to learn to co-exist to maximize benefit for State Sport ; support Pickleball.	Public Comment
9-May	Sandi Stewart	22 Strategy claims to be based on data, but doesn't reflect actual use; requests transparency in data; what data for noise/use? How are proposed ratios equitable & how does the Strategy increase play time and why is play not expanded? Compliants regarding reservation costs? Were Pickleball leaders involved in drafting? Strategy needs to reflect reality and disproportionate growth.	Public Comment
9-May	Dick Lundsford	23 West Seattle; Pickleball; great social sport; process is going too fast; asking if advisory group was set up of joint members; believes things should be slowed down; supports end of dual use; encourages elimination; mentioned private facilities.	Public Comment
9-May	Tammi Luc	24 28 Rainier Bch Play Field; private facility; \$200/month (most cannot afford these); non-retirees can only play at facilities with lights (Rainier Bch Play Field); youth use micro mobility to access courts; kids playing in/around courts get pulled into play; she wants to share. Why can't we share? Huge community.	Public Comment
9-May	Tony Pisa	25 Seattle Metro Pickleball Assoc. (SMPA) president; 3000+ petition signatures; Strategy has proven strength of community; Pickleball paused the Seattle freeze; people support each other outside play' improve their quality of life/health through play; support dual use and dedicated; delay parts of Plan until dedicated facilities are built.	Public Comment
NA	1	West Seattle Pickleball players would appreciate being heard. Please consider scheduling a hearing in West Seattle.	Comment Card
NA	2	West Seattle is the most impacted by the current proposed Strategy. Would you please schedule a meeting in West Seattle? Lifelong recreation is very important. Pickleball is a significant part of many people's lives - it is community, socialization, exercise, and fun. We need to be able to continue to enjoy and benefit from Pickleball. Dual use courts is not an ideal solution, but it is a good compromise tht benefits many in our community. We all deserve to enjoy our outdoor courts.	Written Comment Card
NA	3 Dana Vanon	Live in West Seattle. West Seattle currently has 16 dedicated tennis courts and 0 dedicated Pickleball courts. Proposal: 24 dedicated tennis courts and 4 dedicated Pickleball courts. Pickleball is not asking for dedicated courts at all. Don't do this.	Written Comment Card

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9-May	4 Lisa Rose & Scott Griffin	Racquet Sports Strategy: Why can't we have both sports use the courts? This should not be "us versus them", causing both sports to be against each other! The courts belong to the city residents, and should be open to all residents, not just tennis players. Pickleball is a growing sport - one sport that people of all ages can play. I don't see tennis players age range from little kids to older adults. I do see pickleball players of all ages. Teenagers are now playing Pickleball at Alki after school and into the early evening, laughing and having fun. They are not on their phones. They are not on their computers, or alone in their rooms. They are with other teens, having fun and socializing and getting exercise. Isn't this a positive development in the lives of teenagers? I did not see this teenage casual engagement with tennis. Again, the whole Strategy is pitting one sport against another - unnecessarily. Why can't SPR figure out a way for both sports to use the courts as dual use - better than the dual use situation now. Paint the individual sports lines in different color stripes for the various sports played here. Just make the same policy for courts. Please stop the "us versus them" strategy. Keep dual use for the entire community of players, regardless of sport!	Written Comment Card
NA	5 Kevin Kelly W. Seattle	In favor of continuing existing dual use courts. To maximize the limited resource of courts, both tennis and Pickleball, would be best use of courts, until Seattle can build additional Pickleball-only courts.	Written Comment Card
NA	6	I've played at Soundview for 6 years. The majority of players play Pickleball. Dual use works.	Comment Card
NA	7	I am a Seattle resident, and a person of color. Pickleball is a sport that brings diverse community members together, promotes connectedness, and encourages us to move and tend to our mental health. I play regularly at Gilman. With the new Plan, please prioritize demand, equity, and evidence. Please collect and utilize data as well as community input. Listen to the community. Please do not remove/end dual striping - we do not need to have Pickleball-only courts. I want to share our shared community resources. I also want to share that Green lake is really crowded and not a great alternative to Gilman. There should be no loss of Pickleball courts without courts to replace them.	Written Comment Card
NA	8	Retirees need free courts close to their home to play; Many of us are on fixed incomes and use Public Transportation. The further the courts, the less likely to play; Pickleball in my local communities reduces loneliness amongst seniors and teenagers alike. It's great fun; Pickleball has proven to be very community oriented, especially in Seattle and W. Seattle. Check out playtime scheduler.com; Smaller hubs are more conducive to more community. Larger hubs will be more intimidating for shy individuals that want to join but don't have the social skills to navigate larger hubs; High Point is especially critical to the community. Closing this spot will definitely overwhelm Delridge; Close right before Summer is especially cruel.	Written Comment Card
NA	9	Instead of eliminating Pickleball lines, keep dual Pickleball/tennis striping until dedicated courts are created. Thank You!	Comment Card
NA	10	Noise barriers can be added where needed.	Comment Card
NA	11	Why isn't there a meeting in West Seattle?	Comment Card
NA	12	Solstice has 6 dedicated tennis, and Hiawatha has 2 dedicated courts. High Point has 4 dual use, and Alki has 4 dual use, and Delridge has 4 dual use. Where is the equity in West Seattle?	Written Comment Card
NA	13	What data did you use to determine reducing courts in Magnolia? Why aren't you doing an open house in Magnolia, for feedback, since so many courts are being removed? Not cool!!!	Written Comment Card
NA	14	West Seattle will be greatly impacted by the Strategy. Set up an extra public comment meeting in West Seattle.	Comment Card
NA	15	West Seattle Pickleball players would be grateful if you considered hearing from them. There is a significant contingent of us who would appreciate being heard. Thank you.	Written Comment Card
NA	16	West Seattle Pickleballers would appreciate an opportunity to be heard. Please consider having a hearing in West Seattle. Thank you for your consideration.	Written Comment Card
NA	17	I have a group of 30+ members that meet every Saturday morning to play! Closing courts would make it difficult to find open courts/times. We play at Delridge, Highpoint, and SWAC (Chief Seattle H.S.).	Written Comment Card

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NA	18 Kathy Dunn	SPR should support outdoor recreation for Senior citizens. Pickleball at Alki meets this goal. Why did SPR give up the Tennis Court at Lowman Beach? Why is there an empty court at Lincoln Park? Why is Hiawatha Play Field Court always empty? Why should we expect new courts when the old ones aren't even being maintained?	Written Comment Card
NA	19	Please consider adding Hiawatha Tennis courts as dedicated Pickleball courts outside of West Seattle High School use. 3 Tennis Courts could prove 6 Pickleball courts - New W. Seattle Hub?	Written Comment Card
NA	20	The survey data will be convoluted. The only thing I liked was lighting. If I added another topic 2nd, it would be created data that said it was highly valued.	Written Comment Card
NA	21	If Seattle prides itself on inclusivity, you're eliminating courts in the lower income areas - that negatively impacts those who cannot afford to drive to other areas to play. Elderly, kids, low income. Let them play Pickleball!	Written Comment Card
NA	22 Graham Smith	The Strategy is ageism and will deny Seniors access. Reduce multiple use goal for courts to single use.	Comment Card
NA	23	West Seattle Pickleballers need an opportunity to be heard. Please hold a hearing in that area to allow them to give their feedback regarding the elimination of their courts.	Written Comment Card
NA	24	The Strategy is backwards - Build new courts then remove dual striping. This Strategy only benefits Tennis and harms Pickleball. This is not equitable. You are forcing the privatization of Pickleball.	Written Comment Card
NA	25	The City should treat all of its citizens equally. The City Plan fails to do this. These are public courts. This should not be a class issue.	Comment Card
NA	26 Karen Castelain	West Seattle does not lack tennis courts. The SPR Inventory did not include 14 tennis courts without Pickleball nets. All of these are not dual striped. They are rarely used on weekends - the demand of tennis play time is not in West Seattle. Address the issue where it needs to be addressed.	Written Comment Card
NA	27	It data has been correctly gathered, there is no question there are more Pickleball players. Pickleball may rarely reserve courts, unlike tennis players. Using the numbers of people who reserve courts as good data is an error!! Bad data in, bad data out!	Written Comment Card
NA	28	Our regular Sunday Reserved group is always more than 9 people - even in the winter, we often exceed 8 people. During the Summer, we reach 16 to 20 people. Rainier beach courts are the best Pickleball courts in South Seattle. It's not clear what problems you are trying to solve. Please provide and present the data and analysis you are using. Please explain the purpose and function of the hubs. It is not clear.	Written Comment Card
NA	29	The crowd tonight give one the impression that this is a sport for old white folks. Not true! The younger players worked today and are playing tonight!!	Written Comment Card
NA	30	I really don't understand why we are even having this discussion. I've never seen tennis players in the mornings at Walt Hundley, Alki or Delridge. We can then play Pickleball in the mornings at all 3 outdoor courts and tennis players can then play at all these outdoor courts in the afternoons.	Written Comment Card
NA	31 Barb Lall	West Seattle. I was a lifelong avid tennis player. Even played on a USTA Team that came in 3rd at nationals. Eventually, my knees develop arthritis and I had a knee replacement. The Doctor said "no tennis", but Pickleball is OK if I take it easy. If I can't play Pickleball, I lose a major social outlet and a way to exercise that I love. I cannot afford a Club. You must allow tennis and Pickleball court access for community health.	Written Comment Card
NA	32 Nancy Standifer, W. Seattle	Please take a closer look at the data and find a more equitable and inclusive plan that doesn't shut out a large segment of players. Thank you!	Written Comment Card
NA	33 Frederick Downey [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Current Tennis Courts should be left and maintained for tennis. Dedicated courts for Pickleball should be built for that purpose. I don't think dual courts work well. If courts are informal, people will play and pay to play. Volunteer Park is an example.	Written Comment Card
NA	34	There will not be enough Pickleball courts for West Seattle. Often, at Alki, all courts are full of Pickleball courts in the Spring, Summer, and Fall (when I play in the AM).	Written Comment Card
NA	35	There are over 100 dedicated tennis courts to less than 10 for Pickleball. Why do tennis players have to use dual use courts?	Written Comment

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NA	36	What about Hiawatha playfield courts? They are tennis only right now. These courts are not in your plan, thus not counted as tennis-only. Make them Pickleball. Please keep dual use and resurface the courts for both. We can share courts. Have specific times for each sport.	Written Comment Card

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Pickleball courts reduction
7-Apr		Why is Parks reducing pickleball courts
7-Apr	Reid-Direct email	Who do I need to write a letter to about changing these parks to tennis only or pickle ball only courts? Whoever decided all tennis / all pickleball clearly does not know the community around each of these courts. Many of them are pickleball only or tennis court only courts although they are lined for both. I go to certain courts for tennis and certain courts for pickleball. I would like to encourage parks and recs to do some more community outreach / research before you destroy the very communities you are trying to bolster.
7-Apr	Graham Smith-Engage	Why is Parks trying to reduce pickleball for a sport played far less? Tennis has more courts available then players. Pickleball often has 12 -20 players waiting to play.
8-Apr	SeattleGent	Why reduction of Pickleball Courts? It makes no sense to me that when the number of Pickleball players is on the rise and is one of the best activities for older persons to be involved in, why would there be a reduction in the number of Pickleball Courts and no plans for any more additional dedicated Pickleball Courts???
10-Apr	Suzanne Uschold-Engage	Why don't you build new pickleball courts before eliminating others? According to this plan, studying the feasibility of adding new courts will happen in 2027. Which means any construction would most likely be years later. It seems to make more sense to start building new courts, and then, as they are built, start to eliminate other dual use courts. I realize it's cheap to restripe courts, but it means West Seattle will only have 4 pickleball courts until a study is completed and then there is still no guarantee any new courts would be built.

10-Apr Karen Bartlett-Direct email

As a retired female pickleball player here are my concerns/complaints regarding the proposed 2026 Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy

1) Bitterlake -- please continue to allow it be at least partly reservable. Many groups of mostly older women reserve courts to play together there. Open groups --- posted on playtime scheduler. Lower levels of play. Some 2.25 - 3.0. Some 2.5-3.5. This is a very different dynamic than Greenlake hub -- which is dominated by stronger, younger, more male players. I am a 66 year old woman, 3.0 player, non-aggressive player. I want to play with similar players, would worry about getting hurt playing in a more competitive environment. In the summer, this often requires the ability to reserve courts.

Groups I've played with always cover people who cannot afford to pay the reservation fee. And lets be real -- the people with \$200+ paddles at Green Lake -- who are using affordability as a reason to advocated for open play -- just want more open play for very strong players.

2) Rainier Beach. very active, very diverse (age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and race) group of pickleball players. I play there many Sundays and see way more pickleball players than tennis players -- both when courts are busy and empty. If anything, this should be pickleball only. and reservable for same reasons as above.

3) Wallingford -- would prefer it be mixed use as was originally planned.

11-Apr Paula Sklar-Direct email

The proposal reducing Pickleball in Seattle is a horrible idea. The community that predominantly plays are retirees and senior citizens. This community has developed a connection through playing Pickleball. It is more difficult at older ages to meet people and develop friendships. Pickleball has done this for many.

Putting everyone at one location with make it very difficult to play. The wait to play will be ridiculous. There needs to be more options than one facility. During the summer, the indoor courts are not available as the students have activities.

I was a longtime tennis player, but age has increased injuries. I play Pickleball because it is easier on my

knee replacements. There are many with injuries and Pickleball has allowed us to move and get exercise in a friendly environment, and bring us to the parks.

- 11-Apr Jenna Gordon-Engage Removing pickleball courts when there are significantly more pickleball players than tennis players and no replacement courts for pickleball? Not sure who is in charge of these changes but it seems extremely biased towards tennis players when I have never seen any tennis players but a thriving pickleball community. I would like to see the data that suggests the proportion of tennis players vs pickleball players for court conversions. Removal of the pickleball court within walking distance of me means I will not be able to play. I feel like a better solution would have been having specific days/hours for pickleball vs tennis.
- 13-Apr James Bartel-Direct email There is currently a severe lack of pickleball courts in Seattle proper and even the paid/indoor ones are always full.
Please do not allow courts to be taken away and please do your best to allow more access to pickleball courts. Was shocked to find out that over 30 are being taken away.
- 14-Apr Gary-Engage How many pickleball courts will be lost? How many of the existing 92 pickleball courts will be lost if this plan is implemented?
- 14-Apr David LeClaire-Direct email Not sure who this should directed to -so please forward, but my feedback is there's no way courts should be downsized for Pickleball in the City of Seattle. Tennis is a dying sport comparatively, and if anything many unused courts should be made into permanent Pickleball courts, like the ones at Shoreline by the CC. That park is a great example, the P-ball courts are packed daily and there's usually one or two at best of the tennis courts being used. Why not repaint and restripe what's being used exclusively for pickleball anyways?
- I don't understand how the city could consider reducing a significant number of courts for pickleball when it's a sport that people of any age from kids to seniors can easily enjoy - and they are - in record numbers. Help keep continue to get off the couch and off their phones. Kids and seniors alike. My 2 cents.

14-Apr	Bill-Engage	Why are Pickleball courts being removed? A Nov 2024 The Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) report says: "For the third year in a row, pickleball is the fastest- growing sport in America, according to SFIA's Topline Participation Report. Pickleball has grown 51.8% from 2022 to 2023, and an incredible 223.5% in three years, with every single age group seeing increased participation" Why is Seattle proposing to remove pickleball courts? I would also like to note I support the policy of no open play at the pickle hub locations
15-Apr	Mark Casebolt-Direct email	In classic Trumpian style you announce a 'benefit' where the entire community loses due to entitled interests. Pickleball makes better and fair use of existing facilities and offers useful sharing with tennis. Cutting accessibility (36 courts) a third of all pickleball courts; the one growing sport without any replacement.. When there are more pickleball players than Tennis. And the tennis courts that are there are so often empty. Did you even do data research? What about Squash Courts? Racquetball? Badminton? Your perspective is so provincial and corrupt. Could you name the mysterious 'Advisory' group? What benefits have you received?
16-Apr	Brett Cross-Direct email	
16-Apr	Alex T-Engage	1. Are constituent emails regarding the Gilman / outdoor racquet strategy being monitored and routed for response?2. If so, who is the appropriate office or person responsible for responding?3. Will Seattle Parks provide the usage data, reservation data, or other analysis that is supporting the proposed change at Gilman?4. If that data is not already publicly posted, can you please advise whether I should expect a substantive response from Parks, or whether I should instead submit a formal public-records request?5. Is there a current or planned strategy to expand pickleball capacity elsewhere, including Green Lake, if nearby communities lose access to courts under the current draft plan? How does reducing pickleball courts make sense? Hi, pickleball is booming. It attracts tourism, it is a part of our Washington state heritage, it should not be decreased.

16-Apr Joel Balzar-Direct email

I'm writing to you today in response to the 2026 outdoor racquet sports proposal.

First, I want to express my own deep concern with the designation of the Gilman courts as tennis-only. I live in North Fremont and play open-play pickleball there at least 3 times a week. I've been playing pickleball here since the first time I was invited to give it a go (having grown up a tennis player) two years ago. Since then I have made new friends and found a real sense of community with the "regular crew".

Gilman in particular has a prevailing culture of open play pickleball. We rarely see tennis players, and on sunny days, there are normally 20 to 60 people playing pickleball at a given time. There's even a WhatsApp group thread with more than 100 members, which is very active in coordinating daily play.

This leads me to my questions:

Is SPR planning on releasing the usage data that is informing the designations of each court? If it is not released, how can we trust this data when it is profoundly unaligned with the lived experiences of the local community?

What is SPR's plan to amend the proposal and designations in light of the community response? As written, the proposal and engagement plan do not clearly describe how public input will tangibly influence the final plan.

16-Apr Kathleen Benson-Direct
email

This email is in response to the recent Seattle Parks Outdoor Racquet Strategy Draft.
<https://engageseattleparks.com/outdoor-racquet-sports-strategy>

This strategy appears to strangle the pickleball playing community by removing 36 courts from their use. Seattle Parks should be encouraging residents to use the parks. All year. All the time.

DO NOT REMOVE ANY COURTS FROM PLAY.

I implore you to:

- Preserve existing pickleball access on these 36 dual-use courts until the new pickleball courts are built.
- Study alternatives that expand access for both tennis and pickleball players, rather than reducing court availability (you've literally had YEARS to do this).
- Ensure that new plans support the equity, inclusions, and community-building intrinsic to pickleball in Seattle parks.

The recommendations in the strategy indicate they were done with community input, but it seems to come as a complete surprise to most in the pickleball community. Given the direction of the strategy, the community input must have come from the tennis community (I am also a former recreational tennis player) as there can be no other explanation.

Seattle Parks also indicated there were 5 dedicated pickleball courts, but at least two of those were only completed with funds from the Rave Foundation and the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association (SMPA) members. Don't take credit where credit is not due. Many of the dual-striped pickleball courts they take credit for have nets that I don't believe were provided by the city, they've been provided by the pickleball association.

Seattle Parks contribution to Pickleball appears to be striping some courts (and not necessarily making them visible or maintaining the courts). Pickleball and tennis players struggle to find courts that are well maintained in this city.

In the southend, this strategy eliminates pickleball play at Brighton and Rainier Beach. Rainier Beach has become a hub for the south Seattle pickleball community and players are there all year. It has the better surface, rolling nets (that I think were provided by SMPA), and lights. It is a transportation hub that can be reached by light rail, multiple bus routes, MetroFlex, car and by foot. Seattle Parks has proposed to make the south hub at Georgetown Playfield (which can only support 4 pickleball courts, Rainier Beach

supports 8). Georgetown playfield tennis courts are cracked cement with raggedy nets and a fence that I believe is partially destroyed. No lights. Some urban camping issues. Public transportation is limited since the re-route of Metro Route 106. Maybe the 124 goes by, but no bus from the Rainier Beach area. The soccer field at Georgetown is immensely popular (I played there often). They only have on-street parking and after hours most park in the adjacent private lot. There is some parking at the tennis courts, but they're difficult to get to and limited. I'm not sure anyone even plays tennis there.....

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and has surpassed tennis in the growth rate. It is also a social sport where I have met more of my neighbors than the over 60 years of living in my area.

Loss of these courts throughout Seattle is unconscionable. While my knowledge is specific to south Seattle, here is what you're losing - Community. In particular, the city should want and encourage a vibrant, social community in the Henderson corridor. The RB courts see pickleball all year (there is no pickleball season, if the weather is good, we're playing). Pickleball fosters the open play concept most of the time (I can go to any court in any city and rotate in unlike tennis). These courts have also supported the Diversity and Inclusion in Pickleball Events which I believe is privately funded and providing pickleball to underserved communities (DIIP, <https://seattlemetropickleball.com/introducing-the-diversity-and-inclusion-in-pickleball-fund/>), there is a women's group that meets there every week, and I believe the Queer League held some of their competitions on these courts among others in the Seattle area. None if this can be done at Georgetown. If parks solicited input from the community, they would already know this. Rainier Beach High School uses these courts for their tennis season and should continue to do so, it doesn't have to be one or the other (why they didn't build new tennis courts at the NEW high school I don't know). These events are happening at every court in Seattle! This is what Seattle is willing to sacrifice - community and social interaction from the north to the south.

Walt Hundley near High Point is another popular pickleball location that Seattle Parks is eliminating.

Seattle Parks cannot take away these courts and simply say that maybe in 2027 they're going to study, determine and finalize some items. Nowhere in the strategy does it say they will return to the number of courts currently in use today, ever.

Seattle Parks strategy denotes that the number of pickleball courts are going to be reduced by 36. They do not address any reduction or increase to the courts available for tennis.

In addition to Georgetown, here are some other notable southend courts they've designated for Pickleball only:

- Dearborn Playfield - there isn't really any parking. And the courts are in need of repair and difficult to locate. You can't tell if the courts are being utilized unless you find a place to park and trek into the wilderness. It is a lovely park though.
- Mt Baker Park - not a lot of parking, but there are lights. The court and nets are in terrible condition. In addition, the city promised to have courts at Lincoln Park which could have solved some of this issue. This plan was scuttled by the neighborhood over concerns to the bird community. Outdoor cats are more dangerous to the well-being of birds and their life expectancy than pickleball. Until I see outdoor cats banned and enforced, then pickleball should be played (sorry, that was a bit of a tangent).

Please put the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy in the shredder and let's never mention it again until you have solutions that do not include reducing play for thousands of residents. And pickleball players don't use racquets, they use paddles, but I won't hold that against you this time.

16-Apr Kareener-Engage

Why more tennis than Pickleball courts? Who gave input on this plan? How were the number of courts decided? How was data and community input gathered to make this plan? Complaints do not record all the people happy with the current system.

16-Apr	Seth-Engage	Removing pickle ball courts from dual use courts before a plan is even made to build new ones? Why not remove them after new ones are built. Pickleball has been the most inclusive and accessible sport in decades. Pickleball is immensely popular and growing fast, but you plan to keep all the tennis courts and remove lines for pickle ball before you even have a plan on building pickle ball courts? How does this plan keep up with the people who benefit from pickle ball? This plan feels like it has been directly influenced by USTA. Did you even ask the pickle ball community about this?
17-Apr	Riley Pierce-Direct email	I'm a video journalist for the South Seattle Emerald, and I'd like to request comment on the following topics and questions regarding Pickleball and the current Racquet Sports Strategy (RSS) plans. • How does Seattle Parks justify reducing available municipal pickleball access when the draft itself says demand for pickleball has been growing and that ending dual use will immediately reduce the number of available pickleball courts? • What analysis did the city do specifically on how this plan would affect South Seattle residents, especially communities farther from major private facilities? • Does Seattle Parks believe South Seattle residents will have equal access to pickleball under this strategy compared with residents in North Seattle or central Seattle? Why or why not? • How is the department defining equitable access in this plan? Is this by number of courts, travel time, cost, neighborhood distribution, or something else? • What steps is the city taking to make sure lower-income residents are not priced out of Pickleball if public access shrinks while private options remain expensive? • Has Seattle Parks studied whether residents in South Seattle would need to travel farther under this plan to find free or low-cost public pickleball courts?
17-Apr	Kimberly Erickson-Direct email	I writing in regards to the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy recently released by Seattle Parks and Rec. I cannot express how saddened I was to read it. It proposes reducing the available public pickleball courts in Seattle from 92 to only 56, while at the same time maintaining 107 tennis courts. Pickleball has been a major part of my life since I started playing a year and a half ago. I moved to Seattle in 2017 and it wasn't until I discovered pickleball that the infamous "Seattle freeze" finally melted for me. I discovered a diverse and welcoming community that has led me to be more physically active and far more socially engaged than I had been in years. I primarily play at Ranier Beach, and with the current proposal literally hundreds of pickleball players will have to find somewhere else to go (Rainbow Rec drop-in has 200 players alone). According to the proposal the earliest this issue could possibly be addressed is 2029. The only option the city is going to leave all of these people is to seek courts at private / commercial pickleball facilities that cost more a month than I am currently paying for drop in that lasts 10 weeks. This is just not affordable for many people and shouldn't be necessary in a city that has a lot of courts available. I grew up playing tennis (as did MANY of the people I currently play pickleball with) and I do not

harbor any ill will towards tennis players. I do not see why courts that are currently dual use cannot remain open to anyone and every one who wants to use them? I hope that the city will reconsider this proposal and halt the idea of ending dual use at least until more courts can be built to offset the loss. The current proposal is backwards and primarily harms pickleball players living in South Seattle.

21-Apr Kathy Wehle-Direct email

I'm writing to ask that you make every effort to recognize the true demand and need for pickleball facilities in Seattle BEFORE approving the misguided, unfair, and wasteful SPR Racquet Sports Strategy.

Misguided because in my 15 years of playing pickleball in Seattle, I have seen the tremendous growth of players turning to this fastest growing sport in the US, for fun, fitness and friendship. Rather than taking away almost 40% of the existing courts (36 of 92), SPR should be working with the huge pickleball community to double and triple the number of courts. Rather than trying to consolidate play at fewer parks, they should be expanding play to the many social and playing communities already formed all over the city to allow easy access to seniors and those who cannot afford the private facilities.

Unfair because pickleball is being cut to support tennis, a sport that is harder to learn, not as popular and takes vastly more resources from SPR than pickleball. Most of the current pickleball courts are extremely crowded despite the fact that SPR has only seen fit to spend minimal funds on infrastructure, refusing to line as many courts as a space can hold, refusing to designate any pickleball only courts, painting lines colors that are very hard to see (so tennis players aren't distracted) and refusing to provide ANY permanent nets. My wife and I have donated over \$5,000 to pay for portable nets for public spaces over the last few years. Now SPR plans to remove them. Additionally the pickleball group that uses the Greenlake courts paid \$30,000 in rental fees last year, undoubtedly far more than SPR spent doing anything to improve any pickleball facilities throughout the city.

Wasteful because many of the parks designated for tennis only would serve their highest and best use as pickleball courts. If you go by the East Greenlake courts any sunny day and many cold, wet days all 8 pickleball courts will be full and on many days there will be upwards of 40 people waiting to play on a severely worn surface with tape for lines (SPR has not repainted disappeared lines in years). Then go by the Lower Woodland ten newly resurfaced well maintained tennis courts (paid for by the big pickleball

tournament held there recently) and many courts will be empty. Even if full they support just 20 singles playing tennis players when the same space would support up to 40 pickleball courts and 160 players, and likely be full.

For the first time in my life I voted against the recent parks levy because I am so disgusted with how poorly the huge pickleball community is being treated by SPR. They have spent endless dollars on surveys, polls and meetings only to come up with a plan that disrespects our sport and the needs of the thousands of players here in Seattle. Any courts promised for the future are a kick down the road with no funding and not a reason to take away courts now.

Please educate yourself about the sport of pickleball, go to Greenlake and see the amazing community there and urge SPR to change their outdated thinking and to come up with a sensible plan to support for the many people who play in this city.

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Data source
7-Apr	Bobby-Engage	Has an in-person data been gathered? A quick visit to the courts any of day of the week would show that pickleball is multiples more popular than tennis at every single location Parks and Recreation is going to switch to full-time tennis. The cost of entry to pickleball is minimal and brings together community members from all ethnicities, genders, economic strata, and ages. I am convinced that these decisions were made from a central building and not from actual data or what eyeballs would tell you if you visited the courts.

