Round 2 Public Engagement Comprehensive Engagement Report: August 3, 2026

All notes, letters, documents, and statements contained within were provided to Seattle Parks and Recreation between May 25 - June 30, 2026 in response to the Draft Racquet Sport Strategy released on April 6, 2026 and the second round of public engagement meetings that occurred in June. 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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ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETINGS' PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION FEEDBACK

Date	Name	Comment
June 23rd, 2026	Robert Model	Tennis player; Hiawatha regularly reservation by group of doubles; both sports are in demand and growing; need to fund more creative ideas to provide PB courts; Hiawatha condition concerns re: striping and cracks; brought up opportunities at SWAC; impossible to get court with out reservation; would rather play on cracked court than no court.
June 23rd, 2026	Pat Shaffer	Glad to see tennis here and didn't see any at Bitter Lake; feels like she isn't being listened to; PB is a social sport to get out; other activities are not social afterwords. Tennis petition - 15% out of 981 zip code; thinks two sports can work together
June 23rd, 2026	John Rankin	SMPA dir; never felt like they were listened to; part of adivisory committee 2-3 years ago but didn't feel like there was real engagement / outcome; stakeholder group for this hasn't felt they had engaged; what has been provided was SPR's plan; close out engagement and they allocate resources and make plans.
June 23rd, 2026	Matt Cannard	West Seattle reservation; SMPA member; tennis player; when he started PB, he and his family were invited and pulled in; less players/ people playing tennis is West Seattle; tennis less connection and social; PB more diverse and creates connections; celebrates what makes West Seattle great: community; West Seattle should have representatives want fair treatment and inclusion in decision making; to preserve community.
June 23rd, 2026	Kevin Wilhelm	Tennis and PB player and table tennis; there's an us vs them mentality when they're all Seattle taxpayers; fund ways to fund common ground; SMPA will help with mount needs and noise issue locations; want to make sure everything is better for everyone.
June 23rd, 2026	Berit Koltveit	PB player; agrees with Matt C; heard "that paid locations mean less need for PB courts"; accessibility is at the crux of need/ solutions; doesn't want to see segregating
June 23rd, 2026	Andy Rottler	Most important to him is people having access to outdoor spaces to play; news: removing PB lines from Alki; lives in West Seattle for 35 years; little tennis use; well used by PB - why remove? Last 4 days visited
June 23rd, 2026	Chanel Christopher	West Seattle resident 20+ years; Seattle street dodge ball representative - positive steward at Cal Anderson; 2010- BPRC process to get tennis made multu use; concerned/ shocked for consideration of it for dedicated PB; inclusion sports should be for all
June 23rd, 2026	Catherine Tier	Cap Hill 2.5 resident; doesn't think there is a high PB demand; there are not other safe places for existing users in courts in neighborhood; feels exclusionary; already courts at Miller

June 23rd, 2026	Amy Nelson	PB; main concern - doesn't have clear understanding of the problem - especially that doesn't exist in West Seattle; 67% reduction in PB couts in West Seattle in number of courts in strategy; heard there were problems elsewhere - focus on those; they're only aksed for additional courts; they don't want to continue as is
June 23rd, 2026	Theresa Haynie	Lives in North Seattle - don't play at courts just in neighborhood - play all over city to bring people together; her - particularly women; SMPA has been meeting with SPR since 2010 to discuss needs but doesn't feel listened to and seems siloed; where PB thrived so does the neighborhood.
June 23rd, 2026	Mark Bingham	New life in retirement as PB player; 1st name basis with most in room; echoes thoughts of many before him; shared story of community and friendship and health improvements.
June 23rd, 2026	Kevin Eleven	SPR has failed both racket sports; because of loss of courts being proposed; data is skewed because its focused on dual; and data is dated - what has happened in last 6 years; some numbers provided are based on rentals - which is driven by tennis - don't rent out spaces that are most popular - it excludes others
June 23rd, 2026	Abdy Farid	where do I sign up for dodgeball; Levy $120-140 m/year - why can't SPR provided similar dedicated courts as other communities
June 23rd, 2026	Kathy Dunn	2017 - Alki made dual use lives within walking if you take PB will be empty because tennis doesn't use - would have to bike/walk far away; it is not in great condition - out there for exercise doesn't care about reg size just access - keep daul use.
June 23rd, 2026	Marianne McLord	Amy did good job of discussing West Seattle sitch - would like separate approach/engagement for West Seattle; appreciates Cal Anderson concerns; for 1:1 tennis/pickleball; HP and Riverview - opportunities for did PB courts with great space; reshaping-Delridge - fall concerns and missing stripping Walt Hundley far off
June 23rd, 2026	Andy Rottler	There are short and long term issues; Alki remembers short term concerns; Lincoln Park and Hiawatha site visit average of 1 (tennis) person per counts; Alki and High Point: 6 people playing per count; appears there's enough tennis courts in West Seattle for play.
June 23rd, 2026	Randy Silvy	Feels like we are talking to a brick wall - when does the feedback stop and when do we get to ask questions directly and receive answers.
June 23rd, 2026	Chanel Christopher	2022 did dodgeball lines at Cal Anderson and there's still many other users that can use it; they didn't hear about 1st engagement sign was torn down; and QR code scratched out; RS name doesn't included other users; how much money is spent on PB? Cal serves marginalized group of people.

June 23rd, 2026	Andy Bagnal	biggest problem - talks about problems but doesn't site source of problems; mentions issues at a high level and repeats these but doesn't document these; charts don't show current/proposed / net impact; these are meetings issues that can be solved without removing access.
June 23rd, 2026	Mark Maroon	Lives in West Seattle Plays PB for 6 years; speakers have covered concerns well; has travelled county and everyone thinks they must have access to a lot of really great courts; all along West coast they have beautiful lit courts with stacked waiting lines; Seattle is way behind rest of country and best community of players
June 23rd, 2026	Catherine Tier	Add to Chanel point - not seeing lots of diversity in room; dodgeball team attracts diverse community; there are not many other locations where they can do this even outside of Cap Hill.
June 25th, 2026	David Johnson	Lives in Mount Baker; PB for 2 years cofound PB central; runs facility; bus. of PB news letters; international association of PB and padel facility organization; wants ofer resources and ASSOC to SPR - there's a perception and reality that strategy has been impacted by tennis industry with little from PB; would like to see more collab with more timely/ accurate data and accuracy for more transparency see best interest of all sports are considered; doesn't see padel considered.
June 25th, 2026	Richard Wenger	Has gone to serveral meetings and gets perception that PB community is angered and doesn't have access to "tennis courts" but have access to most CCs; tennis players are subsidizing Pb by access for PB being provided on tennis courts; $80-100/year and $60 to play tennis here now because of competition for use with PB; in spring he can no longer go to Green Lake; used to be free.
June 25th, 2026	Ginny Bear	play at High Point and Delridge for 9+ years and happy she found a spot she loves to play; surprised by this strategy because there's been a lot of surveys/feedback and could lose access; not everyone wants dedicated play; questions related to USTA innvolvement in strategy development; important to know what local community wants.
June 25th, 2026	Greg Abbott	plays mostly at Mount Baker; plays both sports; dual use still is the way to go; at Mount Baker 3 of 4 PB spaces were being used by organized group; late morning on weekdays not as much tennis demand - more late afternoon/weekend; would like for both sports to have access but tennis is an elite sport but its important for diversity and access to have both.

June 25th, 2026	Peter Kalmes	Current engagement process doesn't have two way engagement that was promised; thought this second phase would have that; asking questions allow more transparency and meaningful understandings. without that, cannot know if they're feeling heard or understood with community; asking for a making group of both sports and SPR for dialogue that reps all and is more equitable (balanced).
June 25th, 2026	Aya Nakazato	Mount Baker - Plays PB every week - noise concerns at West Magnolia, can sympathize - heard concerns at Garfield meeting and reconized proximity of Mount Baker to residents; she uses quiet paddles at residential areas and supports policies to reduce noise impacts; acknowledges PB has become really important to community and provided many benefits through access; need to collaboratively solve problem rather than zero-sum/ would like to participate in those conversotions.
June 25th, 2026	Daj Oberg	New comer to PB - 4 years; plays at Mount Baker with SPR lifelong learning; 16 players, retires and are older; to stay engaged and healthy; these were also 2 HS player; PB are also tax payers; are not subsidized; many play both sports; would like to see dual use maintained and respect for res and court times.
June 25th, 2026	Chanel Christopher	community org/volunteer - loves how diverse Seattle is; not RS players; Multi use sport player; there's no data re: multi use courts; its important to share the courts with all users; its great to have 92- Seattle dodgeball groups at Cal Anderson where 2022 stripes were added - 2018 declared multi use; requested second engagement session.; Cal Anderson not on boards.
June 25th, 2026	Margaret PakEnslow	Tennis 3 years ago started; understands resoruce stress; loves comments re: community meetings and gathering these sports; different types of reservation system - you have to enter specific court and time to see if its available - Court Reserve - pick day/time and see whats available and add to wait list or see available for drop in; Covering courts: USTA PNW - do rankings for tournaments based in Oregon and effort to cover courts.
June 25th, 2026	Kim Gould	Tennis player; thinks hub and meetings are great but need dialogue; dual use: have some dual and some not- rallying isn't affacted by dual use - but tournaments problematic - need to support growth - George and Mag, did for new courts; trio really popular sports that should be promoted/supported; there is a tennis pipeline for youth
June 25th, 2026	Annie Pankiewicz	have worked with senior pop. with Alzheimer's. Prev: PB creates transfomation - lives in High Point and plays in South; areas with lower income are losing courts in strategy and need protecting; at Solstice = drive 4x 5-7 pm - never sees courts at capacity - maybe 4 players; consider current usage/ want times with under used courts; would also love more dialogue to better explain each locations own culture

June 25th, 2026	Craig Montgomery	plays tennis- strongly agrees with peter on working group/ round table/dialogue - not enough transparency and takes too long; appreciates consideration of noise impacts; used to play at Mount Baker, but now having to move nets deters him; doesn't understand what problem strategy is trying to solve; okay as long as nothing happens to Amy Lee.
June 25th, 2026	Karen Castalon	PB player 2+ years - like to have more of a dialogue; trying to address a part generally but its not clear what the problem is; issues are on neighborhood level - focus on this level.
June 25th, 2026	Amy Ezzo	Appreciates people being engaged; plays both sports but currently PB; mostly in West Seattle; but goes everywhere; each court should be looked at individually given uniqueness; want to make sure there's diversity in the voices heard and represented; kids are really interested in PB.
June 25th, 2026	Liz Lehmans	plays both sports and plays PB because can't play indoor as easily indoor tennis; CCs offer a lot of affordable indoor options; wants more free indoor tennis for seniors; Leschi - pot holes, it is not usable, has repeated it to fund it, fix it
June 25th, 2026	Chanel Christopher	Pb "Court conversion" $2.1 m for Magnuson - equity needs to be at forefront of discussion; would like to see Cal Anderson taken off the table - serves marginalized community and provided community services; her group is focused on service, diversity, equity; inclusive dodgeball court (offical).
June 25th, 2026	Aya Nakazato	Surrendering Brighton and RB 70% of HHS receive reduce lunch; indoor courts will not fill this demand and strategy takes away these courts to PB players.
June 27th, 2026	Diane D.	thinks PB is great and wants them to have an courts not in danger ares lies 45 ft from West Magnolia courts - woken by noise and goes to bed with it; wants them to go back to tennis; affecting her health: FB page: "Pickleball relief"; there are cities that have outlawed outdoor pb and there have been lawsuits; make more not in backyards.
June 27th, 2026	Shirely Purkey	lives in condo next to West Mag courts; can't open windows/doors adjacent to courts; supports sports but sound has affact tennis does - mentions different in number of players and type of noise; plays and mental wellbeing being impacted; had to use outdoor spaces or enjoy indoor spaces even with earphones; doesn't think players understand the noise from their side; would apperciate signs for rules/regs.
June 27th, 2026	Peter Krier	encourages SPR to get feedback from adjacent residents; lives in condos next to West Mag; finds nosie unbearable; keeps windows/doors closed; can't use outdoor spaces; relintless all day, year around; supports proposed to elimate dual use (PB) at sites adjacent to residents.

June 27th, 2026	Kerry Thompson	PB plays Mag. Ball, loyal, - build between future capacity, keep all dual use stripping like CC gyms to allow flexibility; doesn't believe court use confusion is an issue; wants to keep reservations as-is until added capacity and then find the delta ; Mag PF is active use bball use light court after dark well before condos were built; understands residents concerns - supports quiet paddles and noise panels.
June 27th, 2026	Jason Quehl	Lives in Mag 3 years; plays PB at West Mag went to QACC during difficult time and welcomed to play PB for zero money; welcome, active, kind community; understands noise complaints; delta is difficult; city and condo should resolve sound issue - not a PB problem; could focus on using North courts and should not focus on pb vs tennis/ other sound mitigation options considered
June 27th, 2026	Richard Wenger	Tennis player; PB players get to play for free at CCs; $500-1500 a year playing tennis in winter and spring at public facilities; would like more access to public courts; build outdoor PB courts and take competition away.
June 27th, 2026	Chanel Christopher	Represents Seattel Street Dodgeball; would like to offer multi use sport court solution; "court conversion upwards of 2m", they currently play at Cal Anderspn that serves special population with out reach and services; only location; design multi use 2010; 2022 dodgeball lines added; doesn't know why PB would be added when there are so many other options; charging for use goes against equity/access mission.
June 27th, 2026	Solika Parter	non player, sound pollution issue with PB - distintive pop with freq similar to back up alam on car; survey find significant impact on wellbeing 10-1100 ft from courts; interrupted sleep on infants; psycho impacts; RCW language - SPR evaluate demand and unique acoustic impacts on surrounding areas.
June 27th, 2026	Alex Broner	dodgeball at Cal Anderson for almost 20 years, 2x a week; 100 + spectators; supports bike polo, skateboarding, and other uses for 15+ years; asks for this to continue
June 27th, 2026	Kathleen P.	New to PB; would love to see daul use can't until replaced; SPR should unstall acoustic panels first; hasn't seen city do this add to follow up
June 27th, 2026	Annette	Pb and Tennis player: 34th and smith; pb noise is aggravating; constant noise; keeps windows/doors closed; not a noise that can be ignored and is constant unlike sports fields (baseball); issue without AC; if non-reservable courts could have free reservations for equity for some predictability that would be good
June 27th, 2026	Susan Motte	pb player; researcher; reservations: loves idea of keeping free and wanting to ind instead of groups; feedback on data collection: pb has exp so much concerned it doesn't relflect current information; feedback is more current and reflective and appreciates it as it better reflects demand.

June 27th, 2026	Randi Richmond	plays tennis; lives near PB court and affected by noise; anything that gets people outside is good; her property values has gone down because of PB court users and impacts; solution: quiet equipment; for residential locations, not tournament locations; sound panels force sound up
June 27th, 2026	Pam G.	Sound of PB to adjacent residents is consistent and similar to land vehicle next to next to house with bass; understand people don't want to lose access, but are people willing to support making conditions work for residents; London - quiet only
June 27th, 2026	Anne Seidel	agrees with Kerry T; urge statistician knowledgeable with data; has concerns re res data interpretations; PB has increased in pop much more quickly than tennis; make sure you're not misleading data
June 27th, 2026	Amy Turcinov	parent of twins; Son and her play PB at West Mag; group ranges in age/ability; allowed them to build relationships; son can play with people they know/ doesn't and are always welcoming; can just show up; brings community together
June 27th, 2026	Heather	Lived in Mag since 2008; struggled with pain: for 10 years; Doctor reccomends activity; played tennis in High School; couldn't find partner; then took PB class and was added to a group where she was welcomed and enabled her to be active easily and affordably
June 27th, 2026	Court Rich	Newer sport with newer demand (since 60s) not fair for tennis to entirely absorb demand; tennis demand hasn't gone and even if PB has exploded; not as many private apps for tennis.
June 27th, 2026	Mardig Sheridad	tennis player and could easily be PB player in a few years; feels overwhelmed; pre-PB could go to a court and even if it wasn't available you could predictably know when it would be; but not with with PB - you have to reserve; what would be fair is more did PB courts and tennis courts for tennis only
June 27th, 2026	Scott Luchessa	Lived in Mag for 30+ years; understands those impacted by PB courts adjacent to courts; wonders if there's been actual studies of noise imapcts; solution seems to be limit hours to reasonable amount of time; lot more PB players than tennis and more tennis courts than PB courts - solution should be equitable.
June 27th, 2026	Shari Thompson	PB player; PB players would love to play on did PB courts; appreciates hearing from neighbors; wants to be fair to all community and hate have competition between groups; wants SPR to pursue solutions that serve everyone; what can be tried and what can work; want to keep playing
June 27th, 2026	Rick Burke	Lifetime Seattle resident; former tennis player; now indoor/outdoor PB player; not a dual/single use or RS vs other use; SPR look closer a CC model to leverage it for outdoor courts (SPR, res, youth program models, etc); multi use feels like right answer for public spaces and city foucs on sound abatement and optimizing multi use.

June 27th, 2026	Chanel Christopher	dodgeball at Cal Anderson; reservable courts create disproportionate impact on certain groups; there are plenty of resources and locations for RS, believes only solution is multi ise and doesn't support reservations; basketball and roller sports being ignored; feels PB is well represented and provided access/opportunities for feedback
June 27th, 2026	Jason Q.	Original proposal felt lacking in connection to reality; feels like Seattle is under investing in rec facilities; know W. Mag best; why wouldn't we make all facilities accessible; when was the last time we built a PB/tennis court in Seattle? Just keep building/expanding and providing access.
June 27th, 2026	Theresa H.	10+ years SMPA meeting with SPR to discuss what PB community wants; (Not listened to; rebuffed, subjected to numerous pilots) and hear more pilots are being proposed; need to keep wasting money and build courts, enhance courts to better support dual use to support sport that builds healthy communities.
June 30th, 2026	Michael Linnabary	Longtime tennis player: since age 13 at Woodland in 1963; seen a lot with system; didn't think he'd have to defend system; hasn't seen engagement that SPR has said has occurred; narrative that these are equivalent sports that can take the same spots is inaccurate; tennis is short on courts; grown 110% in last decade; no new courts since 70s; no issue with PB just loss of tennis courts for PB use; need to be separated use; get dedicated courts.
June 30th, 2026	Matt Shannon	Tennis player & PB; ask SPR - how this came to be a problem in 1st place - doesn't see issue; thinks with careful planning existing courts can be used for both sports; knows Lower Woodland will never be PB; Sat tennis - had to reserve at Gilman because many other locations were reserved; pay for access if you want to play.
June 30th, 2026	Jack Clinch	Tennis & PB Player, lot of quantitative arguments (space, # of people, etc.) qualitative - esp open play & how its social - solving problems, democracy in action, setting social norms; forcing open play to pay for reservations shouldn't happen.
June 30th, 2026	Dave Middaugh	8 days beyond when "strategy was supposed to be implemented" so good it hasn't; SPR have a real trust issue; history of favoring tennis; want to be treated equally & have equally # of courts; SPR has not committed to this; drives distrust, but other issues can be worked out; nned to first know equal number of courts will be provided & both sports valued.
June 30th, 2026	Liting Hung	5 men from Gilman; regular tennis player at Gilman until dual use; it is now a de facto private Pb location but even when they get access a line will show up of PB players pressure them to leave & force them off courts; ended up leaving before ready; dual use at Gilman has been a failure.

June 30th, 2026	Frank Shaw	Tennis & PB player since 1970; sound issues - PB sound travels a bit but can be mitigated - hours for special locations (quiet balls/paddles); sound alleviating; - Miller; - Gilman; lighting would be difficult to add on residential areas.
June 30th, 2026	Cindy Eckholt	PB 5-6 years with 15-16 senior women every Tuesday at West Magnalia from 8-11 with out any issues & haven't seen any tennis players; peak hours on weekend & after work; doesn't play during peak times; wants to continue dual use at courts & work out these issues to not waste paces during day.
June 30th, 2026	Larry Herz	Tennis & PB player; been here 4 years; resource problem cannot be resolved here but appreciates recognition that more & better courts are needed; expectations for engagement: what might mitigate this friction; methods for data collection: counting at courts who is waiting - concerns about when data was no longer collected; demand shot up on last two years.
June 30th, 2026	Kim Collier	PB at Gilman; people don't like to lose what they value; Gilman Whatsapp 200+ members; friendly, intergenerational community; great use of tax dollars; 80/20 open vs res system; to guarantee access & support open play; supports preserving dual use at Gilman by reducing impacts on neighbors & not forcing more commutes for futher courts.
June 30th, 2026	Michele Egan	PB at Gilman for couple of years started at GLE; echoes Kim C; considered noise complaints - part of cult use being next to parks; could see mental impact of that but mental benefits of PB play for her is greater; they try to be kind to everyone; doesn't believe in paying for access and have better communication solve problems.
June 30th, 2026	Alex Broner	Dodgeball at Cal Anderson - brings dozens of people to Cal Anderson 2x a week; hundreds during summer; conflict for indoor spaces and outdoor space contributes to environment and success of sport at location; competitive nationally and lot of best players start these; ask SPR to keep multi use and free access.
June 30th, 2026	Chanel Christopher	dodgeball at Cal Anderson; learned recently court was proposed for PB; multi use and highly used by diverse population that also relies on services provided at location; believes PB has enough access elsewhere; reservations would limit access for users in that area SPR drop all reservations - counter to mission.
June 30th, 2026	Laura Gonzales	Lived in Capitol Hill 10 years and Ballard last 6; started playing dodgeball in Cal Anderson in 2010; dodgeball opened access to sports that she didn't have growing up and build community/health; removing access would affect youth with limited resources; would like site to remain multi use for all.

June 30th, 2026	Ziba Kaboli	PB addict; started with tennis in High School; moved to Seattle 5 years ago - looking for community and found it at Gilman; playing past 6-7 months; believes there should be access for both; very friendly, warm community; barely seen tennis players there; walk through of how SPR got data and made decisions; publish data for inputs of strategy; make decision based on survey of peak hours.
June 30th, 2026	Craig Larson	"PB raises health concerns for people near courts"; disrupts sleep cardiac and neurological impacts with "impulse noise" - being exposed with 1000 feet results in people wearing noise canceling earphones in house; people stop having windows/doors open ; lawsuits are coming.
		What metrics will you use to determine if your proposal will succeed or fail?
		Don't know that I'll feel safe walking into Discovery park by myself to join a pickleball game (safety of trees/crime etc)
		Please continye to allow multi-use at Cal Anderson including and especially historical uses: - Dodgeball, - bike polo, - skateboarding
		Magnolia Park is never busy and only lined for tennis. Why not make this tennis only and West Magnolia Playfield only pickleball or vice versa
		Pickleball saved me from getting a Knee replacement. I started playing and my knee oaun took a back seat.
		One change I would like to see is wind screens being added around the courts as well as noise cancelling materials
		We regularly have a group of 15-20 pickleball players multiple days a week. The ages range from 26-85.
		To the city - have you considered what revenue impacts would occur with Magnolia Village restaurants and shops? Pickleball brings in 4x the foot traffic as tennis - Former Magnolia chamber Member
		Was there any consideration of painting/stripping the 2 tennis courts at Magnolia Blvd and Howe to help offset demand of Magnolia playfield?
		keep courts lined and available as they are for both p.ball and tennis until adequate courts for all are established. ActiveNet not reliable for data collection. Most pickleball just show up and start to play. ActiveNet doesn't account for rapid growth of pickleball play city wide that last couple years. City should research and address noise issues at courts.
		Magnolia, essentially there are only 4 relatively well maintained tennis courts. The 2 courts on Howe St are rough, putting it mildly. The 4 on Magnolia playfield should be divided 2 for each sport. North for pickle, the Howe St pickle only, the other 2 optional.

		The sounds of pickleball are uniquely different from other sports. For the people playing, the sound may not be a problem. For people who live near the courts, the sound is constant and obtrusive. Other sports don't impact residents in the same way.
		The park department installed 4 pickleball nets. The Seattle pickleball conservation has installed 3 nets without the approval of the park department. They are still there????
		Revealed Demand and intensity of preference data --> 3-5 year gap is known - just wait 3-5 years --> given loud voice and turn out of PB community, that is a research data point. That is very important and called intensity perference and revealed demand. That voice strongly indicates high unmet demand for PB sage in the current strategy. By Susan Motle - susanmotle@gmail.com *can reserve court without saging accurately reason* 1. Delay 3-5 years till have courts 2. Reservations limited to individuals vs. large group 3. Data sources - PB demand higher --> reservation data may not be accurate * --> So watch early sources 2019-2022 ☆ --> use intensity of preferebce on data slide
		I would like to answers to all of the questions submitted on the engagement website.
		Homeless and marginalized populations deserce public land resources as well and cannot afford privatized/monetized reserve hold systms.
		Reserve - hold system serves only the wealthy and well-resourced and does not serve the common interest of the people
		The folks of many of mese communities do not have the financial resources to reserve - hold any court. Make ALL courts open use, 1st come / 1st served.
		Please focus on creating MORE multi-use sport courts and please STOP investing in the special interest of pickleball. $2.1 mill of our taxpayer resources is being spent on pickleball courts.
		I have playing tennis for many more years than pickleball. I have attended two previous public sessions and have yet to hear the "problem" SPR is trying to solve. I suspect there is a USTA push SPR does not want to admit to. The MATH associated with PB overwhelmingly supports this is in line with Seattle's densification.
		♡ The people of Cal Anderson Park want to maintain their multi-use sport courts designed as such in 2010, to serve the marginalized populations that pay taxes to support the infrastructure and land use in this area. Thank you!

		Dear Parks and Recreation Board, I like pickleball, I just don't like it across the street from residential dwellings. You know the annoying sound of a radio bass turned up too high and the da-dum da-dum in your ears. You know what a dripping faucet sounds like in your sink, and how annoying that can be. Imagaine living across from not one, or two courts, but 8 courst and potentially 32 players. The paddle hitting the ball is loud, and when repeated from sunrise - yes 6:30 am until dark, it can be maddening. We all know what waterboarding is- well, that wracking sound is an audible waterboarding. As observers you can sit and listen for an hour or two, and with one or two 4-somes playing, but you need to hear it all day long, day after day, with up to 32 players, to understand the impact on neighbors. Tennis has a decorum. Pickleball does not. If the paddle whacking isn't bad enough, the raucous shouting, radios, and foul language is unnecessary. This isn't a local problem, it's worldwide, and you've seen it coming to your local courts. To the pickleball association people who are here today. You know the noise is causing unrest. You don't want the pickleball courts removed from some parks. But what are you doing or have done to help mitigate the problem? Are you at courts in the early hours of the morning telling people it's too early to play? Do you suggest that some players are being too loud? Have you suggested and helped enforce quiet paddles and balls be used on certain courts? Have you written to the paddle and ball makers ti improve the technology? If you are going to play across from residential dwellings then some compromises need to be made and it is the Parks Department and pickleball players who will need to make them.

		I'm Matt Cannard, a longtime West Seattle Resident, a member of the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, and a longtime tennis player. When I first started playing pickleball, something happened that surprised me. A group of players noticed I was new and invited me into their game. Before long, we were laughing and talking and playing and then my kids came, my friend's kids came, and grandparents came to play. As a tennis player, I've made frienships through active play, but the connections are fewer and tend to happen within smaller circles. Less people. What I found in pickleball was different. People weren't just playing a game. They were intentionally creating connections and growing that connectedness to each other. Pickleball is one of the few activities that truly bridges generations, neighborhoods, incomes, and backgrounds. It created friendships, combats loneliness, promotes health, and strengthens community. It embodies the very spirit of connection that makes West Seattle and the greater Seatte area such a special place to live. In a time when so many people feel isolated and disconnected, that is something special. In fact, it's someting rare. That's why this conversation is about more than courts. Pickleball isn't just a sport. It's a community. And communities deserve representation. West Seattle pickleball players are taxpayers, volunteers, neighbors, and active users of our public parks. We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for fair treatment. We are asking that the voices of the people who have built this vibrant community be included in the decisions that affect its future. We believe you-- and we --can find solutions that balance court concerns while preserving the extraordinary community that has grown around pickleball, giving ALL OF US a shared space we can use. Please ensure our pickleball community has equal representation moving forward and our courts remain open to all of us. Thank you.

Q1: In terms of establishing open play only pickleball locations, how do you feel about the idea of no reservations of any kind being allowed at these locations once they are designated?

(Optional) Please provide any additional feedback about reservations at open play only locations.

ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
Ending reservations for pickleball courts at Green Lake East, e.g., would be AWESOME.
Depends on where these locations are? Not clear.
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
I don't want to drive a long ways for a designated court for open play. Hours at local courts work better.
The already list of open-play only courts or other?
This question is confusing. The locations of open play only are an unknown. Is it going to be
There should be at least 1-2 reservable courts for lessons, events etc. Could be open if not reserved.
There should be 1-2 courts that are reservable.
Flush this out more. Some courts should be reservable at some time but some courts /times open.
There should be some courts reservable within each area (eg. N. Seattle, S. Seattle, W. Seattle etc.). Not seeing the whole picture with this question.
If at Cal Anderson park, many of the folks who use this public land resources are actually homeless or under-resourced/under-served and they do not have the means to access a reserve-hold system.
Marginalized populations cannot afford to reserve these courts.
Reservations can be okay during high-peak hours (weekdays 9am-3pm)
SURVEY RESPONSES
If there are 4 courts, reservations for 1 court seem reasonable.
Open play is Open play not reserved play
I feel there should be a few reserved courts and more than a few open courts
Open play is contrary to open play
Reservations should be allowed at SOME courts, but Open Play culture should be paramount to support at these Pickleball Open Play hubs. It is important for the community that you have a place to just show up and play.
Pickleball is a community sport. We can stack our paddles and wait in line like they do at greenlake. No reservations allowed is ideal because it reduces the unnecessary barrier and encourages people to play with their community
I'm a tennis player so I won't comment on pickleball
Pickleball, as a grow growing sport, deserves maximum number of courts.
Is this done for tennis? We have busy lives and reserving our courts gives us control of our play time after work or on the weekends. Without the opportunity to reserve, it's chaos to get on a court.
reservations is the opposite of open play. What is problem that is being solves by having to make reservations for open play? Open play is being able to just show up and play with whomever is there.
If the reservation schedule is fair and available, there could be some days a week that are kept no-res while allowing reservations on other days. If reservations are released X weeks at a time (as opposed to the whole summer at once), people who miss the first wave can reserve during the second or go play on an open day. The reservation schedule (and how to make res) should be posted on the courts and online/social media. Finally reservations allow for leagues and community-building!
Why even have reservation unless you are having a tournament or special event.
Open play with no reservations allows more people opportunities to play.
With the limited ability to find open courts, I understand why groups would want to be able to reserve courts. It's a huge bummer to coordinate a group of friends to play, only to find that there are no courts available. However, I am also in favor of having some open play locations as well.

I just want to play with anybody at any time I think everybody oughta have equal opportunity to go out play pickle ball and or tennis and get along with all
Share court system is ideal for pickleball and other places we play ALL have share court system. Reservations can be served by private clubs
More seating at green lake?
Better to have reservable times some times and open play times where you can't reserve the courts
Open play in the peak hours in morning and in the afternoon And reservations allowed outside those hours.
There needs to be a way that a group of players can make advance reservations and arrange to play together without long wait times and interruptions
Often times we have organized community events in low traffic hours. It would be nice to have the option for guaranteed space during larger community events. Meaning...I'd support full facility or 4-court rentals only over single court rentals.
If reserving there are plenty of other options than taking a designated court
Let's share all the courts - Tennis courts can only play up to 4 people at a time and open play is really not the norm for Tennis - one Tennis court can potentially convert to two Pickleball courts - that means up to 16 people on the court and with open play - potentially double that if not more so the utilization is so much higher. It also bring the community together we do talk to each other and build a unity.
It allow people to play when they have time with no replanning
Reservation for community pickleball events seem reasonable.
Open Play should have designated hours. For large hubs like Greenlake and Rainier Beach, full time open play makes sense. For smaller 4-court parks, having designated Open Play times is ideal, with reservations allowed outside of that.
I like having the option to reserve a court. Having all pickleball courts only open play is too restrictive.
None.
It's handy to be able to make reservations.
I think reservations should only be required at high usage times, weekends and late afternoons during the summer months, and drop-in play allowed at low usage times.
It creates confusion as to who can reserve, if they have been reserved, and when. Courts with Pickleball are, in my experience, busy through the day as folks just show up. Having to reserve will result in courts being empty.
Open play is the best way to serve the most members of the public. The pickleball community is extremely welcoming to new players so reservations are not necessary and only disrupt the space and allow less people to play.
The reservation system minimizes players waiting in long lines tp play.
I love showing up to play pickleball when I am free, but respect others reserving half the court
public park pickleball should be entirely open play except for early mornings where challenge court play. just use the hours that places like Bend OR. and La Quinta CA. use. Don't reinvent the wheel.
Open play gets more people involved and doesn't price people out. Tennis and pickleball can rotate via open play
Dropin Open play fosters flexibility, and freedom to play = more community play!
There are so many leagues that build community and rely on being able to book court spaces. On an individual level, I also appreciate courts like Bitterlake that have courts protected for open play and courts that allow reservations. Allows all different types of players, especially ones at unique levels (like ultra beginner or 4.0+) find their communities for sustained play that can't be addressed via open play.
Love the option of dedicated open play courts with a 1 hour max when others are waiting
Open play is the most versatile and enhances the community aspect of pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport! It would be nice to just make a spontaneous decision to go out and and play on courts not used. The other side of that is people can go and stay until they're exhausted, not giving others the opportunity to play with no reservations
First come first serve
I play at Greenlake several times a week largely because of the open play format.
Open Play is the most inclusive option for the busiest courts in Seattle and I strongly support this for hubs like Greenlake
I do not know where these locations are or the hours to make an informed judgement about if reservations are needed or not.
I dont know enough about it
I play with a rec league and it’s a bit of a drive to the courts, so I’d like to know the courts are reserved and available for us to play.
There is so much demand for courts. At Greenlake, any reservation adds 20-30 minutes of wait time
I participate primarily through a group called Rainbow Rec and they reserve courts for us to play. This is optimal for me and many of my friends. I feel like there can be a happy medium to allow for both open play only and reserved courts. Thank you
Pickleball players stack paddles and rotate. The exception for reservations would be good is for a special event or tournament.
Makes the game less inclusive
Reservation don’t build community. Open play promotes interaction with strangers
Like to be able to reserve if I have a group or organization
I believe reservations are necessary to allow equal time.
Because the reservations need to be enforced by the players themselves, it can create interactions that are uncomfortable, or even hostile, with walk-on players already using the courts.
Locations I think would work well for open-play only: Green Lake East Miller Park
Open play is better. Private groups can stack together if they don’t want to mix. This also prevents single people from reserving all of the courts and charging money to play. Rainier beach is an example of that where one lady reserves all of the courts and forces you to pay her to play.
When planning a game, it’s helpful to have a a few courts available to reserve.
Open play works really well at proposed hubs like Green Lake. When individuals reserve these courts, and take it away from the dozens of people who are queuing in the open stacks, it's disruptive. Converting these hubs to open play only is the right decision!
Reservations are too complicated. Open means we show up when we can to play
Hello, I prefer the opportunity of building community and ease of play with open play-only locations. Private reservations do not make it inclusive and easy to play this sport, and do not make the community stronger. Instead, I have only seen it make the community more divisive and fight over courts unfairly and be taken advantage of by online bot-reservations and private community groups instead of public interest. I fell in love with pickleball due to an open play mentality, not private.
I have played pickleball in many cities in several different states. The culture of no reservations and open play currently found at Greenlake is by far the best system I have come across. The culture there is the most friendly and open group I’ve ever seen. I would love to see every public court in Seattle adopt this culture. People who are against this type of plan will always have private courts to play on.

There are other dedicated locations to reserve courts and indoor facilities throughout Seattle dedicated to court reservations
Open play is designed to be open to everyone, reservations reduce the number of available courts. There's no reason why anyone should be able to reserve a court for a prolonged duration of time.
I think reservations should still be allowed even if only for a short time period or on a fraction of the
No reservations at Greenlake
Make sure plenty of open play locations available.
Pickleball is getting popular. Build more courts in general. The people need it.
Methinks a mix of reservation courts and open play at each new set of pickleball only courts and all existing tennis only courts (which will NOT be converted to pickleball courts) is right thinking.
I strongly support open play at as many courts as possible. It's a public health tool: with loneliness now a declared epidemic, open play's rotation puts 1 person face-to-face with 10-16 others per session, and studies link regular play to up to 60% fewer depression symptoms. It's cheap, welcomes all ages and abilities, and reaches many isolated people who need it most. Please approve open play everywhere feasible, creating our highest-return use of the infrastructure we already have.
I love the greenlake model. Show up and play with new people
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
I play in north Seattle so this is going to be relevant to this area. Green Lake is the main spot where Open Play only should be considered in north Seattle. Bitter Lake DOES NOT have open culture or community, it mostly exists as a great place for people to book time to drill, or do clinics and leagues. Or private groupings. It should remain this way as this is definitely needed. Please remove reservations from Green Lake. We have a huge and thriving community. It's really
would like to see reservations removed from green lake and miller at the least
Pickleball and tennis are very different. Pickleball is a very social sport and is inviting to novice players. One of the greatest features is open play, especially at public parks. This, plus the fact that usually 4 players play, allows people to meet new people and start new relationships/friendships. However, I can also understand the desire for groups to want to reserve courts for special occassions.
ok if a small percentage (10% or so) can be reserved at open play courts.
No reservations for designated open play times, but ok outside of those hours.
People should only be able to reserve one court at a time
I used to play tennis, but I switched to Pickleball is being easier at my age. I love it! But as a senior and Social Security, I can't afford reservations and the whole spirit is to make Pickleball social, which
I think drop-in (Open) play makes pickelball more accessible. Sports that require multiple players and a reservation are harder to find to coordinate and schedule. If I wasn't able to go play with strangers at Shoreline, Blackburn (Mt Vernon), Green Lake, and Rainier I wouldn't have been able to play or get into the sport.
There should not be any reservations at open play. One reservation can significantly slow down and hinder the open play experience
I have never used the reservation system. Wait times are great for socializing.

The issue with reservations is that is can disrupt regular open play since a reservation could occur during any portion of the day.
Open play (no reservations) should be the norm. But each area of the city should have some courts available for reserved play to accommodate those who just don't like open-play (generally former tennis players used to private play).
I think it should be available but for a minimum number of courts, as in a big group would be using them, not a single person. You should have to reserve a minimum number of courts in relation to the total courts available at a location, like 30% or 50%. I don't think individuals should be able to reserve a single court. There should also be a time limit.
First come first serve is better plan. Plus keeping community courts free is a better plan. Not letting those with money have an advantage for getting courts
Some resevations seems like an okay option to me
There should be open play hours and reservation times for those who want to play for a solid hour with friends and to prectice
Pickleball functions much differently from tennis. As a highly social, low barrier to entry, and relatively inexpensive sport, one of its greatest attributes is its "open play" system, especially at public parks. The open play format fosters new relationships and and is conducive to the sport that frequently requires 4 people to play. That is the beauty of the sport. On the other hand, I can appreciate the availability of intermittent reservations for community group events or birthday parties.
I have heard that individuals are able to manipulate the current ability to reserve courts and then pretty much claim an ongoing, and usually prime, timeframe. If reservations are to be allowed, then I think software can manage that a person is limited to a finite number (2?) of reservations over the next four weeks...as a suggestion. People cannot turn public courts into their private and exclusive timeframe.
Pickleball Open Play is generally the same times across the entire country, mornings and evenings. You could allow court reservations from 1-4pm OR you could allow courts to be first come first serve from 1-4pm without an "open play" structure (which is typically a structure that requires players to mix in with others. I hope you educate yourself more about what "open play" means. It is not the same as "first come first serve" like in tennis.
I'm a tennis player and we need reservations.
I think certain hours should be open without reservations, peak times should be reserved
I most often play at Soundview and there is usually an available court in the weekday mornings when friends and I meet there, even with tennis players or tennis teacher and student on the other court. I'd hate to make Soundview reservation only.
Private reservations for community fund raising is popular and good to cover expenses for current open play for specific communities. This is vastly different from private tournament and pickleball instruction.
If these are truly open play only for pickleball, then I am fine having it be no reservations. Pickleball is most fun when it is open to everyone to play together. This also would mean that there are other courts that are available for reservations if people want small group or lessons.
Several courts where I play (Magnolia, Bitterlake) already have a combination of reservation and open play. Some courts you can reserve and some you cannot. This system seems to work well during the hours I typically play (weekday mornings/afternoon)
I am in favor of just one court being reserve-able. That said, I do not think any reservations should be allowed during peak play periods, say between 9-11 am and 4-7 pm.
There should be open play hours are all or nearly all pickleball locations. And Seattle Parks and Rec should make the reservations for the open play times. That's where community happens. It won't happen if there's only a few courts that are open play all day. There will also be a lot more driving involved to get to those open play only courts. But if there's open play times at various times during the day and various days of the week, then there's not so much driving around.

I feel it’s convenient and fair, everyone gets a a chance to play n whether they could plan in advance or not. Personally I like to just pop up and be flexible, decide last minute and know that there is always somewhere to play and someone to play with (like greenlake)
Pickleball is a very social sport, and players often play with many different people during open play. When courts are reserved, they often sit empty for periods of time while people are taking a break, while other players are stacking paddles for lack of courts.
Going to play PB is effectively going to Open Play for vast majority of recreational player. Having courts maximally available for these players help the PB community and therefore the overall community at large. Competitive players have their venues (clubs, homes).
Reservations to book all courts for occasional local/neighborhood PB tournaments only. Otherwise,
Reservations can be highly disruptive and are generally not needed.
community members need access to social pickleball opportunities- where we older adults without many friends can meet others who want to enjoy playing in the outdoors.
Open play should remain at all locations first come first serve regardless if it’s Pickleball or Tennis. No different than a basketball hoop in a park.
The challenge for Ballard and surrounding areas are the amount of available courts and availability. There is value in having a few places designated for open play only and having players understand when to rotate or have others gain access.
I think some hybrid strategy in which there are reservations allow that certain hours which are less busy would be fine
Can tennis and pickleball play be timed? Are pickleball players co.plaining about "unavailability" of courts? Maybe split the "tennis courts" (term the courts as 01, 02, 03, 04, not the "traditional 01, 02) and allow 1 court reservation only?
Reservations are helpful, but the res system isn't always easy to work with. I'd like drop in open play at places like Bitterlake where it's primarily reservations.
Reservations suit rich people and exclude those who cannot afford to play. Rich people can go to private clubs instead.
some courts reservable preferred.
I have not used reservations
One time, my friends and I showed up at Delridge pickleball courts. A group was there who had not reserved all of the courts, but insisted that the only way we could play in that location was by their rules (to rotate everyone in all courts). Because we had beginners and did not want to play with everyone, this seemed unfair, so we left.
Reservations break up the continuity and flow of open play. There are a lot of new players that depend on open play. Reservations that disrupt open play discourage people from playing and wait times are significantly increased. Those folks that want to reserve are welcome to stack and play in the open play.
Not everyone plays a sport at the same level, and having people sort themselves by levels, especially strangers, can be tricky and lead to conflict. Like campgrounds, the best model might be to have only 10-25% of courts reservable at a given location. For locations with four courts 25% might be okay -- ONE of the four courts.
I think it’s the fair way to reserve a court but not everyone might know to reserve and/or how to reserve due to whatever limitations they might have (ie no computer or smartphone, unaware/lack of information, website not available in different languages, etc.).
We can designate open play times and at other times, we should be able to reserve the courts
I believe pickle ball is for all and everyone is always welcome.
We should be able to share space rather than dedicating pickleball or tennis only.
I’m not sure awesome orgs like rainbow rec would be able to establish community events in the same way without reservations and having the community space and time is so so important

I don't love the idea of not allowing reservations at all - maybe have peak hours be open play only, and allowing reservations the rest of the time? There are folks who are not comfortable participating in open play and really want to option to reserve space.
If there are multiple courts available at the designated open play courts, then limited reservations are ok, as long as the majority of the courts are not reserved and available for drop-in open play.
Typical pickleball players don't reserve courts. That is much more in keeping with tennis players, which is why just tabulating reservations to make a change to policies is very misleading. I really don't understand all this drive to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Just allow all citizens to use the public
Some courts for open play, some for reserve. Keeps everyone happy.
Both are needed, so the idea of limiting one for the other is LIMITING. Groups get together to help each other learn; individuals use that knowledge to do Open Play.
It would be hard to find a court where our group of 8 could play together
I am a member of a 30-person pickle ball group that meets to play together. Our group could not function if we can't reserve a place to play together.
Anywhere that is designated as a hub should be open play only.
It depends on the location of the open play only courts.
Reservations allow for a guaranteed court for people to meet and enjoy the game with friends. The 1.5 time allowed is great
Is there a set time limit?
I would support no reservations at designated PB hubs e.g Green Lake or Bitter Lake.
If there are numerous courts and certain times with less participants in Open Play, I might support having one or two courts available for reservations during those off-peak Open Play hours.
I appreciate having some courts reservable while others are first come first serve for Pickleball
I would prefer it if reservations were limited to individuals, non-profits, and schools.
Reservations disrupt the flow and availability of open plan - interrupting community building and more people having access to courts.
I don't have a strong feeling about allowing reservations.
I'm hoping that the lifetime recreation program continues for seniors where we have Two hours reserved at various courts.
We want the Park & Rec Lifelong Rec programs also to continue with reserved courts.
Most pickleball players are genuinely open to playing with strangers. However, something important would be lost if we do not create space for affinity groups to coordinate and schedule specific playing times. This is true for women, BIPOC, LGBTQIA, etc. it's important to honor that community is defined differently in different situations. Sometimes it means playing with anyone and sometimes it means playing with people who share an identity or lived experience.
There should be some ability to reserve courts for lessons and clinics, but limited to certain days and
If there are reservations, some people are just going to hog them all. I definitely like the idea of continuing open play.
Intact groups need the opportunity to reserve pickleball-specific courts to play together… but there should be some courts that are open-play only to permit more mixing. There should be a combination.
Players tend to be competitive and I'd rather pay to play with people I know instead of people of unknown levels and attitudes.
Off peak reservations make sense- I'd support no reservations weekends or large blocks of weekends except by open community groups
It would be good to have a portion available to reserve at non-peak times.
N/a

I'm part of a queer-trans rec league that relies on the ability to reserve courts for a specified time each week. Athletic spaces can be less safe and welcoming to queer and trans people, and it's much easier for us to have a dedicated, reliable time and place when we know we'll be able to safely play.
Reservations help
It's not open play if you have to make reservations. Keep our courts free and accessible to anyone,
Reservations for tournaments or special community events could be allowed
This is exactly why pickleball is so popular- just show up and play
There are tons of indoor facilities where courts can be reserved. Park courts and public courts should be open play
Open play implies that it is open. A reservation is closed. Open play builds community and people play with each other. A reservation only plays with the people in the reservation.
Perhaps only on one or two courts depending on how many total courts there are
Reservations create a disadvantage for students and people with low resources
I don't think there should be any courts that are specifically designated as openplay pickleball unless you are creating new courts specifically for that purpose, not repurposing current courts.
The occasional summer camp is fine, but a reservation system in general messes with community play.
I like being able to reserve courts to get coaching lessons or to have a private game with friends. However, I am against for-profit companies overtaking public courts for their leagues. For instance, Emily Wong was able to reserve all pickleball courts at several locations multiple days a week, severely restricting access for the public.
Open play has high usage rates. My experiences playing open play have been wonderful. When someone books a reservation and forces 40 people in a queue to rotate through two courts, four at a time, it is frustrating and miserable.
The beauty of pickleball for many of us is that we can drop in and become part of the game!
No reservations allows the most play for the most people.
Groups should be able to reserve courts since there are many players who work or have other obligations and need to plan a meeting time.
Groups need ability to have regular predictable times and places
Ive played hundreds of hours of PB at various courts in Seattle and I've never once made a reservation. That fact that reservations are even a factor In your strategy going forward makes me believe no one has actually gone to the courts to see how things actually go.
Our LGBTQIA+ rec league facilitates open play in a way that supports community and safety to play. There have always been additional open courts available for other community members to play even with our reservations. Eliminating reservations would be detrimental to providing a safe space for us to
Pickleball should be a sport where players arrive and play with whom ever is there. No one wants to arrive and feel excluded.
There should be no more than 50% reserved
I have played with a queer league that relies on reservations. Without being able to have reservations that community would disappear.
Greenlake is an example of the limitations of an open play only location. It is really open to only a certain level of player. reservations at that location for instance would allow more beginner and intermediate players to participate. making Bitter lake an open play only court would eliminate the groups and instructors that encourage players in the 3.0 range.
Reservations should only be allowed for special functions authorized by Seattle Parks, department, such as diversity in Pickleball, youth programming, etc
This question is impossible to answer without identifying which courts are being referenced
It's nice to be able to reserve for a special occasion

Why does pickleballhave to have different rules than tennis?
Sometimes it is nice to have a spontaneous game.
Being able to plan and know a court is available is important to me.
Open play from 7am-11am and again from 4-8pm would be fantastic. with an option to book cts outside these times would allow the most people to play
It should be available for all players at all peek hours, unpopular courts should be available for
I like open play designation but it would be ideal to not need to travel far for a reserved court
courts may be too crowded
The limited number of courts v number of players indicates that reservations are required. Free for all 40-player events are untenable.
Open to the public but have guidelines for sharing the courts and rotating those who are wanting in.
I like the idea of some reservation option but keeping that limited. Since pickleball is often a pick-up style, no reservations enables everyone to be able to play and rotate out, as is pickleball culture. However a limited couple hours per day or something like that for reservations could be nice for events
The outdoor courts available now are so full that you frequently spend more time waiting than playing without a reservation.
I think if a place is designated as open play only, it should generally not allow reservations. However, allowing reservations for special events seems ok to me. There could be some requirement for public notice and a cap on how often an individual or group can do it though.
I think the reservation system is important to allow leagues to have set times for players to show up. I am in the Rainbow Rec pickleball league and look forward to my weekly pickleball games with my community. I would likely not play if we did not have a set time reserved. The current system that has a couple courts open for walk ins next to our reserved courts seems to work well.
I think there should be a mix of formats. There should be some reservable and some unreservable
There are a lot of groups that use the courts and it is necessary for them to make reservations.
I play with several inclusive and welcoming groups that rely on being able to make reservations to make sure our community has a chance to play together in an organized way.
Various organizations heavily rely on reservation based systems to continue to provide games and clubs. Without reservations, I and many others as part of the community wouldn’t be able to play and access the courts in the same capacity.
Who's paying to build these 'open play' locations. The city long ago designated Tennis as basically having to pay for itself. Why can't pickleball do the same? The cost to play pickleball can be as little as a couple of bucks an hour...where as a tennis players pay more like 7-8 bucks an hour...
If reservations are allowed, I think it needs to be made clear, through signage at courts that reservations are a thing and that ad hoc open play does not trump reservations.
I’m not a fan of people taking courts and recommend only open play. The reservation system is also being abused by people running businesses. They are taking multiple courts at peak hours. Either expand the courts available or limit people hogging courts.
Rainbow Rec Sports uses the reservation system to provide 2 nights a week of pickup play for over 200 queer people at Rainier Beach. Our pickup runs 20 weeks of the summer
It is nice, particularly since some of these courts are heavily used, to be able to make a reservation. To make the courts accessible to all, maybe to have set time windows available for reservations — other times would just be open for drop ins.
Open play groups need to rotate in other players waiting after every 11 point game
The reservations are helpful when you have 16 or more players.
I think that certain hours should be available for reservations

This is dependent on locations. You need to assess further to better understand how the community uses their public courts
open play requires a minimum of 3 dedicated pball courts, preferably more. Creating courts with 2 open play, two reservations defeats the entire purpose and effectiveness of open play. Put reservations on pball courts where only one or two courts are present, open play there makes no sense.
Open play only locations is in keeping with the consistently open and welcome vibe that the pickleball sport is known for.
I prefer to have public courts available to everyone through open play all the time.
Open play works fine. Usually courts are available.
If the city really understood the most common pickleball player, they would know that we don't use reservations, we show up with a group or stack paddles to play. This way we grow our social network, much more so than occurs with tennis.
It is nice when I don't have any friends with me that I can go to a court and jump in to play.
Open play means you go to the court hoping to find someone of your skill level to play games. Reserving a court allows you to organize games with those players closer to your skill level. It's much more fun to play with people of your skill level than be frustrated or frustrating others with your lack of ability. Have open play at designated hours, where folks are willing to play with anyone.
No additional discussion
There will be times where there's not a demand for open play. Given the limited options for pickleball city wide am not sure you should completely eliminate the ability to make a reservation during some designated limited time periods.
It seems better to have both times for open play and times that could be scheduled successfully.
Some folks reserve many courts limiting access to all at Bitter Lake. I do like less reservations but appreciate the need to secure courts during high season in order to gather people that want to play together vs. stacking paddles.
This is a sport for ALL; mothers fathers kids a community minded happening, there should be no cost involved for people who cannot afford it. Communities need to be able to step outside and Enjoy themselves with this fabulous sport/time together. Why is pickleball still an issue???? What is wrong with it? Would u rather have youth getting into trouble? Why take this away from the community. What is wrong with this??? The birthplace of pickleball; we play on damaged courts, disgraceful dangerous
Many of the open play players are advanced and expert making it more difficult for beginners and intermediate players to get on the courts
Games are fast and we know how to stack so that everyone can play
It will limit the people being served and there will be other locations providing reservations for those seeking them.
I am thinking of the Shoreview pickleball courts. Fridays and weekends are usually popular times for free play. Occasionally I've come there to play and 4 of the 6 courts are reserved. Off hours are better for reservations, early mornings, or afternoons on weekdays only, with a 2 hour limit.
There should be open play tomes and reservation times, but pickleball players manage fine with no reservations during open play.
I want to make sure that beginners and families have an opportunity to play without the pressure that open play brings.
This question starts with an assumption but no information about which locations might be designated open play only. I think you first need to address which locations we prefer be open play only versus those where reservations might be added.

I like both options to be available. There are several new indoor facilities for tennis and pickleball that require reservations where spontaneous “lets go play” is not an option. If both options are available on neighborhood outdoor courts, this makes sense to me. I realize this concept is hard for one side or the other. The best option. Is to do a 50/50 split.
If reservations are allowed, any individual should be limited on the number of reservations they should be allowed weekly and monthly.
I’ve never made any reservations, but some folks may, so I support the idea of allowing reservations to be made at least on a limited basis, ie. a couple days a week.
I love having the ability to drop in at pickleball open play. It’s how I started playing and one of the things that makes the pickleball community great. All are welcome and I have become a pickleball advocate and one who is willing to play with beginners because of how I got my start.
A reservation system is needed to enable groups who want to play together to have that option.
Restricts availability in terms of when courts are free and the same people will dominate regularly reserving courts.
I’d like to see a similar system that’s used for the tennis courts at Lower Woodland. You can reserve courts but not all of them. Courts 9 & 10 are always reserved for open play. In other words, for places like Gilman, have one of the courts open play and one of them reservable.
If we plan to attend open play and someone else is using the courts, it is disappointing not to be able to
who would handle them, enforce them etc.....
Please publicize that it’s open play
I use it at a visitor to a new area
Would like to see both - some open play windows as well as times when courts can be reserved.
Need to have some way to reserve because of popularity
Make the sport of pickleball a true community sport where people can freely walk onto the court and play. No reservation is required.
There should be a mix of some courts available for reservations and others saved for open play.
My group is elderly and we like to play cooperative not competitive so we like reserving courts to play with each other
Some limitations are fine. Like keeping one or two courts always open for open play. But for people taking lessons or having a party, reservations are a must! And in theory it should provide SPR with funds. Of course this is location-specific. East Green Lake courts the expectation is that they are always open play because it has organically evolved that way. Bitter Lake allowing reservations is expected, for either tennis or pickleball. Really important for 2 or 3 courts.
Court use could Be monopolized by more Organized groups allowing less chance for casual players to participate.
Almost all of us must plan around other appointments and responsibilities, and must drive some distance to reach the court. Reservations ensure I won't be disappointed to find the courts already in
Reservations GREATLY limits the numbers of people who can enjoy the courts. It’s also an option afforded to only those who can pay.
You are making too many rules and making things more complicated.
What is wrong with reservations? Everything else in this city is in high demand and those who are on top of things, get to take advantage of it. Similar to swim lesson at parks and rec pools, summer camps, etc. Why should reservations not be able to be made and secure a spot for those who plan ahead and make a reservation?
I think it's best to offer both options - reservations and open play.

I think it is important to be able to make reservations so people can plan to come and play with their group. But it is also important to keep times that is open play with no reservations so people that come by themselves or with just one friend can partner with other people that also come alone.
I like the ability to designate mostly open play but having a few hours a week available for reservation or one court available for reservation could help
Open play is fine but should not be exclusive. People should be able to reserve on a shared basis with open time.
It's the pickleball way
There should be designated times for open play at each site lasting no more than 2-3 hours; perhaps two times a day; all other times could be available for reservations.
I think a portion of courts could be available for reservations, but not most of them.
It would be great to have some reservation options
Not sure if open play means once you get on the court you can keep playing, or if another group waits for the court you have to give it up after your current game is over.
It's nice to have that as an option. Maybe for not all of the hours but for some
I think some courts should remain open play at all locations but reservations should be allowed at all locations up to 75% or so of the courts.
If the courts are not reserved for pickle ball, there will be arguments about who gets to play and that will lead to chaos….designated courts and times via reservations is the only answer to being organized.
I currently play once a week at Bitter Lake with reservations for a group of 10+ women. The reservation system allows us to rent a tennis court and have 8 of the group playing at a time. I drive down from Everett and reservations are the only way I can be guaranteed to play with them.
I like the reservation system personally. It makes it easier to go play with my friends
Reservations in theory are nice, but open play when organized properly like at Gilman means that more people can play more often.
Reservations are important for league play.
If there are both open play and reservation areas that makes sense but only one or ther other I do not support because it doesn't provide space for new players or those who play socially with a group of peers. Generally, open play can be too competitive for people who are just learning and we all know pickleball is a great sport for new players.
Reservation makes planning easier and grantee the playtime quality
Demand for pickleball has skyrocketed and it is not going away. In fact, more & more of my tennis buddies are now playing pickleball because it's simply more fun. Seattle needs 50 more dedicated courts. No reservations, just show up and put your paddle in a queue
Open play is important, but not exclusive. 2 or 3 open play time periods are a good idea, but time for training for all levels of players is also important. Time for drills, etc.
If they are open okay all the time, it might spread out the crowd too much. That would be my concern.
I played tennis for 48 years up until 2 years ago, but one of the reasons that I like pickleball, I don't have to find 3 other players to play with. I don't want to rent a court. It's nice to be able to just drop in and play with a lot of nice people as long or as little as I want.
Prefer to make a reservation as we have a group of 8-12 who like to play together and don't mind the (current) fee.
It depends on the number of courts at the location. For example, if only 4 courts = NO reservations. If 6 or more courts, then maybe allow 2 to be reserved. If more courts available, then allow reservations proportionally.
I like the idea about no reservations but what about the teachers who reserve a court for their pickle ball lessons?

I think reservations should be limited in terms of number of hours per day. And each individual reservation should be limited to only 1 court at a venue for a max of 1 hour.
There needs to be a good mix because create community
Open play fosters community.
Having the option to reserve courts appeals to me but not for all courts at a location.
There should be windows available for reservations. They can be limited so reservations don't swamp open play, but it should always be an option.
Yes please, no reservations at pickleball courts.
I personally like this idea,
I can see both sides of this issue. If I was busy I would appreciate the certainty of a reservation. As someone with a more relaxed schedule, I can simply show up and wait. A benefit of no reservations is the lessen need for administrative overhead. I do believe that any reservation system should be limited.
please establish open play at Alki
It would be nice for there to be some open court hours but would also be nice to have a limit on time allowed using one court
Let half the courts be open play and half for reservation. If no one reserves, then open play can use. Seems easy enough. I'm sure we have the technical capability to do this. It's Seattle after all!
We are a group of 7 women who have a PB teacher. For us to be able to have a lesson, our teacher has to be able to reserve a court.
I want to be able to play with my friends at a designated time.
Reservations limit full engagement of all players, and impacts inclusiveness negatively.
I like having the option to reserve courts.
No reservations allows for less barriers of entry into pickleball and lets people play when the feeling strikes. While I appreciate and understand why there are reservations for some locations, the reservations defeat the spirit of the sport. If you want to reserve a space and play more competitively, go to one of
Should be first come first serve no reservations
I like the idea of being able to reserve two courts, and if there are more courts then those are open play.
Don't even understand the question. Either they're open play only, which means no reservations, or they're not, which means you can make reservations.
Need to have both
I feel reservations might work best if certain days have various blocks of time for them and possibly no reservations for weekends . This would depend largely on the number of courts available.
I'm just happy to have a place to play - I will play open play or reserve with friends. I don't really mind as along as I know the rule
Pickle ball is a community activity that I enjoy, It helps me meet new people and gives me a reason to come out of my house. I love how I don't have to plan anything and just show up with my paddle.
I would like to see open play community standards posted. With no reservations on multiple court parks it's easy to write down your name and/or lay down your paddle for the next turn. I've seen this implemented successfully in other cities.
As a former tennis player, I was limited by finding friends to play with, dealing with reservations, or needing a private club. With open play pickleball, I can play whenever I have time and meet lots of new people and BUILD COMMUNITY. In my experience, open play involves FAR MORE people, making GREAT USE of LIMITED SPACE. Pickleball at Gilman Park is my main source of community as a new resident of Seattle. Seattle should take the win and embrace dual use and open play!!! Do no harm,
Whether or not reservations are allowed, it will be important to have signs at those locations clearly spelling out the rules for use/reservations.

Reservations dissuade on-the-fly matchups, which are way more fun. Open play is how I make new friends.
Reservations increase wait times for everyone else trying to play. It does not make sense to allow one group to reserve a court at the expense of longer waits for others. If reservations are allowed, fewer players will have access to the courts over the course of the day because reserved courts sit unavailable to anyone outside that group. Keeping designated open play courts reservation-free ensures equal access and maximizes the number of people who can play.
There is abuse with people who have money reserving so many courts that people can play. If there are reserve times limited windows during the day ok. But should also have morning, afternoon and evening open play as well.
Difficult to answer since I don't know how many open play locations in my neighborhood West Seattle you are considering. I also don't know the number of locations that would allow pickleball reservations.
It depends on where, what other options are available, and how many courts there are at a designated location.
People can come up with informal systems for taking turns at courts. This can also promote community building by allowing for people to play with others they don’t know.
Allowing all courts to be reserved cuts down on the community drop-in aspect of the game. Having some courts be reservable is fine, but it should be limited to 25% or less of the courts available.
There are a few private instructors with a strong online presence reserving more courts at multiple locations and profiting from offering large classes, which limits play time for others.
Allowing only open play would negatively impact the opportunities for organized drills currently offered by several instructors (often only for a fee to cover the cost of reserving the needed number of courts.
I see courts reserved with just 2 players drilling while a dozen or more players are waiting. When there is peak demand for courts it doesn’t feel fair to have 2 people make dozens of people wait for an hour or more for courts.
I would allow a small % of courts to be reservable to enable league play - which is another part of pickleball and allows a group of friends to play and drilling. Allow reservations in one hour blocks with a 2 hour limit to cover both.
The number of PB courts are too few too accommodate reservations which are extremely disruptive to the nature of open play.
It should be first come first serve basis.
I don’t use them
Would be nice to have a few reservation courts available for short periods of time and only on certain days/times
I love not being able to play without having to make a reservation or worry that I won’t be able to play because someone has reserved the courts
Allow reservations between 1pm to 5pm.
It's nice to have a scheduled playtime and ensured games.
Both drop in open play plus reservation the way it is now is best.
Open play is an integral part of community building within pickleball and should be protected at designated sites.
Reservations allow equal opportunity to use court.
Do not do it. That's the first step for having to pay for the courts that have already been paied by the taxpayers.
Reservations ruin the community spirit of pickleball courts by prioritizing the few over the community. They disrupt the courts
Allow reservations, but limit the number of reservations per court per day, allowing for both reserved and open play

Outdoor Courts are a wonderful luxury, and though one can create and study data, and have a good idea of usage, often Weather becomes a major deciding factor in activity at the courts. Having continual Open Play allows for yet another level of Peace of Mind, when going to play.
I think it is good to have the option.
I think all public courts should be open to everyone all the time.
Success of open play is based on predictability (i.e you need available players and no reservations. It takes a while to establish this. That's why Ranier Beach, Gilman and West Seattle courts should not be
I could see a reservation happening if the community wanted to host a tournament or something but otherwise for daily use anywhere with a stacking culture for open play is nice
Reservations hinder community growth, I get to meet a lot of people through open play and enjoy my wait time. Reserving a court for myself would never give me the same joy. I strongly support open play.
let the people pickle. and pickle only. the reservations make everything worse in dedicated pickleball
Open play, means open play. Reservations should only be used for mixed use locations.
its probably a bad idea, it would just mean that people with money end up having more access to parks that were paid for by all tax payers, city parks shouldn't be pay to play.
Reservations are irritating and frustrating. In my experience they've not been coordinated well enough to work.
Keep Gilman pickleball courts! There are enough tennis only courts around Seattle and not enough pickleball courts. Many people cannot afford membership to private, indoor pickleball clubs.
Some of us who are still working do not have the ability to sit and wait for a court to open up. A reservation enables us to get a court
I like the idea of having a few courts available for reservations, but for a place like Gilman with only two tennis courts and four Pickleball courts it would be great if it was all drop in.
No reservations at open play only places. It's open play: First come stacking for pickleball. If there are paddles in the stack, must give up the court after your game finishes
Reservations have worked extremely well at the Magnolia courts and they give both tennis players and pickleball players equal opportunities for play time.
I'd need more info on what this looked like and what the city is proposing. Generally it would be ideal to have some courts reserved for lessons and drilling.
If reservations were allowed then tennis reservations should be at dedicated tennis courts and pickleball reservations should be at the dual usage courts.
If no reservations there should be clear and posted rules on etiquette for cycling out groups so one group isn't taking up the court for an unfair amount of time.
It would be good to have a few spots able to be reserved
Open play embodies the spirit of community resources accessible to all. Reservations bias public goods towards individuals. Tax paying members of the community deserve access.
As long as these pickleball courts are not using public tennis courts then I am supportive of
Why is it a problem to have a reservation? I've had friends reserve a court for their birthday party which was a blast and didn't cause a problem whatsoever. I also play in a queer league at rainbow rec which is my favorite part of my week during the spring and summer. Half the time the other courts are open or sufficient to support the other users. Are you guys making extreme policy changes bc a small portion of the population can't behave like adults and coexist/communicate respectfully?
Main objection is that having strictly only open play leaves no room for lessons, workshops, leagues, etc. I don't think it needs to be all or nothing.

If reservations are allowed, there needs to be really detailed rules. For example, what if there is a no show. Also, how will reservations work with physical racquet queues? If too much overhead for reservations, then only allow them for group lessons. Everyone else does a racquet queue.
People should have the option to reserve court; however, it should be during off-peak hours where people play the most.
There are some locations where Open Play is the culture of the community. This is not everywhere, so I would confirm with each community of days/times that make sense for reservations or open play
There should be open play at all locations. This is where the community aspect of PB is built. That is when I go to open play at my local court. If open play is only at a single court most likely not in my community, I can't get to know my neighbors because everyone else is there. What SPR could do, is make the reservations for open play at all the courts. Look at Delridge and High Point for examples. This works great. DON'T CHANGE IT!
There are occasions where reservations are useful (e.g. tournaments, parties, employee work parties,
1. New public pickleball courts are not on the horizon. Case and point, the 20 plus courts planned at Magnuson Park. New courts will take years to create if not decades. The City's rush to end dual use will wipe out large, established pickleball communities for the sake of tennis money (not tennis participation). The current approach of eliminating pickleball in large areas will lead to vacant courts as occurred before dual striping.
I think Open play Pickleball is the spirit of the sport and I strongly recommend that most if not all public courts are first come first serve
I reserved a court regularly for PB for a group of 8-10 and want to continue to have that option.
Not necessary for reservations- paddle up and wait to play
There's a lady at rainier beach, her name is Tami. She basically guards all the courts and forces people to pay to play because she's the one reserving the courts for the "club" she's created. They're public courts and it's a shame that they gatekeep it and turn it into a business. It should be first come first serve. If you show up to play on the one court that they can't reserve, they won't even play with you and are not welcoming. Also I'm sure she's not paying taxes running this hustle lol
Why do tennis players have to pay and pickleball players don't
Partial court reservations during non-peak open play hours are okay with me.
As long as there is a system for stacking in place that makes sense, and also somewhat nearby courts where reservations CAN be made, I think it's fine.
It's nice to be able to plan ahead when 4 or more people need to coordinate schedules to play.
Maybe consider reservations during non-peak after work hours
There should still be some times for reservations but I generally support open play times
Maybe allow 2 courts to be available to reserve but leave the rest open play courts.
Reservations encourage group play and should be available while certain courts are left open to drop in non reservation play.
It's great to know that one can play at any time
I think it should be more free flowing
I know Pickleball plans still will be a little more spontaneous and not be something I think about to reserve a spot beforehand also especially within Seattle or traffic can be crazy. Don't reserve a certain spot or time and enough people get delayed that it pushes everyone off the time.
this is the wrong question: by mandating open play, you're forcing the numerous PB players to leave their neighborhoods to play on already overcrowded courts.
I think a reservation system only works when there's a sufficient baseline of open-play courts. Currently I feel like my neighborhood has only a couple courts in a 20 minute drive, and one of those has half the courts reserved every time I go. It's frustrating when I see it, and when I've reserved it myself I've felt guilty because you can tell others are deflated when they see it

As an older woman, I don't always feel safe playing with men. I can't keep up with younger, faster men and it creates a threatening environment for me to feel pressured. I doubt younger men want to play
Because there are so many people playing pickle ball and you stack the paddles to work your way into the next open court youhave to wait too long to play more than a couple times in a few hours unless you have courts reserved..
Easier for our players
Will these be pickleball only? Drop in only would be great.
The current reservation system works fine as is; you're trying to solve a non-existent problem. Let all taxpayers use the existing system equally. If tennis or pickleball players want to book a court in advance, let them. If they prefer to just show up and take their chances on an unbooked court, let them play if it's available. Keep the system simple, fair, and accessible to whoever wants to use it.
It would be ok to have 1/4 of the number of courts available for reservations-at no charge
During certain off peak times , it may sense for groups to be able to reserve . Family , school groups and friends . Peak Times are daily 9-12 am and 6 pm-8pm.
I would suggest designating one or 2 courts for reservations in the remaining open play
There should be some reservations?, the statement did not address special events, SPR classes and school use. During the busiest times there should be the ability to reserve a court, but no more than 20% of courts, if at all. The "rules" for open play should be agreed to and POSTED.
There are too few areas that groups can plan to play together and reserve courts as it is. Having more open play can be very intimidating for some and prevents socialization/creation of friend or player
Some reservations should be allowed for lessons and party/group planning, but not all the courts at any one location.
A small %age of courts at open play locations should be available for reservations. The # of hours could be limited, but this allows for both needs. There is a need to be able to reserve courts for organizations to run leagues, clinics, community events. Failure to provide this, removes significant
It's how pickleball is played almost everywhere else, it just makes sense. The community does this naturally already at many courts
I don't agree with open play only and not have drop in play. Assuming that open play means holding a court for 90 minutes. There should always be provisions for drop in play. It is essential.
Open play allows all people an opportunity to play. This is especially true for those just beginning. You are free to just go , learn how to play and make new friends. Further, it is the basis for the social aspect of pickleball. Without it you are no longer engaged in
Alot of PB open play is on rez cts. GreenLake open play is unwelcoming to seniors, rec players & novices. Rez open play @ BitterLake is a refuge for players uncomfortable with the GL "walk on" vibe. We rez cts, post games publicly on Playtime app & bring together groups players of similar age, skill level & play style. Rez cts also are critical for group clinics & classes. If SPR wants to "dissuade" folks from rez play, raise the rez fee, but do not eliminate large group play as an option @ BL.
A mix of reservations and open courts would maximize access, I think!
I think it's important for friend groups to be able to play together (which would mostly require a reservation rather than open play paddle stacking). That being said, a certain percentage of courts should always be held apart for open play.
Open play allows the most people to participate on days that they are able to play.
I think open play locations should have designated time frames for open play, and allow other times to be reserved or play in a set grouping. Delridge has only T/TH from 10:00-12:00 as open play.
Prefer to just play whenever there's a vacant court.

Being able to predictably reserve courts has allowed the Magnolia Monday/Wednesday/Friday group to gather up to 40 people for a community based gathering open to all.
Lack of third places for young people, and barriers to entry for solo Pickleball are lower than Tennis. My brother who I rarely see is in town and Greenlake open play allows us to spend time together without any dedicated skill development from him. Similar to soccer, but the lack of need for a partner or group at open play is critical!
It makes sense to have some courts available for reservations or to arrange tournaments
Unfair to person with limited means.
Parents and working professionals live life on a schedule. You should allow people who need to schedule time to play to do so. We can not always wait around indefinitely to have the chance to play.
I think reservations should be allowed, but not for organizations that use them for profit. Emily Wong comes to mind as someone who reserves courts for her clinics; however, reserving courts for tournaments seems appropriate. I also use reservations with friends, and they help ensure that we can play together. My preference would be for half of the courts to remain open for drop-in play, with the other half available for reservations by recreational groups.
I would be open to open play hours being limited as long as the schedule is prominently posted and adjustable over time. I think full free public access at all times like at the Luther Burbank courts would yield maximal benefit.
We should have Open Play only hubs in each region of Seattle (North, South, East, West, Central). There should be equal hubs for Tennis and PB. eg one PB hub in Greenlake and one Tennis hub in Green lake for North region. The rest of courts should be dual use lined.
Open play should be exactly that, community pickleball for all. Join and meet new people and have fun. No coming onto the courts and telling a group of people to get off the courts because they have it reserved for just 2 or 4 people
Being able to reserve for groups of 2+ people would be great, with a time limit of say 15 minutes before it's free-for-all.
I support no reservations when the courts are primarily used for one sport and only has 2 (tennis) courts and nearby courts are available. An example is Walt Hundley which as 2 courts and is almost exclusively used by pickleball players and there are several tennis courts closely (Solstice, SWAC, Alki,
Open play only should be just that - one could allow reservation at one court if there are multiple courts but the vast majority should be open play.
I think it would depend on the number of courts available. For example, at Miller Park, there are only 4 courts so even 1-2 reservations can severely impact the wait times for people just wanting to do open play. I'm biased since I play more at Miller Park, but at least places like in Mercer Island or Green Lake have far more courts.
Having racks to stack the paddles on makes open play much more organized.
While it's nice to have the option of reserving a court, that's a minor perk compared to the HUGE issue of the amount of courts available for open play.
If reservations are allowed, I would suggest they would be limited to one or two courts and a limited time of day.
Ravenna park West should not have the option for the existing basketball court to be reserved as a pickleball court.
It helps to have reservations so family and friend groups can play together
There should be both open play and an option to reserve a limited number of indoor and outdoor courts for pickleball.
I want to play with my friends at my level. A social fun setting I want a court available
I am a frequent traveler to the Seattle area and love the drop in and play concept

Im not against reservations at open play. I'm against establishing pickleball only or tennis only locations.
Shouldn't have reservations on designated open play courts. Reservations at non designated courts should be limited to 1 or 2 courts.
I believe the system of open play with self regulation of rotating play with an organized paddle line-up is usually accepted and people are receptive to this.
I would think it would need a moderator to manage those who don't comply. Open play should be understood that if there are people waiting then it should be 4 on 4 off and allow all players to play.
Some league play games require the players to find a court to play out their games. Reserving a court is often necessary.
If this is enforced, it will be the most efficient use of courts. Reserved courts are very wasteful and unfairly used (very often used for commercial reasons under the radar). Reservation systems are aplenty, especially with the established/incoming privately owned pickleball clubs, so public usage will guarantee that they are used often and happily.
There are so few courts in West Seattle as it is. When people reserve courts, it essentially compresses more than a dozen people to play on two courts, making the wait times between games up to thirty minutes. We should all share the limited court space and stack paddles fairly. One day last summer, a wedding party was allowed to reserve all four courts at Delridge Community Center. Congratulations to the newlyweds, but how unfair to ALL West Seattle players who regularly play at Delridge!
I love open play pickleball- it is mainly how pickleball is played and how it builds community. However this question implies pickleball ONLY courts- and I think this means you will limit the number of available courts throughout Seattle! I am strongly in support of shared courts so both pickleball and tennis can be played close to home and in our communities! That is how communities are made,
I think it would be good to have reservations at pickleball courts for select times (2 hours) on two days a week.
I think the main hubs should be Miller, Greenlake, Ranier Beach, and Walt Hundley. These are already natural hubs where the pickleball community gathers and where Tennis has options closeby.
If allowed, limit it to certain times and not for all courts.
a mix of reservations and open play
Simply put, reserved courts make fewer courts available for open play. Demand for open play courts is already stressed. Setting aside reserved courts would only make the situation worse.
I think limiting reservations to some of the courts is great, and leaving some for open play.
Open play pickleball allows people to meet other players and bring together community. Reservations would reduce people's motivation from showing up to play and meet other community members. One compromise would be to limit the times / courts available for reservations so there would be equal opportunities for everyone.
Drop in means drop in. No need for reservations unless in a tennis court where the players want to limit social engagement and just have their own 2 or 4 player group play.
I am more pro no reservations
I would prefer "open play" rules during designated days of the week, not 7 days/week/24 hours/day thing. This allows for "singles" walk on players to meet up at optimal times and lets foursomes have days to play more than one game together.
At multiple court locations - keep a court or two unreserved so people can drop in and play first come first serve.
It would be great! I spend my personal money to reserve the courts at Miller, to keep them open play.
Leave the system the way it is.

If there are no reservations, it will be challenging to get specific people together to play as there will be no guarantee to get a court, availability to take lessons with a trainer OR have courts available for scheduled Team games or round robins. I would be ok if there are designated times open play times where you stack paddles. The problem is that there are not enough pickleball courts in Seattle. Until additional courts are built, keep as is as it's working.
Pickleball is fun because of open play's ability to rotate players in games. There should be some courts that allow reservations only as well. But a combo won't work
Miller
I think having no Reservations encourages open play versus exclusiveness.
I think most courts should be available to all for open play, and a small percentage of courts should be reservable.
I don't want to have to make reservations. I also do not agree that playing should ever cost money
Open Play at Miller and Montlake are extremely important to me and large community of players. It is our source of joy in exercise, social engagement, and mental health. I've been a participant and Pickleball Ambassador over a 4 year period.
What makes pickleball so fun is the fact that it is open play. Every court has its own culture and times when people show up to play together. Even if you have a group of 4 who want to play together they still can. They just need to rotate if the courts are busy.
I play in a pickleball league and I think "no reservations of any kind" wouldn't work well for the league.
Open play pickleball courts is a great resource for healthy activity for all ages. There's a reason why pickleball is growing so much.
Please track usage and allow reservations for peak usage times. Yes, some may shift their playtime but most will not.
Open play is about building community
Pickleball's superpower is its open play culture. It forces us out of our social bubbles where players of various ages and socioeconomic backgrounds play and laugh together. A parks department should be encouraging this community gathering instead of allowing people with funds to monopolize a court that they have reserved, while the rest of the peons quietly fume and wonder if they should ask for proof of the reservation.
Pickleball games last 10 to 15 minutes. If all courts are busy, waiting players stack paddles. Reserving a court severely impacts the ability to rotate players in because it reduces available courts. If there are 4 courts at the facility, one reserved court is a 25% reduction. That reserved court could have served between 16 and 24 players instead of four. During busy times it is frustrating to watch 4 players occupy 1 court when others are waiting. Stacking gets players into games quickly.
I enjoy the convenience of being able to show up anytime and play
Partial Rez instead of all the courts
I think a mix of open play and reservations is ideal. For example one court being open play and another reserve able.
Open play is the best way to foster community and casual drop in opportunities for newer or casual players which is the most important group of people to design public spaces for. Advanced players will find ways to reserve other facilities as needed
Open play is a great community experience and reservations break it up for lots of people. If people want to play alone they can at open play as part of the system
When i have time for pickleball, it is so reassuring to know that i can go to nearby courts and find others who want to play. This is what works for so many of us.
Reservations help keep everyone happy
Want option to book a court to teach my kids to play

For me and those I play with, consisting of about 12 people, of all ages, the ability to spontaneously play at different times of the day without being blocked out by reservations, is extremely important to us.
If tennis players are allowed to reserve so should pickleball players. Pickleball engages far more people on the court than tennis and families can reserve and play together on one court by rotating through per game, since games are short, say 15 minutes. Tennis games are not short and are often singles games involving only 2 players.
Open play builds community which is the purpose of public spaces. In addition, every court with open play allows groups to utilize the courts. I have never seen anyone get denied due to group sizes or skill
Can it be both depending on how many courts are available? 75% open play and 25% reserved courts.
It encourages new players to show up and be able to play.
In my opinion reservations only hurt the culture of pickleball. It is first and foremost a community where the dominant form of engagement is to show up and join a larger community of players
Mostly open play. If 4 friends show up rental their paddles together anyway. If you show up with your kids to play there needs to be one way to play and not play in open play
Open play is what makes pickleball the most civic sport I've ever experienced. Heck, it's the most civic ACTIVITY i've ever experienced. People make friends exchange ideas and mix across culture, age, and financial boundaries. Keep it reservation free. You can always show up with friends and play together. If you want a reserved court, pay for a private facility—at least until we have enough court
Drop in hours should Be allowed so Everyone can play
Open play courts provide community and athletic engagement for 16 people at at time on two tennis courts while over an hour that would be 32 people who would get exercise vs 2 people reserving the court for one hour, interrupting the flow of the lines and disrupting the notion that people can count on going down to to pickleball court will have a chance to play.
Only some of the courts should be open to reservations, not all. And maybe no reservations during peak open play hours.
SPR does not understand open play. If 4 peole want to play at an open play court, they simply stack their paddles together and take their turn when a court opens. There is no reason that they should be able to reserve, exclude other players and occupy a court while others wait. This is the fairest way to allocate limited court times.
I like option to reserve but also welcome open courts available.
I'd like a mix of open play and reservations as I like the idea of being able for parks and recreation to obtain some revenue in addition to open play at locations. Perhaps x number of cts during a certain time are able to be reserved and remainder are open play.
Open play is just that. You show up you play. Courts full you stack and people rotate on and off. It works and it works well
There are various groups of older players who are nervous (uncertain?) about playing with general open play. And there are some organized groups with free clinics (Theresa Haynie's previous women's group at Bitterlake; Fielding Snow's free clinics this summer, etc.) that need reservations. Since most of these groups are retired communities, with more freedom during the weekdays, I suggest that reservations be allowed from 9am-3pm, M-F, or the like. The remainder of "prime time" open play only
Reservations may be needed to secure some courts, some of the time. However, with recent years practice, only one court could be reserved at a time, leaving the rest of the courts open for drop-in, first-come "wait-your-turn" function. No need to solve a problem that does not exist.

We have a group of senior women that play at bitter lake every Monday morning. We support people with health problems and injury and we help each other through all kinds of problems. The reservation is only once a week for two hours but it is often the best part of our week. It is very important physically and mentally for women some of whom have none else but this group. Without knowing we have a place to play the group would not be able to Continue.
I would limit the number of courts anyone entity can reserve to two. And, I would always leave some courts for open play
SO MANY of the group play sessions I'm enjoying depend on being able to reserve a court/s. Also, instructors need to be able to reserve in order to give lessons. LEAVE EVERYTHING ALONE.
They ruin open play and the community
Should be first come first serve with no price barrier
If it was designated only for pickleball and anyone could show up for open play I'm open to some courts being no reservations but would like to see that some still can take reservations. Perhaps at some locations that have 4+ courts, designate 1/2 with pickleball only reservations and leave the others as open play no reservation needed.
I play pickleball 2-3 times a week and probably 90% of my games are in open play situations . The exceptions are in the winter where an arranged foursome is more reliable and booking is not necessary
I think there should be a mix of open play, and reservations available at any court.
Open play should be just that. Open play
"reservations" during open play can be done already for doubles play they just have to wait there turn As for people wanting to practice certain things or play singles, they shouldnt show up to a given park during peak hours.
It cost money to reserve a court. If the money goes to improve and expand Pickleball, then I am in favor. How much do tennis players pay for reservations? And what happens to that money?
Are the open play Pickleball courts the ONLY Pickelball courts? I usually play Pickleball with friends with a reservation.
A mix of reservable and non reservable courts would be best
Open play locations could be 80% open play and 20% reservation, so if you had a specific group, you could still play at that location.
I prefer open play only, but am not against limited times being available for reservations.
There should be open play only and other courts that allow reservations for events. We need a mix.
Greenlake has a good model where 1/8 courts are reservable
Note: I am assuming that there by supporting no reservation open play courts, I would also still expect that there would be reservation required available courts (read: non-Open Play courts).
Pickleball folks are pretty good at keeping everyone playing and sharing the courts. Occasionally there are some questions about how long players with reservations stay on the courts
Reservations should not be allowed
Where there are six or more courts it is helpful for me to know that if I drive quite aways to play with other woman that we can reserve a few courts to play on. I get that courts like Greenlake that have so many lined up to play those courts would be open play. Balance I think is a good approach.
Being able to reserve courts has created fun planned groups one week ahead that I've very much enjoyed, but it might be unfair for a small group who has planned their day around playing on a court, only to have all the courts at a single location reserved. I think would be more fair to be able to reserve only half the public courts at each location at any one time.

In theory I like the idea of open play only location but some of the existing locations that 'play' like you can't make reservations make up their own rules/culture, and I worry that all of the Open Play only locations will be 'run' by just a few people and not have a general set of rules. I would hope that if SPR sets up 'open play' only locations for pickleball, there will be a STANDARD set of rules (Posted and BACKED UP) set up by SPR to be followed by all.
Having no reservations would require paddle stacking or another way to clearly indicate a player and their skill level are next to play. These instruction should be large, very clear with pictures for clarity. Even involve smartphone videos. Developed and implemented by SPR these rules are for everyone's fair play.
I think it's ok to have a few courts reserved for reservations but certainly make it no more than 20% of
I often see older retired folks reserving courts on weekday mornings. I don't have a problem with this since there is no one for open play anyway. I mean they probably don't need to reserve to play either
Speaking on the 3 locations I play at (Walt Hundley, Delridge, Alki), I have never seen any issues arise between the reservation folks and those doing open play. Seems overly complicated. Maybe other locations have issues.
Open play is great but, especially for beginners, it's helpful to have designated play time with same-level players.
There may occasionally be an event planned, like say Westside pickleball (example only) hosting a fund raising tournament. Or West Seattle high school tennis team doing the same.
I think limited reservations are fair. Not reservations for all courts in a given location but for some.
We are happy to share the courts as needed but hope that open play will be available the majority of
Greenlake is a good place for open play for pickleball. It helps to have a way to rotate in for open play
Reservations only work if you have someone on site managing it.
sit between neutral and my reponse
I strongly support this as long as there are pickleball locations where there can be reservations for clinics and lessons in each region of the city.
It's working how it is now for pickleball open play at Walt Hundley & Delridge. People stack paddles & play together.
Open play locations I love it being only open play with no reservations, but we obviously do still need some courts at some locations that are reservable
Make half the courts at each location reservable and the other half first come, first serve.
I think there should be times when reservations are available and other times when it is open play. If reservations aren't utilized during that time period, then open play is ok.
Like idea as example you desire to play at 9:00 am you show up and get in line. Instead of calling for reservations and then arranging for 3 more players to play at the same time.
For certain of the courts, I think it's a great idea, but it would also be nice if there were some public courts where reservations could be made
1. When a person is needing a court to provide private or small group pickleball lessons i understand. But this takes an entire court for 2 people, which is what happened today without reservation and we moved off the court in order to help them.
I think reservations are good since they have a time limit associated with them. That way you can play out your day better and not wait around for an unspecified amount of time for a court to open up when a party feels like leaving
I like the drop in and play concept. The other sports require one to make reservation which means you need to find players before you can play. This makes it very convenient
The more complicated the system is, the harder it is to use. There is nothing simpler than having open play locations be available for open play all day long, every day.

The demand is so high for open play, when courts are reserved it makes the lines for open play too long
There is generally few open play hours per week. Reservation options could decrease these hours.
Reservations are nice to avoid having long waits for your torn on the courts. .
I've used the reservation system for pickleball at Gilman playfield. I think the system is useful.
People hog the court and don't always rotate people who are waiting for a court. Reservations is nice for coordinating play amongst friends so you can guarantee a spot when coordinating schedule to hangout and play.
Green lake is essentially an open play only location by community consensus. It would be great to formalize that
There should some courts that can't be reserved
I mostly support it, but wouldn't mind if reservations could be made 1-3 days per week.
I would support reservations at open play sites as long as reservations were limited to certain days/time slots or certain courts.
Would be great to have designated hours of open play, but allow reservations at other times!
We enjoy making reservations
Reservation is good, but it is not good when you are enjoy playing on reservation court and you have to give up. That is like you take away favorite toys from the toddler.
Groups should still be able to reserve so they can ensure games meet their skill level whether beginner or advanced. It's very intimidating to join an open play as a new player.
I want to be able to access all courts in the city to play pickleball.
I enjoy playing with a group and we like the option to make a reservation on occasion
I play pickleball at Delridge Playfield, and sometimes half of the courts are reserved for lessons, which makes it difficult for my friends and I to play together.
Some courts at each location should be reservable.
As long as there are options for both reservations and open play. I attend many skills sessions which require reservations but also would be very disappointed if busy courts are always reserved making it difficult to find places to play.
Open play should be for all. Allowing for a skill level declaration, like at Green Lake, ensures that everyone can have competitive play
Reservations tend to allow a small group of users to dominate court time.
People get side businesses going, reserving a lot of courts and then charging people to go to private lessons at publicly funded courts. Not fair! Should be first come first served.
I don't love that one group of 6 people can show up and reserve two courts and force everyone else to play on fewer courts.
The window for reservations should be limited to just a couple of specific hours per day. Empty courts should be allowed to be used until those with reservations actually show up.
Make only 1 or 2 courts available for a reservation during a small window of time
It's the most fair process. You show up and there is one queue to play as courts free up. It gives the greatest utilization for the courts for the people that show up. Reservations is inequitable across
I favor having a few open play courts at pickleball locations but for groups of players that want to play together, reservations are a must
As long as you change the system so they can only reserve one of the four courts. Currently you have to reserve a tennis court that takes up both courts. Only one pickleball court should be reserved at a time allowing for three others to remain open
Reservations allow people to monopolize the courts
My family has often gone to play pickleball at Alki (Whale Tail) without reservations and it has not been a problem. Even when fully occupied, the courts turn over regularly and the potential wait times have been acceptable.

Pickleball culture is one of open play, it's much more fun and inclusive for everyone.
Please don't reduce the current number of pickleball lined courts.
I often attend clinics at Bittterlake, if reservations were not allowed this activity would cease to be available. I assume that is the some for other open play courts.
There is no need for reservations when and if there are plenty of courts available. The beauty of pickleball is anyone can go at anytime and join a game.
Reservations should be allowed on 1 court at each location. If that court is not reserved it can be used for free play. The other courts should be free play.
People are busy and it's valuable to plan ahead for exercise in group activitiesby reserving a court
When getting a group of 4+ players together you want to make sure you have a court and that you can play more than one game. Having 4-6 people standing around waiting for paddle stacks to go down kills the fun of the sport.
Reservations should be allowed on some courts at each location, while others should be open play only at all times.
I feel like open play during certain hours and reservations during certain hours is a better balance than a full free for all open play.
Add to budget the cost of posting clear etiquette at entrances to courts.
All open play etiquette rules and regulations must be well-defined before implementation, in consultation with local pickleball open play experts, and must be clearly posted at all designated sites as permanent signage, to ensure everyone can self-enforce other players without devices or looking
Depending on times and how many courts are open to play, there shouldn't be any problems. We could have a trail period. Then make the decision.
Please keep some courts available to be reserved.
There should be a number of courts that can be reserved with the bill being unreserved open play
Reservations should only be allowed if there are more than four courts or reservations need to be for the siz.e of an actual pickleball court,not the entire tennis court.
There should be a cap on how many courts can be reserved at once and in succession. An ideal would be if there are 4 courts available, 1 court can be reserved every hour and the rest are free.
Pickleball is a community activity, with mutual consent to open play for every one
I understand that there are people who like to play with their own groups and they should have their own place as well. However, reservations can REALLY throw a wrench into open play hubs like Greenlake and Miller. The communities thrive much stronger when there are no reservations. It is always a HASSLE to always check reservations before leaving as well. Knowing that I can go to a court and not worry about reservation is a peace of mind aspect for me
We have enjoyed having a reservation so we can play with our group of people. I also enjoy drop in play. The most important thing is having courts! We started reserving because 10 of us would show up and one or two tennis folks would be using the court.
If “Open Play” only is decided , then no reservations allowed would be equitable
It’s fun when people are there to play!
Only have a portion of courts reservable. Have some for open play.
I love the concept of open play, but not allowing any reservations for me depends on the number of open play only courts available.
Open play is great but reservations are really helpful when you have a pre-arranged group. Best solution is to have a combination of both at any location.

I support a community group of 125 at the Magnolia Playfield every summer when the CC closes for kids camp. It's the health and welfare of folks ranging in age 18-85 who gather to socialize & play again together but reservations are a must. This summer has been no exception. The joy everyone has felt with our reserved summer playing has been an overwhelming success. We invite anyone to join and gather more each year. But we must be able to make reservations in order to send the invites.
It would be nice to be able to reserve once in awhile for family events or teaching beginners how to play. However, I worry that some would take advantage of reservations and there'd be less access to public courts. Perhaps a strict limit in how often one can reserve would help
It reduces the amount of community members able to play socially, it reduces the social aspect and restricts number of courts often for large portions of the day. Especially at courts with few courts to
It is a bad idea to have courts designated as pickleball only. I think all outdoor courts across the city should be available for maximum usage and open to tennis and Pickleball and other sports such as
I like the idea of open play only during peak times. Sometimes reservations don't interfere with open play. I would also like to keep our current number of pickleball courts as it is. Many courts operate as both pickleball and tennis which works very well in my opinion. No reason to pit the two sports against
I like the idea of pickleball only locations, but it is handy for a group to reserve a court like you can do presently. I know there are tight knit groups of friends who like to play with each other at prescribed times. Let's meet Fridays from 1 to 4.
As a senior citizen, I play with a group who reserves courts to play together. With open play, we often are mis-matched with younger, more capable players, and spend most of our time waiting to play. Please keep courts with lights for night play open for reservations. We play year round
Courts are being used more efficiently and more players get to play when the courts are in an open play format. During reservations, there is often down time and empty courts.
What they do at Mercer islands courts seems to work well where everyone gets a chance to cycle through and play. If there is going to be a reservation system it needs to be better but ultimately it seems to prevent a lot of people from dependably being able to get a chance to show up on a whim and still get a chance to play. Having to reserve so far in advance is also not conducive to spontaneous
Hours for expert, intermediate and beginner drop in play might be nice so that beginners know when they can come and find people to play with.
If its designated open only I think it would b3e confusing that sometimes you can make appointments.
If the reservation system can't be updated to only reserve a single pickleball court, no reservations should be allowed. While I like the certainty of having a reservation, it's often confusing for those unfamiliar which courts are reservation and which courts are non-reservation.
There are not enough courts to designate some only open play. If a court near my house is only open play, but I want to make a reservation to play with friends, it would be a superior practice to have both options. I would say that the more popular open play spots, such as Green Lake, should be only open play, but that applies to one or two courts in the Seattle area, not all designated pickleball courts. You have to take into account the already established culture of the courts.
If the number of pickle ball courts are limited I support reservations.
I think allowing reservations for 1/4 of the total courts is acceptable and should be allowed.
I think it is important for some courts to allow for reservations. Private/family groups should be able to play together for paid/reserved periods of time without having to allow everyone to play.
allows for spontaneous activities
Keep courts open for all! Pickleball is for the community
Love being able to drop in or sign up on playtime scheduler with friends. No need for reservations. I'm sure instructors would like to be able to reserve occasionally though.

Some locations should be able to be reserved so you can play with a group of friends. I also play with my children who are beginners. They are not at a skill level to join an open play court. Nor would they be comfortable with that. Open play courts should not be able to have reservations made on it. The major issue we've had is when a coach reserves big blocks of time at courts making it difficult for people not in that organization to play (basically, if you don't pay you can't play).
The current system just needs a little tweaking. Why change it?
Being able to play with friends who are at the same level in the evenings is vey important
It depends on the number of courts that are available. For example at Gilman you should be able to reserve at most 2 of the 4 pickleball courts (or 1 tennis court). It's a smaller venue and people can host small events. At a hub like Greenlake, it doesn't make sense for there to be reservations because there are more courts which promotes high foot traffic and more drop-in play opportunities.
Community building happens through op open play!
For people who work, who are older, who have family obligations that make schedules tight, who have a group of similarly skilled players, open play prevents of from accessing court time. 30 year old do not want to play with 65+year old, and it is unsafe for seniors to play with the young aggressive players. I have a group of 14 players, all over 65, who play at a similar level who want to have reliable court access. Reservation are available to all equally, where open play is not.
Not interested in open play at all. Would like to be able to reserve courts for my private play with just friends. The mix of levels and they way some folks act at open play has turned me off of joining in. Folks are too aggressive and don't "read the room" in terms of playing for fun vs. being super
Reservations help to play 2-hr-long league games. Help to plan family and friends games. Yes to
I think the public resources (parks) should benefit the local community. Open play courts foster community building and allowing reservations at times becomes confusing and disrupts that community. There are many options for reserving courts. But limited options for free open play.
They make the experience terrible for majority of people who are waiting in line. There are many lesser used courts that can be used for reservations
First come, first serve works well and encourages people to play with new neighbors, meet new people.
It's true, reservations can get out of hand. If one group is overdoing it, it would be great to somehow limit that. Getting rid of reservations is tricky because I know it's popular for occasions/parties and nice to have something locked down from that perspective. Maybe there's some sort of limitation in reservations in terms of timing or number per day
Reserved Sessions should be no more than a 2 hr time period to allow for more groups to play on any specific day. Exceptions might be an Event, such as a clinic or perhaps a fundraiser but should be the exception not the rule.
There are not enough courts to have reservations.
Make the open/reserve schedule SIMPLE, not a COMPLEX chart. For example, allow reservations one day of the week and open play on all other days.
Open play all the time for pickleball is not a great idea because sometimes foursomes play together and don't want to rotate a single unknow person in. The 90 minute rule and set times for open play
Walt Huntley is most often used for Pickleball Open play from my personal experience. It is rare for me to see tennis players. For example, my Apple Watch logged 28 days of Pickleball in August 2025. I never saw a tennis player that month and in all of 2025, I only saw a handful of tennis players outside of the reserved tennis kids. I would like see Pickleball Open Play hours reflect the people who are actually using Walt Huntley.
People are typically respectful, don't play for too long and enjoy the no stress aspect of not having to book / be on time or else you don't get to play etc. No bookings keeps it easy when meeting up with friends, parking issues, traffic issues etc.

The open play component of pickleball culture is fundamental. If folks want to play together, they just stack together.
I think it would be a better use of the courts to designate open play hours, and then make reservations available during non-peak times. For instance, at Walt Hundley (High Point), peak open play is 3-8pm on weekdays and 8-12am on weekends, and outside of that, the courts could get more use through reservations. It would also help give people looking to reserve courts a better sense of when the courts are more likely to be available.
I think that coaches should be able to make reservations for lessons, and leagues should be able to reserve courts one session per week
People should be allowed to make reservations during off-peak hours (like the middle of the day) but it would be nice to maintain open play without reservations during most hours. However, less utilized courts should still be allowed to support reservations. This is especially helpful for families or larger
It’s nice to be able to reserve some courts so you can have a group of friends come play. We do this weekly with 12-16 friends from our curling club during spring and summer.
People count on certain times or days being open, when you can simply drop in and play. At these times reservations should not be permitted.
I think there should be mostly open play, and by that I mean alternating players and paddle stacking, versus “we are here with a group and are going to play for 90 minutes and not let others in. Also, there should be a way to reserve one pickleball court vs one tennis court (= 2 PB courts). It’s not that
The only exception I would support is reservations for instructors.
It’s a drag when there are 75 people at Greenlake and four people who want to play. People are considerate, but, it doesn’t seem fair. Some locations can have reservable courts for lessons and groups of people that enjoy playing just with friends. Maybe open play locations can have times that are blocked off from reservations to prevent people from making a reservation for 4 when 70 want to
There should always be some open play designations if it is decided that reservations will also be
So many variables here but here's one: if SPR eliminates dual striping, there will be greater demand at fewer courts--reservations will ensure that all can play. So many more variables at play: neighborhood accessibility, type of play at any given court (open, welcoming, competitive, etc),.....
Ability to reserve just one court instead of having to reserve two.
I like the idea of not having reservations and allowing folks to join in open play rotating in if they want to
Reservations are typically for courts with more than two courts available thus allowing both reservations and open play.
Open play should have designated courts while having options to reserve other courts
I join group for RR play that like to reserve courts
open play and reservations play are two completely different activities. open play is essential for bringing out all members of our community to play.
Open play is an appealing option in pickleball. I do favor limited number of open play only locations. Maybe 4 citywide with reservations allowed in other places
Reservations and open play don't mix well and can be frustrating for all parties. But open play locations will need a method for beginners to mix in.
With the planned reduction of actual courts where pickle will be allowed, the demand will be even greater for court space. Not everyone wants to do open play. They want to play with their 4, do a ladder, work on drills, none of which can be accommodated at open play. They want learn pickleball or do a lesson. Open play is best for regular, established, and intermediate to advanced players.