8-Apr Quinn Oksoktaruk-Engage Please provide Tennus Usage Data. Could you please provide insight on how many people play tennis at Walt Hundley Playfield? I personally cannot afford the pricey membership at private facilities so public courts are important to me. I have been playing at Walt Hundley for 2 years and the ONLY time I see tennis being played is when there is a youth camp. Having Walt Hundley being turned into tennis only court deeply saddens me especially since there is a close knit pickleball community at Walt Hundley.

8-Apr Matt Harding-Direct email I went to the engagement hub to look for a way to offer feedback. This email address is the only thing I found, so I'll present my thoughts here as concisely as I can:

Is there any available data on the community population of active tennis and pickleball players? Do we know, for example, how many people in Seattle play tennis/pickleball at local public courts on a weekly or monthly basis?

The document says the strategy was built on 8 years of background data, but I don't see any data provided that was used to settle on the proposed ratio of dedicated courts.

It seems evident that pickleball court use is on the rise, and presumably that is the basis for this document. It acknowledges that the number of dedicated pickleball courts will diminish as a result of this change.

But why?

If public demand has shifted, why is policy being proposed that pushes against the interests of the majority?

It would also be helpful if the document listed the number of courts available alongside the proposed changes for dedicated usage. I see 20 sites listed with 8 dedicated to tennis, 11 for pickleball, and one remaining mixed, but how many courts are at each site? What are the total counts for dedicated tennis and pickleball under this proposal?

It would be helpful to see a revision that includes this information.

Without any usage data to support the proposal, these numbers seem arbitrary and out of sync with what I can only anecdotally assess as the real ratio between tennis and pickleball players in the city.

8-Apr Anne-Engage	What statistics were gathered before these recommendations were made? I reviewed the report, which states on page 2 that it is based on "significant background data." Please provide that data. Please also explain how the problems identified on page 3 would be resolved by eliminating a significant number of pickleball courts in favor of tennis. For example, why would eliminating existing dual-striped courts prevent "the addition of temporary nets to dedicated tennis courts"? Please explain this more.
11-Apr Kai Mana-Engage	Are you going to consider an address the pickleball noise nuisance and necessary setbacks of at least 500 ft from residences?
12-Apr Q Nelson-Direct email	I have just read your strategy proposal for racquet sports and would like a little more information. I fully understand the challenge your board has to balance the needs of both tennis and pickleball and thank you for the time spent in responding to concerns.
	To fully understand the rationale for your plan, I would like to request the “significant background data, engagement feedback, and planning documents that you collected over the past eight years” that you referenced in the proposal. I am specifically interested in the specific data on the growth of both tennis and pickleball over those years that you referenced, as well as the numbers of non-duplicated complaints and the specifics of those complaints including the locations, but I would like all the data if possible.
	Thank you so much for your time and your volunteer work on a very important Board that helps make Seattle a healthy and beautiful place to live.
13-Apr Jakob L-Engage	Please provide usage data! We need to see the data informing this proposal; as many other commenters are pointing out, it seems like the designations do not line up with our community experiences of the usage of the courts. My partner and I frequent both Gilman and Soundview courts, and the Gilman courts in particular have a robust open play community. Designating Gilman as a tennis only court would be out of touch and misinformed.

13-Apr Jakob Levine-Direct email	I'm writing to you today in response to the 2026 outdoor racquet sports proposal. I know that SPR must be receiving lots of responses and that you must be inundated with emails, so I will keep it brief. First, I want to express my own deep concern with the designation of the Gilman courts as tennis-only. My partner and I live in Ballard and play open-play pickleball there at least 3 times a week if weather allows. For the past two years of us going, it has been nothing but an amazing experience that has given us many new friendships and community. It really is special, and Gilman in particular has a prevailing culture of open play pickleball. We hardly ever see tennis players there, and on a nice sunny day, there are normally 20 to 60 people playing pickleball at a given time. This leads me to my questions: First, is SPR planning on releasing the usage data that is informing the designations of each court? If it is not released, how can we trust this data when it is profoundly unaligned with the lived experiences of the local community? Second, what is SPR's plan to amend the proposal and designations in light of the community response? As written, the proposal and engagement plan do not clearly describe how public input will tangibly influence the final plan.
14-Apr Brent Carson-Direct email	I just read your racket sports strategy. it refers to years of data collection. error proceeding you should post all data relied upon and communicate widely to the pickleball community where this data resides. I often play indoors at rainier community center where over 50 regular players come. only one player heard of this draft strategy. you should post notices at all community centers that now offer pickleball. The lower income players cannot afford private courts. this demographic is mostly in the south end where you are proposing a significant loss of outdoor pickleball courts. if enforcement of rules is a problem p consider posting all rules and, perhaps, training some player who could become ambassadors. shutting down courts is not the right approach.
14-Apr Brent Carson-Engage	Post all the data informing this draft proposal. Your draft makes reference to vague assertions. You need to identify a website that includes links to all data being considered.
14-Apr Bill L	What data informed this strategy? Why is the proposal to remove more than 1/3 of all pickleball courts, including 2 of 5 lit locations? How many lighted tennis vs pickleball courts will there be in this proposed state? What data was used to propose how many courts for each sport? Anecdotaly, it's rare to see open pickleball courts. And I'm not sure I have ever seen full tennis courts in Seattle. This strategy to create a large immediate reduction in the available pickleball courts makes no sense to me. Please keep open play

16-Apr Kareener-Engage

Have you surveyed court users on what is working? This plan seems defensive based on complaints- was any data collection done from users besides complaints?

18-Apr Terry Allen-Engage

Can you show your work for the last 8 years? This report claims that there was significant background data, engagement feedback, and planning documents from the last 8 years, yet these are the first public comments being allowed that I'm aware of, you haven't shown any planning documentation besides this document and there is no significant background data that I can find anywhere. What have you been doing with the last eight years of tax payers' money?

19-Apr Janet Qualiotto-Direct
email

I finished reading the "draft" dated April 6, 2026, of Seattle Parks & Recreation Strategy for Racket Sports. We all should be excited and proud that the City of Seattle has a population that enjoys getting outside and playing racket sports.

After reading, I am asking the following questions of this Racket Sports strategy:

1. Is this the time to take from one racket sport community and to give to another? Are the complaints on "dual use" coming from a broad community of court users or from only a few and specific courts? Rather than doing re-work and going backwards, should we instead focus time and financial resources directed to the racket sport based on population current usage and make future plans happen faster?

2. I appreciate that there are "plans" for 2027 to study feasibility of expanding and determining alternative locations. This is great, but we want people to get outside and exercise now. Let us not spend time going backwards now.

3. Data, feedback, and planning documents collected by SPR over the past eight (8) years. The dynamics of racket sports in popularity have dramatically changed. Would there not be a better understanding if the last 3 years were analyzed for next steps?

4. Is the issue of reservations more of an issue of players not understanding where to look to know if courts are reserved? Is it better to just solve the communication issue?

5. By eliminating "dual use" has any thought been given to courts that could be idle as one racket sport may be more seasonal and not used at all times of the day or all days of the week?

Can you provide me with the "significant background data" that was used to arrive at the decision process that went into the "draft of Seattle Parks Strategy for Racket Sports." The documents states that this data was collected over the past 8 years.

Can you provide me with make-up of the community group that were consulted to develop this strategy?

Can you tell me who would make up the population of the "Hub Advisory Group"

Thank you in advance for the information.

19-Apr Kimo-Engage

Why does the Racquet Sport Strategy not include usage statistics? It is not possible to assess the efficacy or fairness of the proposed racquet sports plan without knowing approximate usage of courts for pickleball and tennis. Community members should be well informed on how much courts are being utilized and for what sports to be able to understand the plan. Note: There are almost no dedicated pickleball courts in Seattle, but many dedicated tennis courts. If the dedicated tennis courts aren't being used at near full capacity, why remove dual-striping?

20-Apr Peter Seitel-Direct email

Re: SPR's "Racquet Sports Strategic Plan"

The 10% good: Finally, after a four-year lobbying effort by the Green Lake Pickleball community, and after two-and-a-half years of SPR telling us our request will only be considered in the context of their forthcoming Racquet Sports Strategic Plan, the Department has proposed to apply pickleball's "open-play" court rules to the City's most popular pickleball venue and first "Pickleball Hub" at Green Lake East. ("Open-play" guidelines: all are welcome, no reservations, stack paddles in a queue, rotate into one game to 11, restack and repeat.) The plan further designates additional sites for "open-play;" in some cases where it makes sense, but others where it absolutely does not.

The 90% terrible: with seemingly neither data, common sense, nor any apparent needs analysis informing the plan, SPR has called for the elimination of 36 pickleball courts (a third of the City's supply) and turning them into tennis courts. That, in spite of all real data indicating that the growth and popularity of pickleball in Seattle has been increasing exponentially faster than that for tennis. Further, there are no firm provisions in the plan to build new courts to replace those lost; in fact, by admission in the Plan itself, SPR states that "... adding new courts in a timely manner consistent with racquet sport demand is unachievable." I respectfully ask the Board to pose the following questions to SPR staff at your upcoming Board meeting:

1. Upon what data and court-usage statistics was the decision made to eliminate 36 pickleball courts and convert them to tennis? What is the source of the data and statistics?
2. Did the Department prepare a racquet sports "needs analysis" to inform the strategic plan? If so, can that analysis be made public? If not, why not?
3. Why is it necessary to tie a designation of "open-play" at Green Lake East (the City's first and only "Pickleball Hub") to the broader Racquet Sports Strategic Plan? The culture and community at GLE have embraced "open-play" court guidelines for the past five years.
4. Which pickleball and tennis community leaders (if any) were consulted during the strategic plan's development over the past two-and-a-half years? Does SPR know of any pickleball community leaders who support the plan?

As a representative of the Green Lake Pickleball community, I respectfully ask that the Board advise SPR to:

1. immediately implement "open-play" court rules at Green Lake East (and perhaps other venues where it makes sense), and
2. revise all parts of their "Racquet Sports Strategic Plan" that call for the elimination of even one pickleball court. (Please link to the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association's campaign to oppose SPR's "Racquet Sports Strategic Plan" for more information.)

If you're interested in a better understanding of how this plan will impact the Seattle pickleball community, please see Miguel de Campos' detailed critique of the plan, below. (fyi: Miguel has documented Seattle pickleball and tennis trends --- as well as SPR's actions and inactions with respect to those trends --- for over a decade.)

20-Apr Don Schlosser-Direct email
can you provide us with a table showing ALL of the courts currently in service and whether they are pickleball enabled or tennis only (or both)? The courts listed do not seem to be comprehensive. What about Magnolia Park (currently tennis only). Only be comparing a list like that to the proposed process can a true comparison be made. I take your point about impossibility of combining reservation with open play on the same court by the way and as a point of information I don't "have a horse in this race". I don't play either one.

21-Apr Daniel Cook-Direct email
Better yet would be if we had some sort of usage data, how BUSY are the various courts?
I play both tennis and pickleball locally. I'll keep this quick.

I know you're getting a lot of emails. I appreciate the work that's gone into this process.

Re: Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy,

I took a look through the USTA assessment to better understand the recommendations, and noticed the mention of working with Tennis Venue Services (TVS). I was curious if SPR has engaged with that program at all (e.g., exploring technical/grant support), or if it was more a general recommendation.

Just trying to better understand the context.

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-West Seattle
7-Apr	Hollie-Engage	No West Seattle Meeting? Why is there no community meeting in West Seattle? There are also 2 tennis courts at Hiawatha and 2 at Riverview. Leaving 4 courts of pickleball in the area to 10 tennis courts if this goes through. High point previously a pickleball hub. It's a shame people can't be adults and manage courts striped for both sports.
7-Apr	Scott G-Engage	Need MORE West Seattle pickleball courts. Please acknowledge that the crowds of pickleball players in West Seattle deserve a public meeting. I've watched all pickleball courts in West Seattle, especially Alki become a family-friendly training ground for future players. The the sport allows families to play together, has a very low price point to start playing and is enjoyed by people from ages 5 to 85. As a former tennis player, I can testify that the tennis attracts far, far fewer players then pickleball. P-ball needs more courts in WS.

8-Apr	Stephen-Engage	Elimination of West Seattle pickleball courts. I don't see how it makes sense to change West Seattle to 16 tennis courts and reduce the pickleball courts to only the 4 courts at Delridge. Has anyone looked at the useage of the existing pickleball courts, during good weather they are usually full with people waiting. I rarely see that kind of useage at the tennis courts. Thanks.
8-Apr	Kathy Dunn-Engage	Pickleball at Alki Courts. Converting Alki court to be able to play pickleball has changed our lives. We have lived in Alki since 1975 and I have never seen the courts get so much use as they have since we have been given a option to play PB there. Now I hear there is a plan to take away the PB nets and striping from Alki court?? There is a large senior population in the Alki neighborhood and PB is a an activity that is much gentler than tennis while still providing aerobic exercise. Don't change the current dual use!!!
10-Apr	David Grant-PKS	I am writing to express my total disbelief regarding the Draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy released on April 6, 2026. The proposal is to convert the Alki and Walt Huntley pickleball/tennis courts into tennis only courts. Clearly, the proposal does not understand the present high demand for the use of these courts for pickleball. Nor does the proposal understand how pickleball has met an important exercise and social need for seniors. I am 73 years old and play pickleball for 2 to 3 hours three times a week, and am joined by many seniors, as well as a nice mixture of younger adults. It is fun, improves coordination and balance, and provides needed cardio exercise. If you ever visit these courts, you would see that pickleball is providing a multigenerational hub for this community.
		It is clear that this proposal was not thought out, and perhaps even biased towards tennis. Obviously, those proposing this have not gone to these courts where play is almost exclusively for pickleball. In fact, I have played on these courts for over 4 years and have rarely seen tennis player using them. The proposal explicitly admits it will "immediately result in a loss in the total number of available pickleball courts." This is unacceptable given the documented year-round high demand for pickleball at these locations. Pickleball is a vital health resource for West Seattle's significant senior population. Removing local courts removes their primary source of physical and social engagement.
10-Apr	Taylor M-Engage	Obviously, this is not a reasonable proposal and strongly urge you to stop this proposal from moving forward. In fact, I would hope you could help get needed repairs on the existing courts.
10-Apr	Taylor M-Engage	Alki Pickleball. Why is Alki being turned into tennis only when there is already a tennis court nearby? This is a popular pickleball location and removing it affects pickleball players access to the sport
11-Apr	Karen Rains-Direct email	West Seattle Community Meeting. Why is there no community meeting in west Seattle? If SPR is going to make a major elimination to the pickleball court availability then the community deserves to be heard Wplease leave our pickleball courts in place! We love to play at Walt Hundley!

12-Apr	Alden Alvarado-Direct email	I am writing in regards to the new Raquet Sports Plan. I am wondering why Alki is being flagged as tennis when Hiawatha is also tennis. I am a teacher at Lafayette and last spring we had our first weekly pickleball league at the Alki courts. We were down there often (through reservations and first come first serve) and only ever saw pickle ball players down there, there were firemen using it for their pickleball, families and friends. I only saw tennis once. I think that having Alki revert to tennis instead of pickleball is a large loss for the pickleball community especially since Hiawatha is already tennis.
13-Apr	Lynn Ianni-Direct email	We are writing to express our emphatic "NO" regarding the Draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy released on April 6, 2026. The proposal to convert Alki Playground and Walt Hundley Playfield to "Tennis Only" sites will immediately deprive West Seattle of its most active multi-generational community hubs. Reject Capacity Loss, Protect Senior Health, Invest in Expansion, Repair Safety Risks
14-Apr	L Ro-Engage	WS Hiawatha tennis courts - status in plan? This plan does not mention Hiawatha playfield tennis courts in either designation. What is the designation for Hiawatha in this plan? Alki tennis court had very little tennis usage before the pickleball nets were added. Now it is full of people playing pickleball and tennis (more pickleball than tennis on most days). But - If Alki court is designated as tennis only in this plan - for various reasons - then what about making Hiawatha a pickleball ball court?

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Gilman
8-Apr	Jesse Stenz	I'm extremely disappointed to see the city's plans for outdoor racquet sports, specifically converting the Gilman courts to tennis only. The pickleball community at Ballard has been such a boon to my social life and physical fitness. I've met so many people and developed a great group of friends across generations. It is such a valuable melting pot for all sorts of people and it will be a real shame to see it converted to tennis only but I suppose if the goal is to get people to use the parks less than that will be achieved. Please reconsider this plan.

8-Apr Mike Schmiess-Direct
email

First off, I'd like to say that I'm encouraged to see this being addressed by SPR. With the explosion and growth of pickleball over the past 5 years, it is abundantly clear that our city and community desperately needs to take action to address the limited space and availability. Seeing the city recognize this is a step in the right direction.

However, I'm incredibly surprised by the direction being taken. As the number of pickleball players has skyrocketed over the past 5 years, the need for courts is urgent. Rather than increase pickleball court availability, the direction is now to remove dozens of courts? While tennis and pickleball players would both love dedicated courts, this is apparently unfeasible with the current SPR constraints outlined in the article. While dual-usage has its flaws, it at least helps temporarily alleviate the availability issue, especially considering that pickleball has much denser usage of court space (i.e. 2 tennis courts can accommodate a max of 8 tennis players, but typically 4, while the same space can accommodate up to 40 pickleball players).

The Strategy stated that "there was an expectation that individuals would follow the rules prescribed by SPR..." however, I've played at multiple courts across the city and have never seen any posted rules regarding dual-usage or even mention of pickleball. How can players be expected to follow rules that don't exist? If posted signage designated Open Play hours, or how tennis should rotate into currently occupied courts, there would be far fewer complaints. It's disingenuous to expect people to follow an expectation that was never communicated.

Specific to my area, Magnolia, Gilman, and Soundview are all proposed to be made tennis-only. I'm shocked by this decision and wonder how this was decided. Magnolia would be perfect to split up as 2 tennis-only courts, with 4 pickleball courts on the other side. This would be an ideal shared space, with a fence already separating the courts. Soundview is a smaller, less frequented park and seems perfect to maintain the dual-striping, as the volume would not necessitate choosing one or the other.

As for Gilman, the pickleball community has flourished there and it has become a busy court. As it consistently has 30+ players in the afternoons, with tennis players rarely coming by, I'm again surprised by the decision to make this tennis-only. Ballard High School reserves it during their season, but never utilizes the reservation, and recreational tennis players rarely reserve it. The court usage since dual-striping has supported the growth of the pickleball community in the area, while the court is rarely used or reserved by tennis players. Looking at the reservation records, the school usage, and the consistent usage by pickleball players, how could this court actually be considered tennis-only?

Again, I'm so happy that the city is looking at this issue and trying to take action to resolve it, but please engage with the actual community in these areas. If you want people to follow rules, we need to have them clearly posted. And before we make changes to these courts, come talk with the players, come see who is using the parks and how, and let's find a way to resolve the issue as a community. Thanks so much!

8-Apr Christopher Koslo-Direct
email

I am writing as a long time community member of the Gilman recreation area. I was recently made aware of your plans to turn this park into a tennis only area. This has me very concerned as I do not know the reason behind this change. I love the idea of making changes that benefit the community but I'm not sure how the conclusions was drawn to make the courts solely for tennis players. Is this based on any data ? Why is Gilman designated as tennis instead of pickleball? I'm confused on why Gilman would become designated as a tennis only court when there is a thriving pickleball community there and there would be a large area without any Pickleball courts if it were to be replaced. Lower woodland already has 10 tennis courts and I can see that Wallingford would also be turned into Tennis courts, so there would be no close options for people in Ballard to play pickleball at with this change. Why was Gilman designated as a Tennis court instead of Pickleball?

9-Apr Nick-Engage

9-Apr Brett Cross-Direct email

I'm writing to express concern about the proposal to convert Gilman Playground from dual-use tennis and pickleball courts to tennis-only.

From what I and many others observe on the ground, pickleball appears to be the dominant use at Gilman by a very large margin. On a typical sunny afternoon, it is common to see 20 to 30 pickleball players at the site, while tennis use is comparatively rare. In my own experience, the ratio often feels like roughly one tennis group for every 30 to 50 pickleball groups.

Just as important as raw popularity is court utilization. Pickleball open play allows many more people to share a limited amount of court space. In the footprint of one tennis court, you can commonly accommodate two pickleball courts and as many as eight active players at a time. In practice, four pickleball courts within the space of two tennis courts can comfortably serve a large rotating group. By contrast, when both tennis courts are in use, the most common outcome is often two singles matches, meaning four people using the equivalent space.

That difference matters. Public courts are a scarce community resource, and I would hope allocation decisions would reflect actual participation and public benefit. Pickleball is not only highly popular; it is also unusually democratic in how it allows many players of varying ages and skill levels to access the same space efficiently through open play.

I understand and support the broader goal of improving how Seattle manages both tennis and pickleball. But converting Gilman to tennis-only does not appear to reflect how the community is actually using that site today.

My concern is that this proposal may be responding too heavily to the complaints or lobbying of a relatively small group of users, rather than to a careful, transparent study of real-world court utilization, player counts, and community access.

I would strongly encourage Seattle Parks to base any final decision on actual observed use at Gilman, including:

- total player counts by sport,
- hours of active use by sport,
- number of users served per court footprint,

- and the community-access value of open play versus traditional singles court use.

I would also ask that Seattle Parks be cautious about assuming Green Lake can absorb displaced pickleball demand. While Green Lake works well for some players, it also has a reputation among many local players for being highly competitive and less welcoming to newer, older, or less skilled community members. Concentrating more of the north-end pickleball community there would not serve everyone well.

If the goal is equitable access, efficient use of public space, and alignment with actual community demand, I believe maintaining dual use at Gilman would better serve the public than converting it to tennis-only.

12-Apr Greg Smith-Direct email

I live in Ballard and play pickleball at Gilman park on a regular basis. It is the only outdoor pickleball option that I can reasonably play at regularly. I am strongly opposed to this initiative.

15-Apr	Ann Kolvenbach-Direct email	I strongly object to the proposed changes to the dual use courts. I play pickleball at Gilman at least twice a week. There are almost always people playing pickleball there. In 2 ½ years, I have only seen tennis players there once. I live in Fremont and don't want to have to go to Bitterlake or Green Lake to play pickleball. Please reconsider this plan and make more pickleball, not less, possible.
19-Apr	Sam Wineburg-Direct email	I am a 68-year-old retiree who regularly plays pickleball at Gilman Playground. It is my primary court and a place where diverse neighbors of all ages, backgrounds, and ability levels come together. In contrast to Green Lake, where the 'vibe' strongly discourages beginners, Gilman is inclusive and welcoming. Pickleball fosters neighborhood cohesion. "Stacking" is a social activity in itself, where conversations on the sidelines mean as much as the games on the court. Ending pickleball at Gilman would rend the social fabric that has brought this diverse community together. There is no compelling reason Gilman cannot remain a dual-use facility. I support clear rules and creative solutions to reduce conflict—without removing pickleball.
20-Apr	Laura Wightman-Direct email	My husband and I moved to Seattle in the fall of 2021 during the tail end of Covid. We are senior citizens. We live in Ballard. At that time, there were lots of homeless people wandering the neighborhood, in Gilman Park, camping around Gilman part, and doing drugs in public and leaving lots of trash. At that time Gilman Park was not a place where parents came with their children to use the park. The tennis courts were rarely used for tennis but there were gatherings of homeless and sometimes people letting their dogs loose to run around inside the courts. The playing fields were not used for soccer or baseball but were also gathering places for homeless and drugs. The wading pond was empty. I believe it was in 2022 that the tennis courts at Gilman Park were resurfaced and lines were include for pickleball. Once people were able to play pickleball at Gilman Park, things began to change for the better. Gilman Park had many more people of all ages coming to play on the courts. Senior citizens, families, young adults, and kids came to use the courts. All of a sudden Ballard and Gilman Park had a sense of community. Players who had not know each other now had a community of friends to play with. Groups formed made up of new friends who met on the pickleball court at Gilman. Players were welcoming to new people that showed up to play. I mentioned that my husband and I are seniors-I am 73 and he is 74. We had no friends when we arrived in Ballard but now were are part of a community. Also as seniors we depend on public transportation. If the courts at Gilman are closed there will be no direct public transportation to any of the remaining pickleball courts. I walk around Gilman Park daily. One weekend day it was raining and I was walking and at Gilman there were almost 30 people playing, taking turns, and enjoying themselves. I am not sure that you can imagine what a happy place the pickleball courts are. I smile every time I am there. So

many people having fun-it is joyful.

I have been at Gilman Park and the few times there were tennis players, we respected their play and waited until they were finished. Gilman Park allows reservations for both Pickleball and Tennis. The open times for reservations are for both racquet sports. I believe pickleball and tennis do and should continue to coexist at Gilman Park.

Please do not take this community away. Ballard needs it. Gilman Park needs it. Seniors need it. Families need it. Adults need it. Kids need it.

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-W Magnolia
9-Apr	LJS-Engage	Magnolia Playfield. Magnolia Playfield has a great pickleball community and heavy pickleball use. Why would you remove that? Dual use is fine.
818-Apr	Lila Silverstein-Engage	Why eliminate dual use? Anyone can reserve a court and play whatever they want. Please do NOT remove pickleball from Magnolia Playfield.

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Rainier Beach
7-Apr	Jonathan Fincher-Direct email	I'm emailing to voice my strong opposition toward the plan to designate Rainier Beach courts as exclusively tennis. This is a large court area and during my weekly use there is always more demand for pickleball on these courts than there is for tennis. Pickleball is growing rapidly, and with smaller court sizes there should be accommodation for more pickleball players at a time compared to tennis. Furthermore the tennis players are there less frequently in my observation and are never waiting to play,

unlike pickleball players. I'm afraid these courts will be highly underutilized with the current plan. If you must end dual use, please acknowledge the reality that pickleball should be prioritized over tennis as this will allow the court to be more fully utilized, in the present and future.

10-Apr	Lanny Taylor-Direct email	Please leave the pickleball nets. These courts are immensely popular.
10-Apr	Nancy Potash-Direct email	I am BEGGING you to reconsider discontinuing pickleball at the Rainier ball field courts. It's the only decent SOUTH Seattle set of PB courts and is used regularly by people living in Seward Park and adjacent neighborhoods. As much as I LOVE the Sunday Women's group that meets weekly I'd be willing to surrender this group play opportunity if it means keeping the courts available for open PB play. Of note, I see FAR more PB play at these courts than Tennis, which can be played at Genessee, Amy Yee and Seward Park. Thank you for considering this request
10-Apr	Julie Orr-Direct email	Please reconsider discontinuing pickleball at the Rainier ball field courts. It's the only good SOUTH Seattle set of PB courts and is used regularly by people living in Seward Park and adjacent neighborhoods. These courts are heavily used by PB players and there is far more PB play at these courts than Tennis, which can be played at Genessee, Amy Yee and Seward Park. Also, Pickleball is an all age sport that folks of all all ages, skills and athletic ability can participate in as compared to tennis. Thank you for considering this request
10-Apr	Taylor M-Engage	Rainier Beach Pickleball. How is the decision to remove pickleball courts being made? Rainier Beach is a large area and converting to tennis only reduces pickleball capacity a great deal. Why are pickleball courts being removed before capacity is adde?
12-Apr	Shirley Naganawa-Direct email	I am asking to reconsider keeping the Rainier pickleball courts. These courts are the only decent ones in the entire south end. The courts in Georgetown are generally a mess and require people to bring their own nets. The Mount Baker courts are better maintained but the surface by the kitchen on some of the courts has an indentation where the toe of the shoe can get caught and cause a fall. I agree that there should no longer be reservations and have it be open court times so more people can play.