I mostly just want to chime in late that I rely on Seattle parks to play pickleball. I'm not paying $10+ each time to play so if pickleball courts are eliminated near my home I will just stop going. The decisions being made here shouldn't be guided by nearby businesses but by how parks can serve the people living in these neighborhoods. I don't want to drive 15-20 min to a designated pickleball court. Dual use is fine. Frankly, the whole pickleball vs tennis situation leaves a bitter taste
Reserving courts creates fairness, promotes planning/scheduling ahead and you can count on what your court being available when you arrive.
Reservations are terrible. Some people just want to show up and play.
Reservation is ok but not for the whole day
may be some age suggested/restricted times
Court rental takes away from open play - designating courts to selected people. It does not allow for open play forum. I played tennis at Lower Woodland GreenLake. The rental system created very contentious situations. You are playing a match and someone walks on the court and tells you that have it rented. There should be 24 hours posting on the court so you know when it reserved and not just show up and kick off in-play. Only rent courts at locations that have little usage - not the high use
I think if you are planning an event or want to play with a particular group on a regular basis, it is convenient to be able to reserve a court. There should be limits has to duration and frequency and if it's for a business or private citizen use.
It's nice to be able to reserve courts, but I would support limiting groups to a maximum amount of time and, importantly, specifying that groups are not allowed to make back-to-back reservations using different individual accounts to increase a single reservation block for their group. I've seen groups do this to extend their reservation to 4 consecutive hours, which I don't think is in the spirit of the
Open play is better. We have good system. Don't need to reserve but I have reserved in the past.
Open play is so social and it gets the community to interact more!
Why is this the option? Why can't we have open play courts and courts that can be reserved? I am not one or the other. Sometimes I play open and sometimes I want to play with my friends.
Prefer open play., easier to pick up a game
In my experience, open play locations allow for far more playtime for more people, and encourage community, which is a huge draw of pickleball.
Open play has been integral to the pickleball community in Seattle at parks like green lake and Gilman. It helps foster a growing community and allows people to connect while playing a sport they all enjoy.
I'm usually able to find an open court even when some of the courts are reserved. In addition, there is usually a game or two on a reserved court that takes all comers.
Having no reservations allows more free play. However, without knowing the demand for pickleball courts, if the demand gets high then those who can only play during specific hours (ie after work) will be negatively impacted without having a reservation system.
If it's open play by default, then no one should be able to reserve a court that can otherwise host 3-4 games and 12-16 people an hour....
I like open play a lot, but having the ability to reserve and plan for seems better.
The pickleball community does a great job at organizing themselves and giving each player fair play time. This self-run method allows players to meet each other and builds community. Although, I can see how reservations could be helpful for private lessons or specialized play.
I think having a handful of open play only courts will decrease confrontation with reservations while also contributing to building a more robust community. Please just make sure the open play courts are the most accessible via public transit
No reservations would be more equitable for all.

Seattle is a laggard in pickleball courts and open play should be enabled and encouraged.
Hosting a kids/tweens pickleball party has been an affordable and healthy party parents can provide for their kids without needing to spend a lot of money. But we need to be able to reserve courts for such occasions. The fee to reserve courts is reasonable. Please stop taking away affordable activities for those of us who don't work at Amazon or in the tech industry!
The time of day during the week that we play there is no need for reservations as courts are usually
Greenlake should be open play only all the time.
I don't see any problem with allowing court reservations as long as a few courts at those locations remain available for open play.
Why is the starting point for this survey establishing Pickleball only court? Who is pushing for the separation of pickleball and tennis and why can't they share public resources: the existing courts? All of the pickleball players I have spoken with are fine continuing to share courts. Why then is there is assumption and push to have dedicated pickleball courts in just a few locations? This is not serving the public's interest.
The reservation system districts the established culture and limits the number of people that can play during these 1 or 2 hour reservation blocks. The stacking system allows everyone fair and shared access by entering the cue.
Locations offering Pickleball that aren't highly utilized on a regular basis benefit from having at least some reservation hours so smaller groups of players can schedule a coaching session, or work on practice drills (besides playing matches). I have to assume tennis players would say the same thing. I would strongly support maintaining a mix where there are open play hours with no reservations, plus hours that allow reservations so groups can benefit from both options.
Each location should have at least some open play courts to encourage the community of Pickle Ball to build. We don't need the entire location open play but having at least some courts open play would be
Open play does not support all forms of enjoyment and progress in pickleball. We need spaces for scrimmages, groups of players at the same level, lessons etc
I think a compromise could be having some days/times that are only for open play but have some times that could be reserved.
The reservations system might work. Would reservations be made through the parks department.
For people taking lessons from coaches and are not a member of pb clubs, for people who want a specific time to drill with a group, for league practice
There needs to be provision for some instruction (thus the reservations) so newcomers can continue to learn and improve.
I'd like to know where they are. If there are only a few, and I can't get to them with reasonable effort then it does me less good. Part of the joy is the convenience of playing.
There needs to be a way for the reservation to be verified by the players. Maybe a print option so you can print the reservation and bring it to the court.
If everyone (both Tennis players and pickleball players) adhere to this policy then i'm all for open play. It is hard to fathom Tennis players being open to "open play"
Rotating play is fair and creates accessibility that reservations do not.
At miller park when two of the four courts are reserved there are often 15-30 open play participants who are greatly impacted with doubled wait times.
The courts should primarily be designated for open play but not exclusively. Allowing reservations for pickleball should be allowed during non peak times and days

I strongly support designated open play-only locations with no reservations because they create predictable, accessible opportunities for everyone. Open play welcomes new players, encourages social interaction, and keeps courts available to the broader community rather than being dominated by reservations. As long as other locations offer reservations, this provides a healthy balance for all players.
Since there is a large variance in folks that play pickleball and very different time schedules it just makes sense to NOT have reservation requirements
Not enough courts to have a resv system. NO reservations. I play every day at Shoreview!
Open play should be solely designated as such so that players do not arrive and have longer waits and disruption due to reservations
sometimes I just want to play with the people I choose
I'm sure you could look around the country at many different cities that have reservation systems and open play blocked out times one that I've used is CourtReserve on vacation in South Carolina and they had open play times blocked out so you could see when they were and you could reserve the other
Unless there is designated open play times, I usually find reservations are very important to get onto a court without issue.
There needs to be strong signage, indicating what times are open play and what times or reservation. I think hybrid is the way to go as long as it's clear.
Folks can reserve the court and not come so the courts will stay empty. There are a lot of older people plaing pickleball and it's hard to plan in advance depending how they would feel at specific day/time. The pickleball games do not last long so the turnover is fast.
There should be no reservation whatsoever. The flexibility to drop in and play keeps thing simple and keeps the community vibrant.
I'm not clear on what this question means. I cannot provide an informed opinion. To me, open play implies no reservations.
Not everyone wants to play with strangers of varying abilities. I'm a new player and would rather play with my friends who are also learning. Way less intimidating than playing with people who are looking for a faster paced game. Also allowing reservations means seniors and other folks who may move slower than younger people are able to play with their peers too.
Better community building when courts are 'drop in' for all comers
Usually same group that reserves weeks in continuous many days times slots.
Reservations means as an individual now I have to find more people to play with me. In open play I can come and play with whoever. Reservation makes it hard to play and enjoy sports if you don't have a
Open play only is good as long as reservations can be made at other locations
they are disruptive and create bad vibes for all; folks reserving generally regret the impact they have on the sharing norms that exist in these locations
Because of the limited number of courts, it is important for me to have time reserved so I don't walk away due to high volume of play
In Magnolia, the courts are used mainly by pickleball players.
My preference is that if there are reservations, they are for a minority of courts (20-30%).
Reservations often is great programming: skills training, beginner classes etc
It just makes sense to have organization on the courts. We know which courts are reserved and how much time is allotted.
I do like to show up, put paddle down and play some days when it is spontaneous- unplanned time
You need to provide better visibility into when courts are reserved so players can check in advance. Your online reservation system is awful and hard to use — and impossible to easily see when courts

I think open play (no reservations) allows for maximum access to the public and maximum utility. The challenge is that it can feel inaccessible for beginners, who reservations tend to benefit the most. I think creating designated open play times and then allow reservations outside of those times is useful.
I play at Miller, and it’s so disappointing when everyone gathers after work to play and there are
there are so many players that play on the courts and scheduled times make the waiting even longer
Drop in play is great however it does not always allow for participants to play. Reservations allow for people to play when special circumstances exist, such as out of town visitors, across town friends, etc. Additionally, when courts are reserved, walk-on players will be invited to play when space allows. Last, court reservation has the potential to allow all players to participate while generating funding for additional courts, which may be created with different rules for reservations.
Open play only is great for 99% of the time. I only play open play when playing pickleball and will go to courts without pickleball lines when I’m playing tennis.
People will repeatedly reserve the courts and open play will be limited. Don’t designate any courts for one sport or the other. There are many ways to share as we have been
It is unclear to me if that means that there are no courts where reservations are allowed. We need to be able to reserve pickleball courts for regular events as well as open courts.
Your system is not very good at reservations. For example, when I want to reserve a single Pickleball court, I have to reserve a tennis court. That is the size of two Pickleball courts. That means somebody does not have access to the second court. For open play, it would be great to designate beginner intermediate advanced open play sessions. Finally, you need more dedicated nets at Pickleball courts, and to fix the courts that you already have! Far too many are cracked and dangerous.
For lessons or classes Reservations are a must. But should be used at a minimum.
Reservations allow players new or old to pickleball the opportunity to have dedicated court time, whether it’s a dual-striped or dedicated court. At heavily used courts, such as Green Lake or Miller, open play is logically favored, however allowing special use reservations for public events, clinics, tournaments, should remain available.
I often join specific group play when someone reserves a court. However, people also set up games without reservations and I join those as well. I think some res allowance is probably helpful.
Love open play and court reservations, both
I think some courts should allow reservations and some should be open tonfirst come first served
I like the idea but groups need someplace they can reserve sometimes and, I also support that. Open play with dedicated courts is best if there is a paddle up system and even better if loosely by skill level.
pickleball court locations need courts available for both open play and reservations
I don't think reservations should be allowed at small sites like Miller, where there are only 2 tennis/4 pickleball courts. Reservations seriously affect open play: I've seen two tennis players use half the space while 20+ pickleball players have to share the other half. It's also inequitable, as not everyone can easily afford the reservation fees. Court reservations for special events should be limited to places like Greenlake with more courts.
If there are true open play times at some of c the locations I support that. But there needs to be some that do allow reservations.
I rarely make a reservation for pickleball and am generally able to find a court.
It’s helpful to know there’s a court when we show up. Or to see potential availability
I think that some reservations should be allowed, perhaps limited to certain times of day, to allow for lessons and drilling.
It is hard to verify when someone says they have reserved a court. Also, if 30 people show up to play, it seems unfair to have 4 people dominate an entire court for 2 hours.
I would make some reservation only , and leave some for drop in. Like a restaurant does

The risk of a reservation based system is clubs or groups scheduling large blocks of time or even complete days essentially locking out unaffiliated players.
If allowed, it will prevent all for playing. A groups will reserve all the courts and it will become exclusive to them. Leave it open for ALL
Reservations are helpful at community courts for both the public and the coaches that serve the public. I advocate limiting them to 25% or less of the open court time, whether that be days or times or a combination of both. I advocate limiting the ability to book out beyond 4 weeks unless they are an accredited coach who commits to publicly available coaching sessions for more than 30 people.
Reservations cause the open play to be segmented similar to tennis. Pickleball players want the ability to come and play at any time with whoever can make it.
should be first come, first serve
It's good to have a mix
Open play is a great inclusive concept. Having leveled play would also be great so everyone could play with similar abilities
If important to allow some reservations then allow them only at low use open play times. For example before 8:00 am and possibly for several hours mid-day.
Pickleball is an all inclusive sport; reservations eliminate the chance for more people to play at popular
I would prefer open play at designated times and reservations allowed at some times.
Open play should be favored to maximize usage and recreational opportunity. Prefer to see at least 75% open play. Vs reservation. Reservations do "guarantee" usage though
Where would reservations be allowed? It seems like "open play only" would be to our advantage, but not allowing reservations is a setback.
It is important to have some pickleball courts available for open play. I also understand the need for reserved courts but there are options for that with the many new facilities opening up.
Unless the city charges for reservations no one should be able to freely reserve a public space
Reservations need to be transparent. So there should be a way to see if/when courts are booked that is viewable to everyone
It's a. Even playing field with no reservations. Jut have to rotate in and out each game.
SPR seems to struggle to understand the difference between PB and Tennis as it relates to "reservations". As a tennis player I am much more amenable to reserving court time for my group of two or four. As a PBr I expect to show up in whatever number and "stack" if necessary. Unlike tennis PB protocol invites any number of players to participate in rapid game turnover. Resulting in virtual constant court usage. Allowing the number of players to cycle at a frequency which dwarfs tennis.
Need more info on what is proposed for open play only sites
Open play allows for the most players to play and the diversity and open community that pickleball is known for.when someone can reserve a court during open play they cripple game time for 100s of
Most people don't know when they can go play. Drop in works for everyone.
Since many of us play daily its convenient to have designated times and locations to go to without dealing with a cumbersome reservation process. Two courts that have used Delridge and Highpoint from 10 to noon have been most popular for me.
Pickleball is a highly social sport that builds community. Open play is at the core of what pickleball is.
I think this is a better model for smaller locations so more folks can have access. At the larger locations it makes more sense to allow reservations.

Reservations ruin the flow and the ethos and vibe of open play. There should be courts available for reservations, just not at the more popular open play spots such as greenlake.
If reservations are limited to certain courts or hours it could be work out for both sides.
I think there can be a balance of offering open play times and reservation times. Groups and friends should be able to get together and play without interfering with other players. Also, many leagues happen and its a great source of community for lots of people
Some courts are first come first serve and the other ones can be reserved
The beauty of drop in is many players show up, and everyone mixes with others. Keep open drop in!
We would very much like to reserve pickleball courts. This is core to our play 3x each week
If you reduce the open play areas and then allow reservations, you are truly cutting the community aspect and spirit of this sport. It's already unconscionable that this is even an issue.
In some cases courts are so busy it can be nice to reserve, but the current method of having to reserve an entire tennis court (two pickleball courts) is very silly.
One of pickleball's greatest strengths is its community. It's a sport that's competitive and can be taken seriously, but it never takes itself too seriously. If Seattle really does have a "Seattle Freeze" problem, pickleball is one of the easiest ways to break through it. Open play gives people a chance to meet, mingle, and find others to play with. And even if you already have a regular group of four, you can still come to open play and enjoy the atmosphere while playing with your friends.
I probably wouldn't use the court if I had to go to the trouble of reserving it, however, I don't object to others reserving it if they want to.
It's nice to have the option to reserve a court when you want to play with friends or people at a similar level. Open play can get pretty cut throat, and I think it scares off people who are less aggressive or play at a lower level.
No reservations allows people to spontaneously play and those who have the flexibility to join at odd
Most people show up to play in an open play rotation, but that doesn't mean that no one is allowed to book one of the courts. Half the courts should remain able to book for a fee. That way people can still book for parties and events and still have the other half available for open play.
Should allow some courts that can be reserved for public events.
I would prefer courts have some designated open play times with reservations allowed at other times. Ideally, per set of courts, there should always be at least 1 court with no reservations allowed and the remaining courts can have reservations.
As long as there are other courts at other locations where reservations are permitted, non-reservable open-play-only locations are great ideas
I enjoy being able to drop in anytime to an open play court and find game play
It would be nice if some courts locations were known for taking reservations and some for open play. For instance, you could have better like be a place that you make reservations and Shoreline be a place that's always open.
The reservation system as it is currently allows for players who live far from neighborhood courts to be able to play without getting turned away or playing minimally. It also assures players from all ages and skill levels can play in a way they most feel comfortable doing so. It also brings in money for the parks since it charges a fee—and it makes sure tennis players can play if they reserve a court.
depends on how much demand—currently we can usually get a court at alki
I think it's nice to be able to reserve sometimes but I usually just show up or sometimes sign up on Playtime Scheduler
Reservations should still be allowed

Reservations interfere with open play and only cause animosity.
Some non peak reservations ok
Sometimes it’s nice to reserve and play with specific people for long periods of time
Open play only allows you to play one game at a time and then usually you have to wait. Reservations ensure that you have a particular time to play and also allow you to develop teams and practice skills.
Reservations should be allowed, perhaps limited if the goal is to lean more towards open play. However it would be better if the current day’s reservation schedule per court be easily accessible to be
Want to make sure there is a easy portal to figure out which courts are which. It will also be good if two courts in the same area can have different designations (one for reservation and one for open play).
Reservations make open play at courts untenable. There can be 16 people all rotating and having a good time sharing the courts and one group of 2 people can show up and make everyone get off the
There are tons of places to have reservations. Keep the open play locations as open.
A mix of time frames allowing reservations along with times not requiring reservations would provide a good compromise
I think there should always been a couple of courts available for open play without reservations to encourage community use.
I think reservations should be allowed for weekdays and probably weekends can be open play so everyone can get a chance based on what they prefer.
Pickleball should never be entirely reservations based. We should encourage free play with new people. Having a mix of reservation able courts and free play only is ideal.
Reservations at open play only locations causes conflicts and undermines the value of the open play social space.
This will allow communities to grow at designated areas with a large amount of courts. If players wish to reserve or play with their own groups, there should be other parks nearby to allow for this to happen.
I play pickleball at Gilman and it is currently split between open play and reservations. Would be amazing if it was all open play but I also support reservations because it seems to be working fine.
I think having open play is super crucial. No issues if some courts are designated as open play and some are allowed to have reservations since being able to reserve courts for specific occasions or to play with friends is also important. Paddle stacking for pickleball is extremely effective in allowing for the most amount of individuals to play and at Gilman we are also have over 30 individuals be able to
Often at locations like Gilman that have only a few courts, a reservation during peak times will mean 4 players get exclusive use of a court while many others wait for the limited open play sometimes 10, or even 20 people are waiting. At the very least I would block out open play only at peak times such as 5-
It depends on how many other nearby pickleball courts are available for reservations. We need some courts that people can use to drill or help children learn to play.
It would be very hard to maintain open play if courts are reservable and can be claimed exclusively by one group.
At a court that is often full with people waiting, open play is the best way to allow the most people to play
Reservations are the only way to have any predictability of play times. It’s an equitable system for any user- tennis, pickleball, etc. what is your definition of open play? Mandatory paddle stacks and rotation? That’s fine for a few courts. Make the others reservable. What’s the max usage time for open
There should be designated open play hours.
Sometimes there'll be a need to reserve courts for special events.
It's hard to voice an opinion on this without understanding what the rest of the plan might be and how that could benefit or restrict us
Allowing reservations at an open play designated site disrupts the flow of open play, and creates unnecessary tensions

This would need to apply to businesses holding sessions at these courts.
Reservations allow you to ensure you can play the people you want to play when you want to play them.
Having at least one or two courts available for reservations at every court allows friends to play without having to stack and gives coaches and small clinics the opportunity to thrive. Strongly need to make it possible to reserve one pickleball court, not just one tennis court which takes more space.
None
open play at the Magnolia pickleball courts — the issue is that open play creates a level of noise and crowding that directly harms OUR daily quality of life, especially given how close MY home is to the Magnolia courts. The concerns are well documented in Seattle's own public process and in recent
Pickleball players use the paddle stacker to take turns, never seen an issue with this when I'm people are waiting to play
Reservations are key to allow folks to play with friends and family at a time when they can make it. Also, as skill levels really are all over the place, having Open Play everywhere, doesn't work. Daytime hours have many open courts at many locations. Nights are a key time, as folks who work want to play. Allowing no more than 2 tennis courts to be reserved by the same group, might be a good idea. Reservations limit some people who cant afford to reserve, maybe a reduced rate. If it was easy
I think at least one court should be reservable, for lessons etc.
Reservation should be very limited, but i can see why some reservations should be allowed - like community event/community fundraisers- Perhaps limited to once /month?
Reservations should be only allowed to reserve the courts for a community tournament or event.
I play pickleball at Gillman. Two courts can be reserved; two are open play. What's the big deal about sharing? It works at Gillman
At Gilman-two of the 4 pickleball courts can be reserved. When my group uses them there are 10-12 people in the group. The other 2 pickleball courts are open play. I have no idea how reservations work at other locations. Please share that information. I don't think you should be able to reserve all the courts ever. But depending on the number of courts at a location the minimum reserved would be 2 courts or perhaps more if there were at least 8 or more.
Please don't put pickleball courts over spots of skate community
Reservations can be cost effective for groups, but also some groups tend to reserve all the time for lengthy periods.
Reservations give you the opportunity to have a limited number of people playing together, e.g. as a birthday party or some kind of other event
Some courts that are designated Pickle Ball only, still need to accept reservations. There are free clinics offered, round Robbins, lessons offered at these Pickleball courts, it would not be possible
I feel that half the courts should be for open play and half should be reservable

Q2: Do you support utilizing split scheduling between tennis and pickleball play to better facilitate shared access at dual use sites and alleviate noise impacts on surrounding properties?
(Optional) Please provide any additional feedback about a plan to use split scheduling at dual-use courts.
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
If you allow reservations, no problem
Dual use and noise mitigation are two totally separate issues.
Multi-use , NO reservations
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
If more is playing tennis on (for example) Sunday. Can pickleball be played until tennis players arrive to use the courts??
As a pilot perhaps so that use of the court is tracked for further adjustment of houses in case of no use by any of some time-
Why break something that is not broken?
Only support this if dual striping continues.
Supporting if usability of courts evolve hours. For example: if no tennis even used between X and y hours, change time for other sports.
would the split scheduling respect the current lifelong learning hours of open play at the established courts?
If tennis/pickleball wasn't being played at it's established time, could the other game be played?
If no tennis players are on courts, then Pballers can play and give it up when tennis shows up.
No- OPEN USE COURTS ONLY for these public / and resources.
SURVEY RESPONSES
Whoever gets there first should be able to play either sport of choice.
Hiawatha has tennis only courts, let high point be pickleball only and delridge be split schedule
As a highpoint pickleball player, its always active. In the past a school has reserved it. FANTASTIC! If say 10 people have to leave for 2 others? Does not add up
I support this with caveat that utilization should drive the schedule. If one group is NOT using the courts during scheduled time consistently, while the other group IS, then the schedule should be eligible for rebalancing.
Just let people self-organize
Both sports should be given a chance. Pickleball should get more time since there are so many more pickleball players.
Who gets to decide the prime times to schedule...the tennis players? If you are so inclined to have reservations work...then anytime is correct for either sport. If you are so inclined to not have reservations and just have open play...then it's first come first serve. Watch how there will be more pickleball players than tennis players using the courts.
Everybody can have access to the courts. They just need to be lined for both sports. People get used to the additional lines pretty easily.
Seems like a nice compromise
Why are we trying to find a solution to a problem that does’t doesn’t exist, specifically High Point!
Courts should be available for either use at all times. Leaving courts empty at times just because they are restricted to one sport at a time when other sport players could play is nonsensical.

Have you completed a study on tennis/pickleball usage? Courts that are striped for pickleball rarely have tennis players. More courts are used for pickleball so scheduling as presented will mean fewer players using the courts. There are plenty of tennis only courts available for tennis players. Don't eliminate pickleball courts! There's not enough as it is!
I know how much we use Highpoint or Huntley courts and you rarely see tennis players ever there always see Pickleball players all day all afternoon every day
Split should not be 50/50 when there are so many MORE pickleball players
Support but STRONGLY support building pickleball courts as other communities have. We have plenty of park land and tons of interest. Objections are weak.
separate tennis courts from pickleball courts
If it's to save pickleball courts, I'm for it. But to change existing pickleball courts to make it dual-use is annoying, given how many people play the sport now compared to tennis.
Some fieldwork should be done before setting the times in case one sport is more popular at certain times. Times should be flexible time, maybe not strictly enforced but rather strongly suggested/preferred use times
What happens when games go over time? If there is no one there from the other sport when it's time to switch, what happens? Then if someone from the other sport shows up does the sport that's playing have to immediately stop?
One sport having priority over others during some times. But if courts are empty OK for any sport to use the courts
There should be more courts designated for the sport that is using the courts the most which is pickleball. There are many tennis courts in Seattle that are empty more than 90% of the time, but long waits at pickleball courts
In my local area of West Seattle, High Point, Solstice, Del ridge and SWAC it would be counter productive to split usage of High Point or Delridge given space and demand. If Solstice were also painted, and half of it split for Pickleball...then supply might balance the higher demand for Pickleball.
This requires resources to change the courts nets and enforce the schedule
Sharing is great - I play both - we could all coexist - but if the courts are under utilize then we should open it up for other usages.
I like the idea. I worry about compliance and am not optimistic about the general population's ability to properly know the schedule
Tennis courts are often abandoned. Pickleball there are long lines to use. Pickleball is accessible to more and Seattle is all about accessibility
Excluding pickleball players from courts during certain hours makes Seattle's public spaces less usable. We should want our shared resources to serve the most people, and making courts unusable by pickleball players severely limits the utility of our public parks. Noise concerns about standard play are unreasonable: living next to large public accommodations comes with a reasonable expectation that public areas will be used for their intended purpose during waking hours.
There are some locations that maybe only 2 tennis players show up, yet 8-12 pickleball players could play. This limits the amount of people utilizing the cities resources and getting exercise and meeting each other
Support open play for both sports. First come first serve
This seems to provide equitable to both pickleball and tennis. The question would be if no one is playing tennis (or pickleball) in the court during the specified time what will happen if people start to play pickleball (or tennis) instead?
Split scheduling could work. It would make sense to give one sport priority at certain times, but if the courts are unused, they should be able to be occupied by either sport, regardless of the split schedule.

I would support a split schedule if reserving courts were part of the option. I'm not suggesting having only reserved courts.
None.
I’m ok with that
The courts I play at (Walt Hundley) are full of pickleball players. I rarely, if ever, see tennis players use the courts there even before pickleball lines were added and when I played tennis. In the rare instances tennis players have come by we’ve helped them move the pickleball nets when all the courts weren’t being used for Pickleball.
I think it is not reasonable for people to keep track of what exact time it is at each location.
This system will mean that a lot of courts will be wasted since the number of tennis players are so much lower than pickleball.
The problem is most of the courts will be empty on "tennis" days. I rarely see anyone playing tennis at any of the public courts.
Split scheduling should be monitored by how many players of each sport/group are using the court(s) at their designated time, ie. if tennis players are not showing up for their designated time then the designated times should be adjusted accordingly. And the same goes for the pickleball players.
This is a strong idea that removes the need to compete between sports.
racquet sport can be accommodated at the same time. Ex: if there aer 5 courts, give 3 to tennis, and the other 2 can go to pickleball - since it can be split into 2 games/court, that allows 4 different groups to play.
the only reason I somewhat support the split scheduling is due to predictability for noise of surrounding properties. otherwise I don't understand the need to designate courts that may remain empty and would hope tennis and pickleball players can share courts regardless of the time
Seems fair. But also reserve the option to play if the courts are empty
n/a
I do not support a plan that may reduce use.
First come first serve! Plus how would this schedule even be enforced anyway?
Split scheduling seems like a fair option to me, but I would encourage SPR to evaluate the actual amounts of use and make sure that it's equitable. IE if tennis and pickleball use are 1/3 and 2/3 the numbers, then allocating days/times to reflect this better would be more fair than splitting 50/50 and letting some hours go underutilized
I would prefer to see data indicating the frequency of tennis players vs pickleball to confirm there is a need to split time 50/50 vs a different split.
Tennis players aren’t using the courts when we go to play pickleball and if they want to play, they can reserve the courts.
Why leave a court empty at any time? Let's use what we have!
Ratio should be based on usage. There seems to be a lot more demand for pickleball right now
Keep both play areas separate
proposal
I don't think there is a problem with allowing open choice of the courts
I think this schedule would create a lot of confusion and confrontations at courts. Also, what if a court is empty and I want to play pickleball, but it's tennis hours at that time. Am I not allowed to play pickleball even though the court it empty? I think this system would be inefficient.
First come first serve with rotating play. Sometimes there’s no tennis players or no pickleball players. No need for separate days.
More sports, more opportunities
We need more pickleball courts to serve the growing demand.

Pickleball courts should stay pickleball courts. I feel like there’s already a lot of tennis built around the sport.
This is highly flawed and not inclusive to those who have a varied schedule the policy of dual use allows for the maximum amount of freedom and use of the courts. it doesn't make sense to split the court use time and then have the courts empty when they could be being used by either tennis or pickleball. This is highly ineffective way to use the courts and noise complaints are not based on facts of decibels surveys from all the data that has been collected.
I think this would be too confusing for most people to implement effectively.
This adds confusion to people dropping into a court to play and not knowing the schedule before hand
Nobody plays tennis
Provided example suggests 50/50 use of dual-use courts. Conduct study of actual use, to determine if a different split might be appropriate.
Pickleball is obviously getting more popular than tennis.
i think it should be first come first serve on the sports
Tennis courts should be for tennis only! Leave all existing tennis courts for tennis. Build more pickleball courts for pickleball! Everyone wins!
it's too confusing to change when courts are designated as pickleball vs tennis
That looks fair, but also there are wayyyyy more pickleball players than tennis players. Everytime I I see tennis courts around Seattle they are empty but I have to wait 30 mins to join a game a greenlake in the evening
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
Split scheduling sounds too complicated and there are already enough tennis courts elsewhere for tennis players to use. Let people play pickleball
Why would we do this? There are many more DAILY ACTIVE USERS (which should be primary considered) of pickleball compared to tennis. The number of pickleball only courts and tennis only courts should be representative of this ratio. Tennis players don’t do open play. Just keep all reservation courts dual play. Simple, problem solved. Give the pickleball players courts. Especially places like miller and green lake. Remove the tennis lines, make it PB only. I’m sure the south end has the same
seems like this would result in inefficient use of the courts or confusion around whats allowed. I think would be better if a split court for example has 4 tennis courts (8 pickleball courts) that 2 are prioritized for tennis and 2 are prioritized for pickleball and you can use the tennis courts for pickleball but if players show up for tennis then they get to take priority on those courts and vice versa
This proposal is better than eliminating one sport entirely, but the issue I see with it is still the segregation and inconveniencin one sport players or the other. Some people only play 1 or 2 days a week and if the split scheduling doesn't align with their availability, then they can't play locally.
That would work only on those courts that are not extensively used by either pickleball or tennis.
Seems too rigid.
Would cause confusion and I feel like people would bring their own pickleball net to play
I think use split should be used to make sure the courts are MAXIMALLY utilized with fairness toward tennis and pb players. However, schedules should be adjusted if courts are empty.

If no one is using the courts one day for a specific activity, will using for the other be disallowed? Seems not efficient
If there is split scheduling, I'd rather see tennis in the mornings when people are sleeping and Pickleball in the afternoons
I would prefer Seattle had (literally ANY) single use pickleball courts. If we're going dual use ALL courts need to be dual use. What is currently happening is a majority are tennis only, and a handful are dual-use which isn't equitable or accessible.
Split scheduling could make sense, but if no one is using the court then anyone can use it, regardless of sport
The 'noise' issue is unsupported by data. The closest courts need to have the opposite designated hours. If courts are vacant, either sport should be allowed unless/until players of the designated sport players arrive to use it. We don't need vacant courts due to lack of demand.
I would prefer to have dedicated courts for either sport. Or, preference to have tennis courts as dual use since they are underutilized.
Whether that works or not is dependent upon how the split is set up. If many more picklers than tennis players typically use a court, then time should be weighted in favor of pickleball. Or vice-a-versa. It can't just be "split" 50-50 because that's the easy thing for SPR to do. It will take real thought and study of court usage to make it work.
I think you could split the full days, for example Monday and Wednesday are pickleball, Tuesday and Thursday are tennis, Friday and Saturday and Sunday are 50/50 each day.
No split scheduling. Let whomever shows up to play, play. We are adults. We can manage taking turns and sharing courts. It's ok to wait for your turn on a court if they are all in in use
I like the split times but it should be evaluated as to use, I did a survey on tennis vs pickleball players for an hoa that had 8 tennis courts We found that 85% of the use of courts was pickleball
I can appreciate this a better proposal than eliminating one sport or the other entirely. However, this split schedule continues to segregate the two sports and inconvenience both tennis and pickleball players alike. For example, people may only have availability to play for 1-2 days per week and if those days/times don't align with the set schedule for their sport of choice, then they're out of luck and aren't afforded the opportunity to play locally.
If splitting is the solution, I feel the schedule should alternate weekly or biweekly. I also acknowledge that pball can be a noisier volley sound so I believe that no playing should be allowed before 8:00am or after 8pm. Ultimately, I do not feel that we need a scheduled breakdown of court access. I think we are all adults and everyone should be able to wait their next turn based upon arrival time. Would a split schedule simply define who gets priority or would it ban the other sport????
The community has ZERO faith that you will find the funding and build any of the new pickleball hubs you proposed in the Racquet Sports Strategy. Creating split schedules is a better option, but only because you seem incapable of doing anything more for pickleball community. However, dual use courts cannot have white tennis lines and BLACK pickleball lines. If a court is shown in your data to be used more by pickleball, then the pickleball lines need to be the dominant color.
I'm a tennis player and I think pickle ball should get their own courts.
It would be better than what there is now where pickleball gets to dominate courts unless a tennis player pays for a reservation. Right now. Tennis players fund the courts that everyone uses
Seems easier and more predictable to have dedicated courts.
I do not support split scheduling if you look at the statistics tennis is used a very infrequently
No need at Soundview.
Seemingly fair but what can be played if there are no pk player or tennis player?

Generally, dual use works well as both tennis and pickleballers have equal opportunities to play. For example, in Magnolia it is half reservations and half not. So tennis players and pickleballers have the same opportunity to access the courts. However, I understand that there are some courts that impact the people who live nearby. I think noise restrictions on those courts makes sense - e.g., only tennis or soft pickleballs/rackets before 9am and after 7pm.
I support split scheduling IF the hours for pickleball and tennis are based on actual usage data and demand. I play on courts that are multiuse and even though there is tennis court availability, I rarely observe people playing tennis.
I support this, but I think we should consider whether a tennis player could, for instance, play during pickleball time as long as there are not PB players wishing to use that court. I realize this doesn't help with the noise issue. But if it turned out that very few tennis players ever played between, say 7am and 11am on their designated day, then I think PB players should be allowed to play WITH THE UNDERSTANDING that if tennis players want the court, they clear off.
There are more pickleball players than tennis players in Seattle. Why should pickleball give up any time to tennis? Tennis doesn't use all the tennis only courts now. But pickleball uses all the courts and wishes for more.
I specifically oppose split scheduling to alleviate noise impacts on surrounding residences. While reduced pickleball activity would be better than the status quo, places such as Gilman are too close to residences and unacceptable noise levels 50% of the time are still unacceptable.
I think we have already figured this out. I've never been on a Court full of Pickleball players and had tennis players come and take courts away, and vice versa. In general, I feel we respect each other.
That's fine
how will this be enforced? what is to prevent players of one sport from playing it while the other is scheduled, if no one is on the court?
Split usage seems like a reasonable fair way to share between tennis and PB. Better to have multiple locations so there is always an option to play PB. Players will figure out the scheduling.
I think it would be difficult in practice to keep track of the schedules. I'd rather have dedicated tennis courts and dedicated pickleball courts.
Pickleball is mostly morning-afternoon crowd. Tennis players are overwhelmingly younger, they usually show up at courts in the evenings on the weekdays. If there is a schedule, it should implement this
I think the courts should be open and available for folks to play what they want to play.
Dual-use courts makes the most sense, as having the courts available for both tennis and pickleball maximizes the use of the courts.
The Hub approach is much, much better. Split scheduling will end up with the same problems as dual use. If courts are lined for pickleball and pickleball nets are available, then pickleball players will show up and play. How will they know what days and what hours are open for pickleball? Who will tell them not to use the court at that time? Will they listen or just flip you off? Pickleball players will see an open court and use it.
First come first serve as it has been since the city of Seattle was founded in 1800s.
It seems like the quantity of tennis players is miniscule compared to pickleball, which is exploding nationwide. There are Green Lake courts near the bathhouse and Woodland Park in the south are tennis only already.
For parks with multiple courts, one could also designate courts which are priority courts for one sport over the other
Please provide semi permanent courts to all courts relevant for pickleball as well as soon as possible.

I am somewhat opposed to split scheduling simply because tennis usage (at the majority of court locations) is low. Several courts that are currently Tennis only go unused at peak hours/days (for example: Rainier play field).
I could see this working. However, I don't see many tennis players at N Seattle public courts. Could people play pickleball at the times when it's designated as tennis if the courts are available?
Are there really that many tennis players??
I like the concept but would need to better understand when pickeball vs. tennis would be scheduled. For example, many tennis courts are not utilized in the winter and this is where more pickleball could be played.
IF there were to be split scheduling, it MUST reflect adequate research into current & PROJECTED DEMAND & availability of court (each & shared) across town. My understanding is that pickleball demand is higher & increasing rapidly, & availability is not keeping up. Also, please note that 1 tennis court serves up to 4, but often only 2 people (sometimes 1 +machine), while the same space, with 2 pickleball courts, NORMALLY serves EIGHT players at a time. Def. not "equal" split!
Again, this blocked off schedule limits use for people who may not have the kind of flexibility others have or know about it.
courts
As a community we all can play both sports together on the same court. That is what community is all about.
two tennis players for the entire block of time set aside for tennis. Perhaps there is a tennis-first reservation policy, and then 24 hours before if there are not reservations, pickleballers are able to reserve.
I think it’d be better to have dedicated courts
Would the split actually reflect the demand for each sport?
We haven't had problems working out pickleball/tennis use until the City Parks decided to break the system. Leave the courts alone. Put dual striping on all and let people, all people, play.
The final schedule should reflect the amount of use by both parties
Reserving spaces for Tennis only just forces people to see unused spaces or play Pickleball in those tennis times anyway. There is so little tennis activity, why designate times for courts not to be used?
Seems like a fair arrangement
I typically play at a two-court location (Soundview) and often there is tennis on one court and two Pickleball games on the other. It works just fine. Don’t fix what isn’t broken.
Somewhat support mainly because of the 7 different locations I regularly play those tennis hours are going to be pretty much unused outside of camps.
This seems like a good and equitable way to allowing the sharing of courts. It would be important for there to be clear signage at the courts and also to list it on the website so that people can plan accordingly. Do these spilt scheduling then mean open play or are they available to reserve?
Many courts have no one playing and should be open for either sport when people arrive for open play.
I would definitely support split scheduling on 3 conditions: 1. SPR needs to monitor the usage for both sports and report back the findings. Do this for a month. 2. Alternate the scheduling split across different sites.... e.g. Tues PB at GL and the same day Tennis at BitterLake. That way players have a place to play when one is not avail. 3. Based on the above I would not support a whole Sat for one sport --- it should be split. Some people can't play Sat and some can't play Sun.
Dual use courts sets up situations of potential confusion and conflict. Single-use purpose courts for each sport would be better at alleviating this potential problem.

It doesn’t leave ability to play one sport on one day when those players aren’t using it but there are other sports wanting it. Kind of restricted
Split scheduling seems complicated and inefficient. Demand for each sport does not necessarily follow a strict schedule.
Depends on which courts, locations and days. The rise in popularity of PB is understood but many tennis courts without PB lines are in such bad shape-see Meadowbrook as an example.
My fear is that splitting will lead to some courts only allowing tennis during morning hours and PB during afternoon hours because of complaints of noise. However, I think this is inherently inequitable and would want to ensure that both morning and afternoon hours are split between court sports.
considerations.
I would really support the split option as long as PB or Tennis players could use the court if the other is not and quickly leave if the other shows up at their time slot.
I support this option, but only if the non designated sport players can play if the courts are empty and but must defer immediately if players from the designated sport arrive.
This ignores that people have different schedules and that changes daily for some. Would you consider the same option for football and soccer on open fields?! If not, why is this considered a solution for pickleball and tennis.
Restricting to one sport or the other on a given day seems too limiting. For locations with only a few courts, I suppose that's ok. Others, like Bitterlake could reserve 2 courts for tennis and the rest of pickleball, especially given there are a lot more pickleball players. I rarely see tennis at Bitterlake.
If SPR does this, then there should be complementary scheduling across multiple sites… if Sundays are pickleball only at one site, then another site could be tennis only on Sundays… and vice versa. Every day and every daylight hour should enable pickleball play… and vice versa.
I rarely see tennis played on the courts I go to. It is not as in demand as pickle ball.
Sharing courts has never been a problem. Pickleball should be allowed all on all days.
I don’t see tennis being played enough to support full split
Not a lot of people plays tennis it should be first come first serve. No split scheduling
Tennis courts are rarely used. Seems like a waste when no players come
I say use it on a trial basis while collecting data on actual usage. If the pattern of low use by tennis players continues, either abandon or provide more usage time for PB use. (Still not sure why you think tennis play is in a bigger or even similar demand than PB.
Split scheduling will help
If you do split scheduling, please make sure the schedules are consistent and don't cost anything.
Why are we trying to overcomplicate it? Who ever shows up gets to play and get into rotation - doesn’t matter if it is tennis or pickleball. Someone needs to review the rules though- after how many minutes tennis players have to rotate.
I can see the appeal but also some potential struggles. Would like to hear more about this and need more time to think about this.
First come first serve
A court that holds at best 4 tennis players holds 8 pickleball players or more. In many cases 8 tenis players vs 24 pickleball players not to mention there areamy tennis only courts in Seattle with and without lights
Where we play pickle ball there are barely any tennis players anymore
Just let the courts be used naturally. Either reserved or people coming to play regardless of the sport.
This will cause more conflicts and confrontations than good. We need to have dedicated pickleball courts like in Edmonds, Lynnwood, Kirkland and Bellevue.

Pickleball players don't mind extra lines nearly as much as tennis players. But in the face of burgeoning community demand, shuffling lines is a band-aid.
I don't think this would create a balance of court usage. If the courts are sitting empty on a particular afternoon, why can't anyone (pickleball or tennis) jump on to play?
Split scheduling means courts would go unused and people without a place to play if not used for the designated sport and players of the other sport want to play but are not permitted to even if the courts are empty.
There are many more pickleball than tennis players currently utilizing courts in Seattle.
Share dont split all times for any sport
Pickleball dwarfs tennis at courts like Alki, High Point, Delridge, Beacon Hill, etc. By forcing a split and kicking off Pickleball players when they are so much more active is silly and again makes me believe no one from Parks and Rec actually goes to the courts, instead relying on reservation data while sitting at a desk.
More pickleball better
Pickleball has such a high interest and number of participants that it should have a much higher number of participation hours if it is decided to designate hours
It would be better to have play at same time
Pickleball needs more courts. There are too many courts that are only tennis so far.
I think the courts should be used by the individuals that reserve them. That way the sport that has the most interested players can reserve in accordance with the number of players that want to play a particular sport be it tennis or pickleball.
This survey is hilariously biased towards tennis. What a joke. Way to try and lead the survey taker into thinking about the noise “issue.” Public parks have screaming children, events, and other rec activities, how is pickleball noise singled out?
Way too complicated and takes spontaneity out of both sports
Split scheduling works well at courts in Bellevue. Anyone is allowed to use the court at any time when empty but if someone from the designated sport shows up, people playing the non-designated sport must vacate . Good system
The courts work fine the way they are!!! To have the courts go empty because there are not tennis players using them makes NO sense to me.
I think this would work if different courts have different alternating times, i.e. as suggested I would not like if one could ONLY play PB on certain days and times across the city.
Can't answer this question without having data regarding current usage in a particular court or location
That would just confuse people
It seems like it could be confusing.
I would rather share usage
The idea that there are enough tennis players to fill half the calendar is laughable. There would just be needlessly wasted court time.
please make dedicated PB cts. and keep some tennis courts
We should be able to share space. And if tennis courts are not in use - pickleball players should be able to use the unoccupied space
Pickleball does not need to be shared on tennis courts and if dual use is permitted then pickleball should be on first come first serve to allow tennis to have reservations.
This is a nice shared court idea.
We need multi use for all parks
Check out utilization data. The tennis times will sit empty while the picklers will be waiting. What is wrong with the system we are currently using until we get the promised dedicated courts?

Scheduling is needed but this sounds difficult to manage
I support a process that gives Pickleball equal opportunity with tennis (although I think Pickleball might be more popular - I frequently see tennis courts with no players on them). I would not support not being able to play on a dual-striped tennis court if tennis players aren't using it.
I think this makes sense for courts that are adjacent to people's homes. However, I think the default should be no split scheduling for the majority of courts.
For it
I think it would be hard to communicate to the community what sport is allowed when. Also, what happens if you show up to an empty court and nobody is waiting but it is currently designated for the other sport? Seems like a waste. If someone shows up and there is space then they should be able to play whatever sport they like. It would be hard to keep track of what is allowed when.
I am a part of an LGBTQ+ pickleball program (Rainbow Rec) hosted at Ranier Playfields. This program relies on having reservable and consistent court times. I would like them to continue to offer this and serve our community.
The noise impacts argument for a split schedule is weak in the grand scheme of things. Has the city looked at infrastructure improvements to reduce court noise, or done sound studies? Splitting the schedule without actual account for demand is false equity.
Is it better than what we have now Yes. BUT only if it was enforced, which we know the Parks department won't do AND pickleball players will exploit. All you have to do to see that right now, is go to any court and when they are done playing they don't move their nets!! Their very heavy nets.
I don’t think this is necessary. I play both sports and the dual striping is not a detractor. What is hard is pickleball players who disrespect others and are territorial about their ad hoc open play, and treat you like crap if you come with a reservation or to play tennis. I play across multiple sites in the city and play open play and use reservations, and that is the only conflict I have come across—if we had better signage and culture we can continue sharing courts.
The only reason people are upset is because there are people actually using the courts and park spaces. For years the courts were vacant and intermittently used by tennis players. They bought houses next to a park and now that people are using the park theyre upset. It’s like buying a house next to an airport or a gun range and then complaining about the noise.
We support split scheduling if all current courts remain available. If you are taking away the locations with the largest number of courts, split scheduling will not help us
It is hard to keep track of the split scheduling unless it is very consistent across all locations, etc. If you were to offer split scheduling, I would be sure to offer time for Pickleball and Tennis on both Saturday and Sunday (not to have one day devoted to PB and the other to Tennis)
Those designated for tennis will be empty. Most parks & rec courts are not of the caliber tennis players really like.
I like having split courts especially if indoor play is available
At The West Magnolia courts: Please consider dedicating the south courts to tennis and the north courts to tennis. Please consider establishing and developing a system to enforce acceptable hours of pickleball play related to noise disturbance. EX: play with quiet balls or paddles only - during posted morning and evening times
This is also dependent again on how the communities use these court so you need to better understand by doing a further investigation and look at data to make these decisions
in almost all circumstances, there should be dedicated pball courts OR dedicated tennis courts. Doing both creates confusing lines, conflicts.
Split scheduling is great! It supports both sports in a comprehensive manner.

The problem with split schedules is that the courts will sit empty much of the time during tennis hours while lots of pickleball players would be wanting to play. There are way more pickleball players at these courts during all day parts.
Seems unnecessary. Very few people play tennis at magnolia location except for summer camps. If it's scheduled for tennis and the courts aren't used it seems a waste of courts on those days. However if there is a community of tennis players that will use the courts, I support sharing the courts.
Really! Please explain how a split schedule will reduce noise impacts? It may reduce it on some days or times, but overall, it will still be a problem, that I would assume neighbors who feel affected by the noise will still have complaints.
If there were that many tennis players I would not disagree but I don't see that many tennis players. Their voice is louder that their participation.
How does this occur now? Split scheduling may be a fair way, and, a structured plan to include tennis and pickleball on the same courts, however, in my opinion this is not reasonable. It would take a survey to consider the proportion of time allotted to pickleball and tennis. To do a 1/2 time pickleball and 1/2 time tennis I believe is not justified.
I would rather not have split scheduling
Tennis has so many more courts available to them. Split schedule will just confuse and aggravate everyone.
There is a need for more pickleball only and tennis only locations. What happens if they are not used in their specific time?
Many courts lay dormant, we can SHARE. This has never been an issue: tennis and pickle get along. Who started this nonsense?
We can play at the same time
If the court usage is tracked, i'm in favor of splitting the usage by filling the courts with the most people seeking recreation. 50/50 is going to see many empty tennis times and completely full pickleball.
There are a lot of tennis courts in the Seattle area, but very few designated Public Pickle Ball courts. Plus for every two tennis courts you can fit 6 PB courts, providing much more public use. I like tennis, I just feel there's more than enough room for both.
I see empty tennis courts a lot. 2-3 Pickleball courts can be set up for one tennis court. Pickleball games are much shorter than Tennis matches. In general, more time should be allocated to pickleball courts with vourt sharing.
Again, the cart is being put before the horse. Which courts are you referencing? We need data re how courts in our area are being utilized currently in order to respond.
I appreciate all the thought that has gone into this plan and your efforts to strike a balance for players and neighbors. I can work with this as an effort to support all parties.
I've experienced split scheduling work very effectively in other areas.
It seems weird to separate Travis and pickleball play, as if the two sports don't get along. I think the current system is fine. I like seeing tennis players. It's good seeing variety.
Sharing makes sense. My only feedback is that there seem to be a lot more pickleball players than tennis players. It would be a shame if time is split but tennis time and courts sit empty.
Dedicated courts are preferred. I generally support split scheduling until dedicated courts can be built but reduction of noise impact should not be a value element.
Designating an entire single weekend day for a specific sport eliminates access to public facilities for people whose work week includes a weekend day.
If there are no tennis players on the time for using tennis courts can pickleball play? and vice versa.
I think this might be confusing to people.
I like a clear usage time to avoid confusion.
If necessary I would rather be able to play. Don't understand the noise concerns.

If the courts are not I use during a tennis time, pickleball players should be allowed to play
split scheduling can work. lines for both sports should be CLEAR.
Tennis and puck le all are not 50/50 use sports ! I would say tennis maybe 25 pickleball 75
Too difficult to monitor and enforce. Requires moving nets constantly and reconfiguring courts.
Pickle is way more popular than tennis
Split schedule is unnecessary, confusing and not proportionate when comparing the frequency of playing times and player population of each sport. At many court locations, the courts are under utilized during tennis hours.
There are more people interested in pickleball than tennis
The problem with split scheduling is that if times are split equally when the demand is not equal (it's not in Seattle), that's essentially limiting the more popular sport unnecessarily with no benefit.
Seems fair
Period.
This seems very problematic. Can tennis players use Pickleball courts on opposite days if they’re free and vice versa? Will need some strong parameters.
This doesn’t make sense.
Split scheduling does not allow use of the courts to be optimized.
As long as the split scheduling is fair to players of both sports, this seems fine
I would much rather prefer that demand for each sport indicate how the courts are used. Artifically splitting does not support the needs of the community
I think that splitting time in the courts is not good bc it seems to me there are many more people playing pickleball now (and growing) than Tennis, and we need more pickleball designated courts.
Ideally we are able to have permanently designated courts for each sport but if needed this can help
Split scheduling on dual-use courts could minimize conflicts and long wait to get on.
Is this priority one or the other or only one allowed at a time? It should be priority, we need to allow both players to play if they show up and the courts are open. We don’t have enough courts to take them away from one sport or the other if they aren’t in use.
Again open play can be limited to 2-3 hour blocks. same with tennis. do not do 8 hour blocks as you have shown
Would be nice if no tennis players show, pickleball could be played until a tennis player arrives. I see empty tennis courts frequently
That works as long as it is an even split
Difficulty in moving all the nets every time
Very democratic
The main reason I'm opposed is that the tennis courts are frequently underutilized. Why should courts sit vacant, when there are lots of pickleball players who could be using them?
Split scheduling will only serve to alienate each community
Seems reasonable but don’t fully understand is this is the only option.
players don’t like to play pickleball on a tennis court. Tennis players like to play on dedicated tennis courts with dedicated tennis nets while pickleball players like to play on dedicated pb courts with dedicated pb nets.
I am OK with a schedule priority for one or the other sport, but if nobody shows up within 10 minutes of their priority start time, then court should revert to open priority for the next hour.
Doesn’t make sense to me. More to keep track of than anything.
I always play in the mornings, and the days for pb may not be the days that I am able to play

If there are sport #1 players who show up and the courts are not being used for the scheduled sport #2, then sport #1 players should be allowed to use the courts. If sport #2 players then arrive during their scheduled period, sport #1 players should then relinquish the court.
Where I play there is no trouble about sharing the courts with tennis. We usually play in the morning.
I don't have specific recommendations.
Too complicated. This could also cause more conflict if people ignore the times. Court use should be more fluid.
Places I play would have empty courts during designated tennis times, a waste of the court. Moveable nets allow both to occur. It's the best of both worlds to have joint use courts.
I wish we had dedicated courts for pickleball, but until we do, a split schedule is fine
A tennis court can only service 4 people max playing tennis for but more than 16 people playing pickleball (via typical stack rotations) You'd need to give pickle 4x the time to serve demand equally.
I am not sure what is best system, but one that favors one over the other I would not vote for.
I believe Pickleball has grown enough to deserve their own courts. Dual use stripes are confusing too. Try it at a community center and you'll find out.
If court not in use by designated group, can the other group use?
Split scheduling should take into account the relative number of players for each sport. In locations where participation in one sport exceeds that in the other sport, more time should be given to the more popular sport.
I like this idea better than strict tennis only courts, but I contend that there are way more pickleball players than tennis players so a 50/50 split doesn't seem fair. Whenever I'm at my local court or at the playground near it with my kids (Alki/whale tail) it's always pickleball players
Seems reasonable.
I want to play with my friends at a designated time. With easy access. There are way more Pickleball players than tennis players. And you can fit eight Pickleball players on one tennis court.
Not sure if quarterly schedules swapped dayparts and days. May make more possibilities open up for people's schedules to align with their sport at least half the year.
If tennis is not using the courts, why not allow pickleball to use them?
The split schedule feels extremely restrictive and as I've said earlier, defeats the spirit of the sport. Additional barriers that make it more difficult for new tennis or pickleball players to play the sport would be a loss for both sports.
First come first serve, there's no reason to do split scheduling
I can guarantee that the times designated for tennis will lead to completely empty courts where I play. But I understand the reason behind it. I just don't think it will maximize the use of the courts.
Seems reasonable
Not a problem having shared use. Should have pickleball only and tennis only courts along with mixed use.
The creation of pickleball or tennis hubs would be one solution . At dual use courts , tennis players can make reservations too !
I think there is more demand for pickleball. I often see tennis courts empty and pickleball courts with waiting lines
Let whoever wants to play, play.
If the court was big enough where in there is no waiting during peak time I would have agreed but it doesn't make sense for us to give the same amount of time to a sport that people rarely play. Tennis has a steep learning curve it is not something anyone can pick up easily.

Pickleball should not be played at close proximity to residential homes. The extreme noise just 48 ft. from 8 courts negatively affects the quality of life to the homeowners. Not being able to use our balconies nor open windows or doors is just not right. Pickleball should be at least 500 ft. away from residential homes or played indoors.
It is a hassle to move nets back and forth, and will be tempting for people to move nets to the way they want them, regardless of designated pickleball vs tennis.
Seattle but pickleball courts are usually packed. I fear that during tennis times the tennis courts will not be utilized.
If pickleball/tennis is available all the time then the players are spread out too much, there is no "time slots" where many people show up.
It does not make sense to allocate equal court time when demand differs significantly between sports. Doing so reduces overall court use by limiting access for the higher-demand sport while providing little benefit to the lower-demand sport. Scheduling should reflect actual usage so public courts are used efficiently. For example, Miller Park in Capitol Hill rarely has tennis players, so reserving tennis-only hours there is not an efficient use of public courts.
Stand alone pickleball and stand alone tennis courts in most/ all neighborhoods
I never see tennis players at the Alki courts so split scheduling would limit our pickleball play. If the courts were repaired it may draw in more players of both games making it possibly beneficial to split schedule. We are happy to share the courts with tennis players and pickleball players. Currently pickleball is more popular and accessible to all ages.
tennis players won’t, windy, misty, and cold. There are vastly more Pball players than tennis players in Seattle so splitting time only benefits tennis and and continues SPR policies of trying to restrict Pball play.
If, for example, pickleball is reserved for a 6 hour block and no pickleball players show up then the public space is not utilized. This would prevent tennis players who may only have time during this 6 hour pickleball window from playing, and again, leaving a public place not utilized despite interest in use. And vice versa.
I think this is fair.
Constantly Reconfiguring courts by moving nets is a pain.
I would split courts vs times. This could work during the week but weekends should be open.
Would only be feasible if there were more PB courts. There are far more tennis courts.
pickleball
If no designated players attend on their dates would be great for”other” players to use courts. Eg on pickleball day if no pickleball players attend then tennis can play until PB shows up. If specifically in noise complaint zone then play only on designated days.
Would the schedule be reassessed if the courts are generally empty during tennis times?
I love how this schedule looks! It feels fair to me!
Horrible. People won’t follow it since their schedules won’t align. Also, are people supposed to be kicked out of the park for playing the wrong sport if it’s not even full?
Pickleball courts only at Miller. They can take reservations in the afternoon hours.
It would make it easier to plan. However, if no one is utilizing the courts for tennis then it seems like a wasted chance to play pickleball.
Many more people playing pickleball as opposed to tennis so a 50/50 split is not equitable.
The way it is now works fine to share courts. There won’t be enough tennis players to fill their time slots. Which would reduce people from utilizing the already scarce courts.
There are far more pickleball than tennis players, meaning that tennis hours would be far underutilized.

Pickleball is a dying sport. It's not going to be around for much longer. It's a waste of time and money.
Split scheduling is not convenient for those that have alternative schedules. Not everyone is available to play at the same time and split scheduling would disrupt the existing community
I think all courts should accommodate both sports and split the time
Split scheduling doesn't reflect the number of players using a court for each sport. For example, today at the Magnolia courts, there were about 25 pickleball players utilizing two courts compared to four tennis players using two courts. There are more pickleball players.
If no tennis players show up can we play pickleball? Can't we allow tennis on only one court?
Here's where data, and a monitoring of the facility (at routine intervals) would seemingly be useful.
I think it is a good idea.
Smaller block hours determined by data obtained by actual monitoring of regular use by the public. Understanding that if no player of the other category is present to use the court the current players can continue playing until players of the other group arrive.
As long as the reservation system clearly shows what is available per sport it's fine. I don't want to pay for a court to play tennis and find out it is only for pickleball.
It would be preferable to switch the AM and PM times such that tennis has more AM midweek times and pickleball has more PM midweek times.
It confuses a lot of people.
no tennis at all on pickleball courts
Given the number of people using the courts for pickleball and high frequency of pickleball use, a split schedule would be detrimental
People not knowing then raising a fuss, but still a better solution than nothing
I would only support this if it was set up as use preferences, rather than strict usage periods. If courts are not being used for the designated sport, they should be open for the other sport. In addition, the current mixed-use process seems to work fine, allowing reservations for either sport at any time. This allows the most flexibility and optimal use of available courts
there is no need to split schedule at my local courts, we dont have any problems sharing the space, if tennis and pickleball are happening at the same time tennis gets half and pickleball gets the other half. a schedule would just make it less accessible for both sports enthusiasts.
As long as it was a well publicized schedule.
Keep Gilman pickleball courts! There are enough tennis only courts around Seattle and not enough pickleball courts. Many people cannot afford membership to private, indoor pickleball clubs.
I have seen too many empty tennis courts and crowded PB courts. It does NOT make sense to have a court not being used!!!! Either tennis or PB should be available with no black outs
I think that sounds fair, but I think it should be based on some stats and not necessarily 50-50. Seems like I see a lot more empty tennis courts then Pickleball courts.
It's hard to remember schedule and to police. What about days when there are no pickleball or tennis players? Outdoor court frequently are busy depending on weather like rain and wind conditions and what if weather bad for tennis but not bad enough for pickleball
As I stated before, the current process is working well and opens up more flexible scheduling for both tennis and pickleball.
I don't think splitting use 50% pickleball 50% tennis is a good idea. There are far more pickleball players than tennis players and more pickleball players fit on designated court spaces. For dual courts I'd recommend 80-90% space for pickleball and 10-20% tennis which is better in line with demand. If the tennis courts are not in use - pickleball players should be able to use the space.
There are too many underutilized tennis courts in West Seattle that tennis players need to use.
We should be able to share the space based on need rather than half and half

Open play pickleball allows dozens of community members to use the public space at once. Tennis allows a couple of people at a time.
Again why is this becoming such a drastic topic? When I go to play pickleball, there's usually plenty of space for everyone. Tennis takes up twice as much space and I don't throw a fit when people are playing tennis. I move on and find a free court. If someone wanting to play tennis can't find a court bc ppl are playing pickleball they should do the same. I truly do not understand why extreme policies are being proposed when I have never witnessed a single issue despite playing very frequently.
I believe that split scheduling can work. For instance, I play at Bitter Lake and it is well known that High School tennis has the courts reserved in the afternoon and we all plan for that. One concern I would have about a strict split schedule is if courts are 'available' for tennis, but not in use still allowing then for drop in pickleball play.
Again, need very specific rules like what if there is an open court during pickleball hours? Can a tennis player use it? Then also, pickle ball can be played in the rain but tennis can't. How to make that fair.
I believe that dual use (pickleball and tennis) is working well. At my main court, Gilman, I very rarely see tennis players. When there are tennis players (in my experience), both pickleball and tennis players are able to share the court, and I haven't see any pickleball players try to get tennis players to leave. If there is split scheduling, I am concerned that the courts will remain empty or heavily under-utilized on "tennis-only" days. This would be a waste of our shared public resources.
This is a good approach, but depends on the location. Some public courts show a much stronger presence of pickleball vs tennis players so this approach if not researched well would leave the courts empty a good portion of the time
There are not enough PB courts and the tennis players say there are not enough tennis courts. Why should PB players give up court time? The simple answer is to make all dual lined courts PB only and all tennis only courts tennis only. Given that there are 139 court in the reservation system and 46 are dual lined, that leaves 93 tennis only courts and 96 PB only courts (given two pb courts per tennis court). That's fair, less work and cost for SPR. And leave the tennis nets on the PB courts.
If there are multiple courts on site, then a split schedule for one or two of the courts might work, while keeping the other courts open for drop in play.
Rules could be posted to provide guidelines for dual court use. E.g. - If a court is not reserved, groups are limited to 30 minutes* of play. The court must be yielded if players are waiting. - If no players are waiting, play can continue. * A typical pickleball match lasts 11 minutes & a typical tennis set lasts 30 minutes. Also note this is a big part of the issue between pickleball and tennis. A full tennis match can go as long as 2 hours and that is why you need a reservation system.
I don't think pickleball and tennis being played next to each other has been a problem.
Historically, in my opinion, tennis courts have been severely under utilized and Pickleball has been a great way to get people using these spaces. I don't think there's any need for public tennis courts.
I believe that there are many more pickleball players than tennis players in Seattle area. A fifty/fifty split might not be fair.
Enforcing this would be impossible
I find that it is better if the two sports are not mixed at the same location and time. People do not always respect the rules of play and court etiquette when they are new to racquet sports. I suggest the rules be posted on a large sign to alleviate this issue.
Dual use courts tend to sort themselves out on first come, first play basis. If we mandate certain use and no tennis or pickleball players come during that period, but the opposite sport is there wanting to play, it seems inefficient.

Open play for pickleball only happens in the evening when folks are available after work. This generally holds true at most open play public courts I've played at. And it makes it hard for casual or newer players to know when a court will be open
Some sports get more of the evening and others get more of the weekend day
If there proves to be high demand for both sports on all days, I think this schedule can help. I also think priority to tennis players or priority to pick them up players on alternating days could be a better hybrid solution. That way if no one comes for a particular sport, the other sport and players can use the space.
If surrounding properties are impacted by noise, then pickleball should not be sited there at all. Legal noise limits should be adhered to all the time, not some of the time.
I don't think people will adhere to this, and it's not utilizing courts efficiently. It's already hard enough to find courts and enough players for pickleball aligned on the same time. To add in another factor of designated sport days will make it more difficult, leaving courts unused.
Pickleball groups won't abide by the scheduling allotment so split scheduling will just create more problems.
Alternate when each sport get which weekend days so it's balanced
I am a West Seattle resident and this layout would leave many prime time courts empty. The demand for pickleball outpaces the demand for tennis by a long shot. My guess would be 5X more pickleball demand than tennis demand at least in West Seattle. This is an unbalanced solution.
Often I find no tennis players are using the courts or they use just one court. That leaves the other court(s) open for pickleball play. If there were designated days and times for each, even more pickleball players would show up on those days and it would be more crowded with a longer wait
Seems like an obvious answer to the question of who gets to play.
Courts should be designated for one sport or the other
What happens if the courts are open and not in use
I think some courts should always be tennis and some always pickleball and the ones that are shared should be available to reserve for either at any time. If I want to play tennis and a court is available but it's designated as pickleball time (or vice versa) it's absolutely ridiculous that I would have to find a different court.
Seems too complicated
selects.
Noise argument is bullshit. It is public land designated for municipal use. Cheering, laughter and noise associated with sports are just part of it. Local residents can not govern parks. Their property value reflects the location near the park
Same reasoning as above, I do like it better than just reserving spots however it's more to me at first come first serve basis also Pickleball you can typically fit anywhere from 4 to 6 even eight people on a court compared to Tennis 2-4
shouldn't be 50-50: accurate research (not yours) has shown there are many more pickleball players than tennis.
Pickleball is a sport that by design serves twice as many people with the same amount of space. I don't mind the idea of court rotations, but a true 50:50 feels like it disproportionately serves a single person that plays tennis. IMHO it'll also be very hard to enforce, and create more tension between the communities.
It's unclear to me what problem the city is trying to solve. The dual stripe solution seems to be working. I play outdoors frequently and almost never see tennis players.
For example, at Gilman Park, it is dual tennis and Pickle Ball. Half of the court is reservable so that whoever wants to can play and the other half is open to first come first serve

Not interested in split plan
confusing. and the dual striping is not ideal.
The current reservation system works fine as is; you're trying to solve a non-existent problem. Let all taxpayers use the existing system equally. If tennis or pickleball players want to book a court in advance, let them. If they prefer to just show up and take their chances on an unbooked court, let them play if it's available. Keep the system simple, fair, and accessible to whoever wants to use it.
There are hours and hours the courts will be empty at the times they are designated for tennis
For 2 tennis court/4 Pickleball court facilities It makes sense . For larger facilities , it amy be possible to divide the facility into pickleball and tennis .
I prefer playing in the morning.
If this type of scheduling is done, there should be an option to use the court for the other sport if not used by the designated sport. This may mean open play by PB (more than 4 rotating on/off court) is occurring by either sport is occurring next to the designated sport.
The schedule of tennis only will result in empty courts. There are hardly ever any tennis players on the courts as it is
I don't understand the purpose of split-scheduling at all. What problem does that solve? It is already effectively handled by letting people reserve the courts for their preferred sport when they want it.
Splitting the time without regulations or guidelines on what to do when there are no users of the sport for specific times will create problems. Unused courts would create different issues. If split times are used, this needs to cleared up. It is unclear now what the rules are regarding use of courts - e.g. once i get to a court, how long do i get to use the court before i am required to leave the court? are there hours this is in effect?
That might be OK for people that play all the time, but for new people or occasional players, that just seems confusing (and if the courts are empty people will just use it for whatever they want anyway)
If the data proves that one sport dominates play in the mornings and the other in the evenings, it makes no sense to schedule it randomly. If using split scheduling, base it on concrete data as to which sport is being played at what times.
Split scheduling is a far better alternative than designating certain courts for tennis and certain courts for pickleball. Split scheduling will utilize the limited court space more efficiently. Having said that, the most efficient use of court space is allowing dual-use courts for tennis or pickleball. People can work it out amongst themselves.
I support shared use w/ priority times like adopted in Asheville NC. If cts are not being used, anyone can play either pb/tennis. If there is not enough ct space for both sports, the sport with priority time plays & the others must relinquish the cts. Time limits for all users are 1 hr for singles, 1.5 hrs for doubles & 2 hours for groups of 6-12. See https://www.ashevillenc.gov/service/play-pickleball/
I don't know what the alternative is to compare it to. Also, I'm not sure how this alleviates noise. Why would this be better than separate courts for each sport?
It seems crazy to prohibit either sport if one or more courts are open, regardless of time or day.
Courts should ALWAYS be used to the maximum possible. It would be silly to have empty courts reserved for, e.g., tennis, when there are pickleballers wanting/waiting to play, and vice versa.
Tennis does not need half the times. The courts will sit empty.
Courts will be too crowded for pickleball players. But if no tennis players show up on designated tennis days and pickleball players can play until they show up then that might work
wouldn't work. pb players would use the tennis courts if no one was on them. then a conversation would be necessary. uncomfortable

I would be FOR split scheduling, but with an addition to review 3 months afterwards to research court usage. If the time frames for tennis or pickleball were not being used, that might be helpful to re-evaluate and adjust days/times accordingly to each sports popularity and needs of the community.
There's no reason we can't coexist. I've played pickle ball alongside tennis players many times. Should just be open for all any time.
Your model shows a 50-50 split between sports, which does not accurately reflect the number of individuals using the courts. It is arbitrary, based only on ease of administering.
Many courts non used for PB open play aren't fully utilized by tennis players during off peak hours. Under employed/out of school youth not being able to utilize empty space because tennis players don't want weekend competition is not an effective utilization of limited court resources.
The spaces should be available to either activity at the discretion of the user.
This seems reasonable, but there needs to be clear guidelines posted. I feel like there may be periods where one group or another is underutilizing their scheduled times. In that event could anyone play their desired sport, but have to vacate if someone comes to play for the scheduled sport?
I would find it frustrating to see courts being un-used during a time slot if I wanted to play the opposite sport during that time. Also I feel that neither sport needs to start before 8 am to help with the early noise issue
It would be good to monitor utilization and rebalance over time based on number of users. Some sites may get more tennis players, some may get stronger use by one group in AM vs PM, etc.
Will please no one
It may work for some courts but not all
Split scheduling is a great idea. Prioritizing pickleball on Saturdays is fantastic
This makes no sense because people have varied schedules and trying to create a split schedule that works well for both pickleball and tennis players would leave some players of both sports unable to play.
There seem to be many more pickleball players than tennis players so an equal share of time does not seem equitable. Data on usage by each and number of players should drive this decision.
I think split scheduling could help balance things out, but I can foresee potential issues like certain days being more popular than others and perceptions of unfairness due to that. Related, I can see some days where the courts are barely used.
In your example, PB receives no slots on Sundays. It should recieve AT LEAST HALF of the slots 7 days a week. Do to far greater numbers of PBall players than those for tennis, a more equitable slit would be 2/3-1/3.
Pickleball leads to much better utilization of the facilities and more of the community being active. It would be a shame to prevent pickleball use half of the time.
you really want to sit empty only because Pickle Baller aren't allowed on that day even if they want to play?
The designated sport should have priority but if no one is using the court, the other sport should get to play on it.
The issue with split scheduling is that often tennis times go unused, so pickleballers inevitable go ahead and use the courts, which is reasonable rather than having them sit idle. The same problem can happen on a tennis-only court: Not having pickleball lines on those makes sense, but that still sets up times when tennis-only courts will be vacant and tempting to pickleballers.
I would suggest open scheduling rather than limiting it to one sport at a particular time. It seems the best use of the facilities are to have it open to either sport. Having a split the schedule, seems to be ripe for confusion and conflict.
Tennis folks often don't use courts - so would split use prevent use by the non-scheduled sport?
There needs to be more designated pickleball only courts to meet the needs of the community. Tennis already has more courts.

If there are no tennis players there in their time slot then pbers can use it We'll give it up I'd then show
Pickleball hours from midnight to 6am only
This is so dumb that I have to check what day and time it is if I want to play pickleball or tennis. Just have it dual use at all times.
Consider this in locations where only a single dual-use court is available in the neighborhood. Numerous outdoor tennis courts have little use, particularly when there are several courts available in the area. Also, this would be difficult to enforce.
If the need for time by tennis players is as demanding as it is for pickleball I believe this would be fair. But I believe the number of tennis players and necessary court time is not as high.
If tennis time is rarely used then facilitate the increase of more Pickleball hours
I play pickleball 4-5x/week outdoors on many of the Seattle public courts. I have only seen 3 or 4 people playing tennis on the shared courts in the last 2 years.
Before pickleball, we all saw the perennially empty tennis courts - completely deserted the majority of days year round. They're just not used. West Seattle has ample tennis courts at Solstice on Fauntleroy where no pickleball is played, and even they are never full. I somewhat support shared play, but pickleball players play FAR more often than tennis players. And when tennis players show up to the courts, I've always seen players give them a court.
Leave it open
Open tennis courts are just that- open courts! They are extremely underutilized. I would rather see less expensive reservations for tennis players- so they can reserve courts since pickleball players are less likely to reserve.
Dual-use courts should be dual use for all times. Tennis and pickleball can use the courts at the same times
I think dedicated allocation is better. It keeps it simpler and allows for more flexibility of time scheduling. I can't meet every saturday for pickle if I work, etc.
I would also support following up with a use study. If one sport or the other does not use it adequately, you could shift the split away from 50-50.
Scheduling should reflect the relative demand for both courts. I believe that there is currently a higher demand for pickleball than for tennis, but the only fair way to know for sure would be to monitor the use by both sports for the first 30 days and adjust the court scheduling accordingly.
I haven't been in a situation where there were tennis vs pickleball players debating who would get to use a court. I rarely see tennis players.
This would solve most conflicts regarding time of play
Just drive to these courts and see who is using them. I see a single tennis player every once in a while. I have yet to actually see 2 people playing tennis together.
I never see anyone playing tennis in the am at Alki. I play pb there twice a week. While there exist seniors still playing tennis in the area, they go to better facilities, like Amy Yee. I don't see any casual seniors playing tennis a Alki. It's a pretty bad court to play on, so I think they rather play at nicer courts.
I feel the system works well as it has been for shared line courts. I rarely see a court used by tennis players at the outdoor Bitter Lake facility. They can reserve a court but I rarely see them play.
Rarely do tennis players show up.
Why does the Parks Dept feel the need to disrupt the current system? It isn't broken, so don't meddle with it. Put the money that would be spent on this project into repairing, upgrading and building new courts!
Likely you will have a lot of empty courts not being used for tennis.
This is done at the Bellevue courts and seems to work well. Although there aren't many tennis players
The plan doesn't maximize the usages of the public courts.

There is just not the demand for tennis so that would not make sense. Tennis courts sit virtually empty while pickleball courts are in high use. Pickleball should have so much more time allocated. Parks should respond to the demand for pickleball.
and is encouraging a wide range of ages and ability to come out and play. I grew up in the area and as a tennis court - for tennis use, they've often sat empty at Sound View Park near Whitman Middle School. I love how Pickleball is a sport, activity for the masses! Lets keep Pickleball available at this location.
I very rarely see tennis players at Miller and the reservation system works just fine as it is.
Important any split scheduling weighs the number and frequency of players for each sport
Every court is different. No one plays tennis on the courts currently used for pickleball (west seattle) so the days you have tennis those courts would just be empty. Tennis players have other places they can play. The option of split scheduling is better than loosing the courts altogether but not the best use of court space.
Put QR codes at courts so folks can easily assess which sport is scheduled.
Why have courts languish when there are no users for tennis. At Gillman it works. Two courts that can be reserved and two that are always open play. Why fix something that ain't broken
Consideration should be given to the use of the courts during the scheduled time. Typically there are many empty courts during the tennis schedule while pickleball courts are usually filled beyond capacity.
Where I play, there is limited tennis play. If the entire facility is dedicated to tennis for a period of time, courts will likely sit empty. If possible, allow empty courts to be available for pickleball.
In locations with multiple courts, I think simply keeping some pickleball and some tennis would be ideal during non-peak times (like one of each) to maximize availability for both sports
Likely will lead to some misunderstandings but so long as the rules are posted and clear I'd think it would work ok
There are so many more Pickleball players than tennis players. It hardly seems fair to give Tennis so much time.
We really need to remove dual courts. In West Seattle there are many tennis only courts that are under utilized with more court area. While pickleball courts are packed. If we cut the time in half at the shared courts it will significantly reduce pickleball time that is highly needed by the community
It purports to be based on equality, but truth be told, Seattle has far more pickleballers than tennis players and the differential is growing rapidly in favor of pickleballers. It's becoming more and more obvious when we see empty tennis courts and stacks and stacks of pickleball paddles lining up for the next game during pickleball time. If we based opportunity to play simple numbers of players, we would be more nearly fair to all.
Would this be reservation only?
Sure, but follow up on attendance. I'm a former tennis player. My husband and I used to love the Highpoint courts in W. Seattle, because nobody played there, very little waiting. Enter pickleball, and they are booked solid and have a real community atmosphere. Pickleball attracts a lot of Seniors. Tennis does not. In my time on Seattle's courts, I 've seen very few doubles tennis matches. Make sure your weekday mornings to early afternoons favor Seniors. Keep those courts full!
What if there is no tennis or pickleball players at their designated time, could the other sport play? Would tennis players kick out pickleball players in the middle of their game. Just let us handle it. Stop trying to control everything.
You will always have conflict between the 2 parties regarding the schedule.
I depends more on how many courts there are. If just a few, then split makes sense to me, but if many, I lean towards splitting the courts into different uses, but allow for tournaments to happen as well.
I don't think split scheduling is fair since there are much more pickleball players than tennis players

This doesn’t strike me as effective. Tennis reservations on pickleball dominant courts are extremely few and far between. Creating isolated tennis vs pickleball courts seems obviously the better move
using court p b should be able to and if tennis shows up then they have priority. We are adults out here!!
There are so many more pickleball players than there are tennis players. Allow for reservations if tennis players want to play.
I believe split scheduling should be weighted by participation. Schedule shown on the previous page split 50-50. If on a per capita basis, the number of tennis players equals the number of Pickleball players, this makes sense. If there are more tennis players, then Pickleball players, there should be more time allocated to tennis. And vice versa. This approach won’t be fair, nor viewed as fair, unless this design is data-based with the data publicly available.
It would be better to have separate pickleball and tennis courts As Schedules can be hard to remember which sport is allowed On what day and time
I don't like this example of a proposed split because it clearly favors one sport over the other in terms of peak use times.
This will do nothing for noise impacts at all. Dividing court hours simply complicates knowing when and where you can play one sport or the other. Divide the courts by location (except for spli use locations--where some courts are for pickleball and others for tennis).
I dont like full blocks like shown...a few cts as tennis and x for pickleball is what I would prefer to not block entire evenings out for play. Being both a tennis and pickleball player I like having noth.
Splitting schedules affects both tennis and pickleball players. Peoples jobs,schedules etc impacts time and days when they can play. This draws a hard line.
I hadn’t given much thought to this split scheduling previously. If it saves the option for pickleball at dual use courts, then I am all for it!
The above plan for split-scheduling does not take into consideration tennis courts which are NOT dual striped such as at Solstice Park across Fauntleroy from Lincoln Park, or at Riverview Park, etc. which sit vacant most of the year. Tennis players should SATURATE those courts before trying to encroach upon dual striped courts.
I have been playing at several north Seattle locations and I occasionally see a couple tennis players and always see dozens of pickleball players. The tennis players rarely use the courts but if they do want to they have the same access to the reservation system as we do. I suggest putting up a camera and see who is really using the courts. You will see children to seniors playing pickleball 8 to one tennis court and very occasionally 2 tennis players on a court.
I think split scheduling will be too difficult.
I think people will messs up the schedule and lower usage for both
Why complicate things??? First come, first served works fine. And... who and how are you going to enforce this??? LEAVE EVERYTHING ALONE.
It makes no sense when pickleball is being used 95% on certain courts like Miller Park to designate specific hours .Stupid idea
You can’t predict when either players are coming.
It should be possible to find a way to share the space! A schedule would help.

Depends if split scheduling is for facilities sharing or noise abatement. I suspect strict split scheduling might reduce the overall availability or either PB or LT.
Tennis players don't use the courts ever where I play in West Seattle. There's no reason to designate it when we should be able to play at any time.
sometimes not being used while all the pickleball courts are in use with long waits to get onto the court. So, i understand the need/ want for scheduling but i think this might lead to un-need time for tennis players
It sometimes seems hard to get a place to play Pickleball but I always see open tennis courts. If scheduling helps with noise and court access can remain similar it seems ok
If no one is using the courts, allow anyone to play on them unless someone from the designated group arrives. E.g. It's designated tennis time, but no one is using the court, so pickleball players use it unless tennis players show up. This maximizes use.
I like the idea providing that tennis or PB can be played IF a court is empty on a given day. Preference must still go to the players playing their sport that is designated for that day/time.
I think this is great, thanks for listening to us in the public meetings. The devil is in the details; it will need to look fair!
never seen anyone playing tennis at Gilman Park, but the above example shows an even split between sports.
Too many tennis courts are being underutilized. In a random weekend day, there's more than 1000 players cycling through Greenlake pickleball courts - that kind of demand doesn't exist for tennis
Opens up the VERY good chance of serious arguments about mistaken day/time etc between PB vs tennis players
While it is a little trickier to schedule, I have actually had success sharing the court times with both tennis and pickleball. But note: at some locations, this requires that pickleball must bring their own net (which I have been doing but understandably, not everyone has their own net).
I almost never see tennis players waiting ro play but often see lines of paddles for pickleball
I oppose split scheduling because nobody has ever played tennis on my pb courts ever in 5 years, at High Point or Delridge. The only tennis is the camps that your dept. Runs for kids. And those should still be okay to run as is. But for half a day to be sitting empty just in case 2 people play tennis is not efficient use. I play pb at 5 different public courts, and have never seen single tennis racquet ever.
I never ever see tennis players at the courts I play on. I play morning and early afternoon. Maybe they come in the evening, but I m sure there are few tennis players. I play Bitterlake and Rainer Beach. If you divide by days guarantee that most of the designated tennis courts are empty most of the day.
For much of the year, tennis can't be played whereas pickleball can still play, so pickleball courts should have more court time during those parts of the year.
I don't understand if this type of setup is based on data. Are courts utilized (or would they be) a 50/50 split? Do people play tennis and pickleball in equal amounts? I don't understand all of these ideas and if they are based on actual studies of people playing these two sports in Seattle.
I think this could be a good idea and is a compromise option that even the most die-hard tennis players and pickleballers should consider. That being said, this is not a solution to noise problems. All the above being said, I personally don't think this is a good solution for most courts, which tend to strongly favor one racquet sport over the other.
I don't think this should be the standard across all dual strip courts as some dual stripe courts are clearly pickleball hubs. The habits of those who use the courts now should be more of the basis for this. Tennis players in west seattle have so many options, this doesn't feel necessary for places like Delridge, walt hundley…

That seems complicated. I play tennis, but more pickleball now that I'm a senior. How do we keep track of this? Who keeps track of this?
I feel like it's fair for both tennis and pickleball players and gives everyone a chance to play.
I think split scheduling could be a great solution. I do think that, from my observation, pickleball players and tennis players share the space well now. But I'm open to the idea of split scheduling to ensure everyone has the opportunity to play.
at places like SWAC and it means that the courts are maximally utilized. If we try to split it by schedule it will likely mean less than maximum utilization and confusion/frustration at trying to remember the schedule.
I disagree with split play because often there are NOT any tennis players at the courts then unused courts just sit open while pballers would not be allowed to play. It is a waist of outdoor resources.
would set it up so that there was no pickleball either early in the morning or late in the evening for noise reasons.
Court rarely is used for tennis. Pickleball utilization is extremely higher
Many tennis courts sit empty so you could determine tennis has priority at certain times but also allow pickleball players to use the courts if they are empty. This is how Shoreline courts are designated.
There aren't a lot of people that play tennis at Delridge and Walt Hundley, so the split scheduling doesn't really apply. Designated tennis times would would mean and no one would be on the courts.
I honestly see so few tennis players, I have a hard time understanding the desire to have any more tennis courts. Pickleball is so much more popular
If this system were adopted, an identical schedule shouldn't be applied to all locations, i.e., don't schedule morning pickleball citywide on M-W-F.
The courts will sit empty much of the time designated for tennis. Tennis people only play during nice weather. Should not devote an entire day to only one sport.
All Saturday pickleball and all Sunday tennis feels bananas
Because its mostly seniors mon-fri. The issue of heat stess/stoke would have have a potentially problem for pickleball in the high heat afternoons. I currently play pickleball m-f from 8am to around noon. I am a northwest seattle native and heat is an issue at 68.
There's no point in dedicating blocks for a certain sport. It's the same court
I like the split schedule as long as the painted lines are clear. Since pickleball is noisier, maybe start each day and end each day with tennis and have pickleball in the middle like 10-2. Or if you want to alternate lunch time for each sport then it is 9-12; 12-3; 3-6; 6-9.
Practically: 1. When it's time to go play, it'll be a pain to figure out which location is available. 2. If the transition happens at say 1pm, you make it hard for people who can only play from noon to 2pm. 3. When noise is an issue, wouldn't you want to have tennis-only in the early morning?
I play at several different locations and pickleball and tennis player co-exist easily. There are many times when there are no tennis players. So with this model, the courts would be used by no one. Also worth noting, when courts are used for pickleball far more people are getting exercise and using these city resources.
The public facilities should be free to be used by the public in whatever way will maximize their usage. Players of either sport should not be prevented from using the facility due to arbitrary hours set for each sport.
What if people want to play pickleball but it is a "tennis only" time and no one is on the courts? People should be able to use the courts if they are available. The plan should also be realistic.

Inevitably, the designated times will not suit some us and thus prevent us from playing when it fits our schedules.
Split scheduling can lead to unused courts so I think it's not a great solution for maximizing usage.
Green lake and Gilman should be pickleball only. This allows 4 times as many people to use the space
Maybe some court for each sport be better
Seems like a good compromise, but if the court isn't in use, could anyone use it?
No access to either racquet sport on a weekend day. Unacceptable. Okay with split schedule ONLY if there are NO tennis players, pickleball can play. The NOISE issue does not get That much weight. Parks are about sport. Cheering. And noise. You live next to one, expect noise. Not peace and quiet while hundreds, maybe thousands of people's life are disrupted by not being able to play PB.
At the Magnolia Courts, I have never seen a conflict. Why mess with something that is already working?
At Gilman, pickleball is being played every single day despite being striped for dual use. If every other day is tennis only, there is nowhere within walking distance for people to play pickleball elsewhere and those courts will be empty for no reason.
I think that it is a great idea to have a split use court.
N/A
I can somewhat support as long as it doesn't have the effect of reducing the net availability of pickleball courts
In my experience over the last 3 years playing pickleball on dual use courts, i have only seen a handful of people playing tennis. It would be unfortunate to block pickleball players from playing during a tennis designated timeframe if no one is on the court playing tennis.
Pickleball players outnumbers tennis by at least 4:1, so 50/50 split like example shown would create large periods when court not being used (pickleballers not allowed, tennis players not using courts). Perhaps some rule where picklebalkers allowed to use during "tennis" hours (and vice versa) if courts are empty (w/ understanding that if pickleball players for example use courts during "tennis" hours, they need leave if/when tennis players arrive to play and no courts available.
I believe open play is better because I think people, including myself, may struggle to keep track of the split scheduling.
Play should happen as sport popularity/usage dictates. I currently play on 'tennis' courts that have pickleball lines but see almost no tennis players.
the Gilman Park courts are used in the winter only by pickleball players. It seems like a bad idea to limit half the time to tennis players when so few tennis players use the courts.
I think it would be hard to implement and enforce this. I can imagine conflicts arising on the courts between pickleball and tennis players telling the other players it's time to get off the courts.
Sharing court time as described meets the needs of both tennis and pickleball players
That seems fair. If no tennis people show up, day after day, the schedules can change. Same for no pickleball people showing up.
Do tennis players actually use the pickleball courts? I never see them in West Seattle. Seems weird to forcibly add more tennis time when it's not being used… there are still tennis exclusive courts
If the courts are empty (which they often are) anyone should be able to use the courts regardless of racket type rather than foil the recreation of spontaneous users.
I still believe a first come first serve model is best. For example, Rainier Beach Courts - I RARELY see anyone playing tennis and to gate it so only certain sports can be played on certain days does not make sense.

Our courts are currently split use, and we have had no issue sharing pickleball/tennis without split scheduling. Tennis already has a large amount of courts, plenty of which are unoccupied daily, while pickleball courts remain full and over-occupied. Limiting courts to a split schedule would just further limit pickleball players from enjoying spaces they are already gathering without issue
Why isn't it first come first use?
Because there are only a handful (2?) pickleball courts citywide (when there are many many more tennis-only courts) dedicating this many dual use courts to tennis only according to this plan will result in a big net loss to pickleball players, who are far more numerous than tennis players. Come out to any dual use site and u will see the differential!
I am neutral on this because we have wait times at our pickleball courts in my community and drive by empty dedicated tennis courts as I am trying to find a less crowded Pball court. As long as we can play during the tennis time if no one is there and then acquiesce and move the net away if someone shows up. The dual use is working in my community. Seems like you are trying to solve a problem that doesn't widely exist.
I do not support tennis-only hours at dual use courts. There are many tennis-only courts already.
No, it doesn't work. Courts should be separate, like Greenlake for example. When courts are split, the tennis players aren't there and it's a waste of everyone's time and energy. Keep courts separate.
The proposed split schedule does not seem productive
I don't think this is a helpful strategy. If the tennis designated time has no tennis going on, the courts should be available to all.
There are far more pickleball players than tennis players, to divide up the court time as suggested makes little sense. Additionally, there are more options for tennis players with several tennis only courts, particularly in West Seattle. Will Hiawatha and Solstice be lined to include pickleball? If Hiawatha and Solstice will first be lined for pickleball then maybe designating days (rather than half days) may be it's worth considering.
The amount of time allotted for either activity should be commensurate with the number of people participating. In other words, if 80% of visitors to a park are playing pickleball, then 80% of the available time should be allocated to pickleball.
This options provides a 50/50 split. Prior to determining such a schedule there should be an inventory of demand/participation. I'd hate to see courts unused during either of these designated timeframes. It should allow for use of open play if no one is using if for designated purpose (if designated for tennis, but unoccupied, allow PB until tennis players show up.)
This is ridiculous. Also, there are 100 tennis courts you can play on at anytime. They don't need time on these designated pickleball courts. No one will follow this. It will be confusing.
This would be hard to keep track of for the average players. If pb players don't show up at the scheduled times, could tennis players use the space, and vice versa?
What if there aren't enough players for tennis or pickleball to use "their" hours? Then the courts would go to waste.
All courts should be available for reservations by all racquet players. This can end up confusing. I'm unclear what happens if no reservation is made by either party, but tennis players show up during pickleball "reserve time"?
Courts set up for split scheduling would need to have signs posted clearly state the times each sport could play. Also what happens if the wrong sport is on the court when players for the correct sport show up?
There are courts where almost no one plays tennis, like Delridge. Split time would mostly just restrict pockleball play.
I am neutral, but there should be a caveat that if courts are empty, and no one is waiting, either sport could be played.

All schedules must be clearly posted with permanent signage OR there needs to be a free app where people can find live schedules real-time. Do not make people call the office or check a city website every time they want to know the schedule.
Worth a try?
This plan will result in a lot of courts going empty since there are a lot less tennis players playing
I believe the courts should be for bothbsports anytime players want to show up. Everyone has different schedules and if they can coordinate.folks.to play, they should be able to show up anytime and play
Would the non-scheduled sport be able to play if the other sport wasn't utilizing??? I feel like this approach would increase non-usage.
There are far more places for tennis than pickleball. The city needs to build additional pickleball-only facilities
Split scheduling is a nice way to kind of get best of both worlds however I don't see the need for it. There are plenty of tennis courts out there and only a few pickleball courts ESPECIALLY since y'all are TAKING AWAY my pickleball courts :(
Guess it would depend on how much they get used for one or the other. I play pickleball and rarely ever see any tennis players waiting or wanting to play.
times I go by the Woodland tennis courts and very few people are using it, meanwhile, the pickleball courts at Greenlake are packed. Splitting the time in half does not sound like it will suit the existing needs.
Public utility of pickleball courts is much higher, 8 people on a court in pickleball vs 2 in tennis
Speaking about Magnolia courts, where there are potentially eight Pickleball courts or four Pickleball courts on one side and two tennis courts on the other side, I think there should be a designation of tennis only on the south side and pickleball only during specific scheduling plans. otherwise, the courts will be under utilized.
The use is not always split equally. Let people who are there PLAY!!
This should be based on data of usage. If 80% of usage is one sport, than that should impact the time alotted to reserving for that sport.
I think this is an interesting idea and could be a good way to manage the courts. Depends on specifics and who/how it is all managed.
My concern is that the courts would be underutilized during the tennis designation and over subscribed during the pickleball hours.
I suspect if you're trying to cut down on arguing over reservation times between the racquet sports (as stated in the draft), then you might be making more problems than solving given most people either reserve a court & go, or go and see if there's an open court. Making a split schedule will definitely create upset for all those who have no idea of when they're allowed to play on that court. Just saying...
I think the priority should be getting as many people outside playing their respective sport! Split scheduling would lead to emptier courts and less people using these public spaces
During work week hours all courts should be available to anyone who wants to use them. For noise issues encourage quiet balls/rackets.
I think you will end up making a lot of people angry instead of helping the community with a split schedule. People's schedules just don't work like that.
I prefer having courts open for tennis and pickleball at all times, and open for both tennis and pickleball reservations. We have never had problems with pickleball and tennis played on the adjacent courts. Allowing anyone to reserve gives options for everyone.
This is very restrictive and not representative of actual demand.
This seems like it would really box out people on both sides that do not have schedules that align with the unique blocks.
Whole days in the weekend when it's just one or the other doesn't seem great

It seems like a waste. I would be frustrating to see empty courts.
All times should be open to all folks who want to utilize the court, otherwise there will inherently be inequitable access.
That seems like a fair compromise
Never really thought about it. And what happens if the courts are not full during a particular sports time, can the other jump on and then give up the court if the other sport's players arrive?
I want to know its always available
predictability of schedule
Kinda hate that idea. I guess I don't play on courts that are ever used for tennis in the hours we play (7:00am-11am mostly). So can't imagine them being designated for tennis only in those hours.
We want to have good relationships with other court sport players and our neighbors.
Until the discrepancy between dedicated tennis courts and the lack of dedicated pickleball courts is fixed this split scheduling gives tennis players more use time.
Most of the courts are being used by pickleball players in the evening
This survey is clearly written by someone who supports tennis. I am a market researcher by trade and the questions are written in a leading format, emphasizing the "noise" concerns. Why is that the only benefit being mentioned here? What about concerns about accessibility or community?
Split scheduling on dual-use courts does not provide balance usage as users' schedules vary and may not match the schedule allotted to the sport they play.
I have been playing on public courts year round since 2021. We have no problem sharing courts with tennis players. Also, we rarely see tennis players at night during the fall, winter and spring. PB allows efficient court use year round. Seattle has the fewest courts of any city I know of, and has more diverse and equitable interest than tennis.
Split scheduling results in one sport being "locked out" while the other plays-- It doesn't work with everyone's schedule to play only on specific days (only sat or only sunday). It favors historically established sports (like tennis). Who would monitor to create the right balance here? Also, it requires strict enforcement.... again, who would monitor? Divides the PB/Tennis community- This could be one community of raquet sport lovers if fostered in a healthy way!
Much better idea than banning pickleball or tennis players from certain courts. Makes courts more accessible for everyone.
Split scheduling can make it difficult for casual players as they may not understand the schedule or may not now how to find the schedule without showing up at the park. If people show up enough and are turned away due to scheduling then they may become discouraged and quit playing. Also in times that one sport is scheduled but no one is utilizing the resources and another sport arrives are they not allowed to play?
Better than eliminating either sport
If this is the only way to ensure both sports are able to use all courts, then would support
PB players don't seem to mind playing next to tennis, but if tennis players find it too distracting, then they should be willing to accept split scheduling.
The courts in West Seattle would literally sit empty when the courts are designated for tennis.
I like the simplicity of this swap schedule because it is easy to remember and make plans.
Given the pickleball population I think mornings are better
As a tennis & pickleball player, there is no such thing as 'pick-up' tennis - but that's the best part about pickleball. Tennis could almost always be reserved ahead of time, because games are coordinated between friends well ahead of time. Pickleball is great because you show up & play with whomever is already there.
In West Seattle we do not have an issue with Pickleball and Tennis. Split scheduling seems fair with the option for anyone to use the courts if no being used.

Split schedules should reflect how the courts are being used. Pickleball should be given the dual- use courts since, tennis only courts severely and unfairly outnumber public pickleball courts.
It is SO easy to roll the pickleball nets over to play tennis or move them back. Adding scheduled times can bring in hostility and maybe don't work with people's schedules. I play both sports and it is not complicated to make playing either work adhoc.
courts should be first come first serve, with an understanding of 1 hour time limit
I only support this if there is a stipulation that ...if the court is not being used for the designated sport, it may be used for the other sport until a player of the designated sport comes to claim the court.
Strongly oppose unless courts are open-use when not being used for the time-designated use.
Split scheduling seems like a reasonable way to accommodate both sports and make sure the courts are being used, but I'm worried SPR will implement this at courts that are already heavily used by pickleball, where this would risk pickleball getting a lot less court time and tennis underutilizing courts that are currently really busy with pickleball. I don't want to see courts that are currently heavily used by pickleball, sit empty during tennis days (since I see empty tennis-only courts).
Assuming it wouldn't be 50/50 all the time, or court use would be monitored to see if pickleball or tennis use is higher, then reallocate more time to sport used most.
Dual-use courts would not exclude any single group from playing, and maintain access to courts for people who live in all parts of Seattle.
I think public infrastructure should be used as much as possible and we should not dictate at what point in time it’s used for what activity. The number one goal should be that the space is used.
This could become unnecessary and overy complicated. Just make time limits in case people are waiting to play.
I totally understand why neighbors would not want PB playing at all hours. It’s noisier than an empty tennis court for sure. That being said, SP should be transparent that this is because of noise/neighbor impact and not some great demand for tennis.
Best use is separate dedicated tennis and pickleball courts but where this isn't possible, split scheduling is a good and fair option.
Maybe the issue is where the demand is. Often times at Swac, there are no tennis players at all. Seems silly to prevent pickleball players from playing on alternate dates when the demand isn’t always the same for each sport in terms of people playing on a court.
So many times I go to a split site and there are no tennis players in sight
there is no way to fairly and optimally divide the time for both groups
What a crazy idea...already USTA admits that 50% of Seattle courts are underutilized...why encourage more empty courts? Be real.
This opens up the possibility of underutilizing the courts
tennis.
Everyone’s schedule is different. this makes it harder to coordinate.
example, during a pickleball designated time, tennis players could utilize the courts if there are no pickleball players using the courts. In addition, it would be best to make decisions about "noise avoidance" only once we have legitimate data (noise monitoring) that shows where and when there are actual noise issues.
I actually don't see many tennis players these days. Seems to restrict usage
split scheduling does not allow for flexibility. those days with tennis will likely be empty. reservations are the solution. an easier to find and use reservation system is needed. we often have to use sites like https://www.zitnr.com/ to even see what courts are not reserved and when. this info should be easily seen on the reservation site.

I think you should do some surveys to see how many people are being served by pickleball vs tennis courts times and handle split accordingly
This may be the way to go. Frankly, city didn't need to go through so much planning and meetings! Need to speed up resurfacing all courts.
I wouldn't want split scheduling to follow the weekend arrangement in the example -- pickleball should be available on both Saturday and Sunday, perhaps one morning and one afternoon.
Pre-determined schedules will more than likely not work for all. I think this could be kept simple, open up for reservations -- whether you are booking for tennis or pickleball.
schedules
tough to know what the split should be
These schedules rarely work out. People come to play when they want and don't work on this schedule
No one to enforce this
Courts should be available to both sports and allow usage based on what community members want to play.
I think this might work well depending on the details. I don't think it should be 50/50 if far more pickleballers want to play than tennis players. If we split it based on popularity of each sport, giving pickleball more time overall, I think it could be equitable.
There is not enough tennis players. Also twice as many people can play pickleball. The courts are full for pickleball.
I don't understand why you are trying to separate the sports. What is the problem you are solving? If a court is not being used then let someone use it regardless of what racquet they have
Let the people decide when it's the best time to play their preferred game. Tennis next to PB is not an issue. Why split up time of day? It just makes things more challenging for all.
I have played at a number of courts in Seattle and rarely see tennis players utilizing the courts. I have to imagine that if split scheduling went into effect, there would be significant blocks of time where the courts would not be used at all.
What is the problem you're trying to solve with split scheduling? This seems like a more confusing solution than just having no schedule at all. Trying to facilitate and enforce this policy seems like a nightmare to me.
I rarely see tennis players playing at courts that are dominated by pickleball even when the courts are empty
It makes it confusing to determine when to play and would still lead to conflict. If conflict was the main impetuous for this change, then this seems like a bandaid solution.
This seems fair to both racquet spots for sites that are designated dual-use, as long as there are also other sites that are dedicated only for one racquet sport (i.e. pickleball OR tennis)
Regardless of which racquet sport is scheduled, can the court be utilized for play if it is not being used? A lot of times, tennis courts specifically, don't have anyone playing tennis. In addition, I'd need to see other schedule examples
The courts that are tennis only are more often than not, empty. I don't think it needs to be just tennis or just pickleball unless court reservations are changed to allow for single pickleball court reservation rather than single tennis court only
I would like to help alleviate noise impact on court neighbors. But I do wonder if this model would be enforceable?
This makes no sense because if the courts are empty, why can't people choose to use/play what they want?
Pickleball in the morning hours and 1 day all day on the weekend. Seniors play pickleball, this aligns with how seniors play pickleball. Also favors younger players who play tennis after work hours and 1 day of the weekend.