16-Apr Jco Coffelt-Direct email

I want to be direct that the proposal to transition Rainier Beach to tennis-only use would have a significant and negative impact on one of the most active and inclusive pickleball communities in the city. At a minimum, we are hoping to avoid a full elimination of pickleball access at this site without a clear and viable alternative. Rainbow Rec Sports has built a large, consistent presence at Rainier Beach: • 44 active play nights during spring/summer of 2025 • 200 registered participants this spring, plus 50+ on the waitlist (and we anticipate • similar demand for our summer series starting in July) • Regularly bringing together hundreds of queer players in a space that is intentionally • inclusive, beginner-friendly, and community-centered For many of our players, this space is more than recreation; it's one of the few environments where they feel safe, welcomed, and connected. Traditional drop-in play at other courts hasn't always provided that same experience. I also wanted to clarify that our model is actually aligned with the City's open play goals. While we use registration for planning, our on-court format is structured open play: • No fixed teams, our players rotate in and out continuously • Paddle stacking and skill-based grouping to improve flow and reduce mismatches • Active facilitation to minimize confusion and conflict In practice, our pickup nights function very similarly to open play at other courts, but with just enough structure to support a large group (100+ players per night) and create a more welcoming environment, especially for queer participants. Our model allows us to share courts effectively and directly addresses many of the challenges outlined in the strategy. We understand the broader system challenges outlined in the strategy, particularly around dual use and competing demands. At the same time, this change may unintentionally displace a large, organized, and equity-centered user group without a clear alternative, especially in South Seattle, where options are already limited. We're very open to adapting our program to align with the City's evolving framework. What feels important to preserve is a consistent, designated time where this queer community can gather, given the role this space plays in access and inclusion. With that in mind, we would like to explore solutions such as: • Maintaining some level of pickleball access at Rainier Beach • Piloting a community-operated open play model like ours within the new framework • Identifying an alternative location that can realistically support a group of our size I'd appreciate your guidance on what options exist and would welcome the opportunity to connect directly to discuss this further. Please also let us know what the most effective ways are for our community to provide input beyond the survey published today. We want to be collaborative and supportive of the City's goals, but we also want to ensure that a high-functioning, inclusive community like this is not unintentionally lost in the process.

17-Apr	Alexis Wolff-Direct email	Rainier Beach should remain open and welcoming to pickleball, not limited to tennis only. Pickleball is a fun, accessible sport that brings people together across ages and skill levels. I play in both spring and summer leagues here, and the drop-in culture is a huge part of what makes this space special. It's where I meet new people, build lasting friendships, and enjoy friendly competition. Closing it off to pickleball would take away a vibrant, growing community that thrives on connection and inclusivity. Please keep Rainier Beach playfully open to pickleball and continue supporting a sport that strengthens community. I'd also like to encourage investment in updated facilities, including overhead roofing, to support safe, year-round play. In Seattle's climate, frequent rain can make courts slippery and unsafe, limiting access for much of the year. Covered courts would help protect players, reduce cancellations, and keep the community active in all seasons. Expanding pickleball infrastructure is an opportunity for Seattle to lead in community-centered recreation. The sport fosters connection, inclusivity, and healthy competition, while creating space for people to build friendships and share expertise. More access to safe, well-designed courts means a stronger, more connected community.
17-Apr	Loren St. Betts-Direct email	I am writing in support of maintaining the courts at Rainier Beach as pickleball courts. They provide space for a diverse community oriented rec sport. I play on the Rainbow Rec League which has provided community and fun rec experience at Rainier Beach for the past couple years. These courts also have lights which is rare for pickleball courts. It would be a big loss for these to be converted to tennis only. I often see tennis courts around the city unused and feel like it is important to maintain the well used pickleball courts that already exist.
17-Apr	Emily Justin-Direct email	I'm reviewing the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy and had a question about how the decisions were made to make certain courts tennis vs pickleball, specifically Rainier Beach. I am in a pickleball league that is upset about removing the pickleball courts at Rainier Beach and want to be informed prior to engaging in public comment. Given the demographics of South Seattle in general and Rainier Beach specifically, I would imagine equity should be a big priority in making decisions affecting that community. Can you provide any info into what the Rainier Beach community has provided as feedback as to wanting tennis courts over pickleball courts? Or if the decision was arbitrary, that would be helpful to know as well. I am asking because the pickleball league I am in is predominantly white and majority does not live in the Rainier Beach community, and I want to avoid the league overpowering voices from people who are actual community members who should be prioritized over our league.

Any information you can provide as to what community input was given prior to designating Rainier Beach Community Center as a Tennis only court.

- 17-Apr Neli Jasuja-Direct email I am a queer BIPOC pickleball player and the south end needs more outdoor pickleball courts, especially with access to lights! At Beacon Playfield, we have to stop playing based on when the sun sets, which is really disappointing. I also play in Columbia City/Rainier Beach with friends and the Rainbow Rec league. I depend on the courts in those neighborhoods for safe, inclusive affinity-based recreation opportunities. Please keep all outdoor pickleball courts in the south end open, this is a racial justice and recreation access issue!
- 21-Apr Bob Downing-Direct email I am writing to ask you to preserve the pickle ball courts that currently exist in the Seattle system. I am a frequent player at Rainier Beach where we have had quite a large and engaged community, and now that is under threat with the potential erasure of pickle ball court lines. The Club there helped arrange donations of nets that are still there to be used. Please don't end pickle ball at places like Rainier Beach!

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Meetings
18-Apr	Seattle resident-Engage	can the public attend the 4/23 meeting? The 4/23 meeting is now listed as virtual only but the agenda listed for that meeting shows that it is in person at 6 pm at 100 Dexter Avenue N/Kenneth R. Bounds Boardroom. The agenda also shows that there is a public comment period at 6:10 pm. Can you please clarify why the agenda for the meeting is not consistent with what is on this page? It sounds like you don't want the public going to the meeting so you're incorrectly informing taxpayers that the meeting is virtual only.
20-Apr	Peter-Engage	In-person meetings. Why is there not an in-person meeting scheduled in West Seattle???
20-Apr	Peter Kalmes-Direct email	I plan to attend the virtual meeting on April 23rd regarding the Parks and Recreations Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy. My question for you is this, will those of us who have registered for the meeting receive

20-Apr	SteveJ-Engage	an email with the direct link to the meeting? Or, if not, how do we best access the link without a lot of searching to get to the meeting link? Will the in person meetings include a question and answer period between the SPR decision makers and the public? There are many questions concerning the data and conclusions made from the data that has lead to the initial strategy document. Will there be opportunity to ask and have answers provided concerning the information and rational supporting the proposed strategy?
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Clarifying Questions

7-Apr	Anne Seidel-Direct email	Is "W. Magnolia Playfield" the same as the four tennis courts called "Magnolia Playfield" in the court reservation system?
7-Apr	Elise Chisholm-Direct email	Thanks for sharing this plan. I'll review it in detail before the BPRC meeting later this month. After skimming through, I saw mention of Ravenna Park West for pickleball, which I assume is the location on the southeast side of 15th Ave, where Cowen and Ravenna Parks adjoin—the open asphalt court you and I connected about several months ago. Do you have details yet on how many pickleball courts would be placed there? And info on how the basketball court space would be handled? I'm an advocate for making room for both activities in that space. Such great potential for new activation, with park-goers of all ages. If you have any early design plans, I'd be curious to see them. Will stay tuned for your thoughts.
8-Apr	Gary Justiss-Direct email	We didn't see David Rogers courts mentioned in the report and was wondering what the plan is for those 3 courts?
9-Apr	Richard Wenger-Engage	Any plan to preserve tennis courts? Enough already! In the last few years I've lost the ability to play tennis at Miller, Mt. Baker and for the most part Brighton Park. No more dual lined courts. I am tired of moving pickleball nets and listening to the clacking of pickleballs. Let's preserve tennis courts for tennis players. Build more pickleball courts for pickleball players and stop ruining tennis courts.
9-Apr	S-Engage	Are noise levels of pickleball and proximity to residences being considered in the final decision? Courts like Gilman Park are directly next to residences, and tennis is significantly quieter than pickleball. This proposal would be a welcomed change for nearby residents.

10-Apr	Elizabeth Bell-Direct email	Great to see your name and title on the SPR website....having a dedicated staff person to manage racquet sports capital program is fabulous! By way of introduction, my husband I are Seattle residents that were engaged in the discussion/meetings/site tour with former Superintendent AP Diaz/etc for the proposed Magnuson pickleball courts in 2024/2005. We are pickleball players and avid birdwatchers. My husband is an ecologist and I worked for/led nonprofit conservation organizations for four decades. I am writing to inquire about the status of the proposed pickleball courts at Magnuson. I have read the online information about the new proposed strategy but I am not sure what it means for prior proposed courts at Magnuson. I am also a member at Magnuson Athletic Club and I know the new owners were in conversation with Superintendent Diaz about paths forward. Before spending lots of time and energy rehashing the copious scientific information we submitted to SPR in 2024/25, I wanted to ask what would be helpful and what, if anything you can share regarding the status of the proposed Magnuson pickleball courts---besides 'more study'.
11-Apr	Shane-Engage	What's the schedule for Court Resurfacing & Details? The miller playfield court is starting to show some decent wear and tear on the courts. When is the plan to resurface it, and it sounds like additional density is being considered for miller playfield as a dedicated pickleball court, which sounds great as there were previous plans proposed to expand it from 4 to 6 pickleball courts there.
12-Apr	Elimondo-Engage	Why are pickleball courts sited where their noise disrupts residents and parkgoers? Pickleball and tennis are not compatible uses of the same space. I play both, but dual striping is distracting, and tennis requires quiet and concentration; pickleball's intrusive noise makes it very difficult to focus. The noise also disrupts residents and parkgoers—it is inherently selfish to impose that level of disruption on so many people. Pickleball courts should be properly sited, not allowed on courts in locations where the noise impacts others, e.g. swap Mount Baker for Rainier Beach.
12-Apr	Janet K-Engage	When will reservations stop at Bitterlake and hubs? Folks are gathering end of April from several neighborhoods. We have a reservation at Bitterlake. Will it be honored? When will reservations cease?
13-Apr	Craig Montgomery-Engage	More existing Tennis Hubs? What will be the status of Jefferson Park Seward Park Rainier Playfield Madrona Park Sam Smith Park I hope these will stay tennis only, we cannot afford to lose any more tennis courts.
13-Apr	Sue Goodwin-Direct email	I've worked with Matt and Ian over the last 3 successful years. The new strategy direction for courts has many unanswered questions, and doesn't make sense to the pickleball community. But, as I remember, tennis players have louder voices and seem to get what they want as far as court privileges. Well, that

discussion is for another time. Will our current reservations be honored? Appreciate your help in answering. Many people look forward to these community events.

14-Apr	MC-Engage	*school tennis use; on proposed pickleball courts?? this makes no sense, why not leave it tennis use? There is no date for when the "school use" will end and the change to PB striping. Likely will cause a delay. PB loses out to tennis again...
14-Apr	MC-Engage	continues to be more tennis than pickleball courts. there are already more tennis courts than pickleball citywide and this plan will remove more pickleball courts. "Sites not included in the strategy... will continue operate as currently"; well this conveniently "omits/hides" the fact that there are more tennis courts, with the "appearance" of showing "even numbers" in the strategy for tennis and pickleball. the city already preferentially re-striped tennis lines on several dual usage courts (leaving barely visible PB lines), we see a pattern.
15-Apr	EB-Engage	Discovery Park for PB Hub? Why would you designate Discovery Park as a Pickleball Hub when there are multiple species of birds nesting within a 50yd span of the courts? Tennis is MUCH quieter, and it would make more sense to make W. Magnolia Playfield a Pickleball Hub, and Discovery Park a Tennis Hub, particularly since the Howe St. Tennis courts are less than a half mile away from W. Magnolia Playfield.
17-Apr	Kim Pearson-Direct email	I am hoping to give input on the racquet sports strategy and was wondering if your team could create a map of which courts will be tennis only, pickleball only, etc. It would be helpful for giving feedback, since I'm not fully aware of where each court complex is located.
17-Apr	Seth-Engage	Where are Pickleball players not leaving when a tennis reservation shows up? I have never seen anyone at Gilman, Greenlake, Bitter lake or Shoreline not leave when a valid tennis reservation shows up. Where has this happened? I have seen tennis players claim to have a reservation when they had no proof and continued to lie about it to our faces. I have seen tennis players barge in and not respect any of the Seattle time or court rules. I have seen plenty of positive interactions and people sharing courts. Where is this data you have? Why is it not shared here?
17-Apr	Ron-Engage	If we all pay our taxes, why not have an equitably and unbiased strategy drawn up? Dedicated tennis courts like Solstice Park is so underutilized where like Walt Hundley and Delridge courts that are dual use courts are over run with pickleball players. And why does the Parks and Rec Dept. offer pickleball classes and not tennis classes?
17-Apr	Pickleball player-Engage	Is it true you said pickleball players were like "ants at a picnic"? I saw on Facebook that Mr. Garner said that pickleball players were like "ants at a picnic" a couple years ago when introducing his view for racquet sports. Is that accurate and if so, why are you equating pickleball players to insects?
17-Apr	Salvador-Engage	Why are people fixated on court count. People are complaining about higher court count for tennis, but a single court used for pickleball fits 4x the number of players, with a higher turnover. If we look at the

17-Apr Ron Minkel-Direct email	capacity of players/hour across the city, pickleball comes out ahead. It's unfortunate that tennis takes more space, but anything close to a 50/50 court split would not be equitable I've heard that this new strategy might be where SPR will balance the court usage between pickleball and tennis. Will this be a 50-50, or where the total number of courts are divided out proportionately to the number of players involved in that sport? The city must make itself aware of the pickleball classes taught at the two community centers here in West Seattle alone releasing approximately one hundred and forty-four new pickleball players per year. I am currently not aware of any tennis classes taught by SPR at it's community centers. So, I ask you, which sport is the most popular?
18-Apr Taxpayer-Engage	Has SPR really taken a good look at the number of existing dedicated tennis courts they already have in West Seattle compared to the number dedicated pickleball courts? Currently there are no dedicated courts, only dual usage ones for pickleball, where if the city would count the number of dedicated tennis courts, one would count twelve, that would include Solstice Park, Riverview Park, Highland Park and Hiawatha. Now here again, if the city would take the time to observe the usage at these tennis courts they would find out that they are totally underutilized. So, I'm asking you, where would you like to have the Parks and Rec spend our hard earned tax dollars on some playfield that will sit idle most of the time, or one where people are having fun on just about everyday of the year. From what I have heard SPR does not have a lot of funds to waste on frivolous projects, so I'm asking SPR to take a good hard look at the data, if it has any, before going forth on this new strategy. why does the survey not ask for feedback on the overall strategy? The survey assumes that we think the draft plan adequately identified problems and then asks us to rank which issue it addressed best. I strongly disagree with many of the assumptions that led to the recommendations. Where do we provide feedback on that when the survey does not ask if we agree with the recommendations, only which issues were best addressed? Please explain how the survey was designed and how the results will be used.
19-Apr Filson-Engage	How is this survey useful? The survey is not an honest attempt to solicit meaningful public feedback. It seeks a ranking of aspects of the SPR plan, rather than asking the key questions: Do you agree with the plan? Why/why not? Absent building more courts, the current dual use & reservation systems work & are fair. These are public courts paid for by tax dollars. They are intended for use by all. Private facilities are available for tennis & pickleball "purists" who do not want to share.
19-Apr Christy-Engage	Removing dual-court use could mean loss of drop-in convenience for all? For drop-in play, why eliminate the convenience of nearby dual-use courts where players can quickly assess crowds and return if full (e.g., 5-minute drive locally), versus traveling much farther to hubs (e.g., 20 minutes)? This affects everyone, wasting time and gas even for drivers, and transit delays for non-drivers.

19-Apr	Amy-Engage	What's the impact on non-drivers' travel burdens? How will the strategy address increased travel burdens for non-driving players relying on transit, especially when dedicated hubs are farther from their neighborhoods? This highlights equity issues for car-less players facing longer trips to play.
19-Apr	Tizzy Bennett-Engage	Can you provide an update on the proposed location for the new pickleball courts at Magnuson Park? I hope you have moved them away from the wetlands. I am a regular user of Magnuson Park for walking and birding. The transformation of the wetlands has been nothing short of amazing. Part of the uniqueness of this part of the park is the quietness and bird habitat. If you put pickle ball courts right next to the wetlands, the noise pollution will be intense and negative. I'd like to hear whether you have considered moving the Pickleball courts over by arena sports where there are other flat already paved areas and noise is not such an issue.

N/A - comments only

7-Apr	Keith Hwang-Direct email	Thank god for tackling the pickleball problem. Dual use striping was a bad plan from day one
7-Apr	WSPickleballPlayer-Engage	Pickleball courts in West Seattle. There are far more pickleball players in WS than tennis and most courts lean pickleball. High Point is filled with pickleball players all day whereas even on the sunniest and nicest day, I rarely see 2 tennis courts used at Solstice. In the summer, High Point can have upwards of 40 players or more at a given time. Between all the courts in WS, there can be up to a 100 on a weekend day. To push all these very active, daily players onto 4 courts at Delridge will upset a massive community.
7-Apr	Hollie-Engage	Do not take away pickleball courts! Please do not take away pickleball courts in west seattle. Only having courts at Delridge is a huge problem. High point, Delridge, and Alki are always full with pickleball players, not tennis. Pickleball is more popular now than tennis. We have a strong PB community and it would be a shame to kill this positive aspect of our community. There will be no space for kids to learn.
10-Apr	Diane Timberlake-PKS	Please paint lines on the tennis courts for pickleball at the Madison Park Tennis courts. They are rarely used for tennis and could be used by pickleball players bringing their own nets. There is enough space to put 2 pickleball courts on each tennis court which could allow 16 people to play.
11-Apr	Shane-Engage	School Tennis Use at Miller Playfield
11-Apr	Aili Duke-Direct email	The change to remove dual use of the racquet sports in the local parks is a poor decision. Use should be on a per-demand basis and courts should not be restricted to just one sport. This greatly reduces accessible spaces and community resources. Please reconsider this.
12-Apr	Marie A-Engage	Flex ladder leagues need to reserve 2 hours at a time. There are many pickleball flex ladder leagues in Seattle that rely on reservations to ensure a 2-hour block of playtime. Where will we be able to play if all the pickle courts are "open play"? What will be the "open play" guidelines? We gladly share courts with tennis players as long as everyone has the ability to reserve time. We always share the other half of the

court with other picklers as well. Renting indoor club venues for 4 people 2-hour blocks weekly is cost prohibitive.

12-Apr David Leøng

I am a tennis player, not a pickleball player, so I am commenting from that perspective. I read the draft proposal, and overall I am in favor of the plan to remove dual-lined courts and create more dedicated hubs for each sport. The basic principle here is that tennis and pickleball are completely different sports (different dimensions, different net, different rules), and hence sharing the same facility has never made sense. As for the specific sites mentioned, I am not well-informed enough on the exact usage patterns of some of them. So I can't comment much on that.

I would urge you to disregard comments by pickleball players stating that no one plays tennis, or that tennis courts sit unused. The counterargument is usually about underutilized court time, but that framing tends to ignore that tennis courts sitting empty at 2 pm on a Tuesday aren't actually underutilized; they're available for their intended users when those users want them. Usually when I am looking to walk on to a tennis court, all the ones that I visit are full and I have to wait at least 20-45 minutes. Also, the idea that pickleball players are "losing" courts to tennis is nonsense, as they have always been tennis courts.

Part of what makes this harder to resolve is that pickleball is growing so fast that purpose-built courts simply haven't kept up with demand, which creates the pressure on tennis facilities in the first place. The long-term solution is more dedicated pickleball infrastructure rather than shared space that satisfies nobody fully. My suggestion to keep the pickleball community happy is to make sure their hubs are well-maintained, and build new dedicated courts for them.

12-Apr LDW-Engage

Keep Tennis and Pickleball Separate. I am in favor of the plan to remove dual-lined courts and create more hubs for each sport. The basic principle is that tennis and pickleball are completely different sports, hence sharing the same facility has never made sense. Also, the anecdotal idea that nobody plays tennis anymore is nonsense. Usually when I am looking to walk on to a tennis court, all the ones that I visit are full and I have to wait at least 20-60 minutes. The long-term solution is more dedicated pickleball infrastructure.

13-Apr Nalini Lasiewicz-Direct
email

On behalf of the Lasiewicz Foundation and our North American network of over 1,800 members, we are writing to strongly support the staff recommendation to end dual use striping, reconfiguring tennis courts to accommodate pickleball courts.

“Dual use” was seen as a quick and easy way to bring pickleball courts online by cities across North America. They did so by pretending this was a simple case of painting new and harmless lines on existing tennis courts. This has compromised both the sport and culture of tennis AND is neglected to consider the nearby residents who had lived peacefully with their local parks and tennis courts for generations. In practice, these two sports are incompatible and placement of courts should be planned for carefully to avoid causing conflicts in the community.

Noise pollution is a significant public health hazard that can lead to severe distress, sleep disruption, and cardiovascular issues. We commend the City of Seattle for reviewing the impacts that have come with the rapid growth of the sport, including the lack of updated noise ordinances and the recognition that Courts like Gilman Park are directly next to residences, and tennis is significantly quieter than pickleball. This proposal would be a welcomed change for nearby residents.

Our research and member testimony indicate that common mitigation efforts—such as sound barriers or "quiet" paddles—rarely resolve noise issues in close residential proximity.

- Barriers: Physical barriers often fail to protect multi-story homes and are ineffective if any gaps exist.
- Equipment: Quiet paddles only provide significant relief when paired with foam balls, which often face player resistance and present a persistent enforcement burden for the City.

Attached is a recent study on municipal zoning ordinances to help with managing pickleball noise near homes. Also, please find a policy brief from our non-profit detailing the health impacts of pickleball noise and the limitations of standard mitigation. You may also find further resources at the links below:

- Pickleball Noise Relief: www.pickleballnoiserelief.com
- Global Hot Spot Map:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1obF5UNxqSbADZn7kj_OeZYwWQCKcTx8&usp=sharing
- Research Library: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pickleballnoiserelief> and
<https://www.youtube.com/@robmastroianni>

Thank you for your leadership on this public health issue.

14-Apr Peter Seitel-Direct email

I appreciate your effort --- and understand the difficulties you encountered --- pulling the Strategic Plan together. I'm also very appreciative that the plan calls for GLE to become an "open-play" court and (I assume) removed from SPR's reservation grid. I hope you'll see fit to implement that part of the plan regardless of how the rest falls out.

But the rest of the plan seems to have served to rally and galvanize the pickleball community -- in this case, against the Plan. I'm guessing you're going to encounter a lot of pushback on your Engagement forum and at your public meetings. I think that after so much anticipation over the long-delayed plan, the pickleball community finds itself in something of a state of disbelief.

As you know, my focus is really on pickleball at Green Lake East and I will continue to lobby hard for "open-play" there (and soon), regardless of how the rest of the plan unfolds after this vetting period. But you will find me arguing, alongside the likes of Miguel and Frank, and SMPA, and et.al. for more (rather than fewer) pickle courts in the City and for continuing the practice of dual-lining courts -- at least until SPR has built and opened new dedicated pickle and tennis facilities in 2 - 5 years (if at all).

14-Apr pindoctah-Engage

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the upcoming meetings you've scheduled.

Great that the plan makes Greenlake East a pickleball hub. But the rest of the plan, seems to make fewer courts available to pickleball across the city. There are more pickleball players. in Sesttle than Tennis players. The number of pickleball players in Seattle is increasing far faster than tennis. Though there are a few private indoor facilities opening, they neither keep up with high demand times, nor are affordable to everyone who wants to play. Please, revise your plan. Give us more lit outdoor courts, and courts in general.

14-Apr L Ro-Engage

Pickleball noise mitigation strategies not addressed. I do not see pickleball noise mitigation strategies mentioned. Why not allow some more of the courts to be pickleball courts, given the demand, and address noise mitigation, if that is a big issue? Soundproofing wall options exist and can be installed on the wire fencing. Planting a few more trees might help as sound barriers. Regulating hours, such as stopping play at a certain time in the evening, might alleviate some neighborhood noise concerns at night.

14-Apr MC-Engage

SPR better manage reservations on open play courts, to mitigate assumed "issues", no need to separate them completely. re:"presumed issue" between open play and reservations players. Did you get details behind complaints, do a survey? Fact: the court reservation system lacks transparency, and responsibility for that communication from SPR; transferring it to the players which causes confusion/questioning/interruptions in play and potential for negative interactions with open play. FIX:

SPR post Rez time,court #, ON the court, ensure all courts are numbered. leave open play courts nearest the paddle racks.

15-Apr David Ebel-Direct email

I'm not sure where to submit comments on the draft Racquet Sports Policy that was recently circulated. As a lifelong Seattle tennis player, with 5 additional players in my family who cannot access public tennis courts because of pickleball takeover, I think the draft policy looks great. I hope you can implement it as soon as possible. It seems like the most reasonable and fair solution. Thank you for your work on this.

PS: One option I've thought about in the past relates to use of City of Seattle school playgrounds. It would be easy to line playgrounds for pickleball use. Those playgrounds are unused in the evening and the summer – the primary times pickleball players want to play. Yes, the playgrounds are cement and not surfaced like a tennis court, but pickleball doesn't need a tennis court surface. This would reduce pickleball pressure on the tennis courts.

17-Apr Hai-Engage

Pickleball got so many new courts last year. Stop complaining that tennis is getting their courts back. Pickleball got so many new courts last year (both clubs and dedicated park space). Stop complaining that tennis is getting their courts back. Tennis is alive and well. Still growing despite pickleball. Just because it's not a mass casual sport like pickleball, it doesn't deserve to be permanently hamstrung on the public courts. Just look at the crowd numbers between the two sports in pro play. Crowd density is not a good argument. By that logic, we should also get rid of golf, and hiking trail

17-Apr Steve Johnson-Direct
email

Upon reading the complete document OUTDOOR RACQUET SPORTS STRATEGY 2026, I would like to convey some thoughts on this proposal.

As a lifelong tennis and pickleball player, it is not my experience, nor can I find any logical reasoning behind the premise that pickleball and tennis cannot share facilities. Both tennis and pickleball players may reserve courts and choose among the many Seattle parks facilities available. With the exception of Greenlake East, nearly all of the 100+ courts accommodate tennis while a disproportionate and unequal distribution of courts accommodates pickleball.

The proposal would reduce the number of courts offered to pickleball AND take away local access (to neighborhood pickleball courts) from many communities.

This may seem to solve a superficial issue of conflicts between the two player groups but this strategy is a disservice to the large, vibrant and diverse pickleball community that actively uses Seattle parks.

The pickleball player community is more than just the people seen on the courts. While a 2 tennis court facility like Gilman park may accommodate 4 tennis players over an hour of play, the same courts will absorb 16 pickleball players and another 20 players waiting and socializing until they can rotate in. Pickleball builds community. This positively impacts businesses and neighborhoods surrounding the parks. In my 50 years of playing tennis, I have never seen the type of community activity that is intrinsic among pickleball players.

The proposed reduction in pickleball courts, combined with the geographic concentration of the facilities, does not serve the substantial and growing pickleball community in Seattle. The plan would decrease access for many residents who rely on neighborhood courts for recreation, exercise, and community connection.

I respectfully urge the Seattle Parks Board to reconsider the assumption that shared use is not acceptable. While there is certainly a need for additional dedicated pickleball courts, that need should not come at the expense of broad, equitable access. A balanced approach, one that embraces both dedicated and shared facilities—would better serve the diverse and expanding population of racquet sport players in our city.

Seattle has an opportunity to model an inclusive, forward looking strategy. I encourage the Board to

revise the plan to ensure that all racquet sport participants can continue to enjoy accessible, well distributed public courts.

17-Apr Donna Cauthorn-Direct
email

Thank you for reviewing my suggestions below and considering my reasons for supporting the SMPA petition.

I do not support reserving public pickleball courts. Several instructors make a living on these public facilities for a minimal reservation fee. I do not support individuals and groups reserving the public courts and scheduling "invitation only" games. I do support allowing public schools to reserve courts for team practice.

Pickleball offers so many benefits to a large and diverse population. The benefits include healthy outdoor exercise and social interaction for all ages and abilities. An additional benefit is the building of a community of diverse participants that transcends social and economic differences.

Please give the citizens of Seattle what they clearly want and need based on interest and current court usage. I strongly does agree with your decision to remove pickleball courts.