That's just too difficult to remember and to enforce. People won't do it.
This seems unnecessary and restrictive
Again, I don’t understand the starting point here. No one that I know is complaining that someone near them is playing a different sport. When I am playing Pickleball in magnolia playfield, often there are baseball games ongoing with loud music and cheering. Good for them. They are having a good time and using the field as taxpayers envisioned. That doesn’t impact my game. Who exactly is complaining and about what noise and where in particular? You haven’t said.
A split schedule may work for courts with lights. Currently, play of any sort at Greenlake is limited to daylight hours. If a split schedule is offered, the lighted tennis courts at Greenlake should be shared.
The schedule grid shown above is equitable. I would only support split scheduling if it was equitable at all courts where it was implemented, but would not support it at all courts. Many of the courts that I have used throughout Seattle have been 100% A-OK operating as shared courts. I’ve not seen disrespectful behavior. Give Seattle residents credit for being able to act in an adult manner and share park facilities. *Taking courts away from users is antithetical to the purpose of SPR.*
The reality is that designated tennis use supports WAY fewer people than designated pickleball use. So I would suggest something like: tennis gets priority during a certain (limited) time period, but there will inevitably be pickleball players playing there in the meantime. Otherwise pickle priority and tennis gets turned away.
This is a terrible idea. each location should have at least one open play pickle ball court and one drop in tennis court. the rest of the courts can then be reserved or used first come first serve.
It’s been proven that there is far less demand for tennis than pickleball. This set up will lead to unused court time which is wasteful and frustrating.
The concern I have is during the late fall and winter months. Nobody will be on the courts. When would a schedule like that be implemented?
On the days that do not have any people playing tennis, and are vacant
Split scheduling was always the obvious simple solution. Splits on every day are recommended.
It’s seems fair. However, there are many more PB players then tennis players it is hard to read fair is fair. I don’t know how you skew for that. Just know that if there are no tennis players present, pb players may just play.
That would leave courts possibly empty if no one is using the court for one racket then the other should be able to use it
This could work if everyone adheres to the new schedule.
We need to put a clear schedule between tennis and PB on each site.
This easy solution makes perfect sense.
Yes! This makes great sense to me as a way to have a set and shared schedule to allow maximized use of the dual use courts. This also lessens the negative effects across both sports. For example: high point was going to be dedicated as a tennis use court. Having it be dual use allows pickleball players to maintain using the courts which greatly helps out a lot and prevents both sports from taking a complete loss to accessing the court that would have been dedicated to the other sport.
We are lagging behind 92% of large and midsize cities in the US in not having dedicated pickleball courts in good numbers. Split scheduling and dual lined courts are not the answer.
This has been done at Eastgate and Lakemont parks in Bellevue for several years and people know what times to come and play. The city has since decided to make the Eastgate park location a 6-court dedicated to pickleball as a response to the feedback from the community. Implementation was supposed to happen this summer (2026) but I haven't seen any action. I have emailed the city but have not heard back yet.

It would be a shame to see the courts sit empty during the tennis times which is the case in Seattle I suppose people could still play pickle ball and move. Aside of someone came to play tennis as long as that is allowed.
Hard to say if this concept would work unless tried. If this concept is put into place, I think it should include a caveat that if it is a designated tennis time, but no tennis players are present, then pickle ball can be played. However, if tennis players arrive to the court, pickle ball players must concede to them (and vice versa.)
Would it be more straightforward if it was Pickle Ball Sunday and Tennis Saturday?
If the courts are split, then there is more opportunities to play closer to where they live and less driving to the courts.
There are sufficient tennis courts and not every court is anyways used for tennis. Depending on if the courts are empty people change it to tennis or pickleball. This flexibility is working out great in our community and allows for the resources to be fully utilized. Any form of reservation will create wastage and under utilization of tennis slots.
I would allocate time based on the need— for example, if there were 8x as many PB players as tennis players, I would allocate more court time to PB.
There are twice as many pickleball players as tennis players. Mornings to noon are best for pickleball.
It doesn't actually solve the issue. Courts are currently dual use. Tennis players will still complain that pickle ballers are using "their" courts. The current system of first to get a reservation is fair to both groups. I'm not sure why there is a need to change it.
If it means more courts available in the city it is fine to split the time between two sports daily as long as it is fair split.
I'm in favor of this for open play but it seems like the reservation system would naturally implement dual use and the reservation system increases utilization
I strongly support in general if can be viewed as equitably shared by most stakeholders (hard to acheive?), i.e. based on relative usage and demand
There is little to no tennis being played at Bitterlake, Shoreview Park, and Shoreline compared to Pickleball. How would you even think of dividing the time? 50/50 seems absurd.
This proposed schedule would fit great-I'm retired.
Split scheduling is definitely preferable to communities (like my Gilman community) completely losing access to the established network of friends they have created at specific court locations.
empty
If needed to provide courts
Honestly, I only support this if tennis players are going to actually use it. I see so many tennis courts sit empty for hours every day, whereas the pickleball courts are full of people 12 months out of the year.
Keep it simple for families. The best solution is the simplest ones.
More people play pickle in smaller space. Any dual use should favor pickle.
The primary problem with this is that split scheduling can prevent some from play due to other obligations. My own situation is that I work every Tuesday and Thursday, and were those days the days scheduled for pickleball I would be prevented from play. Secondly, at least in Magnolia, it seems to work well as it is . . . if you want certainty you reserve a court.
The courts will be empty 75% of the time when it's tennis only.
You can also designate tennis vs pickleball at the same location. Example, 2 courts for tennis, and 2 courts(4 pickleball). A lot of this can be resolved with proper signage.
Personally, evenings and weekends are the only times I can play pickleball so I'm concerned that the courts will be reserved for tennis then.

Split scheduling doesn’t make any sense. When you play tennis, you’re taking up one entire court. When you are playing pickle ball, you can have two games going on a single tennis court. Most of the time, Wen playing pickle ball on facilities that accommodate both tennis and Pickleball the tennis courts are empty, and the Pickleball courts are full. You don’t have a good sense of how courts are being used throughout the City of Seattle.
There are rarely as many tennis players as pickleball players on the courts that I see. It should be first come, first serve.
SPR and its questionable numbers about the number of pickleball courts v the number of tennis courts continues to hide the fact that tennis is highly favored in the approx 150 hard courts initially designed for tennis. Any scheme that pretends to balance use when tennis is still heavily favored in the dedicated courts design is still inequitable.
This would help to verify which sport is more popular (if that is even necessary) and also just makes it easy to share the courts!
I would be fine with this, but courts should be observed and if the tennis or pickleball times are not being utilized the times should shift to accommodate more players.
Split scheduling (at least as implemented in the above example) would be quite limiting for those of us with stricter work schedules who depend on courts and open play being available on our very few mornings, evenings and/or weekend days off.
I feel it totally works now with shared courts for open play and court reservations.
If courts are empty, and people want to play, it would be sad to see. I would like to see courts being used all the time by first come first served. On dedicated days, 1-3 courts open for the other sport would be nice.
I think this will create confusion and pit tennis and PB players against each other even more. Best to have some courts for tennis and some for PB
It's not ideal but not a bad solution until more courts are built. If split, the schedules should be developed with community input at each site, to take into account how much each group is currently using the site and at what hours. At Miller, for example, there's much more pickleball than tennis, and a culture of pickleball in the mornings and evenings especially, with afternoon tennis mostly for schools in certain seasons. So pickleball should get more time there and tennis at other sites.
Seems like a good compromise.
So many more people can play pickleball than tennis, it’s a shame if no one goes to the courts on tennis days and blocks all the pickleball players who would have played
Better to designate a smaller portion of courts for tennis, so pickleball and tennis can be play throughout the week with no conflicts between the players of the two sports.
split the courts all the time. Have both tennis and pickle courts available. Build community between pickle and tennis players
Split scheduling as proposed in the example doesn't solve for noise for adjacent property owners, it merely reduces it. And it doesn't accomodate the dynamic of public need and demand for pickleball. Use other means to control noise such as policies on paddle types, or leveraging local pickleball associations to fund perimeter baffles.
Since your analysis using incorrect data was first used trying to stifle the pickleball community, you don't understand how pickleball usage is being utilized. no spilt scheduling
No split scheduling. People should be able to play when they want/can. If there are two courts, designate one to tennis, one to pickleball. If four courts, two for pickleball, two for tennis. As far as noise, there really is nothing that can be done about that. No use before 8am or after 8pm. You can’t control what people do outside. Don’t live near courts. This doesn’t need to be micromanaged. I play both sports and could get on for either if I wanted.

In my experience there are rarely or never tennis players at the courts where we play pickleball. It would be a huge waste of community recreational resources to exclude people from playing. You will have empty courts which is bad for the community.
Please consider pickleball only facilities. It is amazing that the birthplace of pickleball does not have lots of dedicated courts throughout the city
Confusing and difficult to enforce
Split scheduling is completely confusing for both sport users. Only would nominally support this if it allowed pickleball where it would otherwise be prohibited due to legitimate complaints
What happens if there are historically no tennis players during their hours?
Too rigid
First come first serve. Stop controlling everything and let people be people.
Why would split scheduling alleviate noise?
While this does provide predictability, I wonder if I could still play pickleball if courts weren't being used for tennis on a "tennis schedule" day.
This seems like a more fair use of courts vs eliminating pickle ball entirely from a majority of the courts in the city.
What is SPR trying to achieve? Noise mitigation is best accomplished through barrier technology. If noise is a "real " problem someone will complain regardless of the time. As a tennis player I spoke to individuals who complained about PB noise at the Public Forums. They acknowledged tennis is not noiseless. It is preferable because there are so many fewer tennis players. In other words the courts are empty more frequently.
Split scheduling restricts those that can't play on certain days. The most popular sport should have the best times. If split scheduling is implemented it should alternate each month so it covers the most times and availability for all.
To avoid confusion, I think there should be full time for tennis or pickleball. As a tennis and pickleball player myself, I've seen folks overreact over the other sport
I don't think there has been much evaluation of court use between tennis and pickleball. I see a lot of unused tennis courts especially during the week that could be used to support pickleball.
I still think dual use at all times is the best solution since I very rarely see tennis players at any of the courts I go to (they would be free to use those courts if they were there). However, if split scheduling is a compromise to avoid the loss of pickleball courts I am open to it.
If there is any kind of split scheduling it should be based on a ratio of how much public good it would offer, based on how many people it would benefit. Since pickleball generally benefits at least 3-6 times as many people, the scheudling should reflect that and pickleball should have 3-6x as much time available. But really, pickleball and tennis would ideally be separate. Seattle needs to get with the times and build new pickleball courts and/or repurpose tennis courts for pickleball only.
Why not First come, first serve?
As long as its fair, I think this would alleviate tensions between tennis and pickleball players
It's too confusing and hard to remember.
Just seems hard to remember
Your proposal is a solution to a non problem. I live in West Seattle, and play pickleball. There are already adequate tennis courts. Hiawatha, SWAC, Lincoln Pk. High Pt and Delridge are predominantly pickleball. Tennis players are a very rare sighting.
We could make this work

conditions. Are there tennis players out when the season turns chillier? No. But those courts would be restricted? Also, the noise issue is ludicrous. We have parks and playgrounds in neighborhoods. Also wading pools. Are we also eliminating those because of noise, too? Please share proof that noise is an issue in people's actual homes. If it's a problem, then show video or audio examples.
At almost every facility I've seen, pickleball is massively more popular at all times of day and week. All this accomplishes is to make a public facility serve less of the public less often.
I'd rather have a place where I know I can find pickleball any time. If I go to Green Lake East Courts, I know I'll find games. If I go to Lower Woodland, it's tennis. Tennis already has 10 dedicated, well-maintained courts. Meanwhile, pickleball players have transformed just three tennis courts into a thriving community thru volunteer effort and care. Having reliable locations for each sport makes it easier for everyone to know where to play, meet new people, and keep both communities growing.
I think it will be more convenient for players if they can use the court for their preferred sport any time. I take my equipment at various times during the week. If all the courts are busy, I just enjoy other parts of the park. Pickleball sets are lightweight and very portable so this is not a problem for me, I just go and enjoy the beach instead (Alki Playfield).
I'm not sure dividing up the time half and half works when so few tennis players seem to use the courts. I think courts would sit empty during the designated tennis times a lot.
Seems like this could be a good way to make everyone happy
If you want to play one sport and the court is open, but it's not that sport's designated time, the court is kind of a waste of space at that point
Most days there aren't any tennis players. Leave it open to both and ppl can reserve and sure the have the court they want to play on available for that time slot
Just have dedicated pickleball sites!
I I began playing pickle ball in 1974 but my true love is Tennis. Pickleball and tennis cannot and should not be played on the same court.
How would you decide what time for which racquet sport? How would you determine the demand?
First come first serve
I don't know how you would enforce this. And what would be the consequence of a violation.
I prefer not to have to split time but if splitting time is necessary to keep courts open than I am onboard
It'd be a shame to have courts sitting empty when others could be using them. I rarely see tennis players at any of the courts so why block off the court for only them to use if no one shows up. Plus it seems like there's plenty of tennis courts in neighborhoods that are not lined for Pickleball. If Parks department did a better job advertising where they are —tennis players can go there and play their games. Eg: there's a tennis court victory park that no one ever plays at.
Split it on Saturdays and Sundays, as well. Most people with jobs cannot play on the weekdays.
Split scheduling is too rigid and doesnt fit everyone's schedule. PB is a community oriented drop in sport that is for everyone.
Split scheduling could work but the ratios should match the actual usage instead of 50/50.
There are waaay more pickleball players and way more pickleball players can play at any one time... therefore there should be more pickleball time at each share use venue
this could work
Love it as long as we share all the courts

I think it would be better to allow people to schedule. That way tennis players could schedule when the are going to play rather than having the court stay open for tennis only, even when they don't show up to play.
Feels overly complicated
Thursday.
It would be a shame to see the courts going unused even though people want to play but their sport isn’t on the schedule.
This isn’t necessary. Dual use allows first come first served, and means that anyone can play assuming a court is available.
There are some courts where we never see tennis played, even when courts are completely empty for hours. Pickleball group is more likely to drop in than tennis in any given day. Splitting days may leave courts completely empty on “tennis days” if tennis players don’t use them and pickleball players can’t.
As long as community members at those designated neighborhoods can decide on the schedule
Not allowing a certain sport to be played on a certain day doesn’t make sense and will confuse community members
Need to include some review of usage to see if courts are being fully utilized- if not than adjustments to time frames should be made to allow better usage
Tennis courts in our locality remains un-ultized most of the time. Blocking pickleball while no one is playing on the court doesn't seem fair.
This is much better than doing only pickleball or only tennis at specific courts
I feel like the split schedule will cause issues because there are exponentially more pickleball players than tennis players.
same people complain when there are kids playing/screaming at these parks? That's like someone moving next to a dog park and then complaining because there are dogs barking. There are noise ordinance hours in the city and as long as the activity is within those hours then they can stop complaining.
People will not know about the schedule and will not follow it, leading to conflicts.
This approach is too complicated for most folks. Also, it could lead to confrontations as courts move from one sport to the other.
I think this risks an empty court when people would otherwise be playing, although if no one is waiting for the designated sport; people could just play anyways
The courts will be unused, or underused, when designated for tennis. If the courts are not in use, can we play tennis when it’s a pickleball time and vice versa?
Too complicated for the general public. People won’t follow a schedule like that which will lead to conflicts which you are trying to mimimize.
We should not be restricted to only playing certain days at our neighborhood locations
If this is a way to retain dual use courts, I'm in favor of it
While this looks good on paper there needs to be a solution for cases where tennis courts sit idle which I’ve seen more often than empty pickleball courts.
The majority of the time the tennis courts sit open with no one using them. If users are allowed to play pickleball until they are kicked off by a tennis player I would support this but if you would not be allowed to play one sport during the other time, then I don’t agree. I believe there will be a lot of times the courts sit empty when they could be used
Split scheduling is a viable option as long as it takes true play time and court utilization into account while addressing neighborhood concerns. We see how many more pickleball players are on the courts much of the time. A 50/50 split wouldn't appropriately serve the community if true usage data shows what we observe to be the case.
Evening court hours near houses/apartments should be limited to tennis. Pickleball is too loud!

7am to early to start. Noises wakes those neighbors close to the courts
Magnolia courts, * Noise continues every day. Even if pickleball is If limited to certain hours, residents still experience the distinctive “pop” of pickleball during those scheduled times. If the goal is to reduce noise for nearby homes, split scheduling doesn’t eliminate the problem—it only limits when it occurs. * Long blocks of noise can still be disruptive. If pickleball is scheduled for several consecutive hours nearby residents, may still be affected during those periods.
I strongly oppose dual-use courts near residential areas, such as the West Magnolia Playfield courts which are 50 feet from my home. I believe these courts should be for tennis only-- no pickleball.
There are far less tennis players using the courts, this is evident daily when you walk by these courts!!
I've been playing a few years and have never seen tennis and pickleball players not getting along on dual sites. People roll the nets back and forth, and share the courts well. Trying to monitor and figure out something that works for everyone, come on. We've been working it out for 5 years. You can't possibly know when a group wants to play, we wake up and say, I want to play. Let me go to my local site. Oh, but wait, I can't get on till 1, even if there is no one playing tennis!
In the sample schedule the sports are split in about half, but I feel like the final schedule would have less pickleball, attributing to noise at early and late hours.
i like the idea specially for noise reduction- I just hope that if the courts are unused by Pickleball or/and Tennis for the dedicated time (outside late or early hour related to prevent noise)-the schedule should be adjusted to maximize the use of the public court.
1. How would this be enforced? Pickleball players generally do not obey rules. 2. Pickleball should not be allowed ANY time at noise-impacted sites.
If the tennis players want the courts they can reserve them.
Pickleball players are not going to follow these rules, and the nearby residents will still hear the noise many hours a day, every day.
Because at a place like Gillman, rarely are there tennis players. What Seattle Parks and Rec is not admitting is the explosive growth in pickleball while tennis, at the same time, grows very slowly
I would be more favorable to this idea if the split was proportional to the number of players playing in each sport. If pickleball users comprise 80% of players, pickleball should get 80% of the split time.
Both tennis players and pickleball players have the option of reserving courts. With all the demand to play both sports, it seems silly to let a court based on an inflexible schedule.
I think it would lead to courts sitting empty at the designated times for either sport.
People who are visiting out of town may have no idea which course offer Pickle Ball what days and times. It seems too complicated.
Honestly I feel the amount of pickle ball players far exceeds tennis players in the greater Seattle area.

Q3: Do you support utilizing advisory groups to facilitate collaboration with SPR on long-term planning and help avoid noncompliance with existing/future protocols at locations with special designations (e.g. hubs, split use schedule, etc.)?

(Optional) Please provide any additional feedback about potential partnerships with advisory groups.
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
Who will be in the group? And will there be equal representation? Just post rules on court.
Bureaucracy!
If you have these groups, another bureaucracy!
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
It feels like the advisory is being used for policig instead of brainstorming on solutions before implementation.
Advisory groups good but NOT paid by taxes!!
Yes to advisory groups for pickleball
add a pickleball player to AYTC advisory group!!
No advisory groups. Yes, to vote from all users
An advisory group would have no authority to enforce anything.
This Q is not clear. Pball community should be on any advisory group making decisions and policy
This is stupid. A.G. would know no enforcement power. I have none XXX a problem if play is ongoing and someone with a reservation arrives.
strongly support if advisory is for developing the strategy
1) who would comprise the advisory group: would it be location - specific or city-wide? 2) How often would the group meet? 3) How to reach the group?
Support but we don't need to police our neighborhood. Concerns around folks on committee feeling like they "own" the courts & prevent it from being a welcoming community run space.
"Add Hubs" is a misnomer: it's actually reducing locations for either tennis and pickleball.
I also support much clearer signage on "Tennis only" courts. These needs to actually specify that pickleball is not allowed so that explaining this is not left up to tennis players to do - this leads to heated arguments. The courts also need a sign that states no skateboards/skating as it is damaging to the courts.
oppose - they would only represent special interest like pickleball/tennis and not multi-use sports.
SURVEY RESPONSES
Advisory groups only work if the paid personnel at the department of parks and recreation let the group actually make decisions.
I support as long as one of the groups is pickleball focus
Advisory groups should have access to usage data as the number one priority. SPR should make data driven decisions for the good of the community rather than just relying on vibes.
You don’t define what an “Advisory group“ is in the previous question. It can mean anything. If it’s the USTA then no I don’t support it. If it’s a group of active community players, then yes.
It will be hard convincing me that an advisory board will enforce any rules. Be real here, by making rules, you have to have someone on task at the courts to enforce them.
As long as that advisory groups represent the group they are advising
Some groups can help amplify marginalized voices that otherwise are drowned out. Lots of loud-voiced groups are also good at organizing into louder bodies. If advisory groups are used, perhaps take a survey of actual users then ensure there are multiple advisory groups representing the full range of users.
What’s the use of having this when in past you had them and ignored their input.

In theory advisory groups make sense. However, as we have seen, groups with significant financial interests in particular outcomes (e.g. US Tennis Association) have undue influence that is antithetical to equitable use of Seattle Parks, which should be open to and enjoyed by all.
I think we should all get along and advocate first come first serve but make time for everybody. We are all deserving.
Input from community groups will help to avoid misinformation and improve planning.
It's a tennis advisory group that nearly removed 30 pickleball courts so as long as there's equal representation of all relevant racquet sports
Strongly support if the advisory group includes players from all sports to be using the courts, not just tennis players.
Tennis should not have priority in decision making processes
I believe SPR is already doing the best SPR can at addressing the concerns of different groups. My belief is formalizing the role of any advisory groups will NOT meaningfully help SPR with long-term planning and will NOT help SPR with noncompliance. SPR already has a difficult balancing act. I do not think tell SPR will benefit from more competing voices with competing priorities.
I'm tennis and pickle ball player and would love partnership and be part of advisory groups if needed
Members of advisory groups MUST have experience and knowledge of the sport they represent.
I'm not sure what is intended or who would sit on the advisory group. A MAJOR CONCERN would be if anyone on the advisory group has a vested interest in an indoor facility or would stand to make money by swaying the decisions of SPR.
The pickleball community is more than just partners. As a resident of Seattle, I want to be able to have my voice heard outside of these partner groups.
None.
I am cautious about this as it has seemed to favor tennis groups over pickleball. Pickleball is a fast growing, inclusive, low barrier to entry sport and I worry that pickleball players will be edged out of these discussions.
I support this as long as there is equal representation for pickleball, and no one from USTA on an advisory board. Seattle Parka should be run by Seattle residents and employees, without USTA input or influence.
It is critical that players themselves have a say in the decision making.
I would support this, IF the AG's do not turn it into a political "Us and Them." Their determinations should be followed (and monitored) so they don't turn into the Gestapo—as power tends to corrupt!
Depends on how the advisory groups are established and who's representing the communities.
Advisory groups should be made up of all community members including folks with physical disabilities and BIPOC communities with English as a second language. Not just old white people ot rich people who have gentrified our neighborhoods
My concern is that the advisory board needs to include equal people from both sports. To date, there has been a tennis focus.
Will the advisory group give pickleball and tennis players meaningful representation and influence.
If there are new rules, someone needs to be overseeing them to prevent further frustration and conflict between groups
As long as the different racquet sports advisory boards have the same resources and support
I think Greenlake Pickleball should be involved in decisions
As long as there is equal representation in the advisory group, including SMPA which represents all pickleball players.

Yes, so long as the advisors are active members of the racket sports community, not just people who own homes or live near courts. Peter Seitel would be an awesome person to serve on the advisory group. He's been organizing pickleball at Green Lake East for years and he's done a great job. He makes it feel welcoming there with things like beginner nights. He has a great idea of the general pulse of the pickleball community in that part of Seattle.
SPR must have input from groups it’s setving
I would need to see how those groups and partnerships are formed as It only makes sense if it is a good split of both groups and actually from active community members not special interests
It’s possible this could be a positive situation but I can only imagine that it would be more likely to amplify any conflicts that arise and lead to greater animosity between user groups.
Make the schedule public and clearly visible and the public can enforce
SPR has not been transparent about how advisory groups are selected or who makes up the groups. I'm not sure how we can trust SPR to ensure the groups is comprised in a way to be fair to all parties that may be impacted by their decisions.
More red tape and advisory friction slows everything down
Tennis courts should be for tennis only! Leave all existing tennis courts for tennis. Build more pickleball courts for pickleball! Everyone wins!
I support the idea in principle—collaboration and staying compliant are good goals. But my support is conditional on something the question doesn't address: how advisory members are selected. Who appoints them, what criteria apply, whether everyday open-play users are represented, and how terms and accountability work all determine whether these groups build trust or concentrate influence. Without a clear, transparent selection process, I can't fully endorse them. Please share those details.
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
Depends on how they are designed and managed.
Who are the advisory groups? What’s their background? I feel like this is a waste of money honestly, why is it needed?
I don't really support this strategy, but if it is something that will be used, I would support advisory groups to facilitate collaboration with SPR provided that is done with groups representing both pickleball and tennis. It must be both not one or the other.
advisory groups should include equal parts of all interest groups, tennis, pb, special needs, whatever.
Advisory groups cannot have clear biases. We should work with experts, but not interest groups
I only support advisory groups if they are specific to the area AND if SPR works with them, communicates with them and allows them to be a major part of decisions.
This is one, of only two, suggestion(s) in the RSS that I think is excellent. (The other being "open-play" at Green Lake East.)
They should only be local residents and not national tennis or pickleball groups. There should still always be public input and transparency.
Let’s work together fairly. No more tennis advantage advocates on the advisory boards
Please be careful aboit who is on the advisory committee. I'm opposed to taking away any current pickleball access that we have
Advisory groups are never neutral Reality is pickleball needs more courts, that’s why private membership clubs are growing The government is failing by not providing enough healthy activity facilities for residents Only the rich can afford the club

I don't support this strategy proposal as a whole. But, if something had to be implemented I would support advisory groups to facilitate collaboration with SPR-- AS LONG AS the collaboration is with groups representing BOTH pickleball and tennis. It cannot be one or the other, or it places any future plans at risk of incredible biases.
If this question is asking for community and real-user feedback before SPD makes policy changes, then I absolutely feel there needs to be input from user groups. As evidenced by the confusion and frustration related to the current discussion. Asked another way, why would you not pursue user input and collaboration...including impacted neighborhoods, dodge ball users, tennis players, etc????
Obviously you should be working with advisory groups. You are not the subject matter experts.
Partnerships with sit with the city groups are mandatory in my book. People can't sit in their offices and understand the dynamics of what happens out the field.
How often do staff visit courts ? Might be useful as opposed to relying on reservations to determine use. I have never reserved a pickleball court.
Let's implement a plan instead of just keeping open all options.
These advisory groups should be diverse and truly representative including people of all ages, race, representing each neighborhood (e.g., Magnolia, West Seattle, Ballard etc) with perhaps requirements to have recommendations or letters of support from other community members to avoid handpicking people who are not representative of their community.
Advisory groups can be of value IF they consider all voices. However, I am a 'greater good' sort of person; I may not like a particular change but it should be based on what will benefit the largest number of Seattle residents.
Imperative to have both sports represented as well as different age groups and genders.
Perhaps if SPR had done something like advisory boards in the first place, we wouldn't be in this pickle (pun intended)
I support them if they don't just become a way for the loudest group to get their way.
Too many advisors makes for conflicts.
how are advisory group members chosen?
Please be aware that there is a lot of distrust from the PB community that the advisory group is stacked with tennis advocates (USTA). Please prove them wrong and have representation balanced with PB advocating voices.
a MIXED advisory group, to heal rifts of "tennis vs. PB" made worse by setting groups against each other
There are many pickleball associations that would serve as strong partners, including Seattle Metro Pickleball Association.
Seattle Parks would benefit from overseeing an advisory board of outdoor courts volunteers- who could act as ambassadors between Seattle Parks and community users of outdoor courts.
The current public comment approach seems to favor "loudest voices" and "strength in numbers" feedback. Depending on how advisory groups are structured, it could provide each constituency an equal say. Right now, pickleball dominates over the interests of recreational tennis, school tennis teams, and residents concerned about noise.
I'm Support of no special hubs and no scheduling. Continuing with mixed use courts throughout Seattle.
An advisory group would be helpful as long it utilizes actual data, which is supported by community input.
Please pick as many advisory members who as current afficionados of noth tennis and pickleball for amicable and smooth workings and to prevent stalling and emotionally charged boycotting or

It's difficult to support "advisory groups" when there is no indication of how these groups are formed or implemented.
Advisory groups that can help with noncompliance is important if there are going to be location specific rules that will need to be referenced often.
This sounds like policing, not the promotion of friendly co-use of public spaces. We have player ambassador programs (for PB), and that has worked fine in my experience. Please do not militarize
It’s a game that’s bringing community together. And some might be unrepresented. Advisory groups help with fair advocacy.
They need to be a true advisory group and not some group that SPR uses as a shield to hide behind.
There has never been any issue when most of us are on the court playing. Everyone is friendly.
You are assuming a problem to be fixed that doesn't exist. Tennis and PB players have accommodated each other just fine until this muck up.
Would the Advisory Groups be the same National Tennis Association who financially support their desired outcomes? Or will it be local only Pickleball/tennis members?
If it’s helpful to SPR, sure. Not sure how it will facilitate compliance.
These are good, with the assumption that the groups recomends will carry more impact than prior planning.
It would be important to not hinder accessibility for already underserved communities.
Players usually have information on court use and issues. The advisory group members should be in the community and play the sport.
In the past, it appeared that tennis representatives were allowed on the advisory committees, but Pickleball lacked representation. This needs to be fixed.
Who's in the advisory group?
Advisory groups can help put up posted signs detailing the etiquette for each court.
Please lean on existing community groups to identify and vet advisory group members, ie. SMPA
Depends on how they are appointed- are they going to be neutral
Depends upon how members of the advisory group are selected.
SPR should bring together members from tennis and pickleball organizations to work out the best way to accommodate both sports. Also solicit input from neighbors. We all want to be good neighbors and share the available resources in an equitable manner.
I play pickleball, and I recommend Seattle Metro Pickleball Association be part of this. I am a member or SMPA. There are also quite a few grassroots private groups, using the SPR reservation system. I am part of The Kitchen Queens. Our private group could be helpful.
They should represent everyday community members or a mix and avoid over- representation of groups who pay to use courts
More unnecessary Seattle process that costs taxpayer money - we’re already in a budget crisis. Rather use the resources to improve data collection and collect data and info about use and number of players and make decisions based on facts and data.
The advisory group(s) should include people from all geographic areas of the city, from a range of identities, and include an equal share of pickleball and tennis players.
Have no feedback
the advisory groups should be comprised of players
Volunteer only not paid
Depends on how advisory groups ate selected. Equal representation for pickleball is essential
SMPA
Currently I do not trust Seattle Parks to either make decision or create advisory groups. Their trust is completely lost with me.
Such groups too often turn into discussion circles with no authority and hence no real voice.

This sounds like a good idea.
Don't trust
More info is needed about what this advisory group would look like and how it would be equitable to all
Pickleball needs lots of courts. We seniors deserve city pickleball courts!!!
It is hard to know whether this would be useful or not depending on the structure of the advisory group and the structure of the court usage decisions. Hopefully we can use the courts in a cooperative way as we do now and a flexible plan will minimize the need for administering an oversight plan.
How are these advisory groups for pickleball selected? By the tennis folks I presume?
The way the original planning was done created an amazing uproar because no one at SPR seemed to understand or care how many pickleball players there are in the city and how much the courts are used by pickleball players rather than tennis players.
What kind of advisory groups? Who are the advisors? Can't answer this question adequately without specifics.
Only if the advisory groups weren’t biased and anti-pickleball
Advisory groups are only helpful if SPR are willing to listen
Representation could be useful.
I dont want too much bureaucracy
too much bureaucracy
An oversight group ought to support using tennis courts for tennis and if there is dual use then a split group of decision-makers but with one more tennis representative to maintain fairness around use of tennis courts
I support advisory groups if the parks department takes their advice. I've gone to meetings to plan future pickleball courts and filled out surveys and don't feel like my opinions have been taken into consideration.
Yes, I think it makes sense to work with any communities that exist for either sport at those locations. However, there are a lot of individual players too who might not be a part of them, so I think it's still valuable to send out open surveys like this.
Your questions are very hard to understand and makes things seem very complicated Honestly, I’m ready to stop taking your survey because I don’t know what you’re trying to
This whole process has been overly complicated. Things seem to be working well and it seems like a potential drain on resources and people’s time to have ongoing advisory groups. We’d rather play than attend meetings and fill out surveys indefinitely.
Yes the city should work with these groups to better hold themselves accountable
Only if this board was made up evenly of tennis players and pickleball players and possibly 1-2 that are both. No more than 1 member who is part of any other 'advisory board' 'community group' for tennis and pickleball (i.e. one of each); with that said at least 1 member from the Amy Yee Tennis Center Advisory Board. Are these boards to be allowed to determine where revenue should go. right now outdoor tennis courts bring in 500K a year that could easily be re-invested... A bulk of that tennis
No input. Just seems like another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.
Your advisory groups should include voices from the people and/or groups that utilize the courts the most. Check the reservations and permits for historical bookings to identify those
I don’t need too much bureaucracy
It is important to get an understanding of non-partisan parties on all sides of racket sports
You have completing ignored having knowledgeable representatives from pball leadership advising Parks for years. It is why you currently have an outraged pball community because you lack real understaning or commitment to pball. If you have 4-5 pball leaders (Miguel Salinas, Tony from SMPA, Amy from W. Seattle, Peter Seitel, to name a few, and really listened to their recommendations, you would be able to offer a decent plan. Instead, you have tried to do it yourselves
Community buy-in, support and partnership ensures community involvement and representation.

Talk directly with e the community stakeholders.
Agree. As long as the advisories focus is on the best interest of the community (and not outsiders with alternative agendas)
Since Parks and Recreation don't have the capacity to manage the issues, that supposedly happen on occasion, why not seek help in the manner with advisory groups. This may facilitate a better understanding on who actually uses courts and who, if any are creating the stated issues.
Pickleball player input and tennis player partnerships
I would not support advisory groups
Collaborative approaches are always a good idea.
There needs to be equal representation and not influence by one group.
The pickle people are not getting any support, someone has already decided. Disgraceful.
creates better accountability
It hasn't seemed that all of these advisory groups are non-partisan in the past.
SPR must agree to listen and take advise from the advisory groups. They've been deaf to SMPA for years.
They must be equal in there make-up, supporting tennis as well as pickleball.
SMPA
What "advisory groups"? These questions are impossible to answer unless we have some sense of what individuals or organizations would constitutes an advisory group
I have been coordinating the Queen Anne Pickleball Group for a few years now. We are an open group with a rating from 2.75-3.75. We welcome new players and try to be sensitive to the neighbors. One of the two courts is reservable and the other not. I think this has worked well.
It might be good during the transition time, but again, people using these courts get along. Having an advisory group feels like we're preparing to fail. Why don't we workout a fair system bore and stick to it. And btw, what was the problem to begin with? I've heard whispers of noise complaints and tennis players feeling pushed out. Are those the problems we're trying to solve? It would mange solving the problem a lot easier if we clearly stated what we're trying to solve.
Independent advisors that are not biased and utilize statistical info to account for demand/grow/decline of each sport.
How would the advisory groups be created and who would comprise those advisory groups? How frequently would they meet and what influence would they have over the courts and their use?
I support the use of advisory groups if the pickleball community has equal representation. The previous advisory group leaned too heavily on tennis.
Would like the pickleball community to be represented
The advisory groups must be neutral or have both tennis and pickleball players evenly represented
again, who will be on the advisory group.
Please make sure the advisory groups are objective, I.e. tennis can't advise in pickleball
The more communication and representation there is between sport advocates the better.
Advisory group could be bias if the make up of group members does not correctly reflect the player population. Use scientific survey data.
There isn't enough info here to comment. An advisory group made up of individuals that are not truly aligned with the interests of interested parties would be a disaster.
I need to understand more who the advisory board would have as members. How will it work?
This is a nonsense question. Of course I, along with other members of the public, would support this.
Who would be in these advisory groups? Pickleball and tennis players? Or? I fear these groups would make things more complicated and cause more problems.

I do not like the idea that the opinions of a very small group could govern the outcomes for the entire community. It's great to hear feedback from racket sports players, but much more important to utilize data or other objective sources for major decisions
Since I support sport designated only courts, it would be redundant using an advisory groups
Adding more layers to decision-making processes could delay decision-making. All Seattle City departments are famous studying subjects to death.
Is this a cost? Most important is money towards more courts not policing the current ones.
It depends on which groups and who appoints
Include and encourage court users to have s voice in decision processes.
This feels like a situation to waste tax dollars and get nothing done
Too red tapey
There was no information given on who would be on the advisory groups or how decisions would be made. I'm leery since Seattle Parks has relied disproportionately on feedback from the tennis community in the past. I'd really like Seattle Parks to focus on on-the ground data on court usage (not just using the tennis court reservation system).
I don't know what that means, it wasn't explained
Community input is also very important.
The more committees and advisory groups, the less things get done. Just add new pickleball courts
The initial SPR raquet sort strategy appeared to be unduly influenced by non-local special interest groups. The trust has been lost. A citizen staffed advisory body would be preferrable.
Who would oppose this?
Given how poorly the court use proposal was thrown at us only a few months ago, I definitely do not want Parks and Rec to do this on their own. Who would fulfill the advisory roles? Players or advocates in their favored sports from across the city?
We do not have problems now so why do we need an advisory group.
I think involving the whole community is better than special interest groups making the decisions. More people is more democratic and dilutes the power of the few.
Advisory groups are always a good idea!
I have been on advisory councils at Alki and Hiawatha and thought Parks benefited from that advice.
Groups get political and biased
if you are asking if we need fair representation for advisory groups that could help with long range planning, great, as long as both sports are represented.
I don’t know enough about advisory groups to comment. I question whether SPR would listen anyway.
sounds too complicated!
It would depend on who served on the advisory boards and how these people are selected.
Partnerships that work together toward defined common goals are usually beneficial.
Advisory groups are a checks and balance. They can point out concerns or praise approaches that allow for better strategic planning while trying to meet as many needs as possible.
Make sure it's an equal number of tennis and Pickleball players!
As long as the advisory group includes equal representation of pickleball and tennis players WHO ARE GOOD LISTENERS this seems like a good idea
So far the parks department has shown no support for pickleball and only for tennis.
If advisory groups are created , I would like to see a balanced number of qualified and involved members that reflect the interests of both sports .
Yes as long as the equally represent both communities
Not needed
If there is more conflict than I'm aware of, then advisory groups could be important for establishing systems to reduce conflict. Maybe we could have volunteer ambassadors who can work to address any conflicts?

It is important to have a neighborhood advisory partnership with the SPR. Input & suggestions from the neighborhood is vital. And when u live close to a city park you are witness to rules & regulations not being followed.
Depends on who composes the advisory groups. If you do have them, I would only support Seattle Metro Pickleball Association for pickleball advice.
What if my pickleball advisory group is run by tennis people?
Communication with the communities it serves can only benefit both SPR and the public. Maintaining a direct line of communication with the people who use these facilities most frequently will lead to better-informed decisions, stronger partnerships, and more effective long-term planning.
As long as it is fair and well balanced.
Given SPR's stunning lack of support for Pball, I'm suspicious of who these advisory groups would include. The Pball community has offered thorough, detailed advice to SPR for close to 10 years and has been essentially ignored. This feels like yet another delaying tactic. More costly meetings, polls, surveys, then another round of the same if SPR does not like the answers.
It could be helpful, as long as it doesn't put too much power in the hands of a few people who have lots of free time who are not considering the diversity of players and viewpoints.
Strongly support to provide greater visibility and accountability.
You already seem to meet with some advisory groups, although it doesn't guarantee that you're actually listening and responding!
If the advisory group reflects the views of the players, then yes. If not, their views may be completely irrelevant.
As long as each sport is represented and they can make suggestions that are heard
Only if they are neutral and fair.
As long as there are reps on the advisory group that support both sports it should be fine.
I have to know more about advisory groups to answer.
Let's keep it classy so no one comes to blows.
Or just create clear rules and post them. For example quiet hours.
It depends on how the advisory group members are selected. They should be elected from the community rather than appointed.
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It would be beneficial to have advisory groups to prevent Seattle Parks and Rec from making decisions with inaccurate and outdated information.
Gather data about usage in addition to having advisory groups. You won't know if policies are good without data.
i don't understand their role.
Advisory group should evenly represent stakeholders of the activities and residential area
Real representation
it totally depends on who's in the advisory groups, as long as they aren't biased, dont over complicate things and their only agenda is to fix actual problems, not make up problems to fix and actually make things worse
I'm not sure what the problem is here
I think the indoor PB courts are pushing to ban PB so they are forced to join an indoor facility
sounds like the right thing to do, but I would want to know more before fully supporting
I need to know more about what that would look like. If these are additional paid positions, then I strongly oppose.
I support advisory groups for planning and better collaboration with the communities in Seattle. I don't think that it should not be up to advisory groups to enforce a plan proposed by the city.

I'm not sure what that means but it's pretty simple if y'all need more courts for tennis (which I really don't see a strong demand for), then make more courts. Do not take away actively used pickleball courts when it enables at least 2x the amount of people if not 4x the amount of ppl to play in the same amount of space. I really like SWAC bc it's split and there's a couple tennis only and some with pickleball lines. Just make more like that. Why is this so hard that it needs an advisory group?
Yes! It would be great to have both pickleball and tennis represented in conversations.
I think they can provide valuable input and there might be more equal voices.
Having an advisory group is a great way to engage the community, center community voice, and ultimately build trust and rapport. I am certain that there are many people in the tennis and pickleball communities who would be happy to join an advisory group and lend their experience, expertise, and time. SPR could meet with these advisory groups quarterly to present data, discuss any problems that arise, brainstorm ideas and potential improvements, and share about events
SPR needs unbiased outside counsel that understands what the communities actually need
Advisory groups are useful in providing feedback to SPR, however, I am not sure an advisory group should be policing infractions of court use.
2. An “all open-play and no reservations” approach does not make sense. Court reservations for groups needing to develop skills, play in a supportive environment (e.g. women’s groups), or other non-open-play activities need access to the courts and the ability to reserve safe spaces. Immediately stop allowing for-profit organizations to reserve the courts that are designated as non-reservable. Keep open access to these courts at all times is essential to keeping these facilities truly public.
Always a good idea to include those who are motivated and involved in the sport in the decision making process.
Not sure the financial cost and benefit of this.
More bureaucracy
SPR staff who don’t play either sport lack practical perspective, and it shows in the strategy drafts. SPR should partner with advisory groups—coaches, league organizers, teaching pros, and neighborhood reps—who bring real world insight. Early involvement would surface feasibility issues, reduce frustration, and produce policies grounded in how courts actually function.
Seems the advisors that were in place were already heavily skewed to one side.
The meetings have been a top down approach with listening to feedback but no collaboration. Please create space for questions and answers.
Depends on the groups used
As long as the advisory groups have vocal representation from BOTH sports then yes.
please don't seed the advisory group with national USTA input, should be kept at local level.
It's a good idea in theory but unfortunately, this process has become highly politicized. Where would these representatives come from? who would select them?
It will be easier to make decisions with a smaller group of people. Discussing the issues will also be easier with a smaller group.
When they are pickleball players they can work together
both pickleball and tennis advisory groups equally weighted for input would be ok.
Just make sure there is equal representation for all sports, but mainly pickleball and tennis. Engage the active members of the USTA and SMPA.
You need to also involve people from the pickleball community in this instead of just tennis association
Up until now , tennis players have dominated the advisory boards for racquet sports . Given the number of players for pickleball and that it's the fastest growing sport across all age groups , pickleball players should have seats on the board along with seattle metro pickleball association representatives .
I would have to know what type of individuals would be included in the advisory group in order to make a better decision as to whether I would support that or not

YES!!! Who else but those affected should make the rules! 2-3 participants from each sport /per court, then 1 per court, then area to a system wide board. There is a strong perception that the people making the decisions are using outdated data and have never left their "Ivory Tower" to see how things are really working.
Must be equal partnerships with clear and specific outcomes.
It is not clear what this would look like. Cannot support or oppose something that is so unclear.
Outreach groups as they are simply exist to provide a defacto veto to wealthy and connected individuals
This would make things unnecessarily complicated. People can work it out amongst themselves. Tennis players reserve court's. Pickleball players generally do not. When someone indicates they have reserved a tennis court (2 pickleball courts) 6 pickleball players will step off the court and help the tennis players move the pickleball net.
Depends on the advisory group. Folks will never trust feedback coming from outside consultants/groups like USTA & USAPB. SPR needs to create an advisory bd of trusted reps appointed by the local PB & tennis communities to guide its decisionmaking. A bd w/ 2 reps from SMPA, 2 reps from local tennis, & a community rep will have far more credibility than any advisor SPR partners w/ on its own. The devil is in the details & a legit advisory bd needs to have input on those details to assure
My support depends on who is getting picked to be on the advisory boards! Will low income, queer, occasional users be represented?
That really depends on who is in the advisory group and how those individuals are chosen. Given the track record of SPR, I would not particularly trust SPR to choose a balanced advisory group.
Not sure what the makeup of advisory groups would be. Would there be one advisory group including pickleball, tennis, and neighborhood reps, or competing advisory groups from each constituency?
Depends on how fair advisory board is split. There are WAY more pickleball players than tennis players
Absolutely! An equal number of people to represent both sports would be helpful. I think at this point, the USTA appears to have a heavy-handed influence on decision making. How about asking pickleball pro organizations (PPA, APP or MLP) to advise and contribute?
The function/role of the Advisory Groups needs to be clearly defined.
An advisory group that is unknown to casual PB players but known to entrenched PB or Tennis players seems like a recipe for more NIMBY behavior from people trying to gatekeep courts for themselves.
As long as the representation is equivalent from both tennis and pickleball communities. And that the charter enforcements that the advisory group serves to promote parity. Essentially no lobbyists or people who have an agenda should be on the advisory board.
Sideout pickleball
Who would be the advisory group. You would need to include SMPA in all discussions about pickleball changes
More feedback sounds like a good idea
SPR has not consulted with advisory groups that represent pickleball and must to ensure a strategy that balances resources for both pickleball and tennis players instead of dividing them and obviously favoring tennis players. SPR had an opportunity to proactively consult with the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association (SMPA) but failed to do so. This is a big part of why the SPR's strategies are ineffective and completely biased against pickleball.
In theory it sounds helpful, but I would need more information about these "advisory groups"
SMPA should be included as an advisory group.
I hope that advisory groups do not include industry groups, but rather just community. Industry groups can be well funded lobbying efforts that don't really serve our community.
I played a lot of Pickleball in Magnolia as well as tennis. I've never seen any issues between the two and it has worked well to keep the courts sufficiently used throughout the week by allowing both types of players to play at all times at all times.

It's a good idea, exept if it gets corrupted by insiders loading up the advisory groups with members who skew the recommendations toward either sport.
I believe the tennis associations have had an over sized amount of influence when working with Seattle Parks. With the surging popularity of Pickleball, I might suggest any advisory groups be evenly split.
Make sure players do pb and tennis are on the committee Let them make the decision not faculty
Question is super vague. What is considered as an advisory group? What is their motive? Are they an active part of the community? Do they know these parks and its usages? Work with the people in the community rather than folks far removed
There appears to be a strong tennis bias in SPR. It's my understanding that the pickleball community wasn't represented in discussions regarding the proposed new policy. Also, apparently, the USTA influenced SPR's decision. We need advisory input from both sides.
Why an advisory group when we've all, meaning the pickleball and tennis folks, have been getting along when we encounter each other on the courts? It seems like a huge waste of resources.
I would support, so long as no new taxes are implemented to do this. SPR has plenty of funding that is not being spent properly as it is. For example, far more money is spent on parks in wealthy neighborhoods than poorer ones.
It should be a group that does in-depth evaluation of the facilities and use. It should be group that is not biased to any particular sport, and provide input on repair of the courts, the impact of noise, and identification of new courts.
I think SMPA and also informal community organizers from each current informal hub court.
Seattle Metro Pickleball Association
Not sure what or who the advisory group would include, but I think SPR needs input from actual players.
An advisory group needs to include folks from Pickleball (SMPA) and Tennis plus volunteers who play from each group.
Seattle Pickleball Association
My hesitation with advisory groups is that for some reason tennis has had more sway even though use is so much lighter. The Lincoln Park courts on Fauntleroy were stopped by some tennis interests that have sway with Parks. And then the terrible idea of putting the courts inside the park was hammered through before people spoke out. There’s a broken trust.
Advisory groups have worried me in the past, when the loudest voice wins. Or the Advisory group picked seems one sided. That would be my only worry about having one. If it is fairly / evenly weighted with proof of what they are seeing, then yes, I think it would be good.
I'm not sure if that would work. As of right now we are having to advocate for Pickleball with so much energy to keep what we have. It feels like there is additional backing for SPR to promote tennis, i.e. USTA. I feel and believe that this is having a negative impact on our ability to communicate and cooperate.
It depends on who the advisory group would be. They would need to be people from the community who play pickleball. Unless you play the sport you don't understand the culture of how it is played.
I don’t know what you mean by advisory groups
Just make sure all stakeholders are represented.
Only if set up to help collaborate not create unnecessary delay
I heard that you consulted with USTA in formulating your plan. That seems unfair to me
Listen to the people that are using the facilities but also have a parks representative that can independently verify what is being said. Or put cameras at the facilities so the parks department can monitor usage.

To facilitate decision making, we must collect data on how courts are being used. This takes time and people to accomplish. Having advisory committees could facilitate data collection and ensure that SPR has balanced input and representation to make decisions that best serve the needs of all users of these facilities. We love having these play areas available so these decisions are very important and should be usage driven.
Let’s talk Let’s work together
SPR needs to dialogue with the community. When they announced at the meeting in April that their number were based on reservations - and NOT actual play time - it was obvious that a breakdown like that creates totally false data bases. let's work together to find solutions based on the simple facts, not on some supposed fiction. Advisory groups provide the kind of dialogue we need going forward.
The word on the street is the USTA is the muscle behind the changes. The first plan offered by Seattle Parks seemed to confirmed their influence as it heavily favored tennis, which does not serve diverse groups of people the way pickleball does. So I'm skeptical of outside influence.
Advisory groups should be based on sports and be an odd number. If a decision can't be made, a third party (hence an odd number) should make the choice.
SPR needs to hear more from impacted constituencies. SPR would never have come up with its RSS proposal if it had consulted the picklball community first.
You need people that understand the sports and what impacts decisions being recommended have.
You already have Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, SMPA. I am sure there exists some similar tennis advocacy group. You should use these groups, and LISTEN to them.
I think it is more important to analyze who is really using the courts and how the most people will be accommodated. Pickleball is for everyone tennis is more exclusive.
If advisory groups are representative of percentage usage of each sport that could work
I dont support having locations with special designations (e.g. hubs, split use schedule). So advisory groups are unnecessary.
No idea what that is
Involving people who care seems smart.
There is going to be so much bias. Even when courts aren’t being used. I don’t feel confident SPR will be able to actually manage the liaisons
Advisory groups are best equipped to understand the issues and provide informed input to Parks and rec.
Strong advocates for each sport and diversity among the advisors (age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, location, etc.). NO ONE LEFT OUT
Only if the advisory groups are voted in, not appointed, and has equal representation of tennis and pickleball.
Should stay the same as now...first come first serve
I have no knowledge about partnering with advisory groups so a better response for me would be: Not applicable / Unable to answer.
Often à challenge to find neutral, consensus seeking board members
Should be made up from a percentage of the overall user groups. So since there can be 100 pb players for every 10 tennis players, the group should reflect that. It cannot be like United States representation in Congress where people in small states have a ton more power ie WY has 2 Senate seats like CA. It should not be split evenly because there are literally thousands more pb players than
This is SOOOO vague. I do not understand what it means. If an advisory group would help create and post 'rules' for either/or split schedules or Open Play at a given court, to avoid "Lord of The Flies" mentality, then yes, actual physical help at the courts managing the 'plan' would be helpful.
As long as there is an equal representation across sports, i support this. That being said, this should not become a lobbying situation…this should be purely fact based.

Who makes up the advisory board? Seattle does not have a good track record on “lived experience “ boards.
No strong feelings either way about this as long as it’s fair to both sides.
I think it's important that all voices are heard from both the tennis and pickleball community and that there is representation for all.
Yes, there are groups like the SMPA that are in touch with the large community of pickleball players. They should be part of the process.
I think we often see this occurring unofficially and it is helpful to players. Also have these advisory groups may help SPR be more informed and ease the tension between the constituents.
One more layer of bureaucracy
I would support this if you gave equal voice to the pickleball board and tennis board. Currently it appears SPB only listens to the tennis board and infact kept that a secret.
This could be a good idea, but it's very important to understand who would be in these advisory groups, what their vision is, and what the transparency would be?.
Depends entirely on who sits on the "advisory group."
Equal representation would be my concern. There seems to be a bias towards tennis and they just aren’t out there playing at any of the courts I frequent.
Because you were craming your plans through of trying to eliminate 36 pickleball courts i no longer trust this committee. I have been playing pickleball since march 2026 . Have played at alki, cpurts across from lincoln park and delridge. Have only seen 3 tennis players. Stuies have shown pickleball is growing at a fastwr rate than tennis. After tennis players can no longer play tennis due to shoulder injuries they play pickleball. Most pickleball players come from tennis after injuries.
Definitely, any group that can facilitate protocol or field complaints is good
SPR currently has Ambassadors. I am familiar with the one at Miller and that seems to go over well.
- Advisory groups should not be involved in enforcement. - SPR's Advisory groups are pro forma: they don't have any power at all.
These advisory groups could quickly become political with representatives favoring one sport over the other.
Sounds like a good idea to head off problems.
The advisory groups should be representative of the players using any given court. So pickleball only courts should have only pickleball players on the committee, etc
Place proper signage and communication. Micro managing some sport activities and not others is discriminatory.
My only concern would be that advisory groups are often just for show. I would ask that SPR be completely transparent with the advisory group regarding data, stakeholder input, citizen complaints,
It would be helpful to have more transparency and partnership to make sure all groups are represented in future strategy work.
N/A
Be sure the group represents both sports and is diverse both in district rep and gender/racial diversity
Input from people who play tennis and pickleball will be key to equitable and harmonious play
I would need more information on structure and scope of advisory groups. I prefer SPR just look at the many studies and data provided indicating pickleball is a much more popular sport and needs to be a higher priority.
What authority and responsibility would these groups have?
Seems like you should have included smpa in the initial discussions. As long as the advisory groups are represented by all stakeholders then I support the groups but if it is only represented by one group, I strongly oppose
One should allowed to use any unused court and not be denied te opportunity for play just because of a posted rigid schedule.

Advisory groups would be active tennis/pickleball groups/members that have a connection to the neighborhoods and utilizes courts where SPR is proposing changes
YES, if that advisory group is SMPA. SMPA was NOT consulted in the initial drafting of the court plans, resulting in this large mess in the first place. PLEASE begin to involve the SMPA in all further plans going forward so that they can properly advocate for pickleballers and provide the society with the necessary data they need to make decisions
You should have advisory groups from whoever uses the groups to make sure all voices are heard.
I think the best plan would be to open up more courts to dual use play, with fewer dedicated tennis courts, with reservations, and protect some courts for first come/first serve or mix-in play.
This should have been your very first step! I want an advisory group that would be made up of both racquet sports to review your second proposal BEFORE making it permanent. Then yes, after that an advisory board helping to manage the complaints and even enforce rules is perfect At the first presentations you mentioned complaints were a main reason for this new proposal. The complaints have to be far fewer than the number of people who happily play both sports on a regular basis.
This is so vague as to it's details and impact, I can't support. Special interest groups should have no role in setting court rules. The rules should be set to serve the actual public best use.
Yes, we need communication with SPR. SPR seems very out of the loop on pickleball needs in Seattle.
Not 100percent clear on how these would operate, so difficult to provide specific input.
So many times it seems like the park dept. operates in a vacuum. Working with the actual people who use the space seems avisory.
The danger here is if the members of the compliance group become too self empowered. Is there an appeal level that complaints about the compliance people can route to?
Advisory groups must require equal numbers of diverse pickleball and tennis advisors, they must have 100% equal voices and votes, and should be people of balanced and diverse experience levels in their sport from professional to intermediate (not lawyers or lobbyists) - NO money / lobbying should be allowed to drive influence or decisions.
We could have meetings once a month to see how things are working. Then make changes if needed!
It should have an equal number of pickleball and tennis players
Only support if there is proper representation for all interested parties and they are chartered to find solutions that are player based.
Could be bias if we have third parties but we also need to keepmyall in check since I've attended the meetings and it was clear the incentives were to take courts away for the Seattle School systems since the city had an obligation to give them court space
I don’t fully understand this question.
I don't know what advisory groups are... If it's like the USTA and SPMA then HECK NO! Feedback should be from PEOPLE not organizations. Organizations always have ulterior motives that don't serve the public's best intentions
A board of people who are active in the community to help advise seems like an easy decision and keeps the issues relevant.
I am not sure what that means. Does it take out getting public input? Could the advisory group be heavily weighted towards tennis or pickleball? It already feels like the city is weighted towards the tennis side of things.
QR codes posted at the venues could be used, whereby the players login their attendance in order to gather voluntary data, with little effort on the part of SPR.
If you are going to have rules, someone needs to enforce them or you shouldn't bother. An advisory group sounds like a good plan
Rather than "advisory" groups, perhaps if you had an even number of volunteer actual racquet sports players come to the table to work out their own grievances to share courts without restrictions on either side you may get more of a compromising mutual respect regarding agreed upon court usage.

I would want reps from the Pickleball and Tennis communities in this "advisory" group. My impression is that the opinions being express are a bit one sided.
Seems like the city can manage this. Set rules. Most people follow the rules.
It’s not clear to me what this question is really asking nor what the pros or cons would be.
Just as with anything, it will depend on the individuals in the advisory group. If they are biased toward one sport or another, or just feel the need to exert their power, it could create an unwelcoming environment to a public space.
As long as these advisory groups take input from community members and various groups (youth, seniors, etc).
I oppose because there isn't enough information on how people would be chosen for such groups.
How will you ensure that advisory groups represent the voice of the community? Will they be nominated and voted for by the community or designated?
I fully support using advisory groups as long as they are representative of their communities and not just chosen by SPR.
If advisory groups are dominated by tennis interests, it seems unfair. You need to survey actual court usage during various times of year.
Slower decision-Making, Complicates operations rather than simplify them. Administrative Costs - organizing, staffing, and running these groups takes time and money. These funds could be used for direct facility management or compliance training. Committees may only represent a vocal few instead of the whole community. This can lead to planning that ignores the broader public interes
Yes to partnership. No decisions should be made on players behave without players opinion!
This would depend on the advisory group and ensuring that all interests are equally represented and protected.
I am concerned that only tennis advisory groups will be used, tennis has a LOT of money. Pickleball is not wealthy & doesnt have as many advocates.
I have some concerns that it will create unnecessary delays in decision making.
Would need more info!
When decisions made by SPR affects such a large group of people, public input (advisory boards) are a must. It was verry disappointing that SPR did not take that approach when deciding to take away PB courts when they had no clue how many people would be affected. This was done ass-backwards. Community input should have been obtained first before SPR came up with it's plan.
My experience with the Green Lake group has been 100% positive. Excellent idea.
I'd rather this stay a public process than put decision making power into the hands of a few who I don't know/trust to make well informed decisions. Especially not after the initial plan outlined - y'all burned bridges & there's no trust for the Seattle Parks department right now.
There has to be equal representation between Pickleball and Tennis players, not just Tennis.
SMPA
People are adults and this is a public park. Do we need a committee to regulate when you can play catch in a field? Seems like a ridiculous lack of problem-solving skills and entitlement. Neutral answer because I understand that sometimes people do not act reasonably or rationally.
Only if SPR will deal openly and transparently with advisory groups. Communication goes two ways.
YES! Please work with Seattle Metro Pickleball Association on future strategy and problem solving. It's absurd that SPR didn't work with SMPA to inform the initial strategy. You could have avoided months of issues if SPR had worked with advisory groups from the beginning.
I don't understand the question
Great idea to maintain a strong workflow between the players who use the courts often and the city, who manages the court.
How are these groups devised. There isn’t a lot of trust right now. So, the advisory groups need to comprised of parties representing both sports.

Seattle Metro Pickleball Assn was not engaged by SPR to the run up of the draft strategy...why? We depend upon SMPA....if you can't even reach out to the largest advisory group how in heavens name will we ever hear from disparate neighborhood advisors? I move around to several community courts...how will I ever meet local partners/advisors? Please scrap this idea.
A equal partnership between pickleball and tennis to help determine the use per public court.
I support using advisory groups as long as the persons selected to be on the groups meet a pre-established list of criteria (actual players that frequently/currently play in their community, that represent the different needs of their community - tennis/pickleball/both, open play/reservations/both, working professionals/retirees/kids, etc.)
SMPA is best group to identify members representing pickleball
I would need to understand more about these advisory groups to form a solid opinion.
I'm not sure what this means. but it sounds like asking people in the community to be responsible for inadequacies in the Park's facilities, management, and policies.
This seems like blame shifting. Who is vetting who gets hired? How is it being funded? I'd rather spend parks funds In equipment and court maintenance than consultants
I would be interested to be part of the advisory board
My support is conditioned on how the advisory groups are designated. Favoritism towards tennis-affiliated groups should not occur (important given SPR's historic preference for tennis over pickleball).
Advisory groups representing tennis and pickleball could be a very good way for continued open communication and collaboration. Get ahead of issues before they become larger issues.
don't want the groups to be the only voices
Get with organized with tennis groups and pickleball groups to discuss how to maximize limited
I think it will be helpful to have advisory groups to consult and partner with SPR.
It depends. Parks has had all this overwhelming input that they have ignored. It's the behavior and bias of the Parks Department and not the advice given that's the issue here
Things are working fine as they are.
As long as the advisory groups were truly equitable in terms of representation and were drawing from people in the actual community who play the sports, I think that could be fine.
Having groups of people from the community who represent larger communities give input on vision and plans sounds like a great idea to me
Collaboration is always good
Y'all need more community involvement. This whole project clearly demonstrates that you are misusing city resources to develop plans that the public strongly opposes. A partnership group would help with mitigating the strongly opposition by mitigating bad planning decisions before being introduced to the public
SPR needs a way to enforce whatever rules are imposed. Perhaps advisory boards would be helpful with this.
SPR seems to be biased against pickleball and the USTA seems to be well funded to influence Seattle and other public sector orgs. The advisory groups should have strong representation from both spots. I play both sports.
Again, this assumes you are moving forward with a plan to change current usage…before you have identified any issues that need to be addressed. What issues are you trying to address? This survey seems to be a solution looking for a problem. What problem are we trying to address? How would advisory groups help? What advisory groups might play a role in this? You don't answer any of these questions. This is a hammer in search of anything that looks like a nail.

I play both tennis and Pickleball. It is unconscionable how slanted toward tennis the advisory boards have been leaning. Is SPR receiving funding from big tennis? :)
It would all depend on the equity of representation in such a group, and if their input is actually valued.
each court should have a advisory group that has balanced membership to manage what is best for that court.
Sounds kind of unneccersay and expensive and could potentially be biased against pickleball.
Involving the community is important, I like this idea
I wanted to add on the split scheduling question that I strongly support the idea of shared courts. It is sad to go by unused tennis courts and think how useful they could be!!
I think having a group made up of diverse community members (tennis and pickleball players) would be beneficial.
Get people involved who actually use the courts and understand the problems and actually are aware of what courts are being used and not used
All volunteer (non-compensated in any way), equally-balanced groups from all paddle / racquet groups.
As long as they use common sense and use judgement in when to bend the rules. AND they provide feedback quickly to update rules that need changing. We have to be able to adjust the rules as people settle into them and the new locations this forces them to play at.
There needs to be a verity of people on the board to represent all parties. Someone with knowledge of each sport and how it works
Yes, great opportunity for community involvement to have lived experience and community driven solutions.
I support advisory groups because they provide a collaborative way for players, neighbors, and SPR to work together on long-term planning, improve communication, and help ensure policies are applied consistently and fairly.
It just makes sense to have well educated members for both pickleball and tennis
The advisory group should be composed of unbiased people from both the tennis and pickleball communities. Initially, I was part of an advisory group that leant more to the tennis community 4 to 1 (meaning the other people of the committee played both PB and tennis but were still pro-tennis). I have since left that group but recommended replacement individuals which has more equally balanced the equation.
You would have to assure me that there was equal representation from Pickleball and tennis and the city for this to be fair and support everybody’s needs.
I don't know if advisory groups have been helping so far, but seems to me they've had it all wrong. In other words, if SPR has not been using advisory groups yet, then YES, I fully support.
I’m not sure what an advisory group would look like. Are these paid positions?
These courts belong to the community. We don’t want any mediators in between who might have their own hidden agendas
They should be aware of the enormous popularity of pickleball. We can use quiet racquets if
Transparent partnership with advisory groups will allow decisions to better represent diverse communities
By nature, advisory groups better understand the issues and dynamics than park service staff and are better positioned to creatively negotiate effective outcomes; park service plan an essential intermediary role

There has been a full on court press from the tennis group to shut the pickleball group down. If tennis were to understand that there are more active pickleball players than tennis players there could be an advisory group that could make a difference...but that is a big "if".
Only if objective data is used to measure how the courts are being used by Seattle residents.
Advisory groups could go a long way to establishing optimal norms at courts.
Depends on how much impact the advisory group will have relative to its playing population size. And how that advisory group is actually created in the first place.
Beware of private pickle clubs manipulating any future arrangement.
I'm assuming this would be voluntary unpaid work for the people participating, which normally excludes minority groups
You need to make sure your advisory groups are not just stacked with Kenneth people. So think about groups like diversity and inclusion in Pickleball, and women's Pickleball groups as well. Pickleball is so accessible to women and low income populations whereas tennis is not.
Seattle Metro Pickleball Association was the first member organization to work in a dedicated role to assist with incorporating pickleball courts into the hard surface courts use in Seattle. SPR Had successfully ignored the individuals who'd sought something approaching parity amongst the taxpayers who pay for courts, for their maintenance. Definitely having advisory groups with some accountability and access to SPR and the Parks Board might help.
This just makes it easier to bubble up concerns and good feedback.
It works now, why change this
Advisory groups should be unbiased or, at least, represented by all interested parties.
I was on the original advisory group with SPR that began in 2018. You need people on the group who play both tennis and pickleball at a high level and understand the needs of both groups.
The advisory groups would need to have representatives from pickleball and tennis to give a voice to both.
I don't know what that means
The advisory groups need to undertake a study of the actual numbers who are currently using the outdoor courts. SPR has this on indoor courts. Then, they can decide the makeup of advocates on the advisory panel.
hmm - committees can just be a bureaucratic layer of nothing
Since being on the board of directors for SMPA in the past, SPR has ALWAYS put up walls for the growth of pickleball and trying to partnership with them is somewhat futile since it is a government run organization and nothing will happen or they will fight us the whole way.
With no detail about how the advisory groups would be established or what their role would be it is difficult to decide on this question. Seattle Parks & Recreation organization should not make decisions on how community resources are used without including extensive input from the community. Obviously the best course of action is to spend taxpayer dollars on building more courts asap. This will improve the quality of life in the Seattle community.
Just build pickleball courts. Why so much bureaucracy
Only would support balanced advisory group. Current SPR group is skewed to support tennis.
Seattle Pickleball Association is a great rep for the pickleball community
Let people be people and stop giving power to "groups" or "committees"
I support advisory groups. However there is a level of transparency which must be established in order to evaluate the difference between advisory and advocacy. For instance you do not have to dig very deep into the USTA website before encountering their description of grants provided to various entities to promote "access". There also needs to be transparency around groups who seek access in support of their livelihoods. Like Instructors who teach and charge while using SPR property.
My support depends upon the details of proposed advisory group structure and composition.

Yes, as long as USTA is not an advisory group since they have already shown they will happily corrupt the process to eliminate pickleball. They don't care about community and people they only care about tennis availability as it effects their bottom line.
Both tennis and pickleball representatives need to be at the table for discussions. They bring knowledge of their sport that non players don’t understand
The advisory groups should represent stakeholders fairly and equitably.
Advisory groups seem like a good idea in theory. My only reservation is that those with money/power often get heard more. I would hope that these advisory groups would help improve access instead of limiting it.
Advisory groups makes sense in theory, but given how botched the Racket Sports plan was, and out of touch Seattle Parks has been with what's happening in its city in regards to the extremely high demand for public pickleball courts, I don't really trust Seattle's ability to fill the advisory board with the right people.
Again, as long as its fair, I think an advisory group would allow voices to be heard from both pickleball and tennis players
I suppose. Again.... why?
Facilitating collaboration is the proper use of an advisory board. Asking them to police compliance is counter to collaboration.
If they are truly members of the community and not puppet-heads.
Like any group, it would depend on the goodwill of the people appointed. It actually sounds like more trouble than it would be worth as SPR would have to expend resources managing it.
If you do groups, I would hope you make them representative-not all people who are tennis or pickleball pros.
These groups can be bias to one type of play versus another or their “click” of people. Make it less complicated and let people book online and insure they have a court
Before I try to contact SPR for a problem with court reservation but never received any response from SPR employees. If you want to create an advisory group, please make sure they are non-biased and really do the job.
It depends how these groups are formed, what are the qualifications to be in a group, how transparent would their work be
The Question is unintelligible. But if you’re asking, if you should have people from both tennis and Pickleball to advise yes.
so long as these groups are chosen by the community and not by SPR
Just being honest here, but it seems that for years SPR has been listening almost entirely to the concerns of the tennis community. I fear that any advisory board would be stacked with tennis advocates at the expense of Pickleball so I would oppose the use of these boards unless both sides were verifiably equally represented.
would depend on who was on them—could create bias if not truly representative
I don't really understand who or what the advisory group is.
These questions are confusing..
Depends who the representatives are
Seattle Metro Pickleball should be selected as a potential advisory group.
Knowing nothing about what would be an advisory group, it is hard to know if they will represent most court users.
More input never hurts.
Describe the advisory group composition and procedure. Can’t answer the question without more info.
Groups/people will have their own agendas. Better to get feedback directly from the public with focus groups, surveys, etc.
Without a clear idea of who these advisory groups are I'm unwilling to support whole heatedly

I appreciate the idea, but I am wary of the large impact the advisory groups could have on the vibe at the courts when enforcing policies
As long as this group has representatives of each group I would be in favor. However, if only one side is represented, results will be skewed
We don't want "citizen police" letting power go to their heads or people targeting one sport over another based on their personal stance. I could see this going awry quickly. Self-policing by the court communities would be more effective IMO
An advisory group should include people with different perspectives, including nearby residents, tennis players, pickleball players, and Parks representatives. It is important that the group be balanced and that all members are willing to listen respectfully to concerns from others.
I oppose this because I fear that such advisory groups will be dominated by the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, a powerful group which greatly outnumbers other interests such as nearby residents like
Advisory groups shouldn’t be giving equal weight to tennis groups who barely use the courts. This was the case well before pickleball became popular!
More groups monitoring one another, are you kidding me! We've been figuring it out for 5 years. One you all get some rules posted for pickleball, like all the tennis courts have had forever, we'd all be on the same page. As it is now, community leaders have come forward at most popular sites, to help manage the growth, coordinate player behavior, and listen and grow as needs changed at site. For example, Greenlake is a stacking, open play site, with reservations not fitting in with the culture.
I'm not sure if citizens should be in roles of policing, because as seen in Stanford prison experiment, giving such authority to random people can change behaviors of those people for the worse.
It feels like you want this group to police the rules.. I wish you would engage local advisory groups to plan and assess solution to the local problem instead of using them to enforce rules that they were not part of crafting.
It's a problem that decision-makers and staff do not play either sport and do not have experience with the issues.
If the advisory group includes the players that use the courts.
I think it is horrible and a conflict of interest that Seattle Parks and Rec consulted with USTA to formulate its plan. This is a blatant conflict of interest
Who will be on this advisory board? The question is vague and there is little detail on how it will work.
I’m not fir big bureaucracy, especially if it costs money to pay the advisors
As long as the advisory groups are not composed of mostly folks on the tennis board. Since pickle ball is quite new to the scene compared to tennis I feel there are more as many as advisors as of yet compared to tennis

Q4: To provide more dedicated pickleball courts sooner, do you support the creation of new pickleball courts wherever it is feasible and safe, even if the court(s) provided cannot meet regulation standards, but still facilitate recreational and communal play? This assumes that designated hub locations will be spread throughout the city and meet regulation standards.
(Optional) Please provide additional feedback about designing and implementing non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts.
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
Reservations can be a mixed bag depends on how user friendly the system is. Seattle P and R is NOT and needs work.
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
Allowing reservtaions for coaches and clincis should be permitted
I don't think there should be any location completely dedicated to open play, etc
Basic measures should be taken to ensure existing facilities are safe for players. Address cracks, etc.
Yes- but need equity for both sports
Prioritize fixing/repairing the current courts for all sports using the courts.
too vague
What does not meet requlation mean?
There needs to be sure there is an equity in number of courts. Same number of pickleball courts as tennis!
Is lighting not cheaper than building new courts?
Feasible and safe but not regulation? Explain
NO pickleball in Cal Anderson Park EVER.
Non regulation??
Why would I want to play on a non-reg court? NO
Pickleball is an easy sport to play for older adults and young people. I'm 71, my grandaughter is 13 years old.
Meet the standards! Don't be dolts about safety.
We are social players and competitive players. Regulation courts!
Why would you create any non-regulation site courts??? Dumb question
This is the only option based on both sports demand
Different size courts are hard to play on. All courts should be same size.
Courts should be regulation for safety as well as competitive play.
Only if it's safe for players and pedestrians (unlike mapleleaf)
Court facilities whether for tennis or pickleball should be standard size. Small courts impact the quality of play and enjoyment.
Yes - but only in locations that cause no noise nuisance for park goers or residents.
Tennis players have an indoor, tax payer funded a city-run indoor facility - Amy Lee TC - pickleball is missing that resource. Tennis and PB must have equal opportunities. As we learned in Brown v. Board of education (1954), separate is NOT equal. Not all court resources are equally good in terms of accessibility quality of courts/parking Amy Lee is dedicated to tennis. Community centers' indoor courts have multiple lines - which is confusing and not the same quality as Amy Yee.
I feel like a lot of people answered this before the presentation and may have misundertood this
Support only multi-use sport sport courts for the people of Seattle.
SURVEY RESPONSES

Ridiculous
Non regulation? Pickleball is actually a sport with rules. The question is offensive
Yes, but with caveat that playing surface is important and that these courts should not be considered equal to other courts in terms of planning capacity. For example, Maple Leaf pickleball courts are on asphalt. I don't know any tennis courts which are on a similar surface. For planning purposes these courts should receive a multiplier in terms of capacity based on the deficiency (eg: 0.75 because not enough room on edge, 0.5 because of asphalt surface, etc.)
Absolutely support. I don’t even think our current courts are regulation grade and we make do with them
Pickle ball is so popular, that it's difficult for tennis players to find open tennis courts. Providing more playable courts for Pickle ball makes sense. It was after all invented on a home driveway.
Most players don’t care about precise following of court size regulations.
You tell the tennis players the same thing. And how do you propose the minor discrepancies in a non-regulation court...will the sides be inches away from the fences...will the back line be 2 feet away from wall or fence?
I don't know what non regulation courts means. What would be different from a regulation court? If the courts would be a different size, then no I don't support it.
A temporary solution is sometimes a needed band-aid and sometimes an invitation to neglect pursuit of the sustainable solution.
It all depends on what regulations are not being complied with. Case in point - the existing courts at Magnuson Park. Does SPR consider these courts currently suitable for pickleball despite having severely cracked surfaces that make them virtually unplayable? Would you ask tennis players to play there?
Safety is a priority! Current courts aren’t maintained as well as they should be which contributes to falls from the sand! This is estate at Whale Tail park where they closed the courts for cleaning on 7/7-7/8. They did a terrible job! The drains are plugged and there is sand and dirt all over! It’s very slick as a result! And their power washing pushed all sorts of stuff onto the sidewalks and high they just left. It’s still a mess!
I am in favor of a compromise, like the City provide court space and no nets, so that individuals could bring their own personal nets
It’s the fastest growing sport look at your statistics who’s playing who’s not let the people wanna play play and let the people that wanna cry cry we can all get in their play. Have fun and get along.
Pickleball needs to be recognized as a legit sport that has standard court size. I don't understand why Seattle is trying to get rid of pickleball when so many communities (Bend OR, La Quinta CA, etc.) are embracing and are very supportive. It great community activity for all ages.
You should also make tennis courts comply with those same rules!
should be regulation size as much as possible
I get trying to facilitate more play, but if folks are playing random non regulation lines, is it really still the same sport?
There should be every where
Pickleball courts need to be regulation.
There should not be dangerous grass intrusion or broken pavement on the surface. Otherwise yes
Does this mean smaller courts or ineffective surfaces? I'm not following.
I do not play pickleball and primarily play tennis, but I appreciate that pickleball has encouraged more people to go outside and be active. I have no stake in the noise impact or internal conflicts between pickleball players over open vs reservation play.
Non regulation courts should not replace available double use courts
Money and effort should be spent to do things correctly. If non regulation courts can be placed without impact to placing regulation courts, then it is fine, but it should not be seen as a solution.

Why isn't having non-regulation tennis courts an option since the fast-growing sport is pickleball in our town.
None.
Keep the courts as they are, but do work to resurface them soon. Pickleball is not just played inside the lines any longer. Work to find your locations for dedicated pickleball courts with the required space allowed, start building them and when close to complete, then and only then can you look to separate the two sports. Seattle has a very long history of saying they will do something, while taking away access in the process, and then cowtow to pressure from outside groups.
I think courts facing north south is pretty important.
most of the pickleball players are playing recreationally so more courts would be great.
Pickleball courts should be standard, regulation size with proper net height, etc.
Somewhat support, but “1/2-court” pickleball doesn’t make sense like half-court basketball does
it's a waste of money to simply plop down asphalt and a net of random dimensions and pretend Seattle is supporting pickleball. stop that nonsense.
Would need more information to understand what about the court is not regulation standard.
Neutral, want to learn more about how these could be designed to minimize conflict among groups and players. Especially entitled elderly whites and coaches/trainers
Courts should be regulation and more efforts should be made to identify places that work - not dumb down the game.
I support expanding access, but I don't want Seattle to create lower-quality facilities that become the permanent standard. What does this mean, "cannot meet regulation standards." Is there a plan being created a to when these designs and implementation will be actioned and completed?
As a pickleball player who opposed courts at Lincoln Park, I believe there is a time and place for pickleball. I think there should be equal access to courts but not at the expense of wildlife and places as pristine as Lincoln Park. I als think non-regulation courts are fine, with so many casual players, I think access to learn and play is priority over regulation courts.
The more the better
Pickleball is incredibly popular and I would absolutely support more courts to better meet demand, even if those are just for rec play and not suitable by regulation standards
Depends where and how many. I would not want to disrupt quiet neighborhoods or take away green spaces.
More courts are great but they need to be very close to regulation and safe to play - safe to play being most important.
As long as regulation pickleball courts are not sacrificed and SPR says, "you have x number of courts" even though the majority are not regulation.
Lines will get sprayed and nets will be placed regardless of speed of implementation or compliance
It depends on which aspect is "non-regulation." This would be a great question for pickleball advisory groups. Certain aspects are more important for play - ie: space behind the back line being 10 ft. And other aspects are less important, like court surface material.
Some courts are better than none
Yes please, more pickleball courts are needed in Seattle, as soon as possible. There is so much pickleball demand that people are queuing up and waiting 45 minutes between games during peak periods, in hubs like Green Lake.
Not sure what “feasible location” means or implies. (Lincoln park- NO)
They should be regulation size, feasible and safe.

yes this is the highest played sport on all courts and Seattle is the slowest state and city to adapt to this growth which is very upsetting since we are the state and closest metropolitan city to the inventtion of the sport instead of leading the charge for pickleball we have lagged behind every city and state who does not have the connection to pickleball that we do.
I'm not sure what this would actually look like.
As long as courts have proper lining and net height
Why should pickleball have to settle for non standardized courts? Tennis is not being asked to make this compromise. Seattle needs courts that meet the sport's requirements.
Pickleball is popular
As long as SPR is NOT taking away existing tennis courts or lowering repair/maintenance to those tennis courts. Thanks!
I think the courts should follow regulation size etc
I'm open to this, but can't fully support without knowing what "not meeting regulation standards" actually means. Some minimums are non-negotiable to me: correct court dimensions and clearly painted boundary lines, so play is safe and real. I'd support flexibility on things like premium surfacing, permanent nets, or fencing—but not on size or basic markings. Please define exactly which standards would be relaxed and which are guaranteed. With that clarity, I'd likely support it.
If the courts are basically the same then sounds good
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
What do you mean about non-regulation? That depends. We need proper space and surface for pickleball players otherwise it becomes dangerous for the players and I don't think that's a good idea.
I have a hard time trusting what SPR means by feasible and safe and some of the courts already designated as dedicated pickle ball courts are neither feasible nor safe. I'd like this to be defined more clearly. Two feet of clearance around the courts is not feasible or safe. Sharing the courts with walkers and dogs is not feasible or safe. Surfaces that are not smooth and level are not feasible or safe.
If city can afford building them with or without additional community financial support
Most of the existing courts don't meet regulation standards, so this isn't a departure.
Non regulated dedicated pickleball courts would get used
Don't take tennis courts please
I do not understand the implications of this so I can't really make a decision. What is "non-regulation"?
They need to be the right size and out of bounds areas need to be large enough to avoid injury. Simply having a net isn't enough. Converted tennis courts (1 into 2) would be acceptable in short term. Long term we need to be at parity with the smaller rural communities that surround us. It is truly insane that Mount Vernon, Walla Walla, Redmond all have vastly superior dedicated pickleball facilities.
Regulation pickleball courts should be prioritized
Non-regulation courts should not be included in any total counts of city provided pickleball courts(when attempting to bring parity between tennis only/ pickleball only courts.
Courts should be regulated and conform to standards.
This should not replace any efforts to create designated pickleball courts in the city.
Keep dual usage on all courts. Or put tennis on the new non official courts. Why is pickleball the court being compromised.
Question is worded badly. Why would you be able to make a new pickleball court but not make it regulation? Is it a space issue?

If it’s not regulation size, it sounds like it could be a safety hazard Discovery Park has plenty of room for more Pickleball courts, including covered courts
While a nice idea, I think more thought should go into finding places that would meet regulation standards. As a pickleball player myself, I wouldn't want to play on a smaller court or with less area to move freely. That would translate poorly when playing on a court that is "up to code". Tennis players would be up in arms if they were given a pickleball-sized court with a tennis-sized net to play on "for fun" or drilling.
Again, if the current and seemingly working system continues, I have never heard of pball players lamenting a shortage of courts. Playing at current courts and waiting your turn during busier times seems to be working. Dedicated courts are called businesses that have dues. Community courts should be shared and maximized instead of single-sport use.
Absolutely not. Pickleball courts need to be regulation size and have ample space around them for safety reasons. If you intentionally build a court knowing that there is not enough space to play the sport safely, you are inviting potential lawsuits against the city when someone gets hurt.
I’m a tennis player
Pickleball courts should all be the same - so not clear on what would be non-regulation.
There’s no point in playing a sport if you cannot have regulation court dimensions it’s part of the game who would ever facilitate courts that are not regulation size and makes absolutely no sense
It would severely compromise shifting from non-reg to regulation court layouts.
There have been prior courts formed with irregularities and are unsafe. Do not go down that path.
Pickleball courts do not take up very much room in comparison to tennis courts. Why not have tennis courts that are not regulation? It just seems punitive to turn dual use courts into tennis courts that take up twice as much room as a pickleball court and then give less to pickleballers. Most importantly, it makes it harder to play if you are going back and forth between different court sizes. So no - non-regulation pickleball courts should not be a solution.
Pickleball courts need to be safe but they also must be consistent. I do not support courts that are not regulation sized and lined.
MANY players are never going to compete -- they are just out to have fun
Absolutely not! Why would any pickleball player want to play on a non-reg court? How would you know that you are playing well or poorly? Would a tennis player want to play on a non-reg court? Doubtful! So NO to non-reg courts.
I support this to the extent it allows relocation of pickleball courts from noise-sensitive locations to new ones where noise would not be an impact (especially if it can allow for quicker removal of pickleball from noise-sensitive locations)
I have never heard of any other sport compromising in this way. It’s important for Pickleball players to play on standardized courts if they want to improve their game.
What do you mean, non-regulation? They have to be the right size etc. Don't give pickle-ball players imitation courts!
build baby build
I have played at various levels of courts standards. Really need to know what the issues are meaning space behind baseline and sidelines cant me so tight that people feel they are so boxed in and potentially injuring themselves running into barriers.
if space BETWEEN courts is difficult, that is one issue. But space BEHIND baselines should be regulation, or the courts are not playable
Really depends on how far from regulation the courts end up being.
Pickleball is a fast growing community. The more courts, the better
I could have a more informed opinion about this with more information- will the same number of pickleball courts remain active? Per nieghborhood?

Seattle Parks should prioritize outdoor courts, as they are some of the most valuable spaces since Covid for older adults to socialize and keep healthy- particularly for those living on lower incomes.
Increasing pickleball access quickly would be much better than more slowly providing "perfect" regulation courts.
City of Seattle has already said numerous times they do not have the funds to make a Pickleball only facility anywhere in the city Seattle let alone multiple locations so why is it even being discussed? We must share Pickleball and tennis courts together. You have no funds to do otherwise. The Pickleball lines that the city of Seattle has put down are regulation Pickleball courts. What is this non-regulation dedicated Pickleball courts you speak of?
Overall, having additional courts would be beneficial. Pickleball players range drastically in age. It would be fantastic to have a few covered (open air with a roof) courts in the future. We played at a covered facility in Burlington recently, which was amazing.
As long as the courts have regulation dimensions
how it feels to be playing in such an environment? If safety is not an issue, beginners may not care too much? That is, designate certain courts as beginner courts? (Might need demographic survery for this...)
As with tennis, any all courts should meet the proper regulations to ensure safe playing conditions.
We need lots of them!
I would need to understand how the courts do not meet regulation standards before I could decide if I support this initiative. There are many ways that a court could not meet regulation standards so it needs to be evaluated on a case by case basis.
FIrts thought is, do other sports play on non-regulation spaces? Tennis? No. Soccer? Basketball, yes, certainly. Why should PB be given lesser-quality courts? Perhaps on a temporary basis, however, until SPR can build more regulation courts to catch up to demand, non-regulation courts could be ADDED to the existing number of designated, regulation courts & themselves be considered "beginner/training courts." I am envisioning some with less over-run space around the courts? But what about SAFETY?
The uptick in popularity is being people together and helping people get active. I think it can only strengthen community efforts and ultimately our city.
This is the dumbest idea. Why would you even entertain it?
The more courts we have means more room for a community to thrive and grow.
Difficult to say without knowing what regulations are not being met.
What are "regulation standards"? I don't know what this means the courts would be like to know if I support this or not
Don’t know what you mean by “regulation standards” can you be more clear in what you are trying to ask?
Please more pickleball courts!!! And quality ones where the ground isn’t cracking and unsafe
This is a great idea, most people i know and play with won't care if courts strictly adhere to regulation
This is, frankly, stupid. Pickle ball courts are pretty small as it is (remember 2 PB courts fit into one tennis court). How to improve skills if you aren't using regulation court is something maybe Parks people who have never played PB understand.
What would not-regulation mean. Courts set up that can't really be used? Using basketball courts during off times? Or using unmarked tennis courts?
More options is a good idea
If it is the only practical short-term solution, than sure.
better to invest in regulation standard
Depends on just how much out of regulation. More courts are certainly better but at some point things become unplayable.

It seems like a waste of resources to supply non regulation courts, since once regulation courts are available this becomes dead space.
This question contradict itself. I don't agree with non regulation. The court could be placed on a very small area. Will this also apply to tennis courts? I disagree for both.
Not sure what this means on non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts. Please be specific. As it is, the current courts are in dismal conditions compared to courts in other cities e.g. Renton or Mercer Island. I can't imagine how having lesser quality courts would be a plus.
As long is safety is a priority, I would support the idea.
equitable.
As long as the courts are safe, I would support creating more of them even if they are a little smaller, or are not on regulation surfaces.
Regulation standards are there for a reason and most often it is due to player safety. Not having enough space behind the baseline, playing too close to another court, and cracks in the floor can lead to more injuries. I do strongly support the immediate investment in new courts, especially in Georgetown and South Seattle. I also strongly support the immediate investment in fixing existing courts that have dangerous cracks in the ground, especially at High Point/Walt Hundley, Delridge.
I am not sure what is meant by “not meeting regulation standards”.
Not sure what is meant by regulation standards. Some of the current PB courts are not currently safe like MT Baker and Georgetown because of big cracks in the courts and poor surfaces.
I’m unclear as to the meaning of “regulation standards, but if the courts are basic and safe for recreational play, I support this proposal.
I don’t know what you mean by not meeting standards. The wrong size? The wrong net? Would you consider building tennis courts not to standards?
Not clear what is meant by hub locations or the implication/meaning of non-regulation courts. This needs clarification.
The Belltown street courts are really helpful in propagating pickleball recreation in my neighborhood. Even though these courts are a little slanted and have little backcourt space, it is still fun to play there, and heavily used. Do more of these!
Some people play for fun, and regulations are less important.
I support this for regulation courts.
Unsafe if there isn't enough space to move back or sideways
Not rocket science. Just keep with regulation dual use until you can add new PB courts.
No thoughts
If you decide to create pickleball courts, please keep current courts accessible and free for open play. The community has limited courts already.
What’s the point in creating a Pickleball court that isn’t actually a Pickleball court? That’s like creating a baseball field with only an infield.
I am picturing lines slapped on some terribly surfaced courts, so that I don’t support. I think I would need to see specific locations to make a decision here.
I really think they should all be regulation size,no exceptions
Again, depends. Need more info.
Courts should meet the standards of construction at that time. Would you create tennis courts that are smaller or not enough room to play, or have people walking through them? Open play tennis courts?
The regulations are there for safe play. Don't compromise them and then say you're building where it's safe.
I'm a competitive pickleball player and do not want to play on non-regulation sized courts. But if others would like to have that access, that's fine.

Pickleball is so very popular that Parks should step up and invest in regulation facilities.
There are a lot of recreational players in Seattle who are not looking for courts that are 100% compliant.
I support shared courts
You will get people hurt by building non-standard courts and short baselines. Not to mention the waste of money
All courts should be regulation. The point is we want to play pickleball.
If the Park Department would look at the huge open space on Harbor Ave S.W. and try to take control of some of this space from other city departments, a large number of out of the way courts can be built. The noise factor wouldn't be a problem because no one lives within hearing range. Check it out.
Do it right even if it takes more time.
Keep the pickleball courts where the most pickleball players are.
As is true in tennis, pickleball should be played on regulation sized court. To say otherwise is really treating pickleball as a second class sport.
What's the point of playing on non-regulation courts? Do tennis players want to play on non-regulation courts? Think about what you're proposing.
What do you mean by not meeting regulation standards? The courts should be regulation dimensions. The amount of space on the side of the court, and the back of the court to any fencing needs to be an appropriate distance to allow players to move freely inside and outside the court while playing.
Why would you build courts that are non standard?
I don't understand what "non-regulation" would mean for a court?
Why would this be necessary and in which locations?
I'd prefer courts that also meet regulation standards. The Seattle residents deserve additional places to play pickleball that are not just junk courts
There's already a ton of those kinds of courts, in parking lots, warehouses...
I suppose it would depend on how the court doesn't meet regulations.
More courts are better
more courts please
Not clear what unregulated means
I support anything to get pickleball players off tennis courts and also for neighbors of tennis courts to get their peace and quiet back.
Rec play courts should be the focus not sanctioned tournament courts.
I like to play casually so don't really care about regulated court specifics
We don't need or want a court at Cal Anderson Park. Do not build a pickleball court there EVER.
We need court repairs now that would make a world of difference. So few people are playing tennis now compared to the number of picklers. Did you not observe that from the public meetings?
I'm not sure what this option entails. I've seen a lot of derelict tennis courts in odd places in parks (example - court near 15th NE in Ravenna Park) with no services (water fountains, restrooms) nearby, and with really bad surfaces. Would these derelict courts be assigned for pickleball?
More courts!
I am an intermediate player and my friends and I play pickleball on tennis courts without pickleball lines all the time. I think the best option is having tennis court lines in one color and pickleball lines in the other.
This is an interesting solution!
We already have non-regulation courts and options for where regulation standards apply. While not perfect, I'm open to having locations that support pickleball for players who don't require strict requirements.

I 100% support this, however since these 'hub' location will not be NEW courts and Parks will take from existing tennis courts, I cannot support this. I 100% support building pickleball courts. NOT taking Tennis courts.
Please build new courts but they do need to meet regulations. What's the point otherwise?
We need to expand area so there's enough space to facilitate demand.
I am not sure exactly what it means to have non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts. But better accessibility and availability are needed to support the rise in popularity and community engagement.
Existing fenced tennis courts work best, but pickleball can be played safely with courts close together. The 4 portable net courts set up in the QACC gym is an example of this.
this is a good idea, the city of Kirkland did this with new courts in a park and ride, good use of space, supports the community.
Why waste the money to not provide proper courts.
New facilities are needed to match the growing demand of the sport
Seattle, as our research shows, is now the worst city in America, per capita, in providing dedicated pball courts. (It used to be just in the west). You choose to offer half-baked duo-lined courts, or poorly surfaced, unrepaired courts because you claim you can do no better, while everyone else can. How about starting by resurfacing, lining 4 sets of courts in 4 parts of the city, each with a min. of 4 dedicated pball courts?! Instead, you continue to offer scraps, while tennis has 114 cts.
Treat the sport of pickleball the same as every other sport and provide regulation standards.
If the sport is to grow and have players compete if they wish, they should not be playing on a reduced size of courts. They will never learn the full nuance of the game on a smaller version. I expect that most players would not like to adjust there game play just to accommodate having a non regulation size court. This is an absurd idea!
As long as this rule applies to tennis courts as well. On the other hand if sub-standard courts are relegated to only picketball courts then it is a bad idea.
Surrounding cities to Seattle have designed and implemented non-regulation pickleball courts. Take a look at what other communities have done.
I would support dedicated pickleball courts
This is goofy though. If you are going to create a court, why not build it right the first time.
As stated earlier designated courts for pickleball is best. Folks are moving to private paid organizations due to less court access which ruins the community.
This is being offered in what; Many years from now?? No, fix these courts and let's SHARE, who made this an issue? Come watch us; we share courts when needed.
This question is so poorly written I'm not sure what you are asking. What criteria would be used to create the courts? What are designated hubs?
Ridiculous to build non regulation courts. Works tennis ever agree to that?
This is where an advisory board can be useful. Defining what is to be non- regulation courts.
What does it mean non-standard? I would prioritize courts over lighting. however smaller size courts might be a problem.
I don't know what this means. If you mean subpar or inappropriate surfaces then no. Pickleball deserves top notch public sports facilities.
Why should non-regulation courts be constructed instead of regulation courts?? Please provide current accurate data and reasoning before constructing loaded, leading survey questions with false dichotomies and framing bias.
I wouldn't like the current tennis and pickleball courts used for this project. I do like the idea of smaller neighbor hood courts for kids and families.

It's unclear what a non-regulation court might be. Without clarity, it is difficult to support or refute such a concept.
It’s not a bad idea, but again, the current stem is fine. Right now I can ride my bike to two pickleball locations within a mile and a half of my house. I don’t really want to have to drive across town if I don’t have to.
Questioning why this would need to happen. Pickleball players should be able to play on courts that meet regulation. Would the same be true for tennis?
Court size, lines and net height must be regulation. I am flexible with size of the apron surrounding each court.
There should be an analysis and report on the number of public tennis and pickleball courts and their quality. That number and quality should be equal.
This is the stupidest idea I’ve ever heard of. Who came up with this idea?
Want to play pickleball
Regulation courts are optimal
Many of us play for the exercise and enjoyment, so strict adherence to regulations are of secondary importance to us. We do ask that the surface is smooth, safe, and well marked,, and the nets of proper height.
not sure why non-regulation courts would interest pickleball players....
Not clear what is meant by non-regulated courts. There are so many existing tennis surfaced spaces that are underutilized which could be converted to 4x the amount of pickleball courts for minimal cost.
Public safety should be the utmost guiding principle when building new or upgrade new courts. No makeshift courts.
Court should be regulation size and should provide room to run past the sidelines and back line without risking injury, but other specifics of pickleball regulation may not need to be followed
Concerned there would be unsafe conditions if courts were too small, poorly lit or surfaces were in disrepair.
Put in the work, city staff, and make the courts regulated. You only need to provide nets of appropriate height and one-time line painting. If it’s the court surface that isn’t regulation, that’s fine
If other cities can build more regulation pickleball courts to keep up with demand, why can't Seattle.
This question was phrased in an odd way. I do not support "designated pickleball courts" if that actually means removing access to existing courts and making them tennis-only. However, I do support the city creating new courts for racket ball sports to meet demand. I do not support relegating pickleball players to sub par courts.
I think once non- regulation courts are implemented, it would be very difficult to build regulation courts. We should design and build regulated dedicated pickleball courts from the beginning.
I don't understand what this quite means. But more courts would really help. Lincoln Park should have gotten courts for example.
If you're going to build a court, make it meet the standards of the game. Why would you make any venue non-conforming to the standards of the game?
I don’t know what this means. The court size needs to be the same. The outside parts I’m ok with smaller given space constraints.
It depends on how much shorter these courts are.
Ideally there would be many dedicated Pickleball courts. Dusl lines are OK, but csn be confusing for both Tennis and Pickleball players.
Depends on the "non-regulation" if it is a smaller dimension court or net, then no, that would not be useful.
Regulation makes organization.

I don't understand what standards the pickleball courts would not meet. It would have been helpful if you provided examples of how the courts would not meet regulations, including how far off the dimensions would be.
What does non regulation mean? As long as there's still place to play, that's great
What is the point of supporting a sport if the city is not going to build it to regulation standards? Would the city consider this for any other sport? Small tennis courts? Half sized volleyball nets?
Support as long as those aren't the only pickleball options
The more pickleball-only courts the better!
I can't think of a better (or diplomatic) way to say this: That is a dumb idea.
A minimum level of good court design still needs to happen.
Sounds like an excuse to pad the pickleball numbers with inferior courts. Would tennis agree to this? Hell no! Don't make pickleball subpar! Also, it's an excuse to get rid of dual striping which appeases ONLY tennis players. Seems like a cheap way to pretend pickleball players are getting a "win" when in reality you are taking away courts from PB and rewarding them with "something, anything".
When I go to play pickleball, I absolutely do not want to find myself at what I assume would be a down-sized court. I prefer to see fewer regulation-sized courts at a location rather than be squished into smaller playing areas for the sake of having 'more' courts.
More courts are good but proper courts are safer and easier to maintain.
The more pickleball courts the better! Opening them up to whoever can come young and old, new players and experienced, is always good.
Injuries will occur with non-standard tennis OR pickkeball courts and must not be encouraged.
I feel that the court dimensions should meet standard requirements.
We should convert tennis courts fully to pickleball courts for dedicated play, even if non-regulation
Depends how far you get from regulationm
I am not clear, re what kind of courts these would be, eg lines drawn on basketball courts or what. I like the idea of more courts .
Again I don't know enough about non-regulation courts to comment. Clearly a court needs to be safe. But I'm tired of the foot dragging and expect others are too.
I'm confused about the statement of the courts not meeting regulatory standards, so not quite sure how to answer that question. I would like dedicated pickleball courts to be built ASAP.
How different would theses courts be from regulation courts? If the are built, they should not be used as an excuse to delay or prevent the building of much needed new regulation courts.
nice.
Not sure what you mean by non-regulation.
Pickleball is a great, accessible and fun sport that builds community and health for all ages. We need more courts!!
Depends on how the courts would be laid out.
Assuming that "does not meet regulation" means not messing with the width for pickleball, I approve. The length has some wiggle room, but a narrow space, while likely not too impactful on singles, would be a bit tougher for doubles. But maintaining the width would allow for new players to get a feel for the game. This might be a bit more difficult for tennis. However, even having a court that is a bit more narrow would still be better than the current situation.
We just need more spots to play for fun even if they aren't perfect

Pickleball court should not be allowed in parks where there is an abundance of wildlife, for example, Lincoln Park. But there are plenty of places where the court surface is barely playable that could be fixed up.
I personally don’t enjoy playing on non regulation courts. I’d much rather share courts with tennis players longer than water money and other resources on nonfiction courts
I played today at he downtown courts. They have no back court and are slanted. Happy to have had a place to go I didn’t need to drive to.
The creation of such courts could become potentially hazardous and lead to more ‘interference’ during recreational use . With the creation of any new courts , with standard setbacks , some sort of dividing nets should be mandatory .
Absolutely, I just want a chance to be outside playing pickleball with friends. I prefer more courts over every court needing to be regulation
For shared courts, not dedicated
Pickleball every day in every way is a tonic for the soul
The more options for free outdoor recreation in Seattle the better!
I strongly support this only if it involves being able to play pickleball at a place like Gilman. Green Lake is dramatically overcrowded for pickleball and has an intense atmosphere, whereas Gilman is overcrowded only at peak times and is very welcoming to players of all levels. Plus, the bike ride to Green Lake is too long for me. If Gilman pickleball is cutoff I'll have to figure out where to drive...face traffic, parking constraints... it'll be truly bad compared to Gilman.
Pickleball courts should be at least 500 ft. away from residential homes. Any closer affects the quality of life for homeowners & causes extreme anxiety & stress from the noise created.
All pickleball courts should have standard net heights and lines
Courts should be to regulatory standards
fine.
reasonably smooth playing surface, we're happy to play almost anywhere. Parking lots, gyms, schoolyards, and other underused public spaces can all serve as interim courts. Let's be creative and expand these temporary play options while permanent, regulation facilities are planned and constructed.
Courts need to be built regulation size…
Vague and confusing statement. Sounds like you are saying there will be fewer pickleball courts and that you will create non-regulation new ones but don't say where or how many. Sounds like a loss of pickleball courts.
Are you also going to put in non regulation tennis courts? Non regulation courts are not safe, period. This question is more proof that SPR does not take Pball seriously. The 2 non regulation courts at Maple Leaf are a prime example of serious accidents waiting to happen.
Would tennis players want to play on non-regulation courts? My guess is no because it would lead to players developing skills that are not tailored to regulation courts, which leads to an overall decrease in sport quality.
Why not build regulation dedication pickleball courts? (vs. courts like at Maple Leaf (no fence)
Having more pickleball courts now, even flawed courts, is better than having fewer courts.
Not sure non compliant courts make sense so I would question that.
Does tennis also get non-regulation dedicated courts?
Make then regulation or don’t make them at all.
They must be safe and feasible
It's a growing sport. More courts would be great.