18-Apr Diane Dieterich-Direct
email

20-Apr	Isaac Westland-Direct email	As someone who plays pickleball regularly at city parks, I want to express genuine disappointment in the strategy proposed by Seattle Parks and Recreation. This department had an opportunity to respond thoughtfully to one of the fastest-growing recreational movements in the country - one that is already thriving in our city's courts and communities. Instead, the draft Racquet Sports Strategic Plan reduces access, offers vague and underfunded replacement commitments, and fails to back its recommendations with the data it claims to have collected.
21-Apr	Peter Krier-Direct email	I am one of the residents of the Bellagio Condominiums in Magnolia. My unit is on the fourth floor, directly across the street from the West Magnolia Playfield dual-use tennis/pickleball courts. I've read your proposed outdoor racquet sports strategy, and I was generally very pleased with it. I strongly support your proposal to eliminate dual use and convert the WPM courts and other courts in residential areas to tennis only. As you have heard from Shirley Marcus, Shirley Purkey and other residents of our condo, the Greater Seattle Pickleball Association has virtually taken over the WPM courts for their own use. They have installed two of the heavy semi-permanent pickleball nets in the south end of the courts, in addition to the four pickleball nets which were already installed in the north end. On some days, especially weekends, all eight pickleball courts are in use, with as many as 32 people whacking away at once. The noise is nearly unbearable. It keeps us from opening our windows or enjoying the use of our outdoor decks. We are looking forward to having these courts returned to tennis only. The noise from tennis activities is far less intrusive for neighboring residents like me. Thank you for addressing the needs of neighboring residents when you drafted this strategy.

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Reservations
23-Apr	501PB-Engage	Plan for reservations
24-Apr	Ginny Moore-Direct email	If players are not respecting reservations, both tennis and pickleball, how about: 1. Install SPR specific signage for pickleball and tennis on courts that addresses reservations. List guidelines about what is expected when reserving the court: for example, respect the paper or digital receipt that any given player has with them. The player will then be able to refer to the SPR guidelines posted on the fence inside the court. Additionally, a specific sign for pickleball guidelines (alongside the tennis guidelines) would also cover any questions or sticky pickleball issues that come up, such as when there is not “open play” hours, how long can a foursome play, uninterrupted. Currently, the only SPR signage posted is for tennis only. 2. Encourage players to ask for assistance from the supervisor inside the Community Center (if there is one close), if there is a dispute . I mostly play at Delridge and I know Kiki is very protective of the players there. Any issue would be resolved firmly and quickly. Conclusion: install specific signage for tennis and pickleball guidelines. Include reservation SPR requirements/info that players can point to for support.
28-Apr	Stephen Yu-Direct email	Thank you for the thoughtful proposal. I think it's about time to distinguish the two types of courts, as I've previously had court reservations not honored. I'm excited to see the city take a proactive and firm stance here.
11-May	MC-Engage	anecdotal conflict between open play and reservations. the system does not provide clear information: causes confusion, questioning for clarification, interrupted play and potential for perceived conflict.EX: delridge. 1. no numbers on the courts 2. the courts for reservation does not correspond to the map. I confirmed this with a staff on the phone. 3. reservers are told the courts are by the paddle que rack instead of by the building.4. no posted times for Rez online or at the court for transparency-solution: post Rez at the court, w/numbers/map RSS document wrote: "we could not easily incorporate open play in our system with dual use for pickleball, therefore dual use is ended", because SPR continues to use the legacy "tennis reservation system" instead of finding a new solution to manage both. pickleball isn't even in the reservation naming system. revamp it, make it inclusive

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Courts reduction
22-Apr	Artiom Zayats-Direct email	The recommendation to make Green Lake an "open-play" venue is a great move. It shows that SPR is paying attention to how people actually use the space. However, I'm very concerned about the proposal to convert 36 existing pickleball courts back to tennis. Taking away a third of our courts while the sport is exploding doesn't make sense. Instead of removing courts, we should be talking about how to make the ones we have more accessible. In a city like Seattle, where it's dark or grey for a large part of the year, adding lights to existing courts would be a much better investment. It would extend playing hours and allow more of the community to stay active year-round. I'm asking SPR to: • Preserve all existing pickleball courts: We are already struggling with long waits; losing 36 courts would be a massive blow. • Invest in lighting: Instead of conversions, let's add lights to current courts to maximize their utility. • Study new builds: Look for alternative budget allocations to build new capacity rather than cannibalizing existing space.
22-Apr	Jeremy-Engage	Do proposed courts have the capacity for pickleball players given there are already long lines with more courts?
23-Apr	Virginia Smyth-Direct email	I don't understand why Seattle Parks is choosing to remove so many pickleball courts now while not having the resources to add new courts for several years. I don't understand why dual use courts are perceived as a problem—personally, I have never experienced confrontations over this. The current plan for racquet sports uses the word "equitably" in addressing resource allocation. I fail to see how taking away as many as 36 pickleball courts is equitable.
23-Apr	Amy Greger-Direct email	I am very disappointed with SPR and the RSS plan to close 36 dual-lined courts on June 22.
25-Apr	Sharisgarden-Engage	Why in the world take away lighted courts in underserved south end communities??

25-Apr	Roger Nachman-Direct email	I don't know if you play pickleball or not. It's a very exciting sport, not just for the exercise and thrill of the game, but also for the sense of community that it creates. I've been playing for about 6 1/2 years, and I have to say most of my current friendships have come from the Pickleball courts. Globally. I play mostly at Greenlake, though I travel to other courts where I can find them, throughout the city, and often when I travel afar! It's phenomenal the diversity that I see there. I play with all ages and people from incredibly different backgrounds. The fact that the city has not stepped up to increase the number of Pickleball courts is a huge disappointment. I don't know anywhere in the city where there are Any dedicated Pickleball courts outdoors. By that, I mean, the lines are painted only for Pickleball courts, not added onto tennis courts. The fact that the city is about to eliminate up to 36 public courts is absolutely horrendous, and an abomination. I encourage you to come out and watch Pickleball at any of the Seattle courts, and see the camaraderie - and the crowded conditions. I encourage you to urge the City and the Parks and Recreation departments to step up their actions to remedy the situation, not to make it worse.
26-Apr	Chris Johnston-Direct email	Let's see if I understand this. Pickleball is the fastest growing participation sport in the USA, with approximately 1 million new players yearly, a 300% increase over the past three years. So, SPR is going to reduce the number of Pickleball courts. Makes sense. (sarcasm intended) While the draft Outdoor Raquet Sports Strategy states, The history of racquet sports in Seattle goes back over 100 years with the construction of the first tennis courts, does SPR take into account Pickleball is 60 years old AND was invented in Puget Sound? After reading the entire draft strategy which starts with, This strategy was produced by Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) in response to the growing popularity of pickleball and tennis and the need to balance the needs of both users in our park system, does it make sense to reduce the number of courts? What is the SPR ulterior motive? Where the recommendations were developed with community input and to equitably address the needs of court users and are produced herein in draft form for further engagement, when was community input requested and submitted? The first I have heard of this plan was from news sources. This past week. In fact, the in-person input meetings have been scheduled after the draft strategy has been released. Although I have just learned of the in-person meetings I do hope to attend the meeting at Bitter Lake.

27-Apr	Kimberly Decker-Engage	Public comment - do not decrease pickleball courts
27-Apr	Elizabth Bell-Direct email to CC	Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the recent Seattle Parks and Recreation Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy in writing and by attending meetings. I was able to attend the April 23 Board of Parks and Recreation meeting and plan to attend forthcoming meetings. I respectfully request that the City develop a balanced, transparent plan that supports both tennis and pickleball. Some points to consider: 1) 1) Seattle Parks and Rec (SPR) is sponsoring 29+/- pickleball camps for ages 5 and up this summer! Fabulous!! However, I wonder where you expect those children to play/practice if you reduce the number of available courts? 2) 2) The number of adult clinics sponsored by SPR is growing significantly too. Wonderful!! Again, why is the City reducing the number of courts while encouraging adults (and their kids) to learn and enjoy the game? 3) 3) It seems that between the clinics, camps, and court reservations, that SPR derives significant income from pickleball. Why then, is the City reducing overall court availability? 4) 4) Many of us play pickleball early in the morning (7AM in summer, 7:30AM winter). There is little competition for courts at those times...and I suspect SPR has little data on those of us who play outside the reservation system. I respectfully ask to see data supporting the proposed strategy. 5) 5) Shame on you! Taxpayers, who support SPR levies should not be told to find a private club to join...unless of course SPR, wants taxpayers to reject forthcoming park levies and spend their discretionary dollars on those same private clubs instead of helping build and grow community facilities. I have supported every single Parks levy for decades...please tread carefully. 6) 6) SPR supposedly has worked on the Strategy for two years and yet community members are given weeks to respond, with an SPR suggested implementation date of June 2026! Please treat your constituents more thoughtfully. Pickleball and tennis build community and are inclusive activities! Build on it! 7) 7) The proposition of eliminating dual purpose courts presents a false dichotomy. It is not a zero sum game, so to speak. The two sports have lived side-by-side for years....why this now? Think skiing and snowboarding. Think about Lumen Field: football and soccer. Think about Memorial Stadium and its myriad uses! Think expansively not narrow-mindedly! Here is a proposal: • If you are convinced that the two sports cannot coexist, reduce geographically proximate dual striped courts each time two pickleball courts added, thereby not reducing the number of overall pickleball and tennis courts available to residents. I support a balanced, transparent plan that supports both tennis and

pickleball.

We need more pickleball (and maybe tennis) courts not fewer. Think about the future as well as the present and please don't get mired in either/or loops.

27-Apr

Dale S-Engage

Why a reduction in Pickleball courts, when tennis courts are fully used?
Pickleball is not just Retirees, younger people play too.

27-Apr

Mary Ann Soule-Direct
email

I and several friends have played Pickleball 3 x a week year round at Soundview Courts since 2020, only missing days when it was raining or when we were traveling. Even when the courts are somewhat wet, we bring towels and brooms to clear and dry them. The majority of people who play at Soundview play Pickleball. Very few people play tennis there. Most players just show up and don't reserve a court. Those that do reserve either for tennis or Pickleball play on Court 1 and this leaves court 2 available for players who just show up. This system seems to have worked fine at Soundview. Why change something that is working and allows the courts to be used more fully. If Soundview were to be changed to tennis only, it would be empty much of the time, instead of being in use by the many people who play Pickleball there. Many people who play Pickleball at Soundview come with friends to play, as we do. But when there are more people who want to play than there are courts, we just switch to open play and people rotate in and out. This also seems to work very well. When I look at the map of courts that would be available under your new plan, the courts that serve Ballard, Crown Hill and North Beach, (Gillman and Soundview) would become tennis only. So to play Pickleball we would now have to travel to Green Lake or Bitter Lake or somewhere farther east to courts that are already crowded, where there is limited parking and where there are more advanced players. With the price of gas, halving to travel farther to play Pickleball is not a good option. Playing in private courts cost money and is also not a good option for many. I noticed that on your plan, the courts at Observatory Park, were allowed to remain dual use. Our group at Soundview recommends that Soundview and the other courts slated for tennis only be allowed to remain dual usage also, at least until more courts can be built in locations close to the courts you want to take away from Pickleball.

29-Apr

Jody Ulrich-Direct
email

It seems strange, that Seattle, the city where Pickleball started, does not have lots of new, well maintained Pickleball courts, where most cities and small towns around the country have many beautiful new dedicated Pickleball courts. Why is there such a bias against a sport that people of all ages can play, that creates community and makes good use of the courts - 8 players to a court verses 1 or 2 tennis players?
Please do not remove any pickleball courts! Pickleball players deserve to play just as much as tennis players.

29-Apr

Tom Wall-Direct email

having just become aware of the planning/strategy efforts of Parks to address the needs and desires of these two “racquet sports” as they are referred to, I have the following comments, the sentiments expressed shared by all of the many members of the tennis community I know:

The SPR Strategy proposal inadequately discloses the effect of creating pickleball courts over existing tennis courts. The “tables” of information in the Proposal are not complete as to the entire inventory of courts, and this makes the report misleading and difficult to analyze. Below I attempted a summary of the impact as sourced from the Proposal and from other SPR web-based information:

It is recognized but not openly acknowledged that Pickleball did not exist for most of the life of the Seattle public tennis courts, and that tennis courts alone have been sacrificed (usurped some would charge) for pickleball use. The summary chart of the SPR Proposal above shows a staggering loss of tennis assets: 21% decrease in the number of tennis courts; 32% decrease in tennis sites; loss of lighted courts and backboards, all in favor of a pickleball “take over” that now has nearly the same number of courts as tennis.

The 2 pivotal stated bases of the SPR Strategy are:

3. (It is) created to guide the management and provision of racquet sport court assets only and does not set a precedent or standard for any other asset class. And,

4. (It is) Intended to provide guidance at a point in time for specific concerns and conditions.

Recommendations are subject to alteration to align with available resources, changing conditions, new opportunities, park system priorities and legal requirements.

The notion that this analysis and resulting proposal be limited to “racquet sport assets” is misguided and unreasonable. A more equitable basis would simply be park assets and or sports assets in general if not City funds. The zero-sum game of diminishing long established and well used (though poorly maintained) tennis facilities to support a (albeit deserving) new activity as though it were born of tennis is the wrong approach. Proportionality should apply to the vast array of park assets, including financial, to support pickleball. As WJ Bryan might have put it, this crown of pickle thorns must not be borne solely by the tennis community.

Objectives

1. We tennis supporters who deeply value the lifetime sport of tennis for good reason, want SPR and the City to be good stewards of Seattle’s multigenerational legacy of public tennis courts. This network of outdoor courts was intended and built over some 100 years specifically and exclusively for public tennis play. We want all original tennis courts preserved, protected and maintained as tennis courts for this and future

generations as it was intended.

2. We agree that the dual use sharing method should be abandoned.

3. We ask that a much more thorough public process of actively obtaining the opinions of the tennis community be commenced. The tennis community assumes that the pickleball revolution and takeover of tennis assets has happened without the oversight and managerial control of SPR, but rather SPR has “let it happen”. This is evident by SPR’s observation of the problems and conflicts of dual use. The tennis community has no or little knowledge of the “8 years of study” SPR has been pursuing. There are no public notices of the process at the tennis hubs. Rushed decisions without that input will create more conflict not less.

4. Deserving as pickleball is for courts, there is a burgeoning development of private facilities and the sport itself is “cost efficient” given the number of players, turnover and space requirements. Therefore, a privately funded game is vastly less expensive than tennis. On this proportional scale, tennis deserves significantly more funding than pickleball from the City not less. The tennis assets are deteriorating. With a proposed commitment of (limited funds) of \$1.7M for new pickleball facilities at Magnuson, the tennis assets will only fall further into disrepair under the presumed strategy. We request more maintenance funding for the existing tennis courts and that Pickleball funding not interfere with or be drawn from traditional tennis funding by the irrelevant designation of both sports being “racquet” in nature as if that matters.

5. There is little justification allowing the other SPR athletic assets to bear no burden while tennis bears it all. Are the basketball courts and parking lots near the golf ranges being so heavily used? An analysis is wanting. We request a more broad based financial and asset review analysis to see where other support sources for pickleball can come from.

6. To the extent that some tennis court locations be turned over to pickleball, we request that a thorough justification be provided based on actual use. If tennis players have materially stopped using certain sites or courts, there is no objection to transitioning tennis courts to pickleball. However, it appears that this is not the case for several of the chosen pickleball friendly tennis sites.

Thank you for making this a part of the record for your team, Parks and the City to consider a better way to serve both tennis and pickleball players.

29-Apr

Michael Linnabary

I was shocked to learn by accident just days ago, even though I'm a regular player at Lower Woodland park and have been a lifelong player in Seattle, that Seattle Parks & Recreation, the City, has a proposal to take away tennis courts and give them to pickleball. I have reviewed the proposal, listened to the April 23, meeting and have great concerns with the manner in which the proposal has been developed, timelines involved, lack of tennis public awareness (e.g., no postings at tennis courts). Also, with the framing of all this mistakenly conflating the two very different sports of tennis and pickleball, releasing a plan that while it now recognizes that "dual use" is an inherent conflict, proposes the inherent continuing conflict of taking away from the already too few outdoor public tennis courts in Seattle, and has as a forgone conclusion that any activity other than tennis is entitled to use of what are multi-generational public tennis assets - intended, planned, and developed for tennis through the generations beginning as early as 1912 at Volunteer park, intended for this and future generations.

All this as outdoor public tennis here has been underserved for decades with ever decreasing access to quality outdoor tennis courts given area growth with no new outdoor courts in decades, delayed maintenance and deteriorating courts, and an opaque and pricey, thus exclusionary, reservation system, even before the pickleball growth surge began with Covid.

I know many tennis players of like mind when I urge Parks to put the brakes on this, slow down, reframe it in the historical picture of multi generation development specifically for tennis of these assets, and consider that before even considering making a historical change of this magnitude, there needs to be an extensive and widespread public involvement, not just a relative small number of those in the know, with helpful postings at all tennis courts, particularly the largest centers. I realize Parks unfortunately acquiesced to a pickleball takeover of many courts, but that doesn't make it right or mean it should be a starting place for a plan.

Pickleball is a very different sport from tennis, and it would be no different than If outdoor basketball, volleyball, or skating had suddenly grown in popularity and tried to take tennis courts from tennis. No other sport is being tasked with shouldering a takeaway like this.

I have no problem with Parks supporting separate pickleball court development as long as it's where noise won't be an issue and it doesn't come at the expense of the too long deferred maintenance and full access needs at public tennis courts. I understand Parks is funding pickleball courts at Magnuson Park, and numerous private facilities have been developed. After allowing the two very different sports of pickleball and tennis to be conflated for two long and pickleball players coming to expect tennis court time, it may take

some time to return all the historical public tennis courts solely to tennis, but even temporary use should interfere with tennis availability as little as possible and planned with proposals, timely informative notice postings at all tennis courts.

Please pass my concerns through to all decision makers involved in the process, and send me a list of names, titles, and email addresses of anybody involved in this process that has a decision making power in SPR and the City re how this is being conducted and what decisions are made. I would also appreciate if you could tell me more about what your role is in addition to a public contact point

30-Apr	Henry H Lo-Direct email	I play pickleball here [W. Magnolia] with my son all the time. I can understand the issues that tennis players and nearby residents may have with the current state of the courts. I think it is VERY short sided for the city to remove all pickleball from this location given the amount of usage the pickleball courts are getting relative to the tennis usage. I believe this proposal addresses all the issues that nearby residents and tennis players may have with pickleball in this location. Namely, noise issues for nearby residents, and court availability for tennis. The only cost to this proposal would be re-striping of the courts, and the sound dampening panels.
30-Apr	Peter K-Engage	I truly hope the city reconsiders their proposal for getting rid of all the pickleball courts at this location. With picklball participatioin increasing in larger numbers than tennis, how can you justify reducing the # of courts by 32? How is that equitable? It appears you intended to eliminate dual court use in 2024 when you stopped striping pickleball courts, it sure seems you were catering to tennis.

30-Apr

Bette Horishige-Direct
email

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed closure and repainting of 36 outdoor pickleball courts across Seattle, including 8 courts in my Magnolia neighborhood.

Seattle residents deserve to see:

1.Utilization data comparing tennis and pickleball usage at affected courts 2.Analysis of current and projected demand for both sports

Rather than eliminating pickleball access, I urge the Parks Department to pursue balanced solutions that allow both tennis and pickleball players to coexist. There is already a court that is designated for tennis players on W. Howe street. Closing 8 pickleball courts means you would be allocating 10 courts for tennis players in Magnolia and this seems unreasonable when there is no data supporting heavy tennis use. The Parks Department is giving pickleball players the court at Discovery Park which is in poor condition and not currently lined for pickleball, it is lined for tennis. It makes more sense to designate the Discovery Park court for tennis use. This would allow two courts designated for tennis and depending on the data collected we can see what warrants a fair distribution of courts for pickleball users of the 8 courts along 34th avenue.

This issue is not simply about one sport over another—it is about equitable access, responsible management of taxpayer-funded facilities, and fostering inclusive community spaces.

I respectfully ask that you pause implementation of this proposal until sufficient data is provided and alternative solutions are fully explored. Please send me your data of heavy tennis use vs. pickleball use.

1-May

Sam Wineburg-Direct
email

I am writing to urge you not to eliminate pickleball courts in Seattle. Doing so would remove exactly the kind of public space that helps build strong, healthy, connected communities.

Pickleball's explosive growth is no accident.

The real action in pickleball is not only on the court. It is on the sidelines, where we wait our turn to play while "stacking" our paddles. It's on the sidelines that we kibitz with neighbors, watch others play, share cookies someone brought from home, and organize a happy hour once everyone is tuckered out. These courts are not just recreation infrastructure. They are community infrastructure.

I know this personally as a 68-year-old retiree. Through pickleball, I have made friends with 25-year-olds, 40-year-olds, and other people with gray hair like myself. That doesn't happen in many parts of modern life. It happens in pickleball because the game brings people together.

There is no good reason why dual use should be eliminated, no solid reason why Seattle Parks and Recreation is proposing to eliminate 36 pickleball courts while retaining every one of 107 tennis courts. It makes no sense! Tennis and pickleball can coexist, and even USTA guidance recognizes the need for communities to address court demand in ways that benefit both sports.

Seattle should be investing in public spaces that reduce isolation, promote health, welcome people of all ages, and help neighbors become friends. Pickleball courts do all of these things.

Please preserve pickleball access in Seattle parks and maintain dual-use courts.

4-May

Bette Horishige-Direct
email to MO

Dear Mayor, I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed closure and repainting of 36 outdoor pickleball courts across Seattle, including 8 courts in the Magnolia neighborhood. During the summer months, when Community Center drop-in pickleball sessions are closed, outdoor courts become essential for many residents. Pickleball players of all ages rely on these shared spaces for recreation, exercise, and community connection. Removing access to these courts—particularly without viable alternatives—will significantly impact a large and growing group of users. I have personally seen the level of demand in our Magnolia community. Recently, I organized a petition requesting that Magnolia Community Center consider adding a third day of drop-in pickleball sessions during the Tuesday Open Gym period (9am–3pm), specifically proposing shared use from 10am–1pm. In less than two weeks, I gathered 105 signatures from Magnolia pickleball players and Queen Anne/Ballard communities. While the request for an additional day was not granted, the existing schedule was extended by one hour—demonstrating both strong interest and a willingness from the community to find flexible, shared-use solutions. What is especially concerning is that this proposal appears to lack publicly available data to justify such a broad decision. Given that the Seattle Parks Department is funded through the Seattle Park District (a voter-approved property tax levy), the City’s General Fund, and the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), there is a clear responsibility to ensure that decisions about public recreational space are transparent, data-driven, and equitable. Seattle residents deserve to see: 1.Utilization data comparing tennis and pickleball usage at affected courts 2.Analysis of current and projected demand for both sports 3.Consideration of shared-use models already implemented successfully in other cities Rather than eliminating pickleball access, I urge the Council and Parks Department to pursue balanced solutions that allow both tennis and pickleball players to coexist. Shared court striping, scheduled use times, and pilot programs are all practical approaches that can meet the needs of both communities while making efficient use of public resources. This issue is not simply about one sport over another—it is about equitable access, responsible stewardship of taxpayer-funded facilities, and fostering inclusive community spaces. I respectfully ask that you pause implementation of this proposal until sufficient data is provided and alternative solutions are fully explored.

4-May

Elizabeth Bell, Peter
Dunwiddie-Direct
email to MO/CC

It has recently come to our attention that the proposed Seattle Parks and Recreation SPR) “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy,” begun under the direction of former Superintendent A.P. Diaz, has been quietly directed behind the scenes by the United States Tennis Association (USTA). This secret process was a disgraceful manipulation by the USTA to further their own financial interests, and certainly is not in the best interests of Seattle citizens who expected a fair and equitable Racquet Sports Strategy that accommodated the rapidly growing pickleball constituency as well as existing tennis facilities. The details, which are linked below, were obtained by public disclosure requests (PDRs), and are VERY disturbing to say the least. We respectfully suggest that such deceptive practices provide ample justification for dismissing the current SPR proposed strategy and beginning anew with a more open process that is not beholden to unseen parties with substantial financial interest in the outcome.

In the Summer of 2023, Seattle Parks was in possession of a preliminary version of USTA’s “Seattle Park Agency Tennis Assessment” and was aware of USTA’s recommendations, which recommended removing lines for 38 planned and existing pickleball courts. These numbers are eerily similar to the recently proposed SPR Racquet Sports Strategy, which removed 36 pickleball courts in Seattle. Further, USTA recommended against adding pickleball courts and/or dual striping courts in several locations, while acknowledging that “50% of sites might be underutilized” for tennis. This evidence smells of inside dealing rather than an open and honest attempt to develop an equitable solution to providing courts to support both pickleball and tennis players.

In 2023, SPR resurfaced 17 tennis-only courts, but only 2 dual striped courts that also accommodated pickleball play. In 2024, all the courts that were resurfaced were tennis only courts. In early 2025, the court resurfacing plans once again included tennis-only courts. During this entire period, only one new pickleball court was constructed in the entire city. All of these actions closely followed recommendations from USTA, and SPR made absolutely no effort to accommodate the very large increases in pickleball use that were occurring throughout this period.

These disturbing data were obtained from a public disclosure request and should be grounds for the complete retraction of the proposed SPR Racquet Sport Strategy. They show a concerted, and sadly, successful effort to:

- Cancel dual striping to eliminate pickleball play at many sites,
- Abandon the dual striped policy that had been the primary means of creating new pickleball opportunities,
- Allocate court resurfacing funds in a wildly disproportionate manner to tennis-only courts, and
- Create “tennis hubs” to further entrench tennis’ privileged position.

The proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on biased, incomplete and misleading data, largely developed and provided by the USTA, which has a significant financial incentive to prevent the development and growth of pickleball in Seattle. Furthermore, the Strategy demonstrates a severe lack of understanding of how the game of pickleball is played, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed Strategy is implemented and 40% of the pickleball courts are removed, the opportunities for playing pickleball in Seattle parks will be severely cut back overall, and effectively eliminated for many players.

Besides its unseemly ties to USTA interests, the proposed Strategy relies heavily on data that have been cherry-picked to deliberately provide a skewed view of court usage in Seattle. The Strategy bases its recommendations largely on tennis court reservation data, yet over 95% of pickleball players do not use the reservation system. Instead, pickleball is primarily played through open play and drop-in formats not requiring reservations. As a result, the proposed Strategy vastly underestimates both participation and frequency of pickleball use. Pickleball courts are consistently full, while many tennis courts—up to 50% per USTA’s own data—sit unused. If there are more pickleball players compared to tennis players—likely by a wide margin—it is inconceivable why SPR would propose to greatly reduce access to the much more rapidly growing number of pickleball players, which also happens to be the official sport of the state of Washington.

In summary, the SPR Strategy, mirroring USTA’s strategy for Seattle:

- Deliberately provided a skewed view of court usage;
- Purposefully cancelled/recommends elimination of dual striping to thwart pickleball play at many sites despite the effectiveness of providing pickleball play opportunities at a very modest cost,
- Brazenly recommends eliminating 40% of the pickleball courts per USTA’s strategy and asks pickleball players to wait three or more years for new courts, or join a handful of (expensive) private clubs.
- Unduly influenced SPR and the development of the proposed Strategy.

In short, the proposed Strategy does not reflect actual usage patterns or community needs and it appears the USTA essentially developed SPR’s Strategy which is neither equitable nor a realistic racquet sports strategy for Seattle. We urge Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data, engage more directly with pickleball users and dismiss the current SPR proposed Strategy.

Citizens cannot “trust the process” as we were exhorted to do at the April 23 SPR Board meeting when the process has been corrupted by unseen parties with substantial financial interest in the outcome.

4-May

Sara Bickerstaff-PKS
info

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the proposed Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy released by the Seattle Parks and Recreation. The proposal appears to be based on incomplete data, misunderstandings of pickleball usage, and assumptions that do not reflect actual on-the-ground conditions at Seattle courts.