That sport should be banned all together. It's noisy and big nuisance around any parks or neighborhoods.
I don’t know what is meant by “non-regulation”
What are non-regulation courts? Are you saying that all tennis courts will be regulation but not pickleball courts? And realistically, there are no fund or land where new pickleball courts can be built. Dual-use of existing courts is the best no-cost solution.
I’m unclear on the details of this, and what the differences would be.
Seattle desperately needs them. It is embarrassing how few we have.
Depends on what regulations you are considering to ignore. Example — MapleLeaf PB courts shouldn’t have been situated at that location. There was plenty of space to move further into the park to provide adequate backcourt & sideline space with a fence to control balls and prevent players from running into individuals and families utilizing the walking/running path. It’s currently a public hazard that has left the city vulnerable to monetary penalties resulting from future accidents.
I assume that non-regulation would still mean regulation size. Yes?
If you cannot play on normal courts, then it doesn't make sense to convert the spaces.
What's the point of doing it if you're not going to do it right? Something is better than nothing, but taking the extra effort to making them regulation is much preferred to cutting corners
Seems silly to have different sized pickleball courts around the city
Tennis and pickleball are both established popular sports and should be treated equally, period. There should be equal numbers of dedicated regulation-size courts.
More courts is good for any growing sport, but they Have to be regulation size. you dont see any non regulation courts for any other sports and you should treat pickleball the same. One court that is the right size would be better than two that are the wrong size, any enthusiast of the sport would agree.
I don’t know what that means either. Size? Condition?
Keep Gilman pickleball courts! There are enough tennis only courts around Seattle and not enough pickleball courts. Many people cannot afford membership to private, indoor pickleball clubs.
I think it is a waste of $$ One tennis court can accomodate 2 PB courts. I strongly believe that the courts should have lines for both and portable PB nets
I can I would wanna know more like how non-regulation with these courts be?
What does non-regulation standard mean? Will size of court be the same?
Pickleball courts, just like tennis courts, need to be standardized. Otherwise, it could significantly change the game.
What do you mean by regulation standards? Can you elaborate on this question?
Curious what is meant by regulation standards
My concern would be that brand new ppl are using regulation courts and then experienced players are stuck on the janky ones when their play requires more standardized field metrics, especially if preparing for a tournament etc. but I guess overall if that's what's needed whatever just don't take away the existing courts from pickleball players I strongly oppose that.
I have a big question about what 'not meeting regulation standard means'. Does that mean the court is regulation size, but has less buffer space around it (that would be ok). Does that mean the actual court is not regulation size? (that might be OK for someplace like Maple Leaf park -- which is like a playground)
I think it’s a good idea as long as it isn’t detrimental to tennis or takes away tennis courts.
If non-regulation courts are built with insufficient space behind the baselines, this could be a safety issue (people may be running to hit a lob and run into the wall).
This could be an option, but non regulation sizing needs to be understood. 1 foot of variation if much different than 3 feet.

Heck no! Do tennis players want to play on no-regulation courts? How would I know that I'm playing a good game if I'm on a no-regulation court? It would substantially change the game. This is such a silly and ridiculous ides;
Non regulation courts are unsafe.
There is a strong need for more pickleball courts because the sport has become incredibly popular. The existing courts are often overcrowded, making it difficult to find available playing time without long waits or advanced reservations. Adding more courts would help meet the growing demand, reduce wait times, and allow more people of all ages and skill levels to participate in this healthy, social activity.
No. Ask yourself: To provide more dedicated tennis courts sooner, do you support the creation of new tennis courts wherever it is feasible and safe, even if the court(s) provided cannot meet regulation standards, but still facilitate recreational and communal play? Once again, the city demonstrates its bias towards tennis.
Many people play for fun so would be okay with a non-regulation court as long as it was close to regulation! I know I would not play on a court that had a back line against a fence or that the dimensions of the court were off by more than an inch or two. I also would not play on a court that had the wrong net height.
I think more courts avail.sooner, with greater access across all neighborhoods is a good idea
I support new pickleball courts as long as tennis courts are not impacted (converted to pickleball). Please leave enough courts for us tennis players.
At minimum, please use legitimate contractors who do a good job surfacing the courts. For example, the courts at rainier beach, there are tons of cracks with dead spots on the court. This type of installation should be handled by contractors with true sport court/pickleball court experience
Creating new courts in more locations sound fair
I don't want to play on the court that's the wrong size.
It depends on why they arent regulation. Is it the size that’s too small? The lines aren’t there? Surface is not correct? The latter might be the only acceptable one. We already have some pickleball courts that don’t have enough space to step outside the lines and they aren’t safe to use because you can collide with pedestrians.
Yes, pickleball can be played anywhere and there are numerous options to create more courts. For example, why not put lines and nets on public school playgrounds - which aren’t used in the summer or on weekends or after school, all times that pickleball players play. Seems like a low cost and easy solution to the problem.
I don’t have context to understand what non-regulation pickleball courts means.
Do it!
Not sure what non regulation means and will the be paved and safe
Why not non regulation tennis courts instead ?
The goal is more pickleball courts. So any interim additions welcome. This doesn’t have to mean pickleball takes over tennis courts. We aren’t in competition. We just need more pickleball courts.
we've waited 8 years for SPR to make a decision: do something! Better than nothing...
It does beg the question: Why aren't you asking tennis players if they would accept non-regulation courts? Why does pickleball have to compromise but not tennis?
The Pickleball courts all need to be regulation size. It just doesn’t make sense to have the courts and not be regulation. People won’t use them unless it’s folks that are just learning.

This is not a bifurcation between sports, but really the problem is that you don't have facilities that are multi sport capable. Since the 70s, I've been playing on Jim basketball courts with lines for all other sports and it worked fine. The people that put up the argument that they have confusion with the lines are just being too fussy. Just remember what it was like when you were a kid (unless of course you went to private school and you were catered to like a lot of usta).
Do tennis players want non-regulation courts? No. Pickleball is a game with rules and standards like tennis.
Be more specific please. The court runways are quite small for pickleball vs tennis so it's hard to imagine smaller run ways to the side and length of the courts .
I would need more information about what the standard regulations are in order to appropriately answer this question
Would you ask the Mariners to play on a T ball diamond? Maybe to play the Savanah Bannas! I would look to maybe reorientating the courts. At Magnolia Play Field an approach may be to convert the North 2 Tennis Courts to 6 Pickleball, changing the orientation to E/W rather than N/S? With PB targeted to these courts it would reduce the sound irritation to the condos south of a noisy park. New 20'x40' courts are suggested to have a 7' boundary on each side, this could be reduced as shared space.
Seattle is one of the only cities with out dedicated Pickelball courts. Create them!
Is an example of this the Maple Leaf reservoir courts? If so, I don't support that. Those courts are very frustrating to use with the walking path behind them and uneven/poor court surface.
Non-regulation sized dedicated pickleball courts are not safe.
It's better than nothing, because no new pickle ball courts have been added in years
As is true with tennis, the court needs to be lined appropriately.
This suggestion is insulting to the Seattle pb community at large. How about designing and implementing non-regulation dedicated TENNIS courts for their recreational and communal play?!!!!! PB players are not second class citizens. This is the kind of suggestion that creates "friction" between the PB & tennis communities & sows distrust of the SPR process.
As long as they are safe and functional!
Would you do this for tennis, provide non-regulation dedicated courts? For basketball? For soccer? For any sport other than pickleball? Why is pickleball a second class sport such that SPR would say it's ok to provide substandard courts?
Pickleball players need safe courts. It is not acceptable if courts slant. Cracks are ok. Shaded areas get slippery. Totally willing to share courts with Tennis players
need more info about what non-regulation means?
Pickleball is a serious SPORT and I doubt that any tennis player would approve a substandard, non regulation court!!! Please! This is an insult and an unbelievable question!!!! Pickleball pros are making into the $millions now and many tennis players are moving over to this accessible and worldwide sport.
This question seems to imply that substandard courts are okay for pickleball. What is a court that "cannot meet regulation standards?" It seems as if you are trying to justify hubs again at the expense of pickleball.
In theory I don’t think you need 100% regulation, but the SLU courts that aren’t graded properly (even though they totally could be) seems like this could just be an excuse for underinvestment. I would rather have a court with less space behind the line than none at all, but the cost of proper construction is worth it for the costs to society of ankle breakers alone.
This question makes no sense. If you build a court, it should be regulation.

This sounds suspect. What do you mean not regulation? Are you offering non regulation facilities to tennis too? I support efforts to offer more pickleball courts. But it must be safe surface to play on, safe location (not like a parking lot) and marked off appropriately.
I answered strongly opposed due to the fact that I don't know what your definition of non-regulation court is.
Only if regulation sized pb lines.
Would you make smaller tennis courts? Football fields? Basketball ball courts? This is not an option for pickleball either.
PLEASE give us more pickleball courts so players don't have to fight with tennis players. The volume of pickleball players and private indoor courts around the city alone should show how it's needed and would get more people outside.
It's not clear what is meant by non-regulation, so it's hard to respond in a meaningful way.
Not really sure what this means. Substandard courts are good for no one.
I'm unclear about what exactly is meant by creating courts that do not meet regulation standard, I'd need more information to decide. In theory more courts would be better, but if they practically aren't useable or very inconvenient, then I'm not sure they're that useful.
Fear it would slow planning and construction of new PB courts.
So many of us play pickle ball just for the fun and social aspects of it. More courts is just a good thing.
For novice players this might be fine. My BIG FEAR, though, is that non-regulation pickleball courts will skew the count of true pickleball courts. When allocating tennis vs pickleball, only regulation pickleball courts should be considered.
I would support Pickleball being created, in-line with existing regulations.
Turning existing sports courts that are utilized for other sports into pickleball courts would be an extremely classist move. There’s only a small percent of the community who has the time to make a reservation for a group of 4 to go to the park.
tennis
I want it safe and regulation size Just like tennis
The regulation dedicated courts for pickleball are already pretty torn up and could use improvement. I’m unsure what a non regulated court would look like
To get dedicated pickleball courts soon, non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts will be necessary. I need to know more about hub locations - where and when. I see that as a long-term project. The fastest way to get dedicated pickleball courts is to convert underused tennis courts to pickleball courts.
We just need courts. We don't need a $250,000 community assessment spending two years to decide where to put courts, and then another two years building them. SPR is so far behind on this subject. SPR should have had the foresight to see this coming and prepared for it.
It is important to the game to have courts that are standard size!
I support, but the courts must allow for reasonable play
As long as there are regulation sized lines and no huge obstacles within the court of play.
It depends on which standards are not met. Inadequate space behind the baseline would be dangerous. Inadequate spacing between courts it’s not quite as bad
As long as the court is close to the correct size so it isn't a totally different experience - it should be fine for recreational
As long as the courts are playable and safe, and the non-regulation elements are not detrimental to quality play.
My support would depend on the extent of change from regulation standards. Most people play casual games so the difference could be negligible.

excellent idea
As long as the courts are safe with adequate lines, it would meet the needs of the community.
Beginners would have a place to practice their skills on a non-regulated court and experienced players could still hold matches.
Pickelball is a great way to bring people together. It's a great look for Seattle
What is a non-regulation court?
It's a physical activity for crying out loud! Let the people play! Who cares if it's perfect!
Safety is important, more so than regulation courts, which I assume to mean more space between courts. Courts should be regulation size re dimensions of kitchen and play area.
I would beee more information. For example, would they be put in a park with a more natural focus, like Lincoln Park? I'm against that.
I would need to know more about this. The question is to vague. Where would these be located? How many courts would be there? How close are the courts to each other. For example just telling me you are building me a pool does not mean I can lap swim in it. I can't really answer this question without more information.
I would like more details about what "non-regulation" means. Like is the size of the courts different than standard? If so, that would be fine
School parking lots during the summer break
I support this but if courts are too small, they will impact playability and be potentially dangerous. Reducing width would be less impactful reducing length.
More is needed now
People are willing to play at many different facilities but they need to meet basic criteria for safe play
Investing in odd sized courts does not address the issue of providing real pickleball courts. It may appease the conscience of SPR by fudging the numbers to APPEAR reasonable, but nobody wants to play on weird courts. Come on, man.
This depends on the definition of non-regulation courts. I completely oppose anything that reduces the size of the court by making it shorter etc. but if by non-regulation you mean the court is properly marked but you have to bring your own net, I am ok with that. That said, would tennis players ever consider playing on a non-regulation size court and bringing their own net? Not a chance.
Not exactly sure what this means
What does non regulation mean? Not the proper size then no , not at all.
None regulation dedicated Pickleball courts are absolutely crucial for any and all levels of play.
Really? Would you do this for tennis? Baseball or softball? This is a disrespectful question.
Why are we wasting tax payers money on incorrectly sized courts. Just do it correct once and move on. Why spend twice the amount?
Why go through the effort to NOT provide regulation courts?
The demand of pickleball is limited only by the availability of the facilities
Court size is super critical. The perfect height net not as critical. Giving a half court to play is not acceptable. There are very few pickleball players that don't care about regulations. It's the game!
A phased approach with good-enough courts delivered sooner would be wonderful. They can always be improved or decommissioned later if better courts are built.
I do not support this because a temporary fix becomes a permanent solution.
This depends on what SPR means by "Regulation courts." Miguel de Campos has software which shows how many pickleball courts wil fit on each racquet sport court. Id this is what regulation means, OK. More courts are preferable to fewer courts, even if the margins are smaller. But, courts like the small courts on5th and Denny are not acceptable,
Im not familiar with what the regulation requirement is

Just like tennis courts need to meet regulation requirements otherwise it is not pickleball or tennis. You can’t play or train on courts not built to regulation.
Get real! Budget for new, regulation-sized pickleball courts. This is the real lack on the part of SPR. You are trying to avoid pouring new concrete for dedicated surfaces and relying on 1930's and 40's old, worn-out tennis courts. Shame on you.
When I go to other states there are many a dedicated Pickleball courts Scattle seems to be one of the very few places that has dedicated Pickleball courts perhaps if there were more there would not be these issues
Should be correct size, but okay if clearance around the courts is not to code
New courts are essential. They dont have to be regulation size for rec play but must be safe and reasonable.
I'm not sure what regulation standards means but more pickleball courts sounds good
Why can’t all meet regulation standards. This sounds like a way to shuttle Pickleball players into suboptimal courts, while allowing tennis players access to the premium locations. I don’t understand why you would do that.
I support this as a temporary solution with the goal to even out down the road
There might be exceptions but I suspect that most deviations would entail some loss of safety margins for players or bystanders. Shouldn't the same question be posed to tennis players?
Pickleball deserves to have the proper courts. And until that is accomplished, pickleball should be allowed to play at existing courts!
The pickleball community is very welcoming to the point where in the summer wait times to play makes it undesired. So, more courts has the opportunity to increase player count by decreasing wait times and in turn creating more communities around the city
Why would you consider building non-standard pickleball courts? Would you build non-standard tennis courts?
There really needs to be appropriate size pickleball nets in the other designated areas. Have them available.
The courts still need to be actually useable. For example I’ve seen it said the park in the ID has a potential court but there is no net and to use it you would have to disrupt all the normal park activities.
It’s unclear what I s being proposed. What do you mean by non regulation courts.
It would depend on what non-regulation represents. If the courts aren't the normal size, than I don't see how that helps anyone. If the courts are regular size, but don't have as much extra space around them, than that might be workable.
Concern for injury risk if tighter/smaller than regulation
Maybe for children, but not for adults.
I’d see the 2 courts at Maple Leaf as maybe falling in this category. There’s ancillary benefits of these kinds of non regulation courts, like being able to take the kids to play
West Seattle has a good balance of PB and tennis courts that allow both parties playing time
I think that any new pickleball courts that are implemented should be regulation standard fromn the get-go to avoid confusion / re-work longer-term. Also, I fear that if they are not to regulation standards, fewer people will plan on them.
It is fairly easy to paint or tape lines on courts. Many pb players have their own nets
What does this even mean? Like half a court? That's ridiculous
I don’t know how a court is to considered being “safe” if there is not enough space around the court. And a court that is not the standard size shouldn’t be considered in the total of pickleball courts being counted.

I don't think it is too difficult to create regulation pickleball courts. It is done in many cities all over the country. I believe in Seattle.
Non-Regulation doesn't seem like a solution in terms of size of the court. Variety of surface? Maybe. But safety should be paramount.
I strongly support, though I presume non-regulation to still mean standard court size.
Duh. Pickleball has been played in backyards for decades. So the court is 3 inches wider than what the pros use. Who cares?
I like the idea of creating dedicated pickleball courts but am a bit confused about as to exactly what "non regulation" means.
The current courts comply with regulations for both tennis and pickleball so, if the plan is to create new courts, they should either be dedicated regulation pickleball courts or they should be courts that meet regulations for both tennis and pickleball. Both tennis and pickleball players can work together to use the same regulation courts as they currently are.
I don't know what it means to not have regulation courts. It would not make sense to have courts where the size is not standard - that doesn't happen with any other sport.
Not really sure what non-reg means. If it 2" too wide - that's fine. If the net is the wrong height - not fine
only support this idea if you also take tennis courts and make them non-regulation as well existing or otherwise. stupid idea.
This is a confusing question and it is impossible to agree without an example of what this looks like.
As soon as the Mariners agree to a non-regulation baseball field, I will agree to non-regulation size pickleball courts. Ridiculous!
Need more info on this.
What exactly is non- regulated? Need more specifics.
They need to be regulation size. I font think yennis players would accept anything less for their play.
This may open up to subpar or low quality courts.
If you mean more compromised courts like the ones at Maple Leaf Park, Greenwood Park, Hing Hay Park, or 5th Ave, the answer is "absolutely not". If you would not create new tennis courts with such limitations, then don't create new pickleball courts with these either.
Pickleball is a very social activity. It's better too have 6-8 dedicated pickleball courts as it's a place that people can just show up and know there will be people present and ready to play.
Courts need to be regulation sized! It is hypocritical to say PB courts can be shrunk down and not tennis courts. The only way this would be fair would be to also have tennis courts designed as smaller-than-regulation courts! (Tennis played on PB-sized courts!?)
What regulation standards do you mean?
Not sure what you mean about not regulation. Possible this means people would play on these courts for fun and exercise, but not officially the right size. I am good with that as a temp solution.
I support non-regulation pickleball courts as long as they use a pickleball net and not a tennis net, as the tennis net impacts play.
I have played in both and found both to serve there purpose.
I don't know what's implied by "non-regulation" but the idea seems otherwise sound.
I personally would never play on a nonregulation pickleball court but some casual players might not care and that would ease demand. I think the size of the court itself must be regulation but nonregulation spacing between courts might be ok in limited locations
Absolutely INSANE suggestion. Tell all other sports that they'll need to hone their skills on courts that vary in size???
Don't count non-regulation courts to re remove regulation courts

This question needs more clarity. If the courts aren't standard size or if there is insufficient room behind or alongside the lines, I am opposed.
Non-regulation courts are fine for rec play assuming they have proper nets and striping. Many of our indoor options do not have proper nets and playing on a gym floor is not the same as a real court.
N/A
I like this idea but if implemented please be transparent about what is needed to bring them up to regulation standards and the timeframe for doing so.
It is important to maintain regulated court size and markings for pickleball players.
We need mor pickleball courts to meet the growing demand. Many of us who play pickleball enjoy it for the community and exercise. Regulation courts are not a necessity
It is offensive to pickleball players
Like other sports (tennis, basketball, etc.) we should strive for regulation size courts.
I have no idea what this means.
What is a non-reg court? Seems counter to any sport of the court is not regulation
If this helps provide more dedicated pickleball courts available for recreational play, even if non-regulation courts, I support it.
Why would you provide non-regulation dedicated courts? Would you recommend providing non-regulation tennis courts?
If located near residences, these pickkeball courts will exacerbate public opinion against pickleball
This would depend on the details of the courts, how "out of regulation" they are, and the overall quality of play they provide. I would NOT be in support of this if it is being proposed as a way to still turn some of the more popular existing pickleball locations (i.e. Magnolia) back in tennis only.
Adding more pickleball courts it probably always a good thing considering how busy they are.
As a non-competitive player I enjoy the the play for exercise and fun and don't mind the cracks in the court surfaces as at ALKI (it also keeps the more aggressive and intimidating (and usually louder) serious players at bay). Also, Not a fan of dedicated courts since I've never seen a a conflict and mostly see empty courts…
NO. Courts must meet regulation in order to BE pickleball, as well as lower the risk of injury. Proper court surfaces are necessary to ensure safe play. In addition, improper court dimensions or spacing between courts would not only be another sport entirely, but it would be unsafe. Why dont you go ahead and ask tennis players whether they would be okay playing on non-regulation tennis courts and see what they have to say about it. I doubt they would be happy
Not sure what this means - assuming that it means the pball courts themselves are regulation size but the clearance around them is not what we have now at most court locations. I don't support smaller than regulation-sized courts
This is insulting. Pickleball is a legitimate sport with legitimate rules. I noticed that there wasn't this same question for tennis. This shows your favoritism and what you think about pickleball. Super frustrating and demeaning question.
There just needs to be enough reasonable space to play.
Absolutely
If this is a method to address demand in the short-term, without foresaking long-term solutions to the ever increasing demand for PB, then maybe. I would hate to see resources committed to that may take away from developing regulation courts quickly.
YES! We need more courts. These places that we have now are packed almost daily....while tennis courts remain quiet day in and day out.
I believe strongly that people should be able to walk or bus to courts, which means locating them throughout the city. I assume that would mean some would be non-regulation.

What does it mean to design pickleball courts that are non-regulation? There isn't enough information to know what is an advantage or disadvantage
My experience is that non regulation courts can sometimes be dangerous with walls that are too close to the edge of the court, courts are too close together or the surface is too uneven for meaningful play. If you can mitigate issues like these then non regulation would be OK.
I'd rather have standardized regulation courts but if courts are playable vs sitting empty I'd rather see them get used.
It's not ideal to have non-regulation courts, but if it increases access/open courts then I could support it.
If you can see the Pb courts it might work. Many of us have played on these courts and it went well.
families. Right now, there are long lines of pickleball players waiting to play (example: Green Lake courts)
Don't put pickleball in shoddy spots to reserve the best spots for tennis
When we day regualti9n , do we mean courts with out lines ? Courts with out nets ? Do we mean courts that are properly sized for pickleball? What's the point of added courts that aren't the correct size ? It effects the game greatly and most folks.do not want to purchase and travel with expensive nets
I'm unclear on why the courts aren't regulation? It seems then that all courts will be slightly different and that feels like a strange user experience for players utilizing multiple courts
What does "not meet regulations mean". It's hard to answer this question without knowing where the compromises will be. Will the playing area be to standard? Will we be hitting walls with our paddles?
what does this mean? look like?
The Geogoretown courts are HORRENDIOUS they are UNPLAYABLE even for recreation or casual use. Courts like these NEED to be touched up and polished before being considered a tennis or pickleball court
I would be in higher support if they were able to adhere to regulation standards.
The courts at Maple Leaf are touted as our city's dedicated pickleball courts. This is a joke! There are no fences, there is a path behind the courts that is used by walkers, runners, bikers, and little kids which leads to collisions, and, the whole surface is on a considerable slope. So, if this is what non-regulation courts look like, no, I don't support it. If it means the side lines and back lines are not the full regulation distance but still useable, yes, I'd support that.
I feel like it's an offer on behalf of the parks to appease is and throw us a bone, rather than give us what the public actually wants. The status quo with dual use courts is better than anything else that they proposed so far.
Any community space!!!
hard to answer because you didnt tell us what non-regulations are at issue, so I can't tell if they are technical problems or big problems. Mainly we want to play, get exercise, socialize....not play tournament games.
I don't know what a non-regulation court would look like but I support adding more courts as long as they aren't horrible. Things like no space around the courts for running out of bounds, etc. That stuff is important for safety and enjoyment. No benches lining the sidelines, etc. Give us the space we need to play.
I don't understand what non-regulation courts are — they would need to be regulation size and safe.
I'm strongly against the city interference regarding dedicated courts to only one racquet sport. To be honest, we as a PB community are puzzled why this is happening in the first place. I personally read the draft and do not understand its purpose other than to separate arguments and complaints that the parks dept receives which I would imagine compared to the number of players in each play type are few. Allow mixed play with reservations. The CC staff should be the ones settling complaints.
What regulation standards are missing? Court size and net height may not be a good restriction, what other issues could there be? Semi permanent nets would be okay!

I see many under used courts through out the city. It wouldn't take too much effort to make them Pickleball ready.
Prefer creating standard courts, not courts too small to play safely. Space behind the back line and to the sides is essential
It seems like the city could easily find locations to draw the proper lines and place nets in areas that allow for it with space and barring any safety concerns. There's a lot of space in the city that is underutilized like empty lots of courts for other sports. More dual courts should be implemented with a first come first serve policy and rules on cycling through games and sharing space to mitigate squatting
Anywhere where I can just hit it up on a wall is better than nothing
playing on non-regulation courts does not make sense for anyone who is playing a serious game. for children or people just wanting to dink it would work.
Is this same option being used for tennis courts? Why create non-regulation pickleball courts, but not do the same for tennis in order to create the designated court numbers you are seeking?
I would want the courts to be close to regulation. I guess I am not sure how different or "non regulation" they would be?
I think that this would be amazing, most players are not serious picklers and just do it for fun and a regulation court would not deter many from engaging in pickleball.
Don't understand the premise. Non-regulation courts means what? Smaller courts? What good does that do? If it means, like those at Maple Leaf, that there are no fences, that's different.
I think it's a terrible idea to start building non-regulation Pickleball courts. I find this suggestion insulting. If it isn't regulation size, it isn't a Picklball court. Every sport prefers to play on a court/field that is regulation size. If you're suddenly playing Pickleball on a different size court, every shot is going to be different than it would be on a regulation size court If we're going to invest money in building pickleball courts - DO IT RIGHT!! Build regulation sized courts.
If you're going to play pickleball regulation courts are needed. Are Tennis players willing to play on smaller courts?
Why would you be creating new non-regulation pickleball spaces, and not new non-regulation tennis spaces? Pickleball is clearly being deprioritized.
The key is community building, not perfect regulation
It's not clear what is meant by non-regulation. Does this mean the courts are not regulation size, the nets are not standard height, etc.
Courts need to be regulation size, have fences and lights. Placating PB by giving Ravenna park and Maple Leaf courts to PB is an insult to everyone who uses those parks. Why non rehab Montlake so tennis players can actually use the courts? Or add lights and make them for PB?
increased access quickly and build community in neighborhoods where space is limited... also - not that expensive! But they need to be safe - no cracked pavement, contained area with enough space around it to play a "real game" not a limited game because fences are too close to the courtlines for example
For God sake, we already have Obcervatory courts in QA! No bathrooms, covered in yard debris and with torn wind covers. Right in the middle of very fence neighborhood! And we LOVE those two courts, even if we have to pee in the bushes 😂. More courts! As kids grow out of playgrounds, they need to have local court to play! Please!
This will likely cause creating regulation courts to become less of a priority.
This is a great idea. I started playing in Belltown where the courts are not great, but great fun can still be had
The above question is worded poorly as it first says "non-regulation standard" courts and then says the courts would meet regulation standards

Most courts are in terrible shape because the city won't spend any money on keeping them up. I can't imagine a court being any worse than the ones we already play on.
As long as there is adequate space and fencing, I think this is okay. There is a safety concern if you don't have enough space on the edges. And if you don't have tall enough fences, you spend a lot of time retrieving the ball.
This sounds like a waste of money & time. Do it right and well the first time.
Do not understand what non-regulation means.
Pickleball deserves regulation courts!
More courts is great! However, I remember walking past the Alki courts when they were tennis only and they were almost always empty. What is the harm of keeping moveable pickleball nets?
as long as it doesn't take away current courts
Kinda depends on how non-regulation we're talking. Taped courts are fine, portable nets are fine.
What does it mean "non-regulation"? Would be helpful if this was explained. If you mean a non-tennis court surface, like asphalt or concrete, or incorrect sizes, I'd be less likely to play there. If the surface is reasonable and the size is correct, I'd be more than willing to bring a temporary net and work with what's available, but it's hard to say without more details of what you mean.
I don't understand the question
I think it's very important that safety is taken into consideration. There should be ample space for serving and going after long balls on the court without running into pedestrians or a fence!
I would need more information on what the non-regulation elements of the courts are.
There being built over Highway 520 by Roanoke. I've asked for Pickleball courts to be added to this space, much like the simple ones that are available in Maple leaf around the Reservoir. I think it'll make the space utilized more, they will add more Pickleball courts with minimal investment, and it will make the space safer because more people will be using it.
Courts need to meet regulations
I'm not exactly clear what "not meeting standards " in this case means, but am assuming it has to do with space between the courts and margins?
Provided they have more hubs coming. I do think that good surfacing and some barrier fencing can help—for example Mapleleaf courts are fun for beginners…but without fencing it's a little rough. Also, the balls are damaged.
if courts are made hastily, that doesn't solve the problem in a meaningful way. any new, dedicated pickle courts should be regulation
Is SPR considering non regulation tennis courts? Of course not, why consider same for pickleball? Does the city have non-reg baseball diamonds/soccer fields/football fields? Silly.
I need more clarification to have an opinion
All courts should meet regulations either for pickleball or tennis.
it should be regulation on proper outdoor surfaces
If you are going to establish new courts why wouldn't they meet regulation standards
Depends on what you mean by the "creation" of new courts. If you mean allocating more hours at indoor community center gyms (which may not be exact regulation size but really close), then I would support that for the interim. If "creation" means spending money to build temporary outdoor courts that do not meet regulations, then no.
I don't trust the rationale for why non-regulation courts would be offered sooner than regulation courts. Are there "non-regulation" tennis courts? Geez I see smaller cities in this area adding new courts. Why is it so hard for Seattle?
That's fine but is there actually a plan (and budget) to support the addition of more regulation pickleball courts in the future?

There doesn't seem to be any reason that newly designed and implemented dedicated pickleball courts would need to be non-regulation. would they be sloped? would they have incorrect lines? would they not have space behind the baseline? this seems ridiculous
This needs more clarification
Another good idea!
My answer depends on what deviations from the standards are permitted. Non-standard court sizes, or lack of adequate space outside the court, should not be allowed.
non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts, what does this even mean? What is "non-regulation".
I don’t understand but courts should be the right dimensions
check with the neighbors
Non standard courts are not what players want. Perhaps in isolated cases, such as a school playground it works out. Or a special nook for people just wanting something
Money should not be wasted on courts that do not meet regulations and standards.
I’m not sure what non-regulation means. If the courts are usable as pickleball courts, then I’d welcome this.
They courts you originally allocated are the worst condition and detract from the experience. Discovery Park cracks? Kinnear asphalt? Why do you not ask the same of tennis?
Anything we can do for more PB courts is what i vote for
Are we talking half size? A few feet smaller? Shorter nets? I don't understand why it would be more difficult to create standardized regulation courts in favor of cutting a few corners. As written, I think this is a terrible idea.
I support adding more pickleball courts wherever possible, so long as it is not being done to give tennis players access to a disproportionately larger number of courts. Like if you're taking away a court that is currently used for pickleball and giving it to the tennis players and then replacing the pickleball court with a crummy one in a parking lot somewhere that does not seem like a proper solution to me
Not sure what you mean by “non-regulation”. Courts should at least have painted lines and standard nets.
If this means that the court surfaces are not up to standards and are old and cracked I would strongly oppose
It would help reduce friction getting towards a more permanent solution. I do not oppose this, but I don't know enough to know whether this is the right choice.
I'd rather prioritize building new pickleball-only courts with intention (i.e. meeting regulations) rather than rushing them.
Define safe- Delridge pickleball court is currently unsafe. What does non regulated actually mean? Courts with grass growing in them and large cracks running the width of the court like Alki? Playing pickleball with tennis nets? Taxes for parks and recreation are being paid by citizens at staggering levels, why can’t the city uphold it’s duty and promise? Standardized and safe.
I would need more information on what "non-regulation" means in this context. Feels like a slippery slope item that could lead to avoid building regulation courts
Non- regulation is vague. Does this mean marked and no net, net height, court measurements?
Not sure about this. It might be useful to new players.
It depends of course on how 'out of regulation" these courts are, and also what type of condition existing facilities are in that get used for pickleball. But yes, more pickleball courts.
I don’t understand this. How is a court non-regulation size? Just leave the pickleball courts painted on tennis courts as-is. Then both sports can play. Nd both sports can reserve the courts.
Courts should meet regulation standards

KEEP the existing courts as both pickleball and tennis.
How far off regulation courts are these? Tennis players wouldn't put up with non regulation courts for tennis.
Please just stick to the standard and only make regulation courts.
Again, this question assumes that you have decided to make a radical change and eliminate existing pickleball line on existing cou. Why are you doing this? You still haven't explained. The community has been clear the it does not support the removal of pickleball lines on existing courts.
The courts at Greenlake and Beacon Hill need to be resurfaced soon as they are not safe. The concrete is very slick at the tennis serve line from years of play.
The previous statement is super vague. What does it even mean? If a court is in poor condition then it is of no positive use. If SPR is proposing to put up poorly constructed and maintained courts just to pad numbers, then I would be strongly opposed. New courts don't have to be 'top of the line,' but they do need to meet a reasonable level of quality to be of use to players.
courts
Absolutely not! Are you proposing this for tennis courts? I find this very disrespectful to our state sport.
I don't think adding half assed pickleball courts will work, they need to be proper
Yes, but I still want there to be shared court options in the courts that currently support pickleball play. (So I don't want this to exclude those courts if this plan goes forward.)
Does that mean the courts will not be of regulation size?
Rather use the time and money to solve the problem and build regulation courts
Is there an equal question posted for tennis players to accept a substandard court also?
It will be difficult to educate novice/casual players that they should play in the those courts. People will play at a location that is convenient. Also, PB builds community, we don't want to separate out novice players, we value the whole community.
The courts need to safe and well made
What's up with the "non Regulation" courts? Tennis players would never agree to non- regulation tennis courts. Why should pickle ballers?
Why not?
This sounds sub par and can negatively affect the level of play allowed on these courts that will be useless over the long run. Priority should be placed on providing regulation courts that are safe across the community
I support expanding access by creating safe recreational courts wherever feasible, even if they aren't regulation size. Neighborhood courts increase opportunities to play, while regulation-size hub locations can serve competitive and organized play.
Not sure what this looks like
Every "court sport" have specific criteria, why would you even consider deviating from that
Obviously we need regulation courts.
It is better than nothing, but with the city funds in place to help support tennis, it is only fair to make regulation PB courts. Re-striping the lines properly should not cost that much.
Again you'd have to tell me what does not meet regulation means?? We certainly don't want a pickle ball court that is not the right size but if there are other regulations around this that do not affect your game then perhaps

Are you kidding me here? Everyone will WANT regulation sized courts.
It seems super lame to play on a non-regulation court size. Even if you're just having fun. Very weird.
This will lower the standard of the game and create confusion for people playing across courts. I don't think this is a good idea, unless you have a done a feasibility study for this
We need more courts and more inside community center play times
Why no non-regulation tennis courts?
Multi-use courts with multiple lines work fine at the rec centers
Instead of spending limited resources on substandard courts invest those resources in making underutilized tennis courts dual-use
Not sure what this means. If it means they cant support tournaments, to me, that doesnt matter. Paid events can find the venues they need. The priority for SPD should be providing good playing venues at sufficient locations and volume. Good means adequate to enable high quality advanced play (decent lines, surfaces, separation)
Would tennis accept non-regulated courts? I doubt it. Don't short cut the future. Build it right the first time and don't look for short term answers.
I don't think this would be safe for players.
I am focused on recreational pickelball not tournament play so I am completely open to using non-regulation courts.
Makes no sense to plan on giving pickleball courts the incorrect courts. The court at maple leaf is dangerous. I got hit by a bike standing to serve. No theses are not ok!!!!
Why can't you put the tennis courts in the spaces that don't meet regulation? Why should pickleball courts be downgraded to meet a need? This doesn't make sense to me when the pickleball courts meet a larger population set's needs.
I'm not sure what you mean by non-regulation dedicated pickleball courts. Do you mean that they are not the right size? But generally, the demand is high and the social impact and benefits are high. I support anything that creates more Community cohesion and camaraderie. This happens across all age groups, race, gender. I support anything that creates more Community cohesion and camaraderie. This happens across all age groups, race, gender.
Honor the game
This seems like a great idea (i.e.; more courts throughout the city for a sport whose popularity is soaring)! I suspect most people just want the opportunity for the social and physical benefits of the game and are less concerned about specific regulation as it pertains to court design.
It depends what "non regulation" means. Dedicated pickleball courts are needed badly
Not the right solution. Tennis only courts will sit empty for long periods of the work day that could be used for regulation pickleball. We should not have to play on crappy courts
Depends on what this means. I'm assuming smaller sizes but this could mean a number of things
Pickleball courts are not really big. Why would you have non-regulation courts? Pickleball activates spaces. Put in 1 quart, 2 quarts, or 3 quarts in different places where you want people to be!
Many pickleball players have their own nets and would be willing to go anywhere.
Pickleball, like tennis, has players chasing the ball into corners, against sidewalls, and behind the baseline. Do you really want to invite injury? The Hing Hay "pickleball court" was a perfect example. Chasing a ball into traffic, or slamming into a decorative cement barrier sounds like a lawsuit in the making. Fenced courts the keep the pickleball out of traffic and cars off the courts (Denny triangle) need proper room.
If perhaps regulation rules are posted on the courts, the players can make the effort to place nets properly. It is not always easy to have rules on net height etc available. People can easily move nets around. I was in Park City UT where they have combined court usage as is suggested above and it worked well.

I am fine with this as a temporary solution as long as the city continues to invest in pickleball. Given its popularity and success at bringing people together, getting people outside and providing an affordable means to get exercise it should be a priority.
I have seen some of the non-regulation courts that SPR intends to designate as pickleball-only courts while taking away nicer dual-use courts and designating those as tennis-only. Many of these are not viable courts, so no, I do not support this. You need to build proper regulation pickleball courts FIRST before taking away our other existing options.
The courts must be safe to play pickleball and have to be pickleball standard to play the game the way the dimensions are meant to be.
As long as the court lines and nets are regulation size, that would be fine. If the surrounding walls/fences/borders are non-regulation, that's okay with me.
I don't see any reason to do this. You wouldn't build non-regulation tennis courts
Only if this does not take away from the regulation courts. And it would have to be very close. This cannot be an excuse to get rid of other courts.
This is not an adequate solution, why not just make crappy tennis courts instead? This feels targeted
There are already way more tennis only courts than pickleball courts in Seattle. Waiting 6 years for regulation pickleball courts is not a reasonable solution. Nor is providing non regulation courts. Frankly, I don’t think the city should be removing pickleball lines from dual use courts. It’s like you’re trying to solve a problem that doesn’t exist. No one loves playing on courts with both tennis & pickleball lines, but that’s part of using a public space. You make do.
Building courts that are non-regulation sounds unfortunate. Please clarify what non-regulation means.
please clarify what a non-regulation pickleball court is.
Why have non-regulation p-ball courts??
I support it if they are safe. An advisory group could help weigh in on that. There are safety issues with existing courts, such as a Delridge having a trough drop on its north side.
HA, the has been the goal of SMPA. SPR has done NOTHING to support this endeavor. Yes we need more DEDICATED courts like other townships have created.
without a better understanding of what 'non regulation' type court would be it is difficult to answer this. However, being able to play pickleball on an existing tennis court is preferable than not being able to play at all.
Yes please. Just provide dedicated courts as soon as possible
You need to be way more specific for this to even be a real question. What is the definition and what are the specifics of your non regulation courts? Crowded courts, no serving space, no fences?
What do you mean by non-regulation? This is a slippery slope.
Would this be done for tennis courts too? Potential liability in either sport?
Why would they not meet standards?
Why stick money into something that isn't correct.
It depends on what isn’t “regulation standard.” I’m fine with irregular surfaces but if the courts are too close together or if the nets aren’t regulation height, those wouldn’t work well.
This is SILLY and INSULTING! Maybe we can call them ping pong courts. Ask Tennis players to play on non-regulation courts!
It depends of course on which regulations are proposed to be compromised, and by how much. E,g, lower fences fine; reduced baseline clearance, not ok.
Dial court stripping. All other play fields and public courts share space for multiple spirits, so raquet sports can too. It's the only thing that makes sense.
Regulation pickleball courts are way more preferable. Please don’t place them on the street like the Denny Way one. The road that the court is uneven and makes for a difficult match

Why put time and money into something that is not regulation quality? This sounds like a reason not to build regulation courts
I cannot imagine this question being posed to tennis players to improve their access. This proposal is implying that pickleball is a second-rate sport.
You need to be specific here. Non-regulation can mean many things. Nobody can support something fully when we don't even know what it is, since you haven't shared what you mean by non-regulation.
I think its a waste of money to build courts that arent the right courts. If we do it right the first time, we dont have to do it again.
Just seems silly for them to be non regulation.
What does non-regulation mean? Not enough clearance or smaller than regulation courts? I would hate to play on a smaller court when trying to learn consistent play and muscle memory
I dont trust the city to build dedicated pickleball courts in my lifetime.
Who is writing these questions? Provide more dedicated pickleball courts sooner (how many?) Creation of new pickleball courts wherever it is feasible and safe, even if they do not meet regulation standards (So more courts sooner, but they may not be actual courts) Designated hub locations will be spread throughout the city and meet regulation standards. (You just said they may not meet regulation standards? Which is it?) So basically more courts that may not actually be courts.
Very not ideal, but I support making courts where possible. However non regulation courts should not be considered pickleball courts for the sake of their allocation vs tennis courts, for obvious reasons.
I've played pickleball in many cities across the country. Some communities have invested significant money into building new pickleball courts, but because they weren't built to regulation dimensions, they're difficult to use & create safety concerns. It's important to get it right the first time. Tennis players wouldn't accept courts that didn't meet regulation standards, and pickleball players shouldn't be expected to either. Quality courts are an investment that will serve the community.
Alki Playfield court serves my purpose as a casual facility. I can easily walk or bike there (5 blocks). I am not worried about regulation court design as long as there is a net and lines to show me where to hit the ball. I am just out for exercise for myself and my husband and we are not strongly competitive. We are in our 70's and having Alki court available for pickleball has greatly improved our aerobic health and reflexes while we can have fun at the same time. Thanks for providing this!
I think the more courts the better. As soon as possible.
It feels a little short sighted but also could be beneficial
Pickleball courts need to be the right dimensions and regulations and have enough room around each court or else what's the point of building a dedicated court if it doesn't fit the need!!!
It's not clear what this question really entails. What does it mean they might not be regulation? This needs to be more thoroughly explained
I don't know what "does not meet regulation standard" looks like. Will they be safe?

"...Not meeting regulation standards" is too broad, how are we to know what you mean? Does the city do this for tennis? If not, I don't see why it would do it for pickleball.
I would ask again are Tennis players being asked to play on non regulation courts? I love the idea of hubs but would prefer it be done for all involved.
I don't quite understand... does this mean pickleball courts will not be the regulation size? It seems that we can have designated regulation size pb courts! We can have it all!
in what way would they be non-regulation—smaller?
I think they would still need to be the correct size and have a proper net.
We should get more courts that meet regulation standards
What are we talking about? Smaller courts?
What would be considered non-regulation? Most players would be okay with properly measured lines, safe margins/room around each court that will not limit range of motion at the sidelines, fencing away from roads, etc.
I feel like if you’re going to build them, they should be done right
Would really depend on what non-regulation would mean
Need full space. I really disliked playing at the Belltown courts cause there was not enough space
It would depend on how out of compliance they were. If they are NEARLY identical then I don't think it's an issue, but if there's a significant difference in the courts then I think people would generally avoid those.
the same question about tennis. We can't play real pickleball on a court that isn't the correct dimensions.
This would be akin to playing tennis on a non-regulation court. It would hurt all players in the long and short term to play on non-regulation courts.
Seems like a foolish idea
I think this could only have positive impact. No one is forced to play on a non-regulation court, but it allows some of the traffic to have a place to play
Courts have to be regulation size. I can see making the side and back courts a little smaller as long as the lined court is regulation, if that’s what it takes to get a new court.
Pickleball courts are small, why would you need to make courts that don’t meet regulations??
Pickleball courts are not that big to begin with why on earth would you need to make them non regulation!
I don't want this to be the solution and have the parts department say good enough
Would you do this for tennis courts?
I guess it depends on several factors. How much are these outside of regulations? Are we talking about inches off or feet? I would be opposed to this if, during the period when pickleball courts are being created, players will be banned from using current facilities
it is not a good idea and you wouldn't suggest it for tennis. we use recreational play to practice our serves, strategy, etc. Non regulation courts will make it harder to improve and to enjoy playing.
Dedicated pickleball courts are a good idea when they are located in appropriate areas where noise, lighting, and hours of operation will not negatively impact nearby residents. Before implementing new courts, Seattle Parks should carefully consider the surrounding neighborhood, distance from homes, sound impacts, parking, lighting, and enforcement of hours.
Would need more detail
1st answer me this, would you ask tennis players to be ok with a non-regulation court? Laughing at this one. Treat everyone fair and we will get along. Take somethin away, take it fairly from both. We are ok with that

As long as it doesn't disturb other park users/pose safety hazard (e.g. baby stroller walking right behind the courts at Mapleleaf), I think it's an OK idea.
must be safe, and must not be too outrageous differences.
Do you have tennis courts that do not meet the regualtion standards?
Hopefully "wherever it is feasible" is taking into account noise impacts of pickleball.
First of all, whomever phased this question should have put it into ChatGpt with instructions to simplify. Second, why create courts that do not conform to basic pickleball distances? I don’t understand the logic (or I didn’t understand the question, and I have a Ph.D.)
This depends on the type of non-compliance with regulation. If you need to put courts closer together, or take a couple of inches from the length, that would be OK.
It is unclear what is meant by non-regulation courts. Are you aware that there are about 6 tennis courts at Magnussen Park that are in disrepair but I believe if repaired would be regulation tennis courts or 12 pickleball courts. Is SPR also looking to implement non-regulation tennis courts?
Will these be maintained?
Not sure what non-regulation means. Does it mean smaller courts? Don’t think I’d wanna play on court where the lines are not standard
I feel there are quite a few tennis courts that exist right now that could be brought up to speed without having to create new courts. Magnuson park has I believe 4 courts not in use and Green Lake has a couple that are also in disrepair and could be utilized

Q6: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Approximately 60% of the available pickleball courts being designated for open play and 40% available for reservation is aligned with the demand and needs of pickleball players that play in Seattle."
(Optional) Please provide additional feedback about designating open play and court reservations for pickleball.
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
Depends on the courts - very few courts are reserved at soundview - more like 10% if that.
Not aligned with pickleball
No to designated courts. Open play time at local courts.
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
Not sure the right ratio. We show/had at least some open play courts at every location.
Up to 40% of courts maybe reserved, but not certain times designated for reservation play only.
60/40? Do not understand premise and/or question?
Courts should be available to everyone at any time.
Coaches and clinics need access to courts
If I drop in is defined as 90 min first come first serve its like a reservation. No one else can play
Pickleballers don't usually use reservations. We prefer open play to enhance social opportunnities.
These % needs to be thought. Locally does not equal neighborhood. May need a different %.
Should be the other way round - 40% reservation and 60% open play.
Ensure open play courts at each site, so not all courts at a site are reservable. 70% open and 30% reserved.
Not sure the right ratio. We should have at least some open PB courts at every location.
Reservation still too high percentage.
Open courts -ONLY- please - NO reservation hold -not inclusive-
No reservations during after work hours.
SURVEY RESPONSES
How do you distinguish between open play and reserved courts
I think pickleball courts should be 90% open play
Something like that split is fine. But it's most important to know where the courts are that are designated as open play. That should follow existing patterns of community.
I believe all courts should be Open play 100% of the time. It is the best of both worlds, maximizes usage and equity because anyone can play with anyone of any skill level. If a group of 1,2,3 or 4 want to play together they can choose to stack together.
The percentages can change but that is an ok place to start.
You would have to show me statistics on this to determine the %'s.
I think the percentages are more like 75% for open play and 25% for reservations
I "somewhat" disagree because I do not have access to data that can inform my acceptance or rejection of the statement. My personal perception as a user of the courts is that this is incorrect.
It entirely depends on the total number of courts available for pickleball and where they are located. I have played for years in Shoreline, not Seattle where I live, because courts near me (Magnuson Park, Ravenna Park) are in near-total disrepair, and those that are maintained (Green Lake) are often reserved and unavailable for open play, or are reserved for tennis only (Bryant Park, Woodland Park).