Reliance on Inaccurate and Incomplete Data

The strategy relies heavily on data from the tennis court reservation system. This creates a fundamentally flawed picture of pickleball usage.

- Well over 95% of pickleball players do not use the reservation system.
- The current system of open play and drop-in use does not require reservations, which is a core feature of how pickleball operates.
- As a result, the strategy dramatically underestimates both the number of pickleball players and frequency of play. Pickleball players play 3 to 6 times a week.

Any conclusions drawn from this dataset are therefore incomplete. Additional data collection and analysis should be completed prior to the implementation of any strategy.

Additionally, the City should weigh:

- The number of responses to the Parks and Recreation's survey, and
- The large and growing support reflected in petitions organized by groups like the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association

These sources better represent actual community engagement and demand.

It also appears that those developing the strategy visited only one or a very small number of pickleball locations.

This raises concerns that:

- The plan is based on limited observation
- It does not reflect the diversity of usage patterns across the city

A broader, more representative evaluation is needed before implementing system-wide changes.

Demand Mismatch: More Players, Fewer Courts?

By any reasonable estimate, there are significantly more pickleball players than tennis players in Seattle—potentially as high as a 10-to-1 ratio.

- Pickleball courts are consistently full or near capacity
- Many tennis courts, by contrast, sit unused.

Given this reality, it is difficult to understand why the proposed strategy would:

- Limit or reduce pickleball access, rather than expand it
- Prioritize reallocation in a way that does not align with actual usage patterns

If demand is higher for pickleball, policy should reflect that—not restrict it.

Dual-Use Courts Are Working

The proposal suggests that dual-use courts are not effective. This does not reflect the lived experience of players.

- Dual use is working well across Seattle courts
- When a player arrives with a valid reservation, courts are routinely and respectfully turned over
- Isolated instances of non-compliance should not be used to justify sweeping changes
- Both tennis and pickleball users can and do adjust to additional lines on the court.

It is not reasonable to penalize the entire pickleball community because of a few bad actors. Every shared public resource experiences occasional misuse—this is not unique to pickleball.

Misunderstanding of Open Play

The strategy demonstrates a clear misunderstanding of how open play functions and why it is successful.

Examples:

- At Walt Hundley Playfield: Open play occurs Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- At Delridge Playfield: Open play occurs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

These systems:

- Work extremely well
- Regularly serve 60+ players per session or 240+ players a week in a 4 court configuration
- Balance open play with drop-in and reservations effectively

Open play is also where the core of the community is built:

- It fosters inclusion, social connection, and accessibility
- It allows new players to integrate easily
- It is also the primary access point for many players

The proposal to convert courts to full-day open play suggests a misunderstanding of this balance and risks disrupting a system that is already functioning successfully. It would also necessitate further travel to reach those courts.

Unrealistic Timeline for Relief

The strategy suggests that the pickleball community should wait approximately three years for new courts.

In reality:

- Timelines for public projects often extend due to budget constraints, permitting delays, and potential legal challenges
- The actual wait could be significantly longer

In the meantime, the proposal would reduce access before replacement capacity is available, worsening an already constrained system

Conclusion

The proposed strategy is based on incomplete data, incorrect assumptions, and a limited understanding of how pickleball is actually played in Seattle.

Before moving forward, Seattle Parks and Recreation should:

- Reevaluate its data sources
- Incorporate real-world usage patterns
- Engage more deeply with the pickleball community
- Preserve and expand—not restrict—access where demand is highest

A more balanced, evidence-based approach will better serve all racquet sport users and ensure equitable access to public facilities. Seattle Parks and Recreation is urged to reassess its data and engage more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the current court usage plan.

4-May	Jay Kornfeld-PKS Info	First, don't fix what is not broken. The dual use, while not perfect, meets the needs of tennis and pickleball players in Seattle. Second, once you have installed replacement courts, then you can make this revision. Take a breath and realize you don't need to take action until you have actually built a solution. Until then, shutting down 36 pickleball courts simply takes away facilities for the city that Parks is supposed to provide. Government does not have to be bureaucratic or take a long time to solve issues. Take this one step at a time and don't deny access to anyone.
6-May	Kim-Engage	As we heard repeatedly at the Bitterlake meeting, people are wanting to protect access to open play because of how it invites new pickleball players to be introduced to the sport and this leads to the growth of a more diverse community being formed. Would you please consider increasing the proportion of open play courts to reserved courts in order to protect this important value?

10-May

Christina Broadwin-
Direct email

My name is Christina Broadwin and I live in the 98103 zip code. I have lived in Seattle for just over 10 years. I am a PTR Certified Tennis Instructor and have worked at Amy Yee Tennis Center in the past, but for the past 3 years have worked at Tennis Center Sand Point. I also play Pickleball occasionally with friends although tennis is the sport I am most passionate about. I work with all ages and mostly beginners helping them discover the sport and all it's lifetime benefits. I used to be the club manager and ran an outdoor 13 court facility in Fremont California before moving to Seattle.

I spoke at 2 of the 3 community meetings and met Ms. Hindenlang and Mr. Garner at those meetings. I would like this email as well as the attached petition and image from Renton dual-purpose striped courts included as part of the public input.

Last week when I learned about the draft proposal, I created the attached petition and started collecting signatures. In about 5 days, it has received 550 signatures and continues to gain momentum as individuals learn about the proposal.

Please read the first page of the petition as it summarizes my position. I also gave a copy to Mr. Garner on Thursday as well as Saturday, but it has more signatures now so wanted to make sure you had the latest version before the public comment ends today. I posted this petition using the MoveOn.org website and individuals add their name, email and zip code.

Basically, I believe this draft proposal is a complete non-starter from both a tennis and pickleball perspective. It is a lose-lose situation for both sides and does nothing to increase playing time but only aggravates the situation creating more conflict and animosity between the groups. This proposal goes against the Park's mission to help build healthy communities and does the exact opposite creating conflict and resentment between two groups who both have double digit growth in their sports.

The city has done a poor job supporting the pickleball community and the tennis community and our citizens deserve a more robust and long term strategy that doesn't just explore outdoor racquet sports but also looks at the whole situation and includes indoor options as well. We also need more time for the community to provide input and become aware of the plan. We do not understand the sudden rush and many tennis players have just learned about this plan this week. No notices were posted on the tennis courts which would have been a very obvious first step if real engagement was desired.

Please pause this plan completely and take more time to work with the tennis and pickleball communities to

come up with a plan that is feasible and less disruptive to all players. We desperately need more indoor and outdoor tennis courts for a city the size of Seattle, more neighborhood dedicated pickleball courts (away from tennis courts and residences) and more time to inform individuals and collect feedback. In the winter tennis players cannot shift indoors to community centers like pickleballers can and we desperately need more indoor tennis courts for the public.

In regards to the hub structure and pickleball, I am not a fan of the large hubs due to traffic, noise and parking issues. Instead I prefer more neighborhood spaces (Seattle is, after all, a city of neighborhoods) with maybe a smaller number of courts where people can walk or bike to a court and don't have to add to our already congested traffic scene. Maybe one hub for PB tournaments or large groups but not more than that. We need to consider passing a bond or securing corporate or other funds to build additional indoor and outdoor tennis courts and also build more pickleball courts. This discussion has been happening for years and nothing has happened. Can other sports other than tennis take some of the burden so it isn't just tennis that is impacted? Are there some other sports where spaces are being underutilized that could be converted to pickleball courts in neighborhood parks (an basketball court here or there (Cowen Park or elsewhere), a grassy field that is flat, an under-utilized parking lot, a lawn bowling area or a horseshoes area in Lower Woodland Park that is never used?).

I also learned at the Thursday meeting that Renton has a policy and signage that supports this policy where courts are shared but that only one of the sports is there during the given day and time. I believe this policy could be utilized at some portion of the sites to reduce conflict and increase utilization with players being able to plan accordingly. I've attached an image of the sign from one of the Renton courts so you can refer to it. Perhaps an analysis of what 3-4 other cities have done might also prove worthwhile?

I hope you will pause this current draft proposal and take more time for analysis and community feedback. If there is a chance to serve on an advisory council, in any capacity, I would welcome that opportunity.

11-May

Denise Pardi-Direct
email

After reading the draft I understand the place you are in at this moment in time – between a rock and a hard place I’d say. While you are trying to separate the two sports, tennis and pickleball, it’s mainly because of the players not honoring each other’s right to the court. That made sense to me. And I understand the difficulty in acquiring land to build more courts.

I want to share my viewpoints regarding Magnolia Playfield being turned into a tennis only court. While I totally understand the difficulty people have made this matter for each other, until this matter can reach a solution, I think it would be best to reconsider some overall strategies you have proposed.

Since I am directly involved at the Magnolia Playfield, my appeal listed below, (worth reading I believe for the healthcare point of view), may in fact, at least for the time being, possess a compromise. The thought is splitting for now the outdoor courts into tennis on one side and pickleball and given the draft strategy proposal, just open play with unfortunately no reservations.

Here is why the Magnolia Playfield is so vitally important to so many in the community:

Our Magnolia Playfield community pickleball players consist of all ages, from 16 – 83. We have had the added benefit for seniors and others of being a great social gathering place for us all.

I have been making community pickleball reservations (only charging reimbursement costs), through the Seattle Parks (Amy Yee Tennis Center) since June 2024. The fun, exercise, enjoyment, and social fulfillment that our gatherings for all who play has been absolutely priceless and immeasurable.

We as a real community of people from around the neighborhoods, and as you might well imagine, are terribly upset at this new development. I have over a (100) people on my (free) notification list who every week look forward to playing outside with what has turned out to be a great group of people. I constantly throughout the year receive requests to be added to this list.

The Playfield’s are a vibrant place that people meet and get to know their neighbors, share time and warm greetings, and their lives are better for having had the experience.

WHAT IS ACTUALLY CREATING THE INABILITY OF TENNIS PLAYERS AND PICKLEBALL PLAYERS FROM WORKING TOGETHER:

There is no Seattle Parks department oversight of monitoring the park courts. Like a branch of the police

department issues parking ticket violations, so should the parks dept. While you may believe it's too expensive, it's a lot less expensive in the long run especially compared to the draft proposal, (resurfacing and new surface costs, finding and financing new location sites, the cost of staff toward these efforts).

The parks department seems to have taken no responsibility for human interaction issues from the beginning. When there are reservation protections, there was no one to help enforce those reservations leaving all support up to the players which we know from our own experiences don't always include sportsmanlike conduct. There needs to be court field staff support. The fault is the way that people behave badly, but regardless it exists.

We need court support and monitoring. That's what is needed to put all this disgruntled matter to rest and allow the tennis and pickleball players to be heard and to respect each others sport.

There is another way to make this issue work for both sides that I hope you will consider. Our health and social well-being depend on your decision.

11-May

Mac-Engage

Will the end of dual use result in a NET GAIN of reservable tennis courts, or will tennis lose court access overall? Tennis has a 100+ year history in Seattle parks. The dual use era eroded dedicated tennis space. While ending dual use is supported, the strategy must commit to replacing every tennis court lost to pickleball conversion with new dedicated tennis courts. The expansion study (Brighton, Froula, Magnuson)

must be fully funded and time-bound, not indefinite. Please publish a court-count baseline so the community can track whether tennis gains or loses net court access under this plan.

11-May

Craig Montgomery-
Online petition

The Issue

The pickleball community in Seattle is understandably upset about losing access to dual-use courts at some city parks. They are circulating a petition and proposal which, among other remedies, would reallocate the Amy Yee Tennis Center and Lower Woodland Tennis Courts to dual-use. While much of the Seattle tennis community is amenable to dual use in some form, this would be an unacceptable seizure.

Petition Opposing the Introduction of Pickleball at Amy Yee Tennis Center and Lower Woodland Tennis Courts

To: Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Seattle City Council, and relevant city decision-makers

We, the undersigned residents, tennis players, neighbors, and community members, respectfully oppose any proposal to convert or dedicate courts at Amy Yee Tennis Center and Lower Woodland Tennis Courts for pickleball use. These facilities were developed and maintained primarily to serve Seattle's tennis community and remain among the city's most heavily used public tennis venues. Converting courts or expanding pickleball operations at these locations would negatively affect access, play quality, neighborhood livability, and the long-term sustainability of public tennis in Seattle.

We urge the City to preserve these facilities as dedicated tennis venues for the following reasons:

Preservation of Limited Tennis Infrastructure

Seattle already faces high demand and limited availability for public tennis courts, especially covered and tournament-quality courts. Amy Yee Tennis Center serves youth programs, school teams, seniors, leagues, lessons, and year-round recreational players. Lower Woodland is also a heavily utilized public tennis facility. Reducing tennis capacity at either site would worsen existing shortages and increase wait times for court access.

Noise and Neighborhood Impact

Pickleball generates significantly more repetitive and higher-frequency noise than tennis. Residents near

parks across the country have raised concerns regarding the constant “popping” sound associated with pickleball play. Introducing or expanding pickleball at these locations risks creating ongoing noise conflicts for surrounding neighborhoods and park users.

Protection of Existing Community Programs

Amy Yee supports long-established instructional programs, junior development, adaptive tennis, USTA leagues, and community events. Court conversions could disrupt programming that serves thousands of Seattle residents annually and undermine investments made specifically for tennis infrastructure.

Appropriate Facility Planning

The growing popularity of pickleball should be addressed through thoughtful planning and development of dedicated pickleball facilities in locations designed to accommodate the sport’s unique space, noise, and operational requirements. Existing high-demand tennis centers should not bear the burden of conversion at the expense of current users.

Equity and Public Access

Public tennis facilities are already scarce in many parts of Seattle. Preserving these courts ensures continued affordable access to a lifelong sport that serves people of all ages, backgrounds, and ability levels.

We respectfully request that the City:

Reject any proposal to convert tennis courts at Amy Yee Tennis Center or Lower Woodland Tennis Courts to pickleball use;

Preserve these facilities primarily and permanently for tennis;

Engage in transparent public outreach before making any changes to court allocations;

Explore alternative sites for dedicated pickleball expansion that minimize impacts on existing tennis infrastructure and nearby residents.

We support balanced recreational planning that accommodates multiple sports while protecting vital public tennis resources for current and future generations

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21-Apr

Ginny Moore

I am writing to ask you to stand up for Seattle's growing Pickleball Community. Show that you favor overall health, fitness, social engagement, for your constituents.

Please take immediate action:

I ask for you to delay SPR's proposed June 22, 2026 Racquet Sport Strategy.

— Immediate priority: Keep the present dual-lined courts until they have met the court needs of the growing pickleball community.

— Ask: what data do they have suggesting there is a need for more tennis courts?

— Ask: why aren't they obtaining data about the use of tennis vs. pickleball usage on Seattle courts?

At minimum, I urge you to demand SPR delay implementation of the proposed strategy until they:

1. Gather data on actual usage
2. Perform a needs analysis
3. Obtain input from the pickleball and tennis community.

It is SPR's job to serve all of the communities of Seattle with recreational opportunities. The tennis courts, like most of the city's athletic facilities, were built with public money. They are public assets and do not belong to any single sport. Tennis players have played next to me twice, and they were welcomed by the pickleball players. In those 5 years, I often experience a wait period (paddles stacked) on the courts to play pickleball.

It appears that tennis players have the space they need, as I have observed empty dedicated courts more than not.

I've NEVER seen tennis players waiting in line to play at any court.

Pickleball is NOT Going Away:

Pickleball, the official state sport, is a thriving, vibrant recreational sport played by a passionate community of people who are benefiting from active living.

According to ESPN, in 2024, pickleball had surged to over 13 million players in the U.S., reflecting a growth of more than 200% in just three years.

It's ongoing growth far exceeds the declining prioritization and support it's been given in Seattle. Tennis will always be recognized as a time-honored sport.

I am only suggesting that due to its ongoing popularity and player usage of the SPR's courts, pickleball deserves at least equal attention.

This sport serves as fun RECREATIONAL activity for some, and competitive league/tournament level of activity for others.

It is a sport that is inclusive of all ages, abilities and income levels. Pickleball also continues to grow as a legitimate international PROFESSIONAL sport.

The top professional player, Anna Leigh Waters, makes over \$3M a year. In 2026, she became the first pickleball player sponsored by Nike.

Her earnings are twice the earnings of the top WNBA or WNHL players. Bottom line: Pickleball is not going away.

One person's personal benefits:

Since 2021, I have been an active pickleball player, and play 3-4 times a week, on West Seattle's Alki and Delridge SPR courts.

At 74, pickleball has benefited me in these ways:

1. Health: Lowered heart rate and blood pressure.
 2. Fitness: Increased mobility, strength, faster reflexes and balance. My physical therapists are thrilled with my physical condition.
 3. Mental Health: Cognitive challenges, focus, sportsmanship, and overall well being.
 4. Volunteering: I am one of the assistant coaches with the ongoing Tuesday Pickleball class at Delridge Community Center.
 5. Social: The pickleball community meets a large part of my social needs as a single Senior Citizen. On any given day, I can play
on any of the courts in West Seattle and see players I know and have played with. There will be birthday cards to sign, celebratory news,
challenging health news, and yes, funerals to attend. We laugh, joyously shout "good shot" to an opponent, and tap paddles
at the end of each game. We exchange phone numbers, console each other, and exchange hugs as we leave for the day.
 6. Affordable: Being able to play at Community Center's outside courts for no cost has been critical for me as a retired senior on a
limited income. The new indoor pickleball clubs are nice, but the cost is from \$40—80/hour per court.
- Final personal note: Pickleball has enhanced the quality of my life. It has given me ongoing physical and mental fitness,
a strong purpose and passion, and an engagement with a vibrant community in my close-by neighborhood of West Seattle.

Again, I ask for you to immediately delay SPR's proposed June 22, 2026 Racquet Sport Strategy. If SPR proceeds, Seattle's pickleball players will have less courts than player demand. I ask for your support, inclusion and equity towards the needs of your active community.

23-Apr	mikan-Engage	SPR use of placer.ai data
24-Apr	filson-Engage	Did SPR look at PlaytimeScheduler.com in assessing court utilization data?
25-Apr	Ron M-Engage	Skewed data
26-Apr	DS	Inaccurate data from Tennis Court Reservation System

Electronic Feedback between 4-22 and 5-11

27-Apr 5-May	migueldc-Engage Karen Castelain- Direct email to MO	What reasoning led to "Table 1: Proposed Dedicated Use Change"? I am writing to express my concern about the City of Seattle’s plan to remove 36 pickleball courts. I respectfully ask for greater transparency around how this decision was made, particularly regarding the data and usage analysis that informed it. I want to be clear that I am not opposed to tennis or to tennis players having access to courts. I believe both communities should be supported. However, this proposal does not feel balanced or grounded in an accurate reflection of how these spaces are currently being used. Over the past two years, pickleball has become an essential part of my daily life. After recently losing my job, it has also become my primary source of social connection and community. I play every day. The sport is accessible, low-cost, and welcoming—especially for individuals like me who may arrive alone but are quickly included. The simple system of placing a paddle in line allows anyone to join a game, making it uniquely inclusive. Pickleball’s accessibility matters. It is easy on the body, requires minimal equipment, and allows people of all backgrounds and skill levels to participate. For many, including myself, it is more than just recreation—it is a vital support system. Given this, I urge you to reconsider or at least re-evaluate the proposed removal of these courts. Specifically, I would appreciate answers to the following: What usage data supports this decision? How does the city plan to balance the needs of both pickleball and tennis players? Were community members and regular users of these courts consulted in a meaningful way? I strongly believe that decisions impacting shared public spaces should be based on clear, transparent data and should reflect the needs of the communities who use them daily. Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to engage further on this issue.
7-May 9-May	Public comments BDJ-Engage	Provide SPR annual operating budget and percentage spent on racquet sports. Where is the data supporting the many statements made in the RSS that are not consistent with my experience? There are many statement in the draft RSS that seem exceptional rather than a serious problem that would justify penalizing the pickleball community. Where is the data that supports the RSS? When all racquet sport users are asking for more courts, why do pickleball courts get eliminated when they accommodate FOUR TIMES as many players? One tennis court usually used for singles can also be two PB courts virtually always used for doubles. That's EIGHT players vs TWO!!! How is the proposed RSS?
9-May	David Isaacson-Direct email	My survey response requested the demand data and methodology used for the Gilman Playground designation.

11-May

Amy Nelson-Direct
email

First, I would like to thank you and Annie for the Outdoor Racquet Sport Proposal meeting on Saturday. You did a great job of creating a welcoming and appropriate space, facilitating a well organized meeting, ensuring everyone had a voice, and reassuring us that we all were heard. Very well done!!!!

As you move forward to make adjustments, there are a few things I would like to add to the public comment regarding the following topics:

PROCESS

A good first step is getting common sense leadership on both sides of the issue together at the table, reviewing the data together and collecting additional court usage data in a different manner if needed. From my perspective, you were trying to solve problems that came from complaints. The majority of people don't communicate to you when things are working well so the proposal was attempting to create some pretty drastic changes to problems that may not exist at the level you thought. For example, people not adhering to the rules . . . Happens very occasionally at the courts in which I play. We were told by the "ambassadors" that open play occurred at designated times on different days. That information spread by word of mouth, but there is no signage at my courts to clearly explain that. We need BOTH open play and drop in/reservation times. Just keep it simple, same timeframes at all courts all days and make signage. Address the smaller issues so you can then buy time to address the larger issue of needing to add more courts.

DATA

I am concerned that if you use the data from the survey, it will again drive solutions that don't address the problems. The only statistical data you can draw from is the forced ranking. Forced ranking is a great strategy but the questions (you need more than just one) are the key to getting good data. The big issues of dual use, open play and drop-in are all in one ranking. They each needed to be separate, and more specific. The other ranked items were things that weren't much of an issue. I couldn't even rank them because none of them were issues to me so I don't know how well addressed they were. It's worth another try at a force ranking survey to get a little deeper into the data in order to solve the problem.

I really do appreciate the time you have spent listening to our voices. I know how much time and energy that takes. From my perspective, the meetings showed that the system is working well for most people and they will be highly impacted if it is changed in the way presented by this proposal.

10-May	JSPlayer-Engage	Has SPR ever collected data on many many people play Pickleball. I can't help but think this proposal could only be proposed if no data has been collected on the amount of people who play pickleball. Assuming good intent, this is critical information to have. Most players spend more time waiting than playing already. This proposal couldn't have possible been suggested if this was known. Please share any collected data on this. Thank you.
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Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-West Seattle
23-Apr	Ellen Levine-Direct email	First of all, there is no scheduled meetings nearby for the folks from West Seattle. And this market is seriously impacted by the strategy. Second, the West Seattle community has a population of 65+ that is the largest growing segment of the population living and paying taxes here. Third, and kind of important.... In the space dedicated to one tennis court, if renovated, 4 pickleball courts would fit in that same space. Finally, the survey was difficult to complete. The section asking to rank your choices in order of importance was not useful at all and the remainder of the survey was contingent on your answers. The strategy seems to be based on really old data.
23-Apr	Rosina Geary-Direct email	Please pause the removal of these 36 courts until new pickleball facilities are built.
23-Apr	Ginny M-Engage	West Seattle Court Distribution Facts: Please Review SPR Strategy! Tennis 15 (5 locations) Pickleball: 12 (3 locations) PROPOSED: Tennis 15 (4 locations) Pickleball 4 (1 location!) THE QUESTION: How is this distribution acceptable to SPR? For now: KEEP the present courts as are, UNTIL revised planned pickleball courts are resurfaced/built in West Seattle. Thanks for listening!
23-Apr	Ginny M-Engage	West Seattle Court Distribution Facts: Please Review SPR Strategy!

24-Apr	Ginny Moore-Direct email	This is tricky. This is the biggest complaint across the nation, and some smaller towns have even banned pickleball. The pickleball businesses and manufacturers continue to work in this, because they know the benefit of this sport. Here are some ideas: 1. Attach sound-reducing material to the chain link fence sides that face residences homes. There are a few manufacturers of different styles. Any of them would help. 2. Encourage players to purchase a specific “QUIET” paddle. There are also paddle pads, and quieter balls. They have a surface that makes a softer sound when hitting a plastic ball. Not all players can afford these items, and many may not want to change paddles, but any use of these items will help overall noise. I own and use three of the paddles. 3. Gather some players and meet the surrounding neighbors. Find out the issues. Talk about options. Invite them to come play and try it out. Just making that small effort to talk to them in person will make a difference. Conclusion: There are some definite changes that could be made to reduce the noise on the courts. Read below.
25-Apr	Ron M-Engage	West Crest Park availability

25-Apr	Erin Wagnild-Direct email	I am writing to express my concern about Seattle Parks & Recreation’s proposed Racquet Sports Strategy, which would eliminate dual use courts, including 36 pickleball courts across Seattle. Pickleball is deeply important to me. I grew up playing tennis, but discovered pickleball about six years ago and quickly fell in love with it. What has kept me playing is not just the game itself, but the strong sense of community it creates. Through pickleball at the Delridge and High Point (Walt Hundley) courts in West Seattle, I have met people who are welcoming, supportive, and kind. Many of those connections have grown into genuine friendships, and those courts have become an important gathering place for our community. As I get older, I see pickleball as a sport I can continue playing for many years. I also have a teenage daughter who loves the game, and it has become something we genuinely enjoy doing together. It has been especially meaningful to watch teenagers regularly playing at the Alki courts, meeting after school, staying active, and building connections with each other. Pickleball provides them with an accessible, positive outlet that keeps them engaged and connected to their community. Transitioning these courts back to tennis would be a significant loss for these teens, particularly in West Seattle where court availability is already limited. Many young people and families cannot afford membership fees or indoor court rentals, which makes free and accessible public courts essential for equity and inclusion. Preserving pickleball access in our public parks ensures that people of all ages and backgrounds can participate. Losing these courts would have a substantial impact on my family and on the broader pickleball community. I am also concerned that there was insufficient data provided to support the proposed strategy, especially given that the growth of pickleball far outpaces the level of prioritization it currently receives. I respectfully ask for your support in protecting these shared spaces and ensuring that Seattle’s parks continue to serve the evolving needs of the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.
25-Apr	Lynne Alexander-Direct email	Please do not take away our pickleball courts at Magnolia playfield! As a senior, I have become more involved in my community, made friends of all ages and been able to be physically active, thanks to neighborhood pickleball. I used to play tennis but it is not an option for seniors with limited mobility. Also, pickleball is uniquely inclusive to all who want to participate. Tennis was a lot more snobbish and competitive.

Please don't make seniors turn to private and costly clubs to have our fun!

27-Apr	Karen Rains-Direct email	I'd like to report that yesterday at 4:30 pm the pickleball courts at Walt Hundley were full with people waiting. My group went to Delridge, got the last available court, and within minutes there were people waiting. When we left at 6:00 pm there were three groups waiting for courts to open up. We drove home via Walt Hundley, all courts were full with at least one group waiting. There were no tennis players at Walt Hundley either time we went by.
27-Apr	migueldc-Engage	Getting rid of pickleball courts in our city is insane. The recommendations were developed with community input Who are the users? How did you establish their needs? How did you measure equitability What significant background data?
30-Apr	Peter K-Engage	Why were no meetings scheduled in West Seattle, this is one area that pickleball is being greatly impacted by the strategy.
30-Apr	Sandi-Engage	West Seattle Pickleball gets the shaft.

1-May

Val Goulart-Direct
email

Thank you for your informative presentation today during the Parks & Rec meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to understand the reasoning behind the proposed changes to the tennis and pickleball courts. You did a great job.

I live in West Seattle with my family. I'm a former tennis player who, three years ago, started playing pickleball. I volunteer as a pickleball instructor at Delridge Community Center on Tuesdays. I regularly play at Alki (walkable), Delridge, Walt Huntley, and Chief Sealth SWAC (I bring a net). I play during both open and closed play, indoors and outdoors, in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. I play with my family and my son also plays in the Westside Pickleball Youth League at Chief Sealth on Sunday afternoons. Suffice it to say, we make very good use of West Seattle's courts!

I would respectfully like to ask you a few questions:

1. Can you please send me a link to your presentation?
2. Can you please send me a link to the resurfacing schedule? I'm particularly interested in when Alki will be resurfaced.
3. What are the 12 dual use courts that have not been slated for pickleball or tennis only?
4. Per your presentation, in five years, pickleball will have slightly fewer courts and tennis will have significantly fewer courts than today. Budget-wise, it seems like we'd spend a lot of money to remain in the same or worse situation we're in today. Is there an alternative way we can use the budget to increase the number of courts for everyone?
5. Can we keep the dual striping until new, dedicated courts are created nearby? The loss of Alki and especially Walt Huntley will be devastating to our West Seattle pickleball community. As is, there aren't enough courts for high demand times like 8am-1pm or 5pm-7pm. Most of the people I play with are retired and on a fixed income, so they cannot afford to join a private pickleball facility (none of which are in West Seattle). I worry that folks will lose important camaraderie, company and fitness. I have personally had zero issues with the dual striping. I have helped move the pickleball net for tennis players. Others and I switched pickleball courts so tennis players could use a court. I've had tennis players vacate and then help me move the pickleball net back on so I could play. I've even let random tennis players use my paddle to try pickleball. I'm saddened to hear that others in the community have had different experiences with tennis vs. pickleball players.
6. Reserve-only at Delridge will be so sad. That will be the only court with a net in West Seattle and I won't be able to just show up with my kids and play because it'll be constantly in use by either other drop-ins or folks who have reserved it in advance. As it is, we sometimes can't play at Alki because it's full, so we drive to Delridge, which is also full, and then we go to SWAC to set up our own net. I beg you, at a minimum, please

do not make any courts "reserve only." This is going to lead to the same arguments that you're facing now about open vs closed play. People need time to gather as a community and do open play together.

I have a potential solution for my concerns in #4, #5, and #6.

- Let's spend money on excellent physical signage at every court. The signs can show the days and hours of that court's open pickleball play (every court would have drop-in) and explain the rules of open pickleball. The remaining hours would be for reserved or drop-in play. The sign could include a QR code for both reserving the court and viewing the availability of the court (i.e. to see if someone else indeed reserved it). The sign would explain the rules of reserved and drop-in (e.g. two hour maximum for drop-in play).
- Signage could also have some rules of courtesy for not just open vs closed pickleball play but also tennis and pickleball play.
- All of this can also be posted online so folks can see which courts have open and closed play times and reserve a court.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to chat about any of this. I'm happy to chat and help brainstorm solutions that balance the needs of tennis and pickleball players as well as nearby neighbors. If possible, as a very inexpensive experiment, perhaps post new signage at one or two courts asap to see if it mitigates any of the dual striping issues you're seeing. If the signage alone doesn't help, we at least have a data point indicating that single-use courts are the way to go in some areas. Maybe dual striping works for some areas and not others. Right now, I'm totally fine with dual stripe because in 3 years of playing three to four times weekly, I've only had two confrontations with other pickleball players regarding open, drop-in, reserved, and closed play. I've never had an issue with tennis players.

4-May

Judy Turner-Direct
email

I urge you to reconsider SPR's racquet sports strategy. It appears that this strategy was based on no data on actual usage at the outdoor courts or input from people who use them. I live in West Seattle, where we have three outdoor courts available for pickleball. All three courts are very heavily used for pickleball all day every day, and in fact, often no courts are available when people show up to play. To close two of them for pickleball, leaving only one that is already in high demand, would make it impossible for many, many people to play pickleball, which has become an important part of the West Seattle community, connecting neighbors and allowing physical activity. For years, I have played regularly at Alki and Delridge outdoors (as well as SWAC) and I have NEVER seen a tennis player waiting. In contrast, I very often see people lined up and waiting to play pickleball at Alki and Delridge. What data do you have suggesting that there is a need for more outdoor tennis courts in West Seattle? You could very easily obtain data supporting the need for more outdoor pickleball courts in West Seattle.

West Seattle is a diverse community. For many residents, it would not be possible to drive to a court in another part of the city, due to the time involved, cost, and unavailability of public transportation. Even for someone willing and able to afford it, to drive to another part of the city, facing West Seattle Bridge traffic in both directions, only to find the courts full elsewhere, is not a viable option.

I urge you to keep Alki, High Point, and SWAC available as they are currently for dual pickleball and tennis use, as well as keeping Delridge available for pickleball.

At minimum, I urge you to delay implementation of the proposed strategy until you have gathered data on actual usage, performed a needs analysis, and obtained input from the pickleball as well as tennis community.

4-May

Deborah Gray-Direct
email

I am deeply concerned that the proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on incomplete and misleading data, a lack of understanding of the game, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed strategy is implemented, which eliminates 40% of the pickleball courts, the opportunities for playing pickleball will be severely limited if not effectively eliminated for many players.

The proposed strategy relies heavily on tennis court reservation data, yet over 95% of pickleball players do not use the reservation system. Pickleball is primarily played through open play and drop-in formats not requiring reservations. This proposed strategy significantly underestimates both participation and frequency of use.

Pickleball courts are consistently full, while many tennis courts sit unused. If there are more pickleball players—potentially by a wide margin—why reduce access?

The strategy also appears to misunderstand how current systems are working:

Dual-use courts are effective. When reservations are presented, courts are typically shared appropriately.

Isolated issues should not justify broad restrictions. I have played pickleball at Rainier Beach playfield where the court next to me is playing tennis. We all got along just fine. (Add your own experience or delete)

Open play as it is used today (two hour time slots on various days) is working extremely well. I am personally familiar with the Walt Hundley and Delridge Playfields where open play sessions regularly draw 60+ players for each session. About 240 players a week. (Add your own experience or delete)

Eliminating 40% of the pickleball courts and asking pickleball players to wait three or more years for new courts—timelines that could easily slip due to budget or permitting delays, does not support the Seattle Parks and Recreation’s mission and goals.

In short, the proposed strategy does not reflect actual usage patterns or community needs. I urge Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data and engage more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the current court usage plan. (Change this sentence if sending to the Mayor or the City Council. Something like, I urge you to ask Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data and engage more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the current court usage plan.)

10-May	Ron Hinkel-Direct email	I have an easy solution to your Racquet Sport Strategy here in West Seattle. First, point out to the tennis players that there are Solstice Park, Highland Park, and Riverview Park offering them nine beautiful dedicated courts to play on. Second, convert Walt Hundley, Delridge and Alki courts into dedicated pickleball courts which would provide a total of twelve courts for pickleball. Based on the current demand and the projected growth of pickleball that makes things just about even considering very few tennis players utilize the courts that they already have here in West Seattle based on the attached photo of Riverview Park.
10-May	Janet Bingham-Direct email	So, please take another look at the kind of data that you took and compare it to the real world and see if they match before going forward on your plans. And please consider, if you take away the dual used courts that we already have which would force most of us to drive miles out of our way when once upon a time we had neighborhood courts in walking distance. There are four tennis courts in west seattle: Alki, Delridge, Walt Huntley and solstice I've never seen any one playing at any of the four courts at different times of the day playing tennis. Why take three of these courts away specifically for tennis when they're underutilized and leave only one for PB??? We PBers even stack our paddles because there are many people waiting to play. It just isn't fair

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Gilman
28-Apr	Tim Miller-Direct email	I recently saw the draft Outdoor Racquet Sport Strategy document posted (with your name as the contact), and I have to say that I'm somewhat shocked. I live near Gilman Playground, and while I play neither pickleball nor tennis, I walk my dog in the area frequently over the last 5 years. To a first approximation, before pickleball nets were added, the courts were empty 100% of the time. As pickleball was introduced, the park went from being nearly always completely empty to frequently being lively and highly populated, often even during bad weather and winter. Isn't this what we want parks for? To serve recreation needs of the community? I'm totally mystified that you want to turn this park back into an empty lot. This is like saying half the soccer fields in Seattle are now only polo grounds. I appreciate that there are issues that come up with popularity (I tried to get into pickleball but was a little intimidated by the crowds and the lack of organization at the courts), but I think we should start from a place of not looking a gift horse in the mouth -- huge throngs of people are using the parks and getting exercise -- and try to figure out how to make the parks work better for them.

4-May

ChrisMacDonald-
Direct email

I live in Ballard and play both tennis and pickleball.

For northwest Seattle, you have Gilman, Wallingford, Soundview, and W Magnolia for tennis, and no pickleball except Bitter Lake, which may still have tennis.

Even if there were the same number of tennis players and pickleball players, one of those should be for pickleball. Gilman makes sense to me. I suspect there are a significant majority of pickleball players, so the proposed balance is probably even worse.

11-May

Kangie Chan-Direct
email

My name is Kangie Chan, and I'm writing on behalf of GVG (Great Vibes Gilman), an organized Gilman pickleball community currently 163 members strong. For many of us, Gilman Playground is our primary local court, and we rely on it for regular recreation, fitness, and community connection.

We strongly oppose the draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy proposal to designate Gilman Playground as tennis-only. This change would effectively eliminate pickleball access at Gilman and displace a significant, established community that depends on these courts.

What we are requesting

1. Keep Gilman available for pickleball, either as dual-use (status quo) or as pickleball-dedicated rather than converting it to tennis-only.
2. Do not move forward with Phase I conversion steps (signage/infrastructure changes) at Gilman without transparency on the decision basis.
3. Please publish the Gilman-specific data used to support the tennis-only designation, including:
 - o School use levels at Gilman
 - o Pre- and post-dual-use demand
 - o The site suitability factors
 - o The complaint/incident history being used to justify this change (counts + themes + timing)

Why this matters (briefly)

SPR's own materials indicate that ending dual use can cause an immediate loss of pickleball courts. Removing pickleball at Gilman would displace players to other sites, increase crowding and conflict elsewhere, and eliminate one of the few convenient free outdoor options for our neighborhood community.

GVG members are also willing to be part of the solution at Gilman. If concerns include conflict and rule-breaking, we support clear rules/signage and on-site management solutions that reduce conflicts without removing pickleball, such as structured scheduling, improved signage, and community "court ambassador" support at peak times.

Thank you for your time and for considering the impact on the Gilman pickleball community. We would appreciate a response regarding the Gilman-specific rationale and whether SPR is willing to reconsider the Gilman tennis-only designation. Feel free to reach out to me if I can help providing additional information about Gilman usage patterns from our community (peak times, typical wait/queue, and user mix).

Received Date	Sender-Format	Topic-Public meetings
24-Apr	Shirley Marcus-Direct email	Several of us attended Thursday's Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners meeting. We attempted to sign up to speak. Unfortunately, none of our names were selected, and the public comment portion ended up representing only one side of the issue-pro pickleball We understand that time is limited and procedures must be followed. At the same time, when a topic directly affects a residential neighborhood, it's important that both perspectives — players and nearby residents — have the chance to be heard. We hope that future meetings will ensure a more balanced speaker list so the full range of community experience is reflected. I also want to thank you for listening to us outside the formal comment period and for being as helpful as possible within the constraints of the meeting. We appreciate the work you do and your willingness to hear from all parts of the issue. You have been truly wonderful to work with.
26-Apr	Ellen Levine-Direct email	Will you be scheduling a meeting for feedback in West Seattle? All of the SPR courts here are needing repair. And taking the community down to 4 courts will be extremely unfair, especially to those of us who don't travel far to play.
27-Apr	Amy G	Public comments registration process
27-Apr	ayabobaya	SPR's Public Involvement Policy for public meeting materials, project budget (amount and sources), metrics
4-May	Peter K-Engage	Why are the in-person engagement meetings not being recorded?
5-May	Amy Nelson-PKS BPRC	Request to sign up to speak at May 9 meeting
7-May	BDJ-Engage	Why aren't all the graphics used at in-person presentations available online? Too much info is presented too fast during the presentation at in-person meetings. Please provide the power point graphics online.

Clarifying Questions

21-Apr	Pickleballnoiserelie-Engage	Impact of Pickleball noise. Has SPR taken into consideration the noise impact of pickleball to communities nearby when putting together this strategy. This is becoming an issue in many cities as Pickleball courts are built next to residential homes. This has been a battle between home owners and pickleball players in other cities in Washington including Snohomish county and Enumclaw.
23-Apr	Gigi-Engage	If changes follow community feedback review, how does that align with reports of June 22 net removal? The draft says changes would begin after community feedback is reviewed and the plan is finalized. We've also heard net removal could start as early as June 22. Can you clarify how that aligns with the engagement process?

23-Apr	Ginny-Engage	How can we help? Pickleball meets ALL the criteria of the goals of SPR. This sport encourages people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds to be ACTIVE and have FUN in our neighborhoods. It builds health, fitness and strong social communities. How can we help keep pickleball thriving? Tennis and pickleball players need to work together to solve all of the issues at hand. We can DO THIS! Please do not make decisions without us. Thanks for listening!
23-Apr	Let Us Play-Engage	Were community members and regular users of the courts identified to be removed consulted in a meaningful way?
23-Apr	Elise C-Engage	Clarity on plans at Ravenna Park West. 1) What specifically is the proposed change of dedicated use? I.e., how many pickleball courts, and how much space for basketball will remain? Basketball currently has two half-court spaces (total of two hoops). Both activities are popular on this court. 2) What level of upgrades will be made to this space? It's currently in poor shape despite regular usage across age groups. E.g., damaged fencing, fading DIY court lines (painted by park users), no seating, no lighting, no signage.
24-Apr	Bea-Engage	How much will removing lines cost?
26-Apr	Ginny M-Engage	What activity meets EVERY GOAL of SPR? Pickleball. How will you show your support to this thriving, active community?
27-Apr	migueldc-Engage	What complaints from the community at large are the result of dual-striping?
5-May	Katie Busby-Direct email	I am aware that pickleball responses are outpacing tennis by a large margin. The tennis community members I have asked to fill out the survey all respond that it does not make sense. The only thing that seems relevant is the end of dual use lines, resurfacing, expansion and lights. Resurfacing will be a huge cost. Will the city be transparent with the court resurfacing plan? I had heard that outdoor Amy Yee courts were supposed to be completed two summers ago and only two courts were completed last summer. Will the resurfacing budget be split evenly between tennis and pickleball? Can the community have a say on which courts need resurfacing? Would you ever look for alternate areas for pickleball, like basketball courts, concrete surfaces, playground areas with flat surfaces? Thanks for your time. I am a recently new member of the Amy Yee Community Council and I am surprised that we are not engaged more in this process.
27-Apr	migueldc-Engage	Has SPR seeked input from USA Pickleball?
29-Apr	Ginny M-Engage	Did you involve any pickleball players or associations in the development of RSS?

30-Apr	LAC	Have you considered priority times for each sport and posting rules so players can play at their local courts? Creates community and lowers traffic.
30-Apr	Peter K-Engage	Why are you only allowing a two week period for community input, when it took 8 years to come up with this proposal?
2-May	A11	Why do you think pickleball uses <50% of dual striped courts?
4-May	Mary Winsor-Direct email	I hope this finds you well and enjoying your day. I am reaching out with questions about impact of noise in the surrounding areas of pickleball courts, per the 2026 Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy. Will you please share how the City is managing the noise impacts of the proposed pickleball courts for the surrounding area of these courts? I am particularly interested in learning how the noise will affect wildlife (birds, other animals), and what the City has done to understand and plan for these impacts? As I hope you're already aware, Birds Connect Seattle recently published a disheartening report (https://birdsconnectsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Fewer_and_Fewer-Neighborhood_Bird_Project_2026_Analysis.pdf) that our urban bird populations and diversity are largely in a sharp decline. I would like to know how the City is mitigating these wildlife populations with plans for more development of racquetball courts, etc. Especially as we know the decibels of average birdsongs and calls are quieter on average than the sounds of pickleball play. Thank you for your time in answering my questions and hearing my concerns.
6-May	Amanda-Engage	Given that the PNW is one of the fastest growing regions in the country for the sport of tennis, what is the long-term proposal to increase the number of tennis courts to accommodate? The long-term plan indicates lower tennis court numbers in the next 4 years. Tennis courts are already extremely in demand, but this proposal only addresses increasing pickleball courts for long-term use.
7-May	BDJ-Engage	Why not schedule use of courts? Making exclusive use of courts by one sport means they will be empty more often. SPR plans to sign all of the courts so place the "sport schedule" on the sign. Equitably serving more people and making use of courts more efficient should be the goal NOT forcing people to travel farther to find a court to play on.
9-May	middaugh-Engage	Equaity between tennis and racquetball. Why does the SPR always favor tennis over pickleball in terms of the number of courts for each sport?

11-May	Mac-Engage	What capital improvements (lights, resurfacing) are specifically committed to tennis hubs like AYTC and Lower Woodland? AYTC and Lower Woodland are Seattle's highest-use tennis hubs, yet the strategy provides no specific capital commitments for them. Lit courts are essential for year-round tennis — Seattle's weather limits daylight play. AYTC courts are consistently overbooked. The strategy must include a specific timeline and funding commitment for: (1) additional lights at AYTC/Lower Woodland, (2) resurfacing schedules at all tennis hubs, and (3) covered courts feasibility at the primary tennis hub. Tennis play
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N/A - comments only

23-Apr

Isaac Westland-PKS
Info

As someone who plays pickleball regularly at city parks, I want to express genuine disappointment in the strategy proposed by Seattle Parks and Recreation. This department had an opportunity to respond thoughtfully to one of the fastest-growing recreational movements in the country - one that is already thriving in our city's courts and communities. Instead, the draft Racquet Sports Strategic Plan reduces access, offers vague and underfunded replacement commitments, and fails to back its recommendations with the data it claims to have collected. The pickleball community deserves better than this, and I urge the department to go back to the drawing board before this plan does lasting damage to access across the city. Several of the courts listed for removal are actively used for pickleball, courts I personally play on and regularly see occupied by other players. The scale of what's proposed is significant: the plan would eliminate over 36 pickleball courts, more than a third of the city's current inventory, including two of only five lighted facilities in Seattle. West Seattle would lose two of its three pickleball locations and its only lighted courts. South Seattle, which only recently gained courts after a community petition, would be left with no lighted courts south of Mount Baker. The plan claims to be based on "significant background data, engagement feedback, and planning documents collected over the past eight years," and to "most equitably address the needs communicated by the community", yet none of that data or feedback is cited anywhere in the document. No usage figures, no demand analysis, no community survey results. For a plan that immediately removes more than a third of existing pickleball courts, that's a serious omission. The primary justification offered for ending dual use is that complaints increased as more courts were added. But that's a circular argument, complaints naturally scale with volume. Without complaint rates per court, or any comparison to tennis complaint rates, this tells us nothing meaningful about whether dual use was actually failing. A data-driven plan would show that context. Where the plan does offer criteria, it raises more questions than it answers. Court assignments are described as being "informed by the level of existing Seattle school use" but school tennis use appears only as a footnote qualifier with no explanation of how heavily it was weighted, or why it should override recreational pickleball demand that, by most available indicators, equals or exceeds tennis participation in Seattle. The expansion commitments in the plan don't hold up to scrutiny either. The 2027 items are described as things SPR "will endeavor to study" and "determine alternative locations for" with no timelines, no court counts, and no funding attached. Meanwhile, the feasibility studies explicitly prioritize expanding three sites for additional tennis courts, while pickleball replacement is framed as finding nearby impervious surfaces. That's a noticeably lower standard of commitment for the sport losing the most courts. Perhaps most concerning is the plan's stated intention to rely on private facilities to meet pickleball demand in the short and long term. For a public parks department, outsourcing access to a popular recreational activity to private operators is a significant equity issue, particularly for lower-income residents who cannot afford private court fees. A plan that claims equity as a core principle should not treat privatization as an acceptable substitute for public access. The open play conversion creates its own access problem.

Converting hub locations to open play only addresses one segment of pickleball players. Those who need reserved courts for leagues, lessons, or structured group play lose access at those locations entirely. The paired reservation sites are smaller and fewer, creating a net reduction in reservable access that the plan doesn't acknowledge or account for. Finally, for a plan that explicitly claims to equitably address community needs, there is no geographic equity analysis presented. The removals fall disproportionately on South Seattle and West Seattle, neighborhoods that only recently gained courts through explicit community advocacy. That pattern deserves an explanation. The city and parks department have a real opportunity here. Rather than reducing infrastructure for one of the most accessible and fast-growing recreational activities around, investing in it would be a clear win for community health and quality of life. At minimum, any plan that removes courts should be required to show the data justifying those removals, and to commit to replacements before cuts take effect, not after.

23-Apr

Craig Montgomery-
Engage

Old Magnuson Park courts

24-Apr	Alice Ly-Direct email to MO	I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed removal of pickleball courts in our community. At this time, there has been no clear data or publicly shared justification supporting this decision, and I respectfully urge the city to pause any action until a transparent, data-driven process is conducted. Pickleball is one of the few highly accessible recreational activities in our region. It serves a wide range of ages and skill levels and plays an important role in fostering community connection—something especially valuable in a city often characterized by the “Seattle freeze.” The courts are not just recreational spaces; they are social hubs that help build a stronger, more inclusive community. From my consistent personal observations, the pickleball courts are in frequent and active use. In fact, during every visit I have made, pickleball players have occupied the courts significantly more often than tennis players. While anecdotal, this aligns with what many community members are seeing. It highlights the importance of collecting and sharing formal utilization data before making any decisions that would reduce access to these spaces. Any proposed changes should be guided by: Clearly collected and publicly available usage data across different times and seasons Defined timelines and opportunities for community input Transparent funding considerations Viable alternatives that ensure continued access for current users Removing courts without this level of diligence risks undermining an activity that is actively benefiting the community today. I strongly encourage the city to gather comprehensive data, engage with residents, and ensure that any decisions are rooted in evidence and community needs.
24-Apr	Jenna Gordon-Engage	Questions/comments limited to 500 characters

24-Apr	Michael Brown-Direct email	I am writing regarding the recently published Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy from Seattle Parks and Recreation. Upon reviewing the strategy, I was surprised to learn that the highly successful “dual-use” model, where tennis and pickleball share the same outdoor court infrastructure, is being discontinued in favor of a “single-use” model with designated courts for each sport. This proposed change runs counter to several core values that Parks and Recreation departments should uphold when managing public resources: Localization of healthy outdoor activity Transitioning to a single-use model would reduce access within local neighborhoods. Many residents would be required to travel outside their communities to find courts for their preferred sport, undermining the goal of providing convenient, neighborhood-based recreational opportunities. Equitable access for all Pickleball’s rapid growth is largely due to its accessibility. It is easy to learn, inclusive across age groups, and well-suited for a wide range of skill levels. This has fostered strong, community-based participation in many neighborhoods. Disrupting these established communities in favor of a single-use model would limit access and diminish an important entry point to recreational activity. In reality, the shortage of pickleball courts suggests that dual-use capacity should be expanded—not reduced. Efficient use of public resources Maximizing the use of limited public infrastructure should be a top priority. Court space is a constrained asset, and the dual-use model allows for significantly higher utilization. A single court can accommodate up to four tennis players or up to eight pickleball players within the same footprint, increasing both participation and overall efficiency. This level of flexibility is a compelling reason to maintain the dual-use approach. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider the transition to a single use model and consider expanding the dual-use model for court infrastructure within Seattle Parks and Recreation.
26-Apr	Wasteoftimeproposal-Engage	This is shortsighted and frankly, dumb!
26-Apr	migueldc-Engage	This site supports very limited engagement. Engagement Feedback "To most equitably address the needs, wishes, and issues communicated by the community" Dual-striping main issues: large blocks of reservations Dual-striping issues: refusal to vacate courts for reservations Why are large groups encroaching areas adjacent to the courts? Is SPR inviting more unauthorized dual striping Are SPR stated reasons for abandoning dual-use courts valid?

27-Apr	Anderson Oleander-Direct email to MO	Dear Mayor Wilson, I am asking you and our trusted city council to oppose the pending closure of more than 30 pickleball courts in support of our state sport and the communities it brings together. I am just a novice player, but even to me these spaces mean so much. After going to physical therapy for pain, my care team recommended that I stay active with an exercise plan for long term management. Pickleball is a way for me to do that. It's an accessible sport that brings so many neighbors together. I believe the premature closure of these courts would be a fracturing detriment to the health of our communities, presenting an unnecessary disruption to people's lives socially and physically. Please oppose the premature closing of these courts until additional facilities are actually built. Stand with your constituents, and support our state sport.
27-Apr	Seth Donahue-Direct email to MO	Hello Council Member Maritza Rivera, I am writing you a quick note(the first time I have done so) to address my concern about the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy. I am requesting a balanced, transparent plan, that focuses on inclusion not exclusion, of a very diverse and inclusionary sport that originated here in Seattle and is currently under threat from a very one sided plan based on poor data and no community feedback. This plan was dropped by surprise to the racket sports community and to a very large group of people who have built an amazing community and friends around a sport that is easy to get started with and has an open play configuration where anyone can join. This plan will eliminate half the courts available to the Pickleball community, but make no sacrifices for any other racket sport that uses the same facilities, so it is not at all fair. Pickleball matters because: It is very inclusive, so many people have built amazing communities around it. Just stop by Greenlake East courts any nice day after 4pm or on any nice weekend and you'll see how popular and fun it is! It is positive, healthy, and very social. It builds routines for people trying to find their way, whether those are long-time seattleites like myself, or new to the area folks, you can join the game the first day and have dozens of new friends in a matter of a few months. Nearby businesses love it. I support solutions that work for both tennis and pickleball, public courts should remain accessible to everyone, changes should be guided by clear data, timelines (why remove pickleball access before even having a plan to replace access or courts?), and funding. Pickleball courts should not be removed before alternatives are ready and this plan should focus on inclusion, not exclusion. I urge you to go to the pickleball hub in Greenlake East on a sunny Saturday (yes it is not in your district, but it is an example of the amazing community) and see how popular it is and notice the different skill levels, the laughter, and the community building that is happening. Thank you for your time!
27-Apr	Brittany Johnson-Engage	Removing dual striping hurts Seattle
27-Apr	Conner Davis-Engage	hello! I think pickleball players should have their own dedicated courts. It would be nice to see people not skilled enough to play tennis have an avenue to play a racquet sport.

27-Apr	M Court Rich-Direct email	As a tennis player in Magnolia for the last 30 years, I'd say you have a good plan. I'm sure you also plan to add signage to the courts. When you indicate "Tennis Only", please also indicate no scooters, no skate boards, no bikes, no soccer balls and no dogs. Believe it or not, there are people who use the Howe Street courts as off leash dog sites. If Magnolia is now a tennis hub, you should consider bringing back the lights that were taken out years ago. We also need better wind screens. One more thing to consider. During the winter time it's extremely difficult to get an indoor court. Amy Yee used to be open until 11p on Sunday nights. We need to expand that facilities hours in the winter.
27-Apr	Ian K-Engage	Pickleball is community-building, inclusive, and accessible. Tennis is none of those.
27-Apr	Andrew Czap-Engage	Don't get rid of pickleball at Gilman playground it's literally full every day
30-Apr	Kathy Dunn-Engage	Existing PB Nets/Striping
1-May	Katrina Stroh-Direct email to MO	Pickleball has changed my life. In my 40s, it's one of the few activities that consistently delivers real health, energy, and community—and I'm not alone. That's why removing 36 public courts is SO CONCERNING! Pickleball isn't just popular—it's efficient. With two pickleball courts fitting into one tennis court footprint, you're actually expanding access and serving more people, not fewer. These courts are heavily used and critical to the daily health and connection of Seattle residents. Eliminating them without ready alternatives disrupts something that is clearly working. I support a balanced plan for both tennis and pickleball—but not at the cost of access, and not without data, transparency, and a clear path forward. Please protect and expand access to pickleball, not reduce it.
1-May	Rhonda Knuckey-PKS Info	I saw a sign the pickleball players put up about courts closing to pickleball and pushing more players to Bitterlake. Bitterlake is surrounded by residential communities which are affected by the noise pollution given the equipment used in the game and the folks playing. Steps were taken to help alleviate the noise which was greatly appreciated but pushing more players there will negate some of those steps. Please take into further consideration the surrounding residential areas and the degree of noise pollution to which they will be subjected. It seems that anywhere pickleball is played outside, there will be complaints. It would be nice if it was an indoor sport only but I realize that is not possible.

2-May	Deborah Gray-Direct email to MO	Dear Mayor Wilson, I am deeply concerned that the proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on incomplete and misleading data, a lack of understanding of the game, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed strategy is implemented, which eliminates 40% of the pickleball courts, the opportunities for playing pickleball will be severely limited if not effectively eliminated for many players. The proposed strategy relies heavily on tennis court reservation data, yet over 95% of pickleball players do not use the reservation system. Pickleball is primarily played through open play and drop-in formats not requiring reservations. This proposed strategy significantly underestimates both participation and frequency of use. Pickleball courts are consistently full, while many tennis courts sit unused. If there are more pickleball players—potentially by a wide margin—why reduce access? The strategy also appears to misunderstand how current systems are working: Dual-use courts are effective. When reservations are presented, courts are typically shared appropriately. Isolated issues should not justify broad restrictions. I have played pickleball at Rainier Beach playfield where the court next to me is playing tennis. We all got along just fine. (Add your own experience or delete) Open play as it is used today (two hour time slots on various days) is working extremely well. I am personally familiar with the Walt Hundley and Delridge Playfields where open play sessions regularly draw 60+ players for each session. About 240 players a week. (Add your own experience or delete) Eliminating 40% of the pickleball courts and asking pickleball players to wait three or more years for new courts—timelines that could easily slip due to budget or permitting delays, does not support the Seattle Parks and Recreation’s mission and goals. In short, the proposed strategy does not reflect actual usage patterns or community needs. I urge Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data and engage more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the currant court usage plan. (Change this sentence if sending to the Mayor or the City Council. Something like, I urge you to ask Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data and engage more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the currant court usage plan.)
2-May	Ginny M-Engage	Delay RSS! Indoor Courts for YOUR Lifelong Pickleball Programs are NOT Open in the Summer!
2-May	Abe Krieger-Engage	Concerned about access and equity
3-May	melanib-Engage	Kinnear Park court

3-May	Joyce Erickson-Direct email	Please remove Discovery Park from your Table 2 list of hubs, where “lighting and court covering should be the focus to have the greatest impact.” Discovery Park’s Master Plan clearly specifies its role as an open space of quiet and tranquility. This park hosts resident populations of birds and mammals trying to raise their young and make a living on what few wild spaces we set aside for them. To subject this park to expansion of courts involving more impermeable surfaces and lighting and noise is a terrible idea, and would be strongly opposed by the conservation voices you have not met with or even invited to comment. I’m not sure how Discovery Park originally came into its basketball court and tennis courts, given its Master Plan. But the courts are there, they’re a public amenity, they get some use. Unfortunately, their existence can send an unintended message that courts, lighting, noise, tournaments are something this park could easily accommodate. They aren’t. I do wonder about a decision to designate Discovery Park for pickleball-only, as opposed to tennis-only. What drove that decision? Could this park instead be designated as tennis-only, given that pickleball is so noisy, and given the extremely dire findings of the 20-year Birds Connect Seattle study that just came out last week? If not, does every single court have to be one or the other, or could this one be left as is, unlit dual-use? I live in Ballard, and I see privately-run pickleball courts going in all around Seattle, including a massive one at Interbay, only a couple miles from Discovery Park. Pickleball play there won’t be free, but the courts will be plentiful. I truly hope you will make good decisions that consider Discovery Park’s extremely vital role in supporting wildlife habitat in mind.
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4-May

Amy Nelson-Direct
email to MO

It's too bad that I have to write to you about a parks and recreation issue. I would much prefer to have your focus on your campaign issues that I admire. But, I feel that the administration of the Parks and Recreation Department needs to be brought to your attention. They have created a proposal that eliminates a very large number of pickleball courts in the city of Seattle. In my community of West Seattle, the proposal eliminates 8 of the 12 courts (67%). What has been increasingly frustrating is that the Parks and Rec Department has not been transparent about this plan nor is it based on any significant data., and they lack an understanding of how pickleball creates a thriving, healthy and connected community. There is little transparency or data. There are 4 public meetings for people to voice comments. I didn't get a chance to speak even though I followed their protocols. Based on my recollection, only 4 or 5 people were allowed to speak but the room was overflowing. Even one of the commissioners voiced his opinion that more people should be allowed to speak in order to get public comment. The Superintendent of the Parks Department shared a PowerPoint at the first meeting that did not speak in any way to user numbers which would have helped explain why so many pickleball courts were eliminated versus tennis. Again, a different commissioner asked her to explain the data behind the proposal and she still couldn't do it. He asked again and she admitted that it was based on the reservation system. Pickleball players rarely reserve. Tennis players usually do because they play with specific people. We drop-in or use open play. This allows a larger number of people to actually play and reduces wait times. I have requested the data based on their proposal and received word that I would receive it by September 23rd even though it is well after the last meeting on the 9th of May and well after they will have made a decision. Pickleball is the epitome of what the Parks and Rec should be supporting. The parks are being utilized in large numbers by people who live and work in this city. Our parks are safer when they are actively being used and they bring people together in a healthy and vibrant way. Through the open play system, we all have met our neighbors and community members and they are now our social circles. People gather in local businesses after playing. There are many, many stories of pickleballers who would have never met each other and now have a thriving support system. Players at Walt Hundley courts (eliminated in this proposal) often have barbeques after playing there in summer evenings and invite the neighbors across the street to join them. One 84 year old woman that lives right across from the Delridge courts and had just lost her husband used to come over and complain about people blocking her driveway with their cars. The players on that court asked her to play, showed her how, and embraced her into their open play. She now comes several times a week and goes out with other players after the games for lunch. She claims that she is now not a grumpy old woman, but a nice old lady. Open play is being eliminated at this court in favor of reservations/drop in. Open play can accommodate 96 pickleball players in a 90 minute time frame versus only 16 for reservations/drop ins. Connecting people, creating positive spaces for healthy exercise and having a thriving park system should be the focus here. Please look into this. Something is inherently wrong and it is damaging the community that pickleball has created in Seattle.

4-May

Pat Boyle-Direct email

Here are my thoughts about Open Play pickleball on what the parks department needs to incorporate into their plan:

There are two pickleball scenarios:

(1) reserved courts and (2) “open play”

Reserved courts works just like tennis. You reserve a court, you play with your friends that you invited, then you go home.

Open play is why pickleball is so delightful. It’s like pickup basketball, soccer or ultimate, but for racket sports. You show up, create a “stack” of a total of 4 players, and go out and play a game, then return to “restack” with other players. You show up as an individual to the court, and play with people who are already there. You can join other players of your skill level, or play with different skill levels. The game is forgiving and different abilities can play much more easily together than other sports. There is a lot written about this style of play and it’s a big reason why pickleball is popular.

Seattle has a bunch of places where open play is already happening and condoned by Seattle Parks. Greenlake east (by Evans pool), Gilman, Bitter Lake (sometimes), Miller, High Point, Rainier Beach, Delridge and possible Alki. Sadly the plan is proposing that Rainier Beach, Gilman, High Point and Alki no longer support pickleball. It is important that we have enough public courts where open play is encouraged.

Open play has several requirements to enable it:

1. A critical mass of players to show up (to get this you need each of the following):
2. The courts need to be available. If you allow courts to be reserved at an open play spot, then the community has a hard time forming because they can’t count on courts being available and people go somewhere else. Just like basketball, if the court is being used by someone who reserved it, then pickup basketball can’t happen.
3. Enough courts to support the players who come. The optimal number depends on density of people, but let’s assume the minimum is 4.
4. It helps if someone or a few people volunteer as the community stewards of the site, fine tuning things to enable the community, such as how beginners can get involved, manage the stacking process, keeping it inclusive, collect donations, encourage people to pick up, take care of the courts and generally playing and being involved. Peter Seitel and his wife Jan do an excellent job of this at Greenlake. Other courts have stewards too.

The major problems with the Seattle plan regarding open play are:

- it doesn't embrace open play pickleball and dedicate enough courts to those communities: The existing courts where it's taking place should be ratified as open play and reserving courts shouldn't be allowed there. People who wish to play can show up and stack together. The rules for those courts should enable the community to grow, because presumably that's what we want.
- It needs to have separate sites where courts can be reserved for camps, clinics, or private parties (see #2 above)
- It needs lighted courts for open play at night (see #2 above). By late november it gets dark in Seattle by 4pm. We need places to play at night. Current lighted courts are at Rainier Beach and Miller. We need more of them, not less, and we need them urgently. Shoreline is lighted but that's not in Seattle.

Some parks departments post signs indicating the rules to encourage open play. I have attached examples from Squamish, Tallahassee, and Miami.

Notes:

One legitimate question is how to pay for open play courts. Presumably some of them had a business model where court rentals raised revenue. Perhaps open play communities could collect money, or perhaps court rentals at other courts could cover it. Currently Greenlake collects donations. Perhaps rentals at other courts pay for open play courts. With the growth of the sport this seems like a viable business model.

If open play courts allow reservations, then it needs to be completely transparent on when, be open to change in case the community grows and needs more court time, and there should be times when reservations are not allowed (when the community is most active)

When open play courts get too busy then the wait time gets really long and it's less good. Greenlake on weekends or evenings in the spring/summer is like this. It has 8 courts but there could be 100 people there and the wait can be 30 minutes. But if there are too few people, then it doesn't work either, so you'll see some courts have times of day when people show up (like starting at 2-3pm at High Point) on nice weekdays. The parks plan should anticipate how to grow to meet the need.

There are derelict tennis courts in the city that should be fixed up so they can be used by tennis or pickleball. Two examples include Ravenna and 15th (on the other side of 15th from Cowan) and Magnusen. There are others.

There are valid concerns about pickleball noise and some courts are more appropriate for active open play pickleball communities than others.

I didn't mention Magnolia above (which has pickleball courts) but I don't think there is an open play community playing outside there. But maybe it could.

4-May

David Rush-Direct
email

It's been brought to my attention that there's a major push by pickleball to gain restriping and absolute access to tennis courts around Seattle. I was on a call two or three years ago about the same topic and I've seen very little progress in the way of getting pickleball courts built.

I just got kicked off of lower Woodland tennis courts for the highschoolers. I honestly do not mind this. I'm all in. I want them to play. We have a lot of really high-quality young budding players. Tennis courts need to be preserved so that they are fully in control of by tennis players. There can be no dilution of that. This is a crazy argument to be having. If pickleballers decided to start playing on basketball courts because it is a nice hard surface, that would never happen. Tennis and pickler ball are not the same. As far as I can tell, Tennis is only gaining in popularity. I find people waiting more and more at lower Woodland. Maybe it's because pickleball is being played on many other tennis courts, I don't really know. All I know is tennis courts are becoming harder to come by and to assume that there is no repercussions in promising access to another sport on resources originally designed and allocated to one sport is a retracting of the public's original promise and should not happen. At the very least it demands a much larger level of public awareness. Also, as my eyes age, when I play on courts with multiple sets of stripes it is getting harder and harder to interpret the different stripes. That split second of attention on the line very much affects my ability to play at my best.

Pickleball is way too popular, way too important to not have their own courts get built. I feel I understand the spatial and acoustical complications and I don't have any difficulty personally finding a few spots to put a number of pickleball courts on. Go up the hill from the lower Woodland tennis courts to where the horseshoe pits are. Those horseshoe pits, in all the many, many years I have been running through Greenlake and lower Woodland parks, have never, not once had anybody playing horseshoes on them. There's parking there, there's water and bathrooms there, and you're across a highway and far enough away from any houses to address the noise concerns of homeowners who live nearby. Or just go 200 yards north of there to the triangular area opposite the Aurora Ave exit. That area too is separated by a highway and is far enough from homes to not affect the quality of life expected by the residents. There are dilapidated tennis courts smack in the middle of Magnusson Park that don't get used by tennis or pickleball. There are dilapidated tennis courts at either end of the Ravenna/Cowen Park trail. Resurface these for pickleball. Perhaps add more in the Maple Leaf Reservoir park. Hardly an exhausting research study, these are just what spaces I happen to be able to identify. I suspect you can think of many more. The solution needs to happen, pickleball is too important and too big a deal. It however cannot be allowed to grow on the back of and at the expense/displacement of tennis.

I appreciate anything you can do to support both sports.

5-May	Nick-Engage	Provide 3-sided courts. I would like three-sided, high wall courts that can be used to play tennis or to play wall ball with young kids at parks.
5-May	DavidRush-Engage	Tennis courts currently existing in the middle of Magnusson Park. It sounds like the courts well I love it. I'm just not sure it's celebrates. I love it. It's delightful. It's where you are, but I don't know that's what we're grappling with. I think you should do it. I love you, sweetheart. If you choose to get married in that I will not I will not think I am surprised no mention of the courts in the middle of Magnuson Park were discussed or considered. They are currently completely ignored by tennis players. I would think that nicely finished Pickleball courts would be appreciated by that community.
7-May	Michael Lazarus-Direct email	I have reviewed the Parks strategy and am deeply dismayed by its lack of support for one of Seattle's greatest assets: its pickleball community. Learning pickleball at Green Lake, thanks to the welcoming community there, has been a revelation. Over the past 3 years its become a favorite activity; a life enhancer. So much fun. So much community building and camaraderie. A uniquely multi-age, -gender, and -racial activity. The kind that Seattle needs so much, freeze and all. I say this as a former tennis, volleyball and other sports player. Pickleball is an especially valuable asset and deserves to be expanded not restricted. The proposed Racquet Sport strategy is misguided and needs to be revised. The Seattle Metro Pickleball Association has made a number of well-thought-out suggestions and I ask you to consider and ideally adopt them all.

7-May	Chris Kirk-Direct email	We just became aware of the Parks Dept. plan to redistribute tennis and pickleball courts throughout the city. The first problem is that we only learned about this a couple of weeks ago on the radio, and they described this as a new issue. However, if you look at the Park's website info, they say they are at the end of a long public process, so this is nearly a done deal and they are just looking for comments about tweaking the details. Too bad no one knew about it; this is so typical of the city. We play pickleball at Magnolia Playfield Park. It is heavily used by scores of pickleball players and only a few tennis players each week. There are four tennis courts or eight pickleball courts. The Park's plan is to completely remove pickleball from this location so the only pickleball courts in our area will be the two, remotely located and poorly maintained courts in Discovery Park. Basically they have exiled pickleball. As you probably know, pickleball is the fastest growing and possibly most popular recreational sport in the country. In addition, the same courts will accommodate twice as many pickleball players as tennis players. This plan is ridiculous based on actual demand, so there must be other issues at play which are not mentioned in the Parks planning information. The issues are probably that tennis players are unhappy that they are not getting priority and that pickleball is noisy for the neighbors. In our park, solutions would be to remove the pickleball striping from half the courts so half are deducted to tennis, and to limit use of the remaining courts for pickleball within certain hours such as 9am to 6pm. I can't find a way to make these comments on the Park's website.
7-May	BDJ-Engage	Has the impact on neighborhoods due to increased traffic and need for parking been considered? When more people are forced to play on fewer courts it will increase neighborhood traffic and competition for the always limited parking spaces. It also means most will also have to travel farther to get to available courts. All of these should be avoided as much as possible.

7-May	John Kirk-Direct email to MO	We just became aware of the Parks Dept. plan to redistribute tennis and pickleball courts throughout the city. The first problem is that we only learned about this a couple of weeks ago on the radio, and they described this as a new issue. However, if you look at the Park's website info, they say they are at the end of a long public process, so this is nearly a done deal and they are just looking for comments about tweaking the details. Too bad no one knew about it; this is so typical of the city. We play pickleball at Magnolia Playfield Park. It is heavily used by scores of pickleball players and only a few tennis players each week. There are four tennis courts or eight pickleball courts. The Park's plan is to completely remove pickleball from this location so the only pickleball courts in our area will be the two, remotely located and poorly maintained courts in Discovery Park. Basically they have exiled pickleball. As you probably know, pickleball is the fastest growing and possibly most popular recreational sport in the country. In addition, the same courts will accommodate twice as many pickleball players as tennis players. This plan is ridiculous based on actual demand, so there must be other issues at play which are not mentioned in the Parks planning information. The issues are probably that tennis players are unhappy that they are not getting priority and that pickleball is noisy for the neighbors. In our park, solutions would be to remove the pickleball striping from half the courts so half are deducted to tennis, and to limit use of the remaining courts for pickleball within certain hours such as 9am to 6pm. I can't find a way to make these comments on the Park's website.
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10-May

Sid Nagendran-Direct
email

I am writing to urge the City Council to restore all public tennis courts to full tennis use, rather than only partially returning court access under the current proposal.

Public tennis courts were built and maintained to serve a longstanding and diverse community of residents: including youth players, school teams, seniors, working adults, beginners, and families. Over the past several years, many tennis players have experienced a substantial reduction in available court time and usable court space due to conversions and shared-use arrangements. While I support recreational opportunities for all residents, the current imbalance has significantly limited access for tennis players in a way that no longer reflects fair public use.

Tennis is not a niche activity. It is a lifelong sport with deep community value. It promotes physical fitness, discipline, mental health, youth development, and intergenerational participation. Unlike many recreational activities, tennis also requires properly maintained and dedicated court dimensions that cannot always function effectively in heavily overlaid or subdivided configurations. Partial restoration leaves many existing problems unresolved: overcrowding, limited scheduling availability, diminished playing conditions, and reduced opportunities for instruction, league play, and community programming.

The current proposal appears to assume that compromise necessarily means permanent reduction of tennis infrastructure. I respectfully disagree. Public facilities should reflect balanced access, and restoring all tennis courts would correct a growing inequity that many residents have experienced for years.

This issue is not about opposing other sports or excluding anyone from public recreation. It is about preserving intended public infrastructure and ensuring that one rapidly growing activity does not permanently displace another established and widely played sport. Cities can support multiple recreational communities without eliminating dedicated space for tennis.

I also encourage the Council to consider:

- Building or identifying separate dedicated facilities for emerging sports where feasible,
- conducting transparent usage studies across all seasons and times of day,
- consulting local schools, tennis organizations, coaches, and residents,

- and prioritizing long-term recreation planning rather than short-term trends.

Many residents have invested years into the local tennis community. Young players rely on public courts for affordable access to the sport. School programs and community leagues depend on consistent court availability. Restoring all public tennis courts would demonstrate the City's commitment to equitable recreation access and thoughtful stewardship of public resources.

I respectfully ask that you support the full restoration of all public tennis courts and reject proposals that permanently reduce tennis access in our community.

11-May

Nancy Potash-Direct
email

As part of the women's group that plays PB at Rainier Ball Field on Sunday mornings I have observed no tennis players approaching the site and all courts occupied by kids, their parents and adult individuals. I was wondering why no tennis players were using the courts until I heard a tennis player at the open forum at

Van Assel say "Rainier? I would never play there." So lets hope we can accommodate the neighborhood PB players if it's too noisy, too social or just not the right neighborhood for avid tennis players.

11-May	A neighbor near you-Engage	The noise is oppressive. Please note that renters may also be impacted by noise—not just home owners. Renters also may live adjacent to and near the noise nuisance that is a pickleball court.
11-May	Nicholas Manring-Direct email to MO	Dear Mayor Wilson, The City Parks & Rec. Department has an ill-conceived plan to reduce the number of public pickleball courts and the ability to reserve them for play. Pickleball is increasing in popularity in Seattle and there should be no reason for the City to curtail this recreational activity. Please take immediate steps to intervene with the Parks & Rec. Department to put an end to their plan which would so negatively affect Seattle residents. Thank you for your help on this matter!

Received Date	Sender-Format	Feedback provided
12-May	MC-Engage	how many tennis courts have any "restrictions " to dual use? if any of the city's public courts have been given grant funding, and are restricted to "singular use", how many, which ones. and how many are the city asking for grants from say the USTA? School use tennis: why in the RSS are there courts with plan to switch to PB when they have current school use tennis? and would be "pending' depending on school use. why not designate those to tennis?
12-May	Pat Boyle-Direct email	I went to the Garfield meeting on pickleball and tennis. Some thoughts: • The format of the meeting was fairly unsatisfying because the two people who developed the park strategy lead it (who seemed very nice), but there was no q/a session to dig into how decisions are made. Instead they gave a presentation and then for an hour people could speak for 2 minutes, then the community center closed and we went home. Some obvious questions: Why was High Point (an active open play spot) not proposed to stay as pickleball? Alki? Gilman? Rainier Beach? What is the plan for lighting? • If the parks department passively tries to address everyone's concerns, then nothing will happen. Some dislike for dual striping, school tennis team use of courts (which affects dual striping), noise concerns (see below), impervious surfaces, requirements from original donations and equity/access. I suspect these requirements are driving some of the odd decisions, but it's not transparent and appears arbitrary. • Pickleball noise concerns next to houses are legitimate and it seems like a requirement to locate pickleball hubs in places that houses are a ways away. • The magnuson courts are on hold because of wildlife concerns. This seems like a <i>*very*</i> thin argument and something the Parks department should push back on. Otherwise it seems that any open space will be off limits (see separate thread in this facebook group). And frankly, Magnuson has some behavior issues that a pickleball community might help with. • Why aren't derelict courts on the table for resuscitating? Magnusen has 4 tennis courts in the middle of it, but it looks like they are targeted for removal. Maybe change plans? Same with the courts on 15th and Ravenna. These could be used by either tennis or pickleball usage and would take the pressure off. • We have a lot of troubled parks that would benefit from some healthy usage and are by noisy roads. Jose Rizal. Beacon Place. Freeway park, Lower Woodland. And there are lots all over the city where a pickleball pavilion could be built, such as south of Rainier Beach link station), or

along Aurora up north. There are options along the Link route that make sense for getting to/from. Putting some outdoor pickleball courts could help a lot of these areas.

12-May

Pat Boyle-Direct email

My feedback on current Magnuson park pickleball court status:

I read more about the Magnuson plans, and am still looking for the actual report. It looks like Birds Connect lobbied against the courts which were going to be in the old parking on the north side of the road to the boat launch. The noise affecting wildlife seems like a very thin argument, particularly because noise drops off quickly the further you get from the source and if rain covers are put on the courts (like the Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion in Mt Vernon) it tamps things down significantly. Maybe lights are an issue, but again, how about a pavilion. The alternative spot by Arena Sports is a terrible location. It's already overcrowded with cars and people from Arena sports, Sail Sand Point, the Magnusen brewery and Cascade bike club.

The park is an old navy base, the location where the courts were proposed to be is an old commissary building that sat for 10-15 years undeveloped until it was torn down and made a parking lot. The wetland is a manufactured area that is nice, but expansive and the park in general is huge. Frankly, having a bunch of people using the park in that area would help compared to some of the other activities that are causing it to be closed at night these days. The best part is the spot is going to be developed into a baseball field instead, which, I suppose if you squint, might be lower impact than pickleball (but affect a larger area)? Who knows.

Overall it seems to me that if the Parks department can't overcome this sort of NIMBYism then we should assume that courts won't be able to be built on any park property where there is space.

(note that Birds Connect also squashed a plan to resussitate decommissioned courts in Lincoln Park). I found this post helpful: https://www.reddit.com/.../fyi_magnuson_park_pickleball.../

Note that there is a huge derelict tennis court in the middle of Magnuson park (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xUjx5ReLHYKgZEmP7>) and I was dismayed to read that it is essentially planned for decommissioning. Why? The parks department should be more agile in decision making. At this point, all derelict courts should be strong candidates to be improved for either tennis or pickleball.

Frankly though, I'm not even sure that Magnuson is a good spot. It's a long ways to get there and a better location would be somewhere along the light rail route, or near a busy road to allay noise concerns. What about the following:

- freeway park downtown - it would help this park to have more people using it
- Lower woodland, up by Aurora, near the lawn bowling area.
- Jose Rizal Park or Beacon place (dearborn and 10th ave s) which need alternative usage
- Next to the Ravenna and 65th park and ride
- Lots of options along Aurora

There are also dozens of other great spots that might require acquiring a bit of land but would be a big net positive (around the stadiums, anywhere south of Rainier Beach link station, Northgate or North Seattle CC).

But it will require leadership in the parks department to want to build and find a path amongst the special interests.

12-May

KarenB206-Engage

Whats the plan now? Now that the meetings have happened -- when does Parks plan to announce "next steps"?

Electronic Feedback 5-11-26 to 5-25-26

13-May	Craig Montgomery-Engage	Different requirements. Pickleball courts are a lot easier to build and can pop up almost anywhere- any unused concrete pad, warehouse, or vacant retail space. Many private businesses are seeing the demand and filling it. Tennis, on the other hand, requires a whole different kind of infrastructure and tennis courts, once lost, are almost impossible to replace. Demand for pickleball should not be satisfied at the expense of tennis.
13-May	Lisa Fischer-Direct email	I was one of many pro pickleball players that attended the meeting last Saturday. I just want to reiterate how important it is to keep the current courts that we have available now. The tennis players have no shortage of courts: Solstice Park, Riverview, Highland Park, the courts on 26th & SW Thistle Street and the Scott Cox (?) courts in White Center (I know that's not in the City limits but it's still easily accessible to folks that live in West Seattle). I have yet to see anyone there playing tennis. Please leave Delridge and Highpoint as they are, dual purpose courts so that we pickleball players have some place to play this summer.
13-May	Jane Chan-Direct email	I am writing to submit public comment on the draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy and to express my strong preference that pickleball access at Gilman Playground not be eliminated. Gilman is a valuable and convenient location for local pickleball players, and removing pickleball access there would be a real loss for the community. I understand the need to balance tennis and pickleball use across the city, but I am concerned that the current proposal would remove existing pickleball access at Gilman before a comparable nearby alternative is actually available. The draft strategy notes that SPR may study alternative locations for pickleball courts near Gilman in 2027, but that does not appear to guarantee a replacement or prevent an immediate gap in access. I would urge SPR to preserve pickleball at Gilman, or at minimum to avoid removing existing access unless and until a comparable nearby pickleball option is confirmed and available for use. Please let me know if there are any petitions, community initiatives, meetings, advisory groups, or other public comment opportunities I can join or support to help preserve pickleball access at Gilman. I would also appreciate confirmation of where comments on the draft strategy should be submitted and whether there is a formal deadline for public comment. Thank you for your time and for considering community feedback on this issue.
13-May	Craig Montgomery-Engage	Amy Yee and Lower Woodland. Pickleball advocates are proposing dual-use at Seattle's 2 most important public tennis facilities. Is there any chance at all of that happening?

14-May	Ron Minkel-Direct email	Attached are photos showing you the issue here in West Seattle regarding underutilization of existing tennis courts. Both were taken on a beautiful sunny day just minutes apart from one another. Does this not tell you that your strategy has a basic flaw with the data that you are using? Here you have Open Play at Solstice park and Walt Hundley with only one out of six courts being used at Solstice park while at Walt Hundley all four courts are full with players waiting patiently their turn to play. Do you and your staff have any idea of the outcome of this strategy might look like? If you would like to make everyone happy, at least here in West Seattle, just resurface the existing courts and restrip them as they are. With this plan you will make about 99% of the people happy and the other 1% will have to adapt their life style to the resources that are available to them.
17-May	Craig Montgomery-Direct email	So, please put more thought into this new strategy before implementing it. I want to begin by acknowledging the work the City has already done in designating Amy Yee Tennis Center and Lower Woodland as tennis hubs in its planning documents. That recognition matters. It reflects the reality that these sites serve more than ten thousand players each year and are essential for youth programs, seniors, school teams, community leagues, and families who rely on affordable public courts. The tennis community appreciates that the City has formally recognized their importance. At the same time, the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association continues to propose dual use at these locations. I want to be clear that most tennis players are not opposed to dual use in general. Many of us support it when it is done respectfully. That means honoring court reservations, avoiding stepping onto active courts, keeping noise at a level that works for everyone, and taking care of the shared space. When basic etiquette is followed, both sports can coexist. The concern is specific to Amy Yee, and I want to speak plainly about why. Amy Yee is not just another set of courts. It is the backbone of public tennis in Seattle. It is the only facility with enough contiguous courts to support the lessons, leagues, school programs, and tournaments that keep tennis accessible and affordable for thousands of residents. It is the center of gravity for public tennis in this city. If courts are lost at Amy Yee, there is no alternative site that can absorb that demand. The impact would be immediate and long lasting, especially for youth, seniors, and families who depend on public recreation. Protecting Amy Yee is not about preference. It is about preserving the core infrastructure that makes public tennis possible in Seattle. I also want to share an update from the community. A petition asking the City to preserve these facilities as dedicated tennis sites reached 410 signatures in its first week. For tennis, that is a

meaningful response. Our community is not highly organized online, and we do not have a 501(c)(3), a mailing list, or any formal advocacy structure. Even without those tools, hundreds of players stepped up immediately. The petition is here for reference: <https://c.org/WS6CJSxD2F>. It shows that people care deeply about these facilities and are paying attention. Seattle already has more than fifty striped pickleball courts and several dedicated conversions. Tennis players have supported that growth. We want both sports to succeed. But protecting Amy Yee as a dedicated tennis center is essential to maintaining a balanced and functional system that serves the entire community. I appreciate the work you and your team are doing to navigate these competing needs, and I hope this context is helpful as the process continues.

18-May	Shirley Purkey-Direct email	First of all, I want to thank you for giving myself & others the opportunity to speak at the meeting at the Garfield Community Center. While we felt outnumbered by Pickleball players & their signs, shirts & buttons (& selling shirts in the lobby of the community center), I hope that our voices registered to them how the game affects those who are less than 50 feet away from constant & obtrusive noise, 7 days a week from early morning until dark. Yesterday (Sunday) was a nightmare. On the 2 courts closest to our condo were 25+ players & their children. They had a large table set up inside the courts with coolers, drinks & snacks & a boom box playing loudly. This simply should not be allowed. We urge you, as a part of your Strategy Plan to have these courts returned to strictly tennis. Pickleball simply does not belong this close to residential homes where it affects our quality of life. And may I ask you why are there still 7 pickleball nets on these courts? It was our understanding that 4 nets are Parks Dept. with 2 others assembled & put in on the courts closest to our homes & 1 other brought in & left there. These additional nets left there for continuous use should be taken out. Thank you for all you do. It is a complicated issue & we again hope you understand how Pickleball is affecting us & our quality of life.
18-May	Rachel Jione-PKS email	I live right near Gilman Playground, and I'm writing to ask the city to ban pickleball at this specific park and restore the courts for tennis use only. Right now, the two tennis courts at Gilman have been completely taken over by pickleball. Because multiple pickleball setups fit into a single tennis court, we regularly have up to 16 pickleball players packing the space at the same time. This crowding makes it almost impossible for local tennis players to ever get a turn. Anyone trying to play actual tennis has to try and coordinate or negotiate with groups of 8 or more people just to get on the court. It has completely ruined the availability of the courts for their original purpose. On top of the crowding, the noise has become a major problem for the neighborhood. Unlike tennis balls, the hard plastic pickleball balls and solid paddles create a really loud, sharp pop sound. When you have 16 people playing at once right next to the surrounding houses and the rest of the playground, that constant, piercing noise goes on for hours and is incredibly disruptive to everyone living nearby. Gilman Playground is a great neighborhood park, but it's just not the right fit for this level of noise and crowd density right next to homes. I'd really appreciate it if the city could consider keeping

these courts dedicated to tennis, and perhaps look into guiding the pickleball groups toward larger regional facilities that are better equipped for that kind of volume.
Thank you for your time and for listening to the neighborhood's concerns.

19-May

Ron Minkel-Direct email

When this new strategy becomes set in stone, how many dedicated tennis courts in comparison to the number of dedicated pickleball courts will there be in West Seattle? Currently there are at least ten or more dedicated tennis courts while the hundreds of pickleball players are forced to play on dual stripped courts. Is this fair? Somehow the Parks and Rec Department believes it's not and are graciously giving us pickleball players just four dedicated pickleball courts while adding additional dedicated tennis courts to the list of already underutilized courts in your new strategy.

You may somehow think this will be a fair decision to all, but it is neither a wise nor the correct decision. Make sure you are spending our hard earned tax dollars like it's your own. So, think long and hard on this new strategy. Don't just try to please those few people that complain about a little noise when the decibel levels are just about the same as from screaming kids on a playground. I ask you why can. or should a few prevent many individuals from enjoying themselves within our parks. I suppose children can yell and scream, but mutual adults cannot play their beloved sport while socializing with friends.

I would like for you, and the others to personally visit all of the pickleball classes within the city and explain to those students why you are making the decision that you are so excited on making. I think they have the right to know, don't you? I mean they have just paid the Parks and Rec Department money to learn how to play the game that is right for them and now you plan on doing what?

Now please go back to your group or community after you have walked, or played in our shoes and come up with a better plan. Maybe the best plan would be just to resurface those courts that need it and give a fresh coat of paint to the existing lines. Players weren't angry and upset before you brought forth this new strategy after which time you started a gigantic firestorm amongst the sport communities.

Do the tennis players in West Seattle have enough dedicated courts? The answer would be yes. Do the pickleball players have adequate courts in West Seattle? The answer would be yes again. Would we like some dedicated pickleball courts? Yes, but we can live without them if we have to.

So, the best strategy may be no strategy at all, just maintain the aging facilities that you already have.

20-May	Nancy Lee-Direct email	I have been reviewing the planned reorganization of Seattle's outdoor tennis and pickleball courts. However I have been unable to find the data behind the proposed decisions.
20-May	[REDACTED]-Direct email	Can you please provide me with the data? Not only the final data, but how it was collected, over what time period, what analysis was conducted when reviewing the data, and any other pertinent information that helps to understand the data behind the decision making process. This is not very informative—how was ActiveNet system used? How was tennis reservations differentiated from PB? What is Placer AI? What was the protocol for on/site observations. As you well know much of the PB play is without reservation, gathering, stacking, many different hours of the day and evening. Whatever the protocol is it should be clear and able to be replicated. There seems to be a lot of conjecture as to use.
21-May	middaugh-Engage	why do pickleball payers have fewer courts than tennis players? There are now about the same number of tennis and pickleball players. Why does tennis have so many more courts than pickleball? How does SPR plan to accommodate the explosive growth of pickleball in the near future when pickleball participation far exceeds that of tennis?
22-May	Emimal-Engage	Capitol Hill renovations? I noticed the fences around the skate park were torn down, and I was hoping to understand why? If the pickleball courts are replacing the tennis courts, what about the basketball court and the skate park? I would just love a little clarification on what the plan is.
22-May	Aidan-Engage	Will the basketball court and skatepark at Cal Anderson Park remain intact as a result of this strategy? Hello! I read the 2026 Outdoor Racquet Sport Strategy and learned there will be a pickleball court at Cal Anderson Park. The table on page 3-4 says this site will have a "*Proposed change of dedicated use." What does this mean? Is this suggesting that the tennis court will now be used for pickle ball? Additionally, will the skatepark and basketball courts remain intact? Thanks!
22-May	Sasha Weiss-Direct email	I was until recently a longtime Capitol Hill resident, and still work there currently. I noticed that the fencing had been taken down at the Cal Anderson skate park and tennis court, which I learned might be related to the racquet sports program that recently closed feedback. I am curious to learn what the specific changes are to be made for those two courts, as well as any for the adjacent basketball court: can you help me find details on the planned work, and why the fences were removed?
23-May	PeterKalmes-Engage	Will a copy of the briefing for the next BPRC be posted prior to the meeting? The assumption is that the ORSS briefing before the BPRC on May 28th will be an adjusted proposed strategy, based upon public meeting input. Will a copy of the breifing be posted prior to the meeting to allow the

community the opportunity to review, to be able to prepare comments for the Board meeting? We deserve to know what will be presented, so we are not blindsided once again!

23-May Peter Kalmes-Direct email

I see that the next BPRC meeting agenda has a "briefing" on the ORSS. Is this briefing a modified proposal or just an update on what happened at the community input meetings? If the proposal has been modified, will we be able to see it prior to the presentation at the meeting? Is there an intent at the meeting to have the Board vote for approval at the meeting?

It is important that the community has a full opportunity to see and respond to what a new proposal may bring to the strategy before it goes up for an approval vote. In other words, full transparency! By the way the email notice I received from the BPRC with the agenda for the meeting did not show the "briefing" on the ORSS???

24-May Ron Minkel-Direct email

I heard there will be another meeting at your Dexter building this Wednesday the 27th. If this is true, why I cannot find that on your webpage?

25-May Tangerine Russell-Direct email

I hope this e-mail finds you well. I'm writing to ask about the 2026 outdoor racquet sports strategy. I'm a high school student who's involved with the alternative music scene in Seattle, and I first heard about the racquet sports strategy from some other people my age worried about Cal Anderson.

The main concern they voiced (which got me to look into it) was a fear that the skatepark at Cal Anderson might be affected by the strategy. If this were true, it would be very distressing for the alternative music scene as we sometimes gather at Cal Anderson in the skatepark. Outside of the music scene, I personally know a few people who use the skatepark weekly if not more often for skateboarding. Another concern I've heard is that the basketball hoop might be taken out, which would also be unfortunate because of its status as a community hub.

However, after looking into the racquet sports strategy myself, it looks to me that the implementation of the strategy at Cal Anderson would not affect the skatepark or the basketball hoop, and instead only affect the tennis court, which would be modified so that it's instead used for pickleball. So I'm writing to clarify on what exactly will happen at Cal Anderson with the implementation of the strategy. Essentially: will either of these community features (skatepark, basketball hoop) be affected by it?

1. Why wasn't there sought after community input and comment **prior** to putting together the RSS? This seems to be a cart before the horse scenario.
2. Why wasn't there a community input meeting held in West Seattle?
3. Why does it feel like the RSS is a done deal regardless of what community input and questions are received?
4. Why was the RSS introduced to the public only three weeks ago and only a two-week community input opportunity? What are you trying to hide?
5. Why was there not an open session of community input, with breakout tables that focused on one element of the RSS at each to allow it to be hashed out, with questions being answered as the plan was developed?
6. What Empirical Data was used to come up with the logic to reduce the number of pickleball courts?
7. Why not keep the dual-use plan in effect until additional dedicated pickleball court locations can be put into place, then roll out the change stages?
8. How can you justify reducing the number of pickleball courts by 36 and call this an equitable plan?

9. When the information taken from these meetings is incorporated into the next FAQ, will there be a rebuttal or additional community response allowed?
10. Since there has been such a strong response to these meetings, will any additional meetings be scheduled?
11. When SPR goes back in front of the BPRC, will attendees be allowed to ask questions after the SPR presentation to the board?
12. Simple question, with such opposition to the RSS, can the proposal be tabled for a more in-depth collection of information from the public with better and more accurate data to support a new RSS proposal?
13. Final thought. If the current proposal goes forward as planned, understand this. Many of the current pickleball players are 60 years and older. With the loss of 36 courts to play on until 2032 when they may be regained, and that is at best a wish and a prayer, we may not have many more years to be able to keep up this level of activity. You are effectively taking this time away from many of us. Why?
14. There are many more questions to be asked, but not enough time to ask them!

Kim Collier

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Jonathan Garner
100 Dexter Ave N.
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Jonathan Garner,

I am writing to alert you to a concern I have about a proposed plan by the Seattle Park's Department to discontinue shared use tennis/pickleball courts due to concerns about conflicts between the two sports vying for the use of the courts. 32 pickleball courts are slated to be lost to Seattle residents. I personally will be negatively impacted if the current plan occurs because my home court Gilman Playfield is one of those 32 courts.

About two years ago I dropped in to play pickleball at the Gilman Playfield courts in Ballard. I had played tennis as a youth but was new to the sport of pickleball and I found the Gilman community extremely welcoming. Since that time I have been a regular pickleball player at Gilman and I have enjoyed being able to welcome new players, teach them the rules and make new friends. The pickleball community at Gilman is very diverse in terms of age, ethnicity, gender and ability. When I go there I am meeting and building friendships with people whose paths I would otherwise not cross. We have formed a 154 member What's App GVG (Great Vibes Gilman) group chat in order to communicate with one another about who is heading over to play when.

While it takes time to build up a community it takes very little time to tear it apart. If Gilman Playfield courts were made tennis only this would destroy the community that we have built. I am asking you to consider the value of pickleball courts being located in dense areas of the city like Gilman Playfield's court because the number of people served by one tennis court's space generally is 2 tennis players vs 8 pickleball players.

During the May 4th Bitterlake Community Center meeting, will you provide more data about the complaints and conflicts that have led to this solution? And will you also describe what other interventions for addressing the conflicts between the two sport's players have been considered and or attempted before escalating to this proposed solution of eliminating multiuse courts? I believe the current plan is taking a wrecking ball to vibrant established pickleball communities and creates a bigger problem than the one it is attempting to solve. Please step back and hear the pickleball communities' grave concerns and rethink the current plan.

Sincerely,



Kim Collier

RE: Racquet Sports Strategy

To: members of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
and other interested parties

Dual-use courts are the most efficient way to maximize court time. Please see the attached example of a Priority Sport Schedule.

Having viewed the 4/23/26 meeting, it appears that the data used is flawed - Apparently, I don't count because I don't use the reservation system. Playing 1 to 3 times weekly has been very important socially. I emerged from my 'post-covid, Alzheimers' caregiving (24/7), retirement isolation in need of socialization. Walking, sr. center, volunteering, book club were all 'in-the-moment' socializing that never went past the scheduled time. Through pickleball, I have made friends and we get together on and off the court. (We all know how important it is to socialize, yes?)

If there is insistence on creating dedicated courts, how can you determine how many are needed for each sport? And where will the financing come from to build the new courts needed? The dual-use courts need to stay until enough dedicated courts are built and functional to accommodate the participants.

My internet access is through the library (as I have a very limited data plan on my phone). This is the only way my voice can be heard.

Thanks for your time -
Pat Shaffer

WEEKLY PRIORITY COURT EXAMPLE

'H' courts	M Pickle ball	T Tennis	W Pickle ball	TH Tennis	F Pickle ball	SA Tennis	Su odd date Tennis even date pickleball
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'D' courts (Detridge)	M Pickle ball	T Pickle ball	W Tennis	TH Pickle ball	F Tennis	SA Pickle ball	Su odd date pickleball even date Tennis
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example: tennis players arrive at 'D' courts on Monday... no tennis court available due to pickleball activity. Pickleball players vacate 2 courts to make tennis court available (and assist in removing pickleball nets.) Pickleball players then travel to 'H' courts (where they have priority that day) or stay at 'D' courts (rotating in on courts not being used for tennis, but fully aware that more tennis players will arrive to claim additional courts.)

+ Keeps courts dual use

+ Low cost (signs for clearly posting
Schedule + rules)

+ Daily ~~access~~ access to each sport.



5/4/26

The ORSS proposals unfairly DOUBLE the amount of discrimination by SPR in favor of tennis and against pickleball by 2032

I believe that all racquet sports players should be treated equally by SPR. That means if pickleball and tennis players are equal in numbers, SPR resources should be divided 50/50 between the two sports.

It is incontrovertible that in 2026 the number of tennis players and pickleball players are equal or there are more pickleball players.

However, in 2026, SPR has divided its racquet sports courts to favor tennis by allotting 134 courts (58%) to tennis and 97 (42%) to pickleball.

The ORSS proposals immediately would reduce pickleball courts by 32. This new allocation by SPR of racquet sports courts (for the years 2026-2032) increases the favoritism to tennis—114 (63%) and 65 (37%) to pickleball.

The stated goal of SPR in the ORSS is to restore the 32 lost pickleball courts by 2032. IF everything in the next 6 years goes perfectly, the resulting SPR racquet sports court allocation will be tennis 114(56%) and 90 (44%) to pickleball.

The stated goal of SPR in the ORSS is not equality but to favor tennis by only 12% by 2032---while for 6 years discrimination is increased.

But the number of pickleball and tennis players will have changed by 2032. A strategy document to guide SPR resource allocation decisions for 6 years should take into account changes which can be predicted to happen by 2032.

By 2032 the explosive growth of pickleball will predictably mean that more than 60% of total racquet sports players will be playing pickleball.

If 60% of racquet sports courts were allocated to pickleball in 2032, pickleball would have 122 courts and tennis would have 82 courts.

The ORSS recommendations will thus increase SPR's favoritism of tennis and discrimination against pickleball in the allocation of racquet sports resources from 16% in 2026 to 32% in 2032.

David Middaugh, May 3, 2026

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I'm Theresa Haynie, a 30-year Seattle resident whose taxes support SPR through levies that give us our many parks and facilities, including public tennis courts.

As a pickleball coach and instructor, I've forked over thousands of dollars to SPR for facilities rentals to run pickleball clinics and special events.

In 2017, I was a sparkplug that helped pull together the players who formed the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association. SMPA is the voice for the Seattle pickleball community to take on a slow-moving Parks department that repeatedly ignored individuals asking for more pickleball courts.

In 2018, Seattle Parks identified 151 tennis courts across Seattle, with about a dozen or so too decrepit for tennis rentals, so you can guess what they hoped we'd accept for pickleball. Then came a pilot program, comprised of 2 pickleball venues. Our SMPA team pushed back, demanded more, and the pilot program was expanded to 7 venues, among them Green Lake, Bitter Lake, Discovery, Georgetown, High Point, and Sound View.

Now almost a decade later, we are still here asking for parity with tennis and not just castoff outdoor courts. SPR never revealed the results of the "pilot" success or failure, hasn't responded to the request for results from the thousands of dollars for studies, some at \$50K a pop, to address the demand for safe, functional, dedicated pickleball courts.

We pickleball players know what compromise is, as that's what we play on, week in, week out, year in, year out. In inclement weather, on sunny days, clearing snow or water just to get to play with our friends and family. We pay for court time, we clean the courts. We organize play. We welcome newcomers to the game. We share, and we're nice to tennis players.

Pickleball builds community, way more so than tennis, so we continue to be astonished at SPR's resistance to support this established, fast-growing, family and age-friendly sport.

I don't need to repeat, but I will: your response is not good enough. Can the studies, quit withholding information, and equitably share the money we all pay in taxes and court rental fees. There's ample evidence that even a city as large as Seattle is capable of building out proper outdoor pickleball facilities, ones that would let us be proud of Seattle Parks and Recreation as a partner.

I oppose the published strategy

While the RSS claims to be based on eight years of data and community engagement, there are critical gaps in how this data reflects the actual usage and social dynamics of the racquet sports community. I request transparency and specific answers to the following points:

1. Data Integrity and Noise Mitigation

- What specific data collected over the last eight years supports the "perceived problem" of court conflicts and pickleball noise?
- Does SPR have **actual court usage observation logs** like in-person counts?
- Why is "reduction of access" the primary solution for noise, rather than implementing professional **noise abatement solutions**?

2. Equitable Distribution and Strategic Placement

- Currently, the proposal maintains **114 tennis courts to 56 pickleball courts**. How is this ratio considered "equitable" when pickleball participation is growing at a significantly faster rate than tennis? And how does this increase play time?
- What criteria were used to determine site allotment, and why has pickleball been relegated to lower-tier facilities?

3. Response to Growing Demand vs. Reduced Access

- SPR implemented dual-striping in 2022 to meet surging demand. Given that demand continues to outpace tennis, why does the RSS appear to **reduce access** to pickleball play rather than expand it?
- Please provide the specific growth data for both sports that SPR used to justify the current allotment.

4. Financial Transparency and Reservations

- One of the justifications for the reorganization is complaints regarding reservation costs. Who, and how many individuals, officially filed complaints about the cost of reserving courts?

5. Operational Misunderstanding of the Sport

- The RSS lacks a fundamental understanding of the "Open Play" social model of pickleball.
- Were local pickleball leaders or high-volume organizers involved in the drafting of this strategy to ensure the "social/community aspect" was preserved?

Closing Statement:

I am calling for full transparency from SPR regarding the basis for this reorganization. To ensure the RSS is truly equitable and effective, it must reflect the reality of how these sports are played and the disproportionate growth of the pickleball community.

Pickleball & Shared Courts

Key Points to Consider

- **Health & Access Matter** — Pickleball has enabled people with chronic illness, limited mobility, and no car access to stay active. Neighborhood courts are essential.
- **Broad Community Appeal** — Players range from teens to 80s, crossing age, background, and neighborhood lines. Few public spaces foster this kind of diverse connection.
- **Low Barrier to Entry** — Minimal equipment needed; people of varying athletic ability can play together, making it one of the most inclusive recreational options available.
- **Demand is Outpacing Supply** — Courts are consistently full and reservations are highly competitive. Many players already travel outside their neighborhood or outside Seattle just to find a place to play.
- **Equity Concern** — many Seattle households have no car. Removing neighborhood court access disproportionately impacts those who cannot travel across the city.
- **Dual-Lining is Efficient** — Shared-use courts are a proven, land-efficient solution — consistent with how Seattle already manages community centers and athletic fields.
- **Data Transparency Needed** — Current usage metrics (GPS data, reservation logs) don't capture informal play. The city should share its methodology before deciding to reduce shared access.
- **The Ask** — Maintain shared courts while new dedicated courts are built. Don't reduce playing time before a real replacement plan is in place.

Dear Michele Finnegan,

I'm very concerned that the proposed outdoor racquet sports strategy from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on incomplete and misleading data, a lack of understanding of the game, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed strategies are implemented, which eliminates 40% of the Pickleball courts, the opportunities for playing Pickleball will be severely limited, if not effectively eliminated for many players. Pickleball will become available only to the elite who can afford to play for private memberships.

The proposed strategy relies heavily on tennis court reservation data, yet over 95% of Pickleball players do not use the reservation system. Pickleball is primarily played through open play and drop in formats not requiring reservations. The proposed strategy significantly underestimates both participation and frequency of use. Pickleball courts are consistently full, while tennis courts sit unused. I have played in Palm Desert where there were 30 pickleball courts and 4 tennis courts, and there was a wait for pickleball play while the tennis courts sat empty, as I am sure is typical countrywide. If there are more Pickleball players, why reduce access?

The strategy also appears to misunderstand how current systems are working. Dual use courts are effective. When reservations are represented, courts are typically shared appropriately. Isolated issues should not justify broad restrictions.

Open play as it is today is working extremely well. Eliminating 40% of the Pickleball courts and asking Pickleball players to wait 3 or more years for new courts does not support the Seattle Parks and Recreation goals.

I hear that some people with homes next to courts have complained about the noise. I play at Gilman Park at least 3 days per week, and these courts are ones that has been proposed to be eliminated. When neighbors complained, the parks department set restricted hours for play, and people are adhering to those hours.

I urge Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess data and engage more directly with Pickle Ball players before making any changes to the current court usage plan.

Mary Clark ,



Michele Finnegan – Superintendent
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April 30, 2026

Dear Superintendent Finnegan,

The proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation will have a severe negative impact on pickleball players in Seattle. There are more pickleball players than tennis players in Seattle by a wide margin, but that is not reflected in the proposed strategy. Reducing the number of pickleball courts by 40% does not make any sense. Clearly additional study and more data is needed before implementing any strategy.

The proposed strategy is heavily based on tennis court reservation data. But less than 5% of pickleball players use the reservation system. Pickleball is mainly played through open play and drop-in formats not requiring reservations. This proposed strategy significantly underestimates both the number of players and how often they play (3 to 6 times a week). Pickleball courts are consistently full, while many tennis courts sit unused. If there are many more pickleball players than tennis, why propose fewer pickleball courts?

A few of the main issues in this strategy shows a lack of understanding about how current systems work.

- Dual-use courts are effective. When reservations are presented, courts are shared appropriately the majority of the time. There’s always a few, both tennis and pickleball, who don’t share well. But a few players with issues should not justify broad restrictions. I have played pickleball at Rainier Beach playfield where the court next to me is playing tennis. We all got along just fine.
- Playing with extra lines on the courts. The tennis and pickleball court lines are different colors, which makes them easy to ignore. If pickleball players and play with extra lines, why can’t tennis players? Should extra lines lead to a 40% reduction in courts for pickleball players. Also, there are many tennis only courts available. The tennis only courts I see are consistently not fully used by half if not more.
- Open play as it is used today (two hour time slots on various days at most if not all the courts) is working extremely well. I am very familiar with Walt Hundley and Delridge Playfields where the four open play sessions in a week regularly draw 50+ players for each session or more than 200 players a week. Limiting open play at specific courts does not allow for local community connection and adds cost and time to travel to the specific open play courts.
- Eliminating 40% of the pickleball courts and asking pickleball players to wait three or more years for new courts—timelines that could easily slip due to budget or permitting delays, does not support the Seattle Parks and Recreation’s mission and goals.

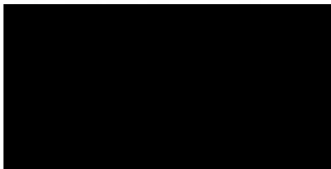
Pickleball is played by retirees and working people alike. Retirees play mostly in the morning or daytime, and the younger working players come in the late afternoon/evening after work. Speaking for the retiree population, pickleball addresses not only physical needs, but also mental and emotional needs given the social aspects of playing. Fewer courts equals less playing leading to more loneliness, less movement, and little community interaction.

In summary, the proposed strategy does not reflect actual usage of both pickleball and tennis courts, or reflect the needs of the community. I urge Seattle Parks and Recreation to reassess its data and work more directly with pickleball users, before making any changes to the current use of the courts.

Sincerely,



Dale Schlotzhauer



5/8/26

Board of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Michele Finnegan ,

I am deeply concerned that the proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on incomplete and misleading data, a lack of understanding of the game, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed strategy is implemented, which eliminates 40% of the pickleball courts, the opportunities for playing pickleball will be severely limited if not effectively eliminated for many players.

The proposed strategy relies heavily on tennis court reservation data, yet over 95% of pickleball players do not use the reservation system. Pickleball is primarily played through open play and drop-in formats not requiring reservations. This proposed strategy significantly underestimates both participation and frequency of use. Pickleball courts are consistently full, while many tennis courts sit unused. If there are more pickleball players—potentially by a wide margin—why reduce access?

The strategy also appears to misunderstand how current systems are working:

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5/8/26

Board of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Michele Finnegan ,

I am deeply concerned that the proposed “Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy” from Seattle Parks and Recreation is based on incomplete and misleading data, a lack of understanding of the game, and a lack of knowledge of how current usage is working in real time. If the proposed strategy is implemented, which eliminates 40% of the pickleball courts, the opportunities for playing pickleball will be severely limited if not effectively eliminated for many players.

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Save and Grow Seattle Tennis

To: Michele Finnegan, Interim Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation

We want Parks and the city, to put the brakes on this plan and use of tennis courts for anything other than their built purpose of public tennis.

The USTA states that tennis participation in the PNW has grown at a 10.8% rate in the past five years. In an increasingly competitive sports and recreation environment, this expansion demonstrates tennis' broadening appeal and strengthening position in the U.S.

This is a time for Seattle Parks and Recreation to be increasing the number of courts and improving their lighting and general maintenance. The lifelong sport of tennis contributes significantly to a healthy and active community, crosses generational boundaries and brings diverse groups together.

Seattle's tennis courts have been developed as generational legacy for the public to enjoy, beginning as far back as 1912, with the courts built at Volunteer Park.

Many courts were "taken" over the past few years when they were striped for dual-purpose between pickleball and tennis with Parks taking an inexpensive budget path that pitted tennis players against pickleball players at a time when both sports were growing. This goes against the Park spirit of building healthy communities, creating needless conflict and conflating the two very different activities. It's time for all tennis courts to go back to their intended and originally approved and voted on purpose, tennis.

The draft "2026 Racquet Sports Strategy" needs to be more widely distributed with more time and opportunities for real public feedback. No tennis courts should be eliminated and in fact the city should build more tennis courts due to the growth in the sport as well as the population growth in Seattle. We believe strongly that the city should also build some dedicated pickleball courts away from houses (due to the loud noise issue). One sport should not be pitted against the other especially when both are growing.

Additionally, outreach on this racquet sports strategy has been completely insufficient and the most basic outreach to tennis players wasn't done. There were no notices posted at the largest best-used tennis facility in the city, Lower Woodland Park, or the largest best-used in the south end, Jefferson Park.

We want Parks and the City, to put the brakes on this plan and use of tennis courts for anything other than their built purpose of public tennis.

Please save all our current tennis courts, add new tennis courts and build new pickleball courts away from residents! It's time to do the right thing that should have been done five years ago. Thank you!

Why is this important?

Parks is holding community meetings and receiving public input now. The petition is needed at this point before decisions are made.

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