I think most people playing pickle ball recreationally do so by drop in. Most courts don’t even have numbers on them so if a person reserved a court, there is confusion as to which court it is! And when the parks department takes over courts in the summer for their camps, signs with dates and times should be posted accordingly!
I personally don’t believe that there are that many tennis players out there are still participating, but you need to have time for them also
Open play all the way unless there is a competition that reserves courts as a special community activity.
More open play, especially during the week
I think it should be 50/50
Prefer open play to reservations
I think it is more 80/20 or 90/10 in favor of open. Even groups of 4 that would typically reserve are amicable to waiting in stack lines during open play.
tennis courts for open and reservation play ratios tends towards 50% or less. e.g. my preferred tennis courts Lower Woodland is 4/10, Gilman Playground was 50% (before pickleball made it close to 0% for tennis), david rodgers is 33%. I think with SPR's reservation system improvements to enable reserving just 1 pickeball court instead of the whole tennis court is sufficient. SPR has already established rules for court reservations and pickleball players should respect SPR's established rules
Planning is not easy for all. Keep life spontaneous!
I believe that open play comprises more than 60% of the demand for pickleball, and that more open play spaces should be available. Open play allows more people to benefit from courts, especially during peak hours.
Im all for open play
Allowing reservations takes away from open play time.
I can't tell if this question is about the courts themselves or about the court availability. I do think open play is more prominent in pickleball than reservations. Open play should be designated and rules posted at the courts. 60/40 seems reasonable to me.
I suggest 50/50.
None
Not enough courts. Inside or out. The wait to rotate onto a court inside in the winter can be 20+ minutes. Outside in the summer is the same.
I don’t know of many folks who reserve courts for pickleball. If they do, they have to reserve the tennis court and get both pickleball courts, but you data will then be flawed by showing a tennis reservation when it’s not. Fix the reservation process then maybe, but for now no way.
I think it makes most sense for the areas with 4+ courts to be permanent open play and areas with 1-2 courts to allow reservations.
Around 90/10
Lots of pickleball players create foursomes. We show up at a public court and keep our fingers crossed that there will be a court available for us. If there are a lot of people doing open Play, we stack our paddles as a foursome and take turns. It would be nice to be able to reserve a single pickleball court in Seattle. Now the reservation is for two courts, which doesn't make sense for a single foursome.
The percentage of open play or reservation play should be determined by the community of players who use those courts.
those pickleball players that want to have reserved courts can join a pickleball club.
I'm neutral only because it's impossible to know this outside of my own small pickleball community and assume Seattle's demand across the board. From my current perspective, I have not had issues accessing bookable courts or open play so the current split seems to be working.
Stats don’t match my experience but not fully tracking so can’t say for sure

I don't know the actual breakdown but open play is the better model. Court reservations should take a back seat. Groups of four can always stack together in open play, which is more equitable.
Most players want drop-in play. Open play builds community. Forty percent reserved is enough for organized groups. This is a good balance.
I have no idea, so noted nuetral
First come first serve or 80/20
Reservation play is less than 40% of play, I'd say.
Most of the time, my friends and I don't need to use a reservation for the courts.
I believe open play should have more like 75%
Depends on location and hours. I see some courts very busy during the day where reservations may ben needed but other times such as evenings reservations may not be needed.
I have no idea.
Distribution feels uneven. Some courts like Greenlake feel too popular, while other courts like Bitterlake feel underutilized. There needs to be a critical mass of players for a location to be good for open play. Maybe better awareness or marketing could address some issues without necessarily new construction.
I almost never make an outdoor reservation so I'm not a good person to be providing accurate feedback on this question.
For the most part, pickleball players do not reserve courts, they SHARE courts. The current system of reservations available for one (tennis size) court at a time at Delridge and Walt Hundley seems to work. I don't know that there needs to be a limit.
If reservations are imposed this makes sense
More reservation of courts required
I would be curious is this statement is based on data like reservation frequency, numbers of players present during current open play hours, etc.
Too many reserved courts.
I do not know enough about the numbers presented to provide an opinion.
Just so long as hours -days-times are posted and available.
With a busy schedule, it's hard to schedule a specific time for pickleball. Being able to drop in last minute whenever my schedule allows is much better
I think we need more open play systems not more reservations.
Public courts should be 100% open play. Reservations are for private facilities.
More open play
Majority of pickleball play should be open play
I think there is more open play wanted and less reservations.
more open play!
Sensible.
I'm not aware of how many people actually want to reserve a court.
I can't agree or disagree, because no data is shown to support the 60/40 figure—where was demand measured, and how? More importantly, the split isn't the real issue: total supply is. At Greenlake, where I often play, waits for a game are long because there are nowhere near enough courts for the demand. Adjusting the open-play/reservation ratio won't fix a shortage this size. I'd support prioritizing open play, but the priority should be building more courts, backed by actual usage data.
I don't know the percentage

Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
What is your definition of open play? Just they cannot be reserved? If that community doesn't have an open play culture it doesn't really matter. There's regular open play at Gilman, Miller, and Green Lake. Other than that, it doesn't happen (north end pickleball) Any area that has less than 4 courts should be reservation only, it's unlikely open play would form, really 6-10 courts in one location is ideal with open play. Everyday we have 40+waiting to play on 8 full courts at green lake
I think in reality it might be much higher than 60% for open play and rotating play given the large amount of indoor courts available for play now
I think each pickleball community has its own unique demand for use. You need to understand the behavior demand to allocate open vs. reserved time. I use Walt Hundley mostly and I would guess that more than 90% of the time open play is used.
Not a good measure. Designated hours more important than percent allocation.
Should be 70% open play and 30% reserved
It would be nice to have some real data here. Sounds right but again, interviewing a lot of PB players or cameras or something could be used to verify this balance.
I'd say more like 20% designated for reservation
If we include all pickleball courts including those that aren't that usable (e.g. not wrll maintained), then 60/40 seems like the right split. If limited to the most popular courts, I'd say it probably should skew more towards open play
I prefer open play over scheduled. Open play can still accommodate groups but having a small number of scheduled options makes sense. Ideally scheduled locations are different than open play ones
We want enough open play courts so that we can still have enough players at each open play hub to form a community. Ideally we want about .5-1 stack/court queue
I do not support reservations . If reservations are implemented, it should be very limited hours and not for more than 25% of the available courts at any location. The reservable courts must be clearly designated at each location.
More like 70 - 30 or 80 - 20
I think open play should be priority.
People with money are reserving. Not necessarily represent true usage
Seems like the open play model that is being used currently is working well for people
Each public court has its own unique demand for use. SPR should take more time in understanding the typical pattern at each of its courts to better allocate open play time vs reserved time. My home court, Walt Hundley for example, is primarily used for open play greater than 95% of the time and reserved courts less than 5% of the time.
Aside from occasional weekday afternoon reservations for youth groups, Walt Huntly the split is 100% drop in and 0% reservation. Drop in and wait your turn works well in the West Seattle area. Additionally, whenever a chunk of time has been reserved for an event, the organizer does a good job of communicating the upcoming reservation times. That is all that is needed...good communication.

It's not as simple as percentages. It's about making sure that each area of the city has a location that allows for open play and reservations. There is no way for anyone to calculate how this adds up percentage wise. You need to be more thoughful about how you ask these questions.
I think it peak our people should reserve. The courts off hours should be open PlayTime.
I think 40% reservation is too high. Open play with tiered playing ability would be better
Emphasis on open play for all.
The decision for the percentage of reservation vs open play should be based on DATA, not just arbitrary. And if a 'reservable' court is not reserved and in use it should be available for open play.
40% reserved seems like A LOT
Before posing this question, it would be an excellent idea to gather real data to determine how pickleball courts are being used. And don't just go by how Greenlake works. That's not how the rest of the courts operate. Get real data before making decisions.
I feel it’s 70 to 30
I think open play should be weighted more strongly, such as 75%
Pickleball players rarely make reservations, because they can come onto the courts anytime and play with whoever’s there.
Most pb players dont expect to be able to reserve public PB courts. If they want to play with a set group they will figure how to stack their paddles or go at low usage times.
A fundamental aspect of PB, and in it's origins and definitely as it grew pre-COVID, is the OPEN PLAY designation. PB players devise methods that work for their area, to help sort players by skill level. As a former competitive tennis player (and worked in tennis clubs), I caution you to NOT ruin a central ethos of Pickleball, by trying to mimic tennis' reservations/forming your own little tennis group bubble. What works for tennis, does NOT work i.e. ruins the best part - for PB!
Pickleball is a sport that lends itself to open play. Many older adults who don't have a lot of friends rely on this spirit of open, welcoming play to have healthy relationships with neighbors- and keep healthy together.
I have no idea from what I understand city of seattle has no data, no survey, no information regarding Pickleball courts and their usage, so how and why city of seattle designates 60/40 split without any data? Seattle Metro Pickleball Association has the data we have been around and around with the city of Seattle in the past and produced data on pickleball court usage and times. First come first serve on all courts, regardless of Tennis or Pickleball.
There should some regulations regarding reservations, such as the amount of reservations one person can make each week or month. If you don't show up within 10 minutes of the designated start time, others can play on that court. Reservations should be for players only and are unavailable for leagues, tournaments, and coaches. There should be a code of conduct that states that all players are expected to respect others and that both physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
Not knowing the context or where the statistics come from or what the consequences of my answer would be, I can't answer. Which specific courts will take up 40% and which 60? The question seems convoluted and tricky.
Demand for open play is far greater than for reservation play.
More open play promotes equity and community, enabling access for the.less wealthy.
I think there needs to be more like 65% open play/ 35% reserve because there are a lot of new pickleball players that depend on open play.
To agree or disagree, I would need to see the research. Has this research been done? In my experience, I see more people wanting to reserve and play with their level-groups or friends. Coaches also need to be able to reserve in order to hold lessons AND CLINICS FOR THE PUBLIC. The open play I have experienced is certain times of the week, much less than 60%.

That spilt is not good. I beleive that the appropriate split is 75/25
It helps with everyone’s agenda
Suspect more than 60% of pickleball players are playing open play rather than making court reservations. I have played pickleball at parks dozens of times and never made a court reservation.
For me, I prefer going when a court is reserved and I can play with a group at the same level as myself. But I can't say I know what others think on this to appropriately answer your question
I’d say 90-10 is a better split
I’m not sure that can be determined
That sounds right - and for anything like this to be successful, the rules need to be posted clearly (can people use reservation only courts for open play if there's no one with a resevation?)
With the increase in number of people playing, I think a ratio of 70% open play and 30% reservable is a more reasonable ratio to accommodate the pickleball community.
As I stated to an earlier question, PB culture didn't develop using reservations and some are only doing it now because: 1. We don't have enough courts to play on period; 2. The city seems to be counting the number of reservations as a driving force to change use policies.
The schedule should reflect the usage
Most people I know want drop-in open play
I don't know the percentages of court designations as Open Play and/or reservable.
Not sure what the right mix is, but pretty sure I would be unhappy if there was less than 40% reservable courts.
Hubs should be only open play, others could be even 50/50.
I have gone to the courts when both exist. There is no way for me to know the percentage.
By reservation, you meant having to pay for the courts. That would not be free open play. I would not agree to that.
The demand for Open Play exceeds the demand for reservations, so I would prefer 75% Open Play, 25% reserved.
How are these percentages determined?
I don’t think the ratio should be set in stone by SPR. I think advisory groups should be responsible for responding to input from their constituents, and updating the recommended etiquette and rules for each location on an annual basis.
The way most of the filtering in of players each game seems to be more accomodating than reserving so I think that split is fine.
I don't think this split reflects true PB play. I think it's more like 80/20 that play open play vs reservation. Open Play and even just being able to pop into an empty court and play with friends - which is common for both tennis and PB - are far more likely than reservations. Reservations should be deprioritized and last resort.
I am surprised to hear 40% of the open courts are reserved.
If no one on the 40% reservable courts is playing can others show up to utilize that court until the other shows up.
If a court part of the 40% reserved has no reservation, then it should be open play.
I don’t know what percent is in alignment. What problem are you solving?
Need to see data on which courts are currently available for reservations and how heavily this is used.
We need lots more indoor courts, and open play. For some reason, they have shrunk back.

Ultimately, Seattle will benefit from more places to play pickleball. For example, Woodland Park has TWO tennis surfaces (the big one at Lower Woodland Tennis Courts), and the littler one at Upper Woodland Tennis Courts - the littler one should be made pickleball-only… that allows for more separation and is more equitable. Similar for Green lake Tennis Courts West and Green Lake Tennis & Pickleball. There are other quiet little spots that could be dedicated pickleball courts… tucked away.
Open courts on all weekends/ summer with reservations for off peak times
70/30
I'd say 75%
It's unclear whether the statement refers to the current situation or to the proposed strategy. Either way - there's not enough.
N/A
There is a greater need for pickle ball courts as evidenced by the wait time to play.
We don't have enough FREE pickleball courts in West Seattle.
I don't know the data but where I play it is 90% open play
We need more open, play courts. In accommodates the most people.
I don't have enough information to make an educated answer this this question.
Don't really know.
I have no idea what the 60/40 means? Is this your previous strategy? If so, that sucked. You created hubs that are outside neighborhoods that previously had open play and made one location reservable that wasn't before (due to grant funding, etc). We could use more courts (at least lines) in that one location which would solve some of the problem. AND you only put one court at Hutchinson field. That doesn't serve the community.
Almost all pickleball at public parks is open play wherever I go. Please don't try to get clever with it.
Pickleball is 90% open play.
I don't know what the open play vs. reservation demand is - it may differ neighborhood to neighborhood.
I can't speak for everyone.
Too controling
I have played outdoors for two years and nearly everyday. I've ran into people with reservations maybe a half-dozen times. You all need to get off of reservations and actually go see how people are playing the game
Court reservations should be available, this hasn't been an issue for our rec league especially with leaving a couple of courts open to the community. We are able to facilitate open play amongst our LGBTQIA+ community with reserved courts alongside of open courts for the community to use for tennis or pickleball.
I believe that there should not be reservations for pickleball play.
We have been kicked off courts when drilling with 2 when courts are full
Pickleball open play without reservations is very important. Pickleball players should not be kicked out for school tennis players.
Open play is not always as inviting or inclusive as the term open play implies. Once you have finished the new pickleball courts, I would support 30% open play use.
What is this even asking and why are you asking this? How would this answer be used to support your agenda?
Reservations should not be the priority at public courts
I don't know the statistics.
Unless there is current data provided after conducting research related to each facility's current usage, this question is also impossible to answer
I don't have any idea of whether that is an accurate statement.

There is enough popularity to limit court reservations. Open play should be the priority
As long as they don’t use tennis courts how reservations are made is not terribly important but I think a split between open play and reservations makes sense.
Don't really know but sounds maybe right. I wouldnt go lower than 60% open play
It’s fine except for Cal Anderson.
I have no idea what that question is asking
I have no idea what these numbers might be. I'm only familiar with miller park and greenlake for open play (and luther burbank). I think many people will coordinate groups to do open play or play in a small group randomly, but without reservations. Not sure if you would consider that open play or reservations or neither. I think for the bigger locations (3+ courts), having paddle holders for stacks goes a long way for organizing random groups.
Again this question is confusing. I’m not sure what you’re trying to get from us as survey takers.
I am in the Rainbow Rec pickleball league and we have courts reserved twice per week. Up to 100 players come each night and play for three hours. It is a wonderful and vibrant community. There are a couple of non-reservable courts next to us during that time and they are only utilized about 50% of the time. SPR should send staff for a site visit to see how our courts are used and how the current system works if they do not have a good understanding.
Would like more open play time
I think organized pickleball programs dominate, but data on this would be helpful so we don't need to speculate!
Considering the approach pickleball has taken with the reservation system, I do not. If pickleball gets this, Tennis needs to get this too, but the problem is HOW do you ENFORCE this... and who's paying to repair courts when they become in disrepair? Where is this money coming from
See previous comment. We should be able to reserve courts at the current ratio and process.
I think it should be more. They should all be open play.
Our group would be effectively eliminated if we are not able to reserve the courts. We facilitate open pickup-style play for over 200 queer people, 10 weeks in spring and 10 weeks in summer.
Want to make sure that if a reservation is made and NOT used, that the court is available for open play.
Prefer to have open play for PB. Everyone deserves a place to start. Reserving specific courts in a group of courts for high level play would not promote sharing but result in entitlement by some players.
Once again, better data will answer this question
city. high number of courts (6-8 ideally) at a site is ideal for open play. Places like Maple leaf, Laurelhurst are best for reservations. So, depending on the sites, maybe 60-40 works, or 70-30. A mix is good if well sited. BUT DON'T HALF ASS IT LIKE AT GREENLAKE WHERE ITS NOT DEDICATED COURTS, BUT STILL DUO LINED AND SHARED WITH PRIVATE HI SCHOOL IN SPRING!
If we had an abundance of pickleball courts you could have reserved courts and enough courts to accommodate the high demand of open play players but right now that is not the case.
I can agree with this however unsure if the 40% reservation is needed. But if that’s what needed to serve the community then agree.
Where did you come up with this statistic? This couldn't be further than the actuality of percentages and people who play in an open play environment rather than utilizing reservaions.
I support designating open play
I don’t know the percentages but let us play and focus on fixing the broken courts do these can be used Safely!!!!
I don't know what other people want. What is the ratio now? I need more context
I'd agree to 80/20

As I said earlier, reservations show be scheduled at off peak play periods at popular courts like Greenlake, and Shoreview as an example.
Less for reservations. Maybe 20%
How would we know what the percentage is without current data from an external source? The data yielded from this survey cannot possibly be anything other than invalid and skewed and a misrepresentation of actual public opinion.
I would say it's more like 80% drop in and maybe 20% reserved at most.
I think the demand for courts outweighs the availability. Limiting access limits the accessibility for all people, especially those that don't have the ability to pay to play.
Higher percentage of open play - 80/20.
Neighborhood groups should determine the hours and use of their local courts. SPR should publish a report of the number of tennis and pickleball courts and their quality.
I support the idea of designating some courts as open play only and allowing reservations for pickleball. I do not agree that the demand is being met by any means.
It is confusing. Don't understand the current reservation system
I think more and more people are interested and willing to plan and make reservations to enjoy their pickleball experience. While everyone "can" play together a large skill disparity negatively impacts enjoyment
Pickleball is a community sport where a player can walk in the court and get connected with others. Having a reservation system at any ratio singles out those who can't meet the reservation requirement. Don't do that.
It's not that easy to throw an "overall" number out. It depends on the location, and making huge changes like what has been proposed would affect things a lot.
This appears to be working for a variety courts that I personally play on.
That's so so so wrong. Open play ensures the HIGHEST number of people can play on the courts — for free. Reservations favor those with money.
At the court where I play only about 2 % is reservations for Pickleball.
Based on my experience, the open play courts are almost always over crowded with some what long waiting times. The reservation courts are harder to know. Many groups don't reserve and come to play anyway, but it is hard to know who reserved and who didn't.
I think we should have more open play designed courts like 80%.
Forty percent for resevations if fine -- maybe even a little to high.
I'd say more 40/60 open play to reserve. Reservations are nice, I want plenty of those but 40% open play would be a huge increase.
I think the open play should be a higher percentage
I have no idea what the actual percentages are between needs for open play and reservations. I just know that I come to Seattle once a week to play with my Seattle friends and we reserve the courts to make sure we can play together (and also to make sure I don't drive down and have no place to play). (I usually play 3-4 days/week in Everett or Mukilteo.)
I think more than 60% for open play
In my experience. But that's just my experience.
This is accurate
Reserved play should also prioritize non money making play (limit training operations on city courts)
More open play, less reservations.

Seattle has fewer pb community facilities offered than practically all other cities in the country. They need to face the fact that there is a much bigger demand for decent pb facilities than the mostly unused tennis courts offered. I've played tennis half my life, but I feel the Pk Dept weighs heavily and unfairly in favor of tennis players.
I would prefer a ratio that is about 80% open play only and 20% reservable. My local courts (Gilman- four pickleball courts) allows reservations that takes two of the courts out of open play. At busy times (after work), dozens of players may be left waiting a considerable amount of time to rotate in.
I just like open courts for who ever likes to play.
Open play on public courts should dominant the situation.
This seems like a good balance as long as people can play on the reservation courts if they haven't been reserved.
Open play should be greater. Parties wish to play with certain players can fit in that system. Pickleball teachers can also fit in that system.
Way more people are served and happy with rotations via non reservation, even people who would reserve. There is no reason to have reservations for pickleball.
I don’t know
40% seems high. What is the evidence?
The courts should be at least 60% reservable.
50/50 would be more realistic.
I want to play with my friends at a designated time.
I would allow more reservations than 40%.
I think that the ratio should be closer to 70/30, but I would agree. There is a high demand for pickleball as the barriers for entry are low and you can have between 4-8 people playing pickleball in the same space that can only 2-4 can play tennis.
Need much more open play
Pickleball is largely a drop in kind of sport. I think the emphasis on drop-in should be greater.
As long as entities understands what open play means I think it’s fine to have more open play then reservable courts
The percentages for open play and reservations should vary depending on the size of the venue . For example - Greenlake could have one court for reservation , making it 75%-25% . In smaller parks , like Gilman , any reservation makes it 50/50 . One solution is to make just 1/2 of the ‘court’ available (pickleball).
There just needs to be more locations for open play especially where beginners are welcomed and not intimidated
Pickleball is high usage and demand
I would say there is more demand for open play than reserved pickleball courts.
Way more PB players.
Why are reservations needed? If friends want to play together, they can stack their paddles together. It seems to me that reservations waste a huge amount of space and time by letting just four people use the court for something like an hour. It seems unfair to all the other folks who want to play. Demand for pickleball play is high, so why not maximize throughput to help satisfy as meany people as possible? It's not perfect for some, but it's the best system for the most people.
In a survey like this, you should define open play. All courts should have posted rules clearly stating days/times for open play and the open play rules (eg, players must stack paddles and rotate after each game), times for first-come first-serve (4 players can stay for 1.5 hrs unless someone has a reservation), etc. Make info on websites and on courts clear, specific, and consistent with each other
It’s been my experience that open play is far more popular than court reservations. I’ve only seen two occasions out of about 50 where someone reserved the courts

Open play is more dynamic (don't know who you might play with). And you get breaks so you can socialize. Way better! More Open Play!
From my experience, virtually all public pickleball facilities should be designated as open play. At most, around 10% of courts should be reservable. Public courts should prioritize maximizing access and court utilization for the greatest number of players. Those who prefer guaranteed court times have privately owned facilities throughout the city that already provide reservation-based play.
Percentages don't tell me how that affects specific courts in my neighborhood. This is a large area and I don't know how many courts you are including in your statistics.
I don’t know what those numbers should be. Given SPR’s inability or unwillingness to have realistic numbers of Pball player numbers and court use, I don’t think they are in a position to come up with these ratios currently.
That sounds like a good mix.
25% reservable is a better proportion in my opinion
20% reserved and 80% open seems like a more reasonable balance.
I would prefer 70/30
Open Play is the dominant mode of play for Pickleball.
I would make it 70-30 in favor of open play
Not familiar with reservation courts
It depends on the location
70% open play and 30% reservation
I really couldn't say. I think some players confuse playtime scheduler with it being a reservation.
Open play should be 80%
80% / 20% in favor of open play.
50/50 would be better
no pickleball should be allowed in any parks ever.
I don’t have any data to look at so I have no idea if this split is close to what the demand is
How did you arrive at the 60 - 40 split? The correct way to make that determination is to have on-site observations of court usage.
of Pickleball is far greater, it seems, to want and appreciate OPEN PLAY, much more than reservations.
bottom line we need more places to play pb.
Pickleball primarily utilizes a pickup game format. Players could form a foursome and stack their paddles so they could play with each other. You need to determine where and if there is a demand for reservations. Establish at a one of the less popular locations a reservation system and see how often it is utilized. The popular sites are popular both because of the open play and the social interaction that naturally occurs with pickleball. Not a characteristic of public tennis courts/games.
Again, public courts should not be reserved. Or, if they are reserved, perhaps there needs to be a LOT of people on the reservation.
90% open play.
75% open play. 25% reservable.
no reservations
It's nice to have some options to reserve and the majority should be open play
I have not seen any data to support this split. I don't believe that the available data is sufficiently accurate to establish such statements
I suppose, if the information were easy to find

Reservations end up log jamming pickleball courts when all should be first come first serve. Groups can still play with eachother and queue up that way.
how would I know that? I don't understand.
More open play. Easier to stack in
Whatever system is currently in place seems to be working well.
I'd recommend holding 15% of courts for reservations
The culture in pickleball is mostly drop in. I'd say 10% or so could be saved for reservations
I have no idea I don't have those metrics if the issue is that people are making a rezzy and others aren't respecting it that's something for parks to determine how reservations get protected and enforced if people are being idiots and not relinquishing the court to the ppl who reserved it. Also if there's not one already why don't we get an app that clearly reflects reservations so that if someone shows up to a court they can avoid one if a rezzy is about to start shortly
The tricky part of that question is that the culture varies location to location. True for Greenlake (and probably leans to even higher % of open play). Bitterlake has no open play culture at the moment.
I think the current system is fine. In general, there are not often reservations at Gilman, so we are able to do open play much of the time. I appreciate that only one tennis court can be reserved at a time. I understand that some groups do not want open play and prefer to play amongst themselves.
Open play is part of pickleball culture. Once again research is needed to understand how each community uses their courts best
community. Also make sure at least two PB courts are not reserved at all sites for drop in play. Currently, at least at Delridge, all PB courts can be reserved so no drop-in play when that happens. And it has happened.
Not sure what this would accomplish. Because I'm retired, I play during the day and use the reservation system to ensure that when I invite others, I don't have to worry about getting a court. A typical pickleball match lasts 11 mins & a typical tennis set lasts 30 mins. A full tennis match can go as long as 2 hrs and that is why you need a reservation system. Tennis players who expect to be able to play a full game and pickleball skill development/safe space groups need to be able to reserve.
I'd say the split should be 50/50
I prefer Open play pickle ball. I don't know that we really need a reservation system for public courts.
Reservations allow for league play which has been integral in community building PB communities
I don't play pickleball
I'd be inclined to think the open play number is higher.
I would say 90% to open-play, and 10% reservations, or ideally 100% open play. If you want to play with a private group, people can always stack together at open play and fairly share the courts. At all open play courts now, there are long waits during busy times. People often wait up to 30-60+ minutes just to play 1 game.
I think 80 to 90% open play is better. Court reservations shouldn't be a huge part of public courts. Especially if they are paid reservations.
I'm not sure what the current ratio is, but seems like open play is only at Greenlake and then the last court at most locations.
I think the percentage of open play is higher, which is a problem because the courts then never turn over for tennis players or people who make tennis reservations.
I would say 80 open play 20 reservation
I think 75% of courts for pickleball and no more than 50%of those should be reserved
I like a 50-50 split better.
The vast majority of players that I know support drop-in.
Agree that majority of the time should be available for OP, not sure exactly what that percentage is

this isn't important: would prefer a bias towards some sort of action.
As I mentioned above, I think this only works when a sufficient majority is served by open courts. If 40% of courts are reserved and there are only a small amount of courts, it discourages new players and feels pay-to-play
I don't know but we do know that most people do not use the reservation system.
Each set of Pickleball courts should have a few that are reservable. That way you're guaranteed a designated period of time to play and not having to wait around on open courts when it's busy and there are hundreds of people waiting to play.
it's faster and more fun with open play and reserving too complicated.
if certain courts are typically reserved for lessons etc, that's fine.
Show us the data where that is the case. How did you arrive at 60/40? Is this the same with Tennis? What is thereby vacation of percentage of play versus dedicated?
A smaller number could be designated for reservations than 60/40
Please designate open play only for peak times , all mornings 9 am-noon and all evenings 5- 8 pm or 6-9 pm.
system did not support more than 4 users per court when in fact there may have been many more using those 2 PB Courts. Gather Usage Data by observation or camera's. There are workers at all courts daily, they could be gathering data as they empty trash, mow or prepare the fields for soccer or baseball
I have no idea how to answer this. How would anyone answer it without knowing the actual use data--which you have either not collected or refused to share publicly. This question is not useful at all and should not have been included in this survey.
It is unclear what is being asked. Are you asking if a 60/40% would be a good ratio for all of the pickleball courts available? Might work at the aggregate, but not if the 40% reservable space is all together somewhere not with other open play spaces. Having to travel to do that isn't good.
Pickleball is a very open play and communitysport, reservations doesn't feel very natural
Absolutely disagree. In my experience 90-100% of the play is drop in play. No reservation system is going to work. Even in open play, the majority of players revert to drop-in mentality. Share the courts. Stack your rackets. Against reservation and open play.
Requiring reservations for pickleball players is not pickleball. Pickleball is not tennis, it is a community sport and serves many purposes. It is not a one dimensional activity like tennis and should not be made to, or changed in such a way to become like tennis. It is Pickleball.
I'd say its 50% rez & 50% open play, but varies by court. Large group open play (12+ players) on multiple rez cts is a big part the PB social fabric. The best grouping of cts avail. for large group play is BitterLake (75% rez-25% non-rez). This 75%-25% ratio is critical for large group open play such as Queen's court & round robin meet-ups (12+ players) & for large group clinics & classes (24 players). Green Lake style "walk on" open play does not allow for large group play or group classes.
lot of people like to have regular leagues or playing time, but we need to support occasional users as well.
Please consider the pickleball population that plays indoor at community centers during the school year. And the many classes producing nes players each quarter. Come summer, they all want and need outdoor courts. You don't appear to include these figures in your data, yet the centers have it all at your request.
I cannot speak to the "aligned with the demand and needs of pickleball players that play in Seattle" unless and until I see data on the demands & needs of pickleball players. No one can offer an educated opinion on that question in the absence of those data - it's a silly question.

At Alki where and when we play, open courts work
Courts designated for open play in West Seattle continue to have players waiting regardless of time of day. To cut back further would reduce access.
more like 75/25
The demand for pickleball courts to play is still KEY here! Players are having to stack to wait for court time. Most mornings courts are full of seniors. After school, kids are on the courts. After work, adults are playing. On the weekend, the whole family is on the courts. This is SPR dream come true! Active people in our communities!
Would rather not have a reservation system.
Whether I have an opinion about this or not doesn't matter. This should be based on full-fledged, observed and tallied data that is open to the public.
With increased indoor facilities, the true cost differential of obtaining a reservation vs paying for the space in a private building is likely shrinking—40% might even be high. Not totally sure.
Reservations are silly and unfair. Should be 1st come 1st served for as long as user wants to play.
The system is not broken now. Why are you messing with it? Why do certain courts need to be open play only? This could cause prople who need to reserve to have to travel farther away, aggravating already terrible traffic.
I do not have information available to me to know if this supports normal utilization needs.
I'm more in favor of allowing reservations at sites that have several courts as opposed to a site that has only 2 courts.
I would prefer 100% open play. If people want to play in in private group they can stack out and put all their paddles in together or play at a time when others don't. Open play makes the game socially cohesive.
Need more dedicated Open Play.
Open play brings players together, reservations divides players and brings resentment
City should go with what the people demand, not sure what the % is on that
Applying an arbitrary 60/40% split across Seattle makes no mathematical or practical sense. On a standard 4-court footprint, a 60% allocation equals 2.4 courts—a fractional metric that is impossible to enforce on the ground. Also, pickleball generally uses an open-play rotation system that offers equal opportunity to play; transitioning 40% of our already scarce public courts into reservations privatizes public resources, slashes court efficiency and creates artificial wait times.
There can be extremely long wait times for open play due to the number of players
I believe more pickleball players would play in open play versus reserving a court.
A smattering of reservable courts/times is fine, but the vast majority of time should be for open play. If people need exclusivity, there are clubs and other options for them.
Suggest 70% open play and 20% open for reservations
The whole point of pickleball is social play with people joining in as games complete. Reservations would spoil this social ethic
Folks that play pickleball do not typically reserve courts. There are small occasions when it happens, but a majority show up hoping to meet new folks to play with.
You would end up with the 40% not being used very much. Currently, the dual-use courts have designated drop-in pickleball times (my experience is in West Seattle) - 10 - 12. Players can reserve a court outside of these hours. It seems to work. We need drop in at all locations.
Open play seems like substantially more than 60% of usage.
I think the 60/40% open play/reservation is fair.

see previous statement. We should all share the courts fairly. Too many times a group is playing and then chased off the courts by a reservation. It's not fair play.
I am not sure how current pickleball courts are utilized or designated but I do know that tennis only courts are frequently underutilized and dual courts are very busy with pickleball. I think many pickleball players prefer open play- though at different levels.
Pickleball on outside courts is over 90% open play. In door play at community centers, is 100% reserved times.
Need more courts, need more open play.
Openplay is the life blood of Pickleball. There needs to be designated open, play times and courts. Reservations are not as premium of a priority
Reservations are nice for groups that meet once a week to play- but should be limited to 2 hours and then they should integrate other players waiting
I'm not familiar with the demand or availability of reserved courts, but I based on my observations at open play courts, I believe that open play is more in demand than reserved.
I would go with approximately 70% of the available pickleball courts being designated for open play and 30% available for reservation.
The need is great for more courts
More Open Play courts. When I play at Green Lake on Sunday mornings they have a great system of stacking paddles. It's simple.
I have never needed to reserve a court to play pb at Alki, with little issues. My friend reserved a court on the weekend, thinking it would be busy, but it wasn't.
What does this mean? I don't have context.
50/50
We need a higher percentage for Open Play and lower for reservations, like 65/35, or 70/30.
How does designating play work? Are you charging to reserve court? I sure hope not. However, what is to ensure that people who reserve courts show up. Honestly, I feel that open courts are the best policy - with a suggested time limit. Maybe an hour?
We need more designated play time.
40% seems like a high % for reservations
I have never reserved a court in my 4 years of playing pickleball. We all play open play. That is how you meet people and become part of a community. Green Lake is an amazing example of how people play together.
They should all be open play with stacking
Deciding between open and reserved needs to be done based on court usage data. During busy times, reserved courts are a severe impact and should not be allowed period.
Seems about right though would prefer skewing towards more open play
Reservations should not be available for pickleball courts. Open play is how the game works.
Most of us want open play, not reservations. 60/40 ought to be more like 80/20 to meet the wishes of the rapidly growing pickleball population and tennis players.
Open play should have ability levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced
It takes the spontaneity out of the sport.
Sorry, but that's your job. Do you think that serves the community?
I would say 80 open play, 20 reservation. In my experience, those who research the courts end up coming to open play because the community is so welcoming. They might be shy at first and do a reservation, but after a few times they come out to open play
That could work

It could even be 70/30 open play/reserved.
I can only speak for the courts I visit. So I don't know.
People who want to play together should not receive preference over open play persons. Peole who want to play together should stack their paddles as a group of 4 and take their turn.
Unaware if this is accurate or not. I suspect you would need to do quarterly reviews to start
There is a high demand for pickleball. If players are allowed to reserve courts that drops the number of courts available for open play
I can only speak to Delridge and Walt Hundley courts: Delridge: open play 10 to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Walt Hundley: open play 10 to noon Mon.,Wed.,Fridays All other times, reservations ONLY for one of the tennis courts for 90 min., leaving the other court open for drop-in play. Keep it simple, keep it the way it has worked for 5 to 6 years now.
bigger pro is not reserving or not reserving it is the growing popularity of pickleball and the lack of courts
Think there should be more for open play
I think that 90% should be open play
It should mostly be open play.
As I understand it, reserving spots to play involves payment. That feels like it makes it harder for folks of less means to play. Do you require tennis players to reserve and pay for courts? If not, why would you require a Pickleball players.
I feel it should be closer to 50/50 for more opportunities to not have to participate in open play for those that don’t want to.
Nearer 80/20
90%+ is being used for open play. And it should stay that way. This allows for new people in the community along with the tenured players to have the space to be able to play. If people are always playing at the courts, there’s no reason to use reservations.
Open outdoor play is the best! It should be available to all and when able to play and No Reservations needed.
If actual data at locations has been collected than I'm okay with that. I think maximizing use of courts should be the priority, and this mix could shift from year to year as the sport and players evolve.
75/25
25 reserved 75 open would be better
I think most open play players are playing by themselves or showing up with a friend. In other words, it’s hard to get 3 folks to regularly play with and I don’t think the demand for reservations warrants 40% of courts
Don't like the reservation system. Too many chances for serious arguments
How can I really say what the percentages should really be? Do you have any existing data to indicate what the percentages have been to date? For what it is worth, I mostly play on reserved courts and this has worked well for me and my friends but I also support Open Play.
80% open play, 20% reserved would be better
Open play only is how PB is done everywhere
In general, I think that 40-60 split might be right, but maybe not.....not prepared to answer
I think there should be a smaller percentage of times and courts that can be reserved for a specific group.

I HAVE NO IDEA - this is why we need data collection. Anybody who answers this has no idea unless they have data. There is open play happening and there are reservations based play. Some places make it VERY unwelcome when reservations ARE made, so I believe less reservations occur less in these locations. It makes most sense to make an entire location Either/Or, meaning ONLY open play at X location and ONLY reservations at another.
I think there are times of the day that work well with each sport. Reservations are for early and late open courts. Then default to open play until the next reservation is scheduled.
20% reservations
Does this mean for each individual park? Or all the parks/courts in general? Either way, I think that split is lowest it should be, it definitely could go higher in favor open play.
I'd say play almost always skews towards open play. Many who reserve at west seattle courts only do so because they're unfamiliar with how open play operates. It's a unique trait compared to other sports. Once they learn of the rotation of open play, many start to just show up, even with dedicated groups.
How would I know that? I only play drop in open play, as I don't have a cohort of people to reserve courts. Drop in pickleball play provides a community. I never experienced that with tennis
play.
There are private locations in the Seattle area where pickleball players can make reservations. I do think reservations should be able to be made for tournaments.
I have seen very little pickleball that is done with reservations. I would put it more at 20%.
would leave only 20% available for reservations unless you've got really good data that shows that the 40% is a real number you can always ramp it back up if you need to
There are not enough courts and when people reserve courts it makes it even harder to play.
I don't even know what this means
Where does this come from? Is there survey data?
I play in Playtime Scheduler sessions that aren't necessarily on reserved courts. I don't want to have to always pay to play by reservation. I pay property taxes in Seattle.
Only people teaching need the court reserved for specific time. I have only encountered 2 people giving lessons. Only 1 reserved the court space. Also the 'Tennis" reservation place is unresposive to questions. Been over a month. Community centers in area should regulate/take reservations/enforce.
I think a reservation system for most courts is better if you stick with a non blocking schedule where only tennis or only pickleball can play
Probably make it 80% open plan and 20% reservation.
Take the plunge and tell people you will review the allocation a year from now.
I can't stand reservations. When courts are busy and people reserve courts, everyone that shows up for open play have to wait in long lines. If there is a group of people they can just paddle stack vs reserving courts
I like to make reservations most of the time so I am not wasting my time. It would be helpful if you could reserve a Pickelball court (rather than a tennis court which equals two PB courts).
In the summer, reservations book quickly. This can make it hard to secure a reservation. In addition to reservable courts and open play courts there should be just open courts for people to show up and play with their group
event.
It's great to have both options
I suggest 75% for open play and 25% for reservations.
Green lake and Gilman are most urgently needed for pickleball open play with no reservations

Leave as is
Pickleball is a fast-growing sport. The current number of available courts is insufficient and it will just get more crowded as more player demand increases.
It depends on the location. Some locations have more of an open play community (Gilman) and others are more reservation-based.
I'd prefer 50//50
Please supply more nets for Pickleball.
Not clear on the basis for setting this split. Where does that stat come from? I'd suggest 50/50 or 60/40 the other way.
I'm part of a large established, informal pickleball group and to ensure we have two courts for a designated timeframe, we appreciate the ability to make a reservation
I agree most of the courts should be designated for open play, but I think the percentage should be at least 75%.
I don't normally make reservations but do participate in events that require courts. I guess I'm not sure how difficult or easy it is making these reservations. I definitely would appreciate more pickleball courts for open play.
I think 20% reservations is more appropriate
reservations have not been needed. I do think some reservable courts are good for instructors doing classes.
I don't love reservation only courts for the reasons stated above
I's rather it be 70 open or more with just a few reserved hours for inflexible players.
As it is, all of the pickleball locations I have played at in seattle (a majority being dual-use) are FILLED. I mainly play at Walt Hundley on weekend mornings and weekday evenings, and it is very common to have 20+ players playing. The same goes for other locations, such as Delridge or Greenlake. We simply need more support for the vast demand of pickleball.
I would want to see 60% rez/40% open play
How did you come up with these numbers and why are you trying to make certain courts of your choosing open play or reservation? All 3 locations in my community utilize open play every day largely all the time. If 4 people want to play together, they stack their paddles together. It works. Open play allows a far higher number of people to play than only allowing 4 people for a 90 min period. This will limit court time for most pickleballers.
I have never encountered a need for reservations.
Reservations are rarely used. It's not part of the pickleball culture, everybody can play. If reservations are necessary it should be 10 - 20% max.
Open play is probably 90% while reservation is 10%
Pickleball is all about community engagement and thrives in open play, reservations just act as a hinderance.
This is a statement of fact. I do not have data to know whether this is an accurate statement or not. As written, one should not be asked to confer an opinion on a fact (if it in fact true).
I just don't know.
How does this compare with the current situation? You haven't provided enough information to know, but 40% designated for reservations doesn't seem sufficient
I don't know where the percentages came from. As long as someone is monitoring to adjust the split when needed, it would probably work.
Depending how many Pb. courts we end up with.
BUILD MORE COURTS SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FOR PICKLEBALL LIKE A LOT OF OTHER CITIES HAVE.

You continue to make it hard for people to play pickleball in Seattle - that makes no sense
This is great compromise, I play in a recreation league and reservations are important but most of.the time i like knowing I can show up and drop in for free
I like an 75/25 split instead
I rarely reserve. I may reserve 2 percent of the time.
Most pickleball facilities are open play, providing a community activity for all
Open play courts are packed because other courts are over reserved. Reservations serve those who have money and makes poor people like me have to wait to play games at crowded open play areas
There would need to be a dedicated spot to find out which courts are open play and which courts are reservation only.
There are not enough courts for pickleball. Many of our friends go to Shoreline to find courts.
Reservation should be 20% or less
More open play less reservation
As far as I'm concerned, this depends on which courts we're talking about. I think the plan should be tailored to the neighborhood and the customs already in place tbere. Gilman is very differ from Magnolia and should be structured accordingly. Otherwise you get in a situation where nobody is happy with the new plan. I'd rather just keep with the status quo, and not let SPR mess with the customs that have already developed organically
There are so many people of all ages and skill wanting to utilize courts.
That sounds reasonable.
I think the demand for pickleball vastly outweighs the demand for tennis.
Can't say I can verify the %'s stated because I only play in a few outdoor courts at certain times/days of the week, but I would imagine that may be correct. Open play basically is just that, go see who is playing or wants to play that's there, and reservations for groups of people who want to play together at a certain time and day. It has worked since PB courts were integrated with tennis courts, so not sure why there's a need to change it up?
I would think 70% open play and 30% reservation would be a better split
Open play should be prioritized heavily especially during peak hours, it has killed play at certain times at certain courts with the reservations
All courts should be available for multi-use play at all times. Current reservation system works fine.
Open play favors young players who do not plan and want to drop in to socialize. Reservations for all courts allows everyone an equal opportunity .
More open play allocation allows for more play time and game rotation over reservations.
Having both options in the city seems decent but there are areas so limited on courts it feels hard to know if this percentage split will be convenient or ultimately result in big gaps or hindrance/ burden to certain areas over others
Too many players for reservations-when it's not busy your group can play for as long as they want-if there are 40 people there and 4 get to reserve a court, (one out of 4 maybe), for a couple of hours it's not cool.
Again, this is more about the culture of the court, not a blanket mandate across all courts. There are several courts that have a vibrant open play culture, and there are several that have a more reservation friendly culture. Figure out which are which before creating a generalized, blanket percentage for reservations and open play.
That mirrors what I see in real time
I think 75% open, 25% reserved.
I would say more 70% - open play and 30% - reservations.
Open play for all

Keep a higher percentage of them open for open play. Seems that few people actually reserve courts. More open play and more courts please.
There is no proof from SPR that these numbers are right.
We need more courts with lights to be court reservation courts
What does this statement even mean? This is such a misleading statement with no context in how it will be interpreted.
I have no ides if these numbers are correct
the pickleball community increases demand and exacerbates this fact. SPR's focus is clearly on tennis, not pickleball. Ftr, I'm a long-time avid tennis player and a relatively newer social pickleball player.
50/50 seems fair when there are 2 ot more courts. Drop in players can still reserve a court and work together to cover the cost
Unsure about a 60/40 split - In my experience, a mix of open play and reservations works well. Before finalizing strict percentages, Seattle Parks must fix the reservation system. It should allow players to reserve individual pickleball court layouts (e.g., Court 1A and Court 1B) OR the whole tennis court (e.g. Court 1). If only half a court is reserved, the other half could automatically default to open play or be booked by a separate party.
I think that the parks should prioritize open play as that keeps the sport accessible and fosters community. There are many other options for court reservations. The city parks are the only place that free open play can happen.
Thats a lot of open time for open play, i think open play should be about a 1/3rd or max 50% of the time compared to reservations.
I don't know
The city does not have enough courts, period. This is a huge missed opportunity for Seattle to become a world class city with a sport that is highly accessible for all ages and should be available in all neighborhoods.
Open play is likely even more of a need than 60%
I personally only play at Rainier Beach every Sunday that takes reservations, and occasionally in Ballard. All the other times (3-4 per week) I play at Open play sessions
That question is just not the case
I would go 50/50 at first and then adjust as demand dictates. Monitor usage at each location and flex the ratio based on demand. Do this on a periodic basis, just like you adjust classes that people register for in the community centers.
Open play should be much higher as it supports a broader sense of community
I would say 80% open & 20% reserved would be more appropriate of a split based on my experience.
Don't have information on data. Can't give an opinon.
It should be divided as such 85% open play and 15% reservations.
I don't think reservations are needed. You wait 20mins max to play at peak times. Be respectful and be patient.
Not a fan of reservations...socialization goes down.
Open play culture is fundamental to pickleball. Reservations are for elitist losers, which is to say tennis players :)
That sounds right to me, but how you implement this and where will be important. Please work with SMPA and advisory groups to implement this in a way that makes sense for how each community would like to play.
It should be more like 80% open play and 20% reservation-based.
Every time we play, it’s with the hopes of a reservation

Open play is open play. No reservations during open play. Only systems to rotate in
Again, if it is true “open play” where anyone can join and paddles are stacked, then yes. If it’s we have a group of four and we are going to play for 90 minutes and not let others in: that’s not open play, it’s non-reserved rules.
I favor open play with the exception of instructors who should be able to reserve courts. If this reservation for instructors is limited to 40% of court time then I'm in favor.
terms of access. It’s gamed by people. For classes, I can see the purpose. For play among friends too.
40% seems high for reservation
Again so many variable within this 'statement': which neighborhoods are designated as one or the other. As it is there are no pball courts in my neighborhood...but many people play where they live. If SPR is to be accommodating for all residents locale matters.
Depends on the number of available courts. Single or double courts should be open play. Four our more courts could then have the 60/40 split.
I know that I personally prefer and use more open play time that reservation time. But what do the real numbers say? I wouldn't want to base any decisions on whether those percentages "sound" correct.
I favor a limited number of open play only locations so I could go there with clear expectations. But I think other courts can be up to player choice: open play or reservations
In my experience pickleball is 90% open play, 10% reservations.
If 'available' refers to current pickleball courts, or courts after Parks strips many courts away for tennis, then maybe the question could be answered. As it is, there just needs to be more pickleball courts. after more courts are established, then maybe consider how they are being used. we need more courts not less, and that tennis needs less courts not more. by the time these plans are implemented, the difference between tennis and pickle participation is going to be even more vast.
This should be based on usage data
Keep all of it open play
This is a very good ratio capturing the differences for those of us that prefer to reserve and those that prefer to open play. Based on the four pickleball communities I belong to, we prefer to reserve courts.
I think open play courts should stay open play, and other courts can accept reservations. I don't think a court should have both reservations AND open play because that messes things up for regulars.
What does designated mean? reserved for whom? lots of questions
Court rentals should be on low use courts. Not during hours that are already heavily used - weekend mornings
Should be 80/20 There’s plenty to go around for opennplay
60% of what? That is the problem. 60% of Kinnear? Or 60% of Lower Woodland tennis courts that sit underutilized throughout the year.
I don't know if those stats are accurate. The 2 outdoor courts where I play in WS (delridge snd highpoint) are higher % of open play, as it should be.
I think 70/30 or 75/25 is probably more appropriate, given how many more people are able to take advantage of open courts. (I don't think this has to be solely accomplished by designating some courts open play-only, but could carve out specific hours at some courts where reservations were possible and make it open play the rest of the time.
there
I don't believe that any free, publicly available courts should have reservation capabilities. Open play offers more access and playability, and if people want to reserve courts they should be willing to go to indoor courts and pay for that.
I don’t know that to be true or un-true.

Not confident on the percentages. Reservations also include leagues which need high access to reservations. Need to ensure the big leagues that serve minority communities have enough reservation availability to continue existing. Pickelball is becoming really big in the lgbtq community due to its social nature and accessibility to beginners/low income Seattle-ites
I don’t have enough information to take a strong stance however having courts designated as open play during “peak”hours is a must. By not having open play courts, many folks will be excluded.
I think a smaller percentage would need reservations, perhaps 20%.
It's hard to say because Seattle is so woefully behind on pickleball court supply. But overall if there were enough courts, I think this approach would work. As it is I say use the open play approach to enable groups to self form.
NO reservations. First come availability is preferable, then wait your turn.
It depends on the time of day they want to be reserved. Courts are often empty mid-day on weekdays, why not allow them to be reserved then when they’re mostly unused?
Again you are presenting a solution to a problem you have not yet defined. Is this how the city of Seattle makes decisions?
On any given (good weather) afternoon, there are between 80 and 120 players at GL. Only once in a blue moon is there a court reservation. Optionally, groups like Underdog Sports should have the ability to book courts, but limit them to indoor facilities.
Current available pickleball courts in Seattle do not meet the current demand for use in Seattle. The statement above is poorly phrased. If there were adequate pickleball courts throughout the city available then having 60% of court time available for open play, and 40% of court time available for reservations would seem more/less positive. This ratio should continue to be evaluated every 2-3 years as needs evolve.
this ratio seems arbitrary every location has at least one open play court or more depending on the size.
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. The demand is increasing all the time. I think we need more pickleball courts for now and to prepare for the future. I don't think private/club options are fair because they are expensive and aren't an option for most people financially.
Most people that attended the meeting I went to at Van Asselt were skeptical of the city's ground work at providing reliable statistics.
I do not know if this is the actual percentages or just a rough guess and who came up with these numbers
I believe the demand for pickleball accessibility is significantly greater
in favor of 80% open 20% reservations
I like both. There are many different levels of pickleball players. Sometimes open play is better and sometimes 4 equal strength players want to reserve a court to have a more competitive game.
Need to put proper booking regulation on the each site. Because not all the people play PB know the rule of booking.
Reservations limit the use for players in our communities. Reservations are generally frowned upon in West Seattle.
40% available for reservation is too much at certain courts but is fine for less busy courts
I think it’s more 70% open play — specifically in the morning and afternoons with 30% reservations
The proposed 60/40 split reflects current demand while balancing access for both open play and reservations. It provides predictable opportunities for drop-in players while still accommodating those who prefer to reserve courts.
Where did those percents come from? Is there any data supporting those percents?

No! No reservations. Not enough courts!
Open play is the answer not reservations
I do not know what the stats are in Seattle.
I am not sure of the stats.
I do not think a 60/40 split is accurate. People know where open plays are occurring and others prefer reservations. I think it's more 50/50.
I have no idea
I have not seen any study or evidence supporting this.
Pickleball players constitute a much more than 60% of court use.
Citizens should not be allowed to reserve more than 2 courts at a time . Someone was making money off her "classes" around Seattle.
I don’t know the answer to this one. I do think however that if a court that is also used for tennis is available as a reservation pickleball court, the reservation should be able to be split in two. Currently if I reserve one of these courts for pickleball, half of that court goes unused where another pickle baller could have used it
No reservations. Only open play.
I play at greenlake pickleball court and there I know 100% people love open play.
I haven't seen data that supports or refutes those percentages. Is that data available? If not shouldn't it be collected?
That is not enough for open play which is the backbone of pickleball in Seattle, the magic of the sport, and source of growth and demand. Open play creates community; reservations are exclusive. Start with 80/20 instead.
Are the ratio based on objective data collected?
I see a much higher demand for open play, like 80% open play, to facilitate the community building strength of pickelball.
We need more open play with appropriate paddle stacking
Favor no reservation court use
We need more open play times
Were it up to me I might suggest 50:50
Courts are used for open play 95% of the time. Outdoor public courts should be 100% open play now that places like sideout tsunami and the picklr are open for reservations. Courts should still be able to be reserved for special events though
I would think less, maybe 80/20 which is the case on the 8 courts where I play
I just don't know
Where are you coming up with these numbers? Are you surveying Pickleball players on the courts themselves? Or just through the survey that many people may not have heard of?
I would like to see a more 70/30 split. With the 30 percent geared more toward lessons and classes.
How are reservations used? By individuals during peak use hours? By coaches or clinics? SPR seems to not track that, although those of us who make reservations or go to open play have been impacted by the misuse of reservations.
I don’t know people’s interests for reserving courts, but I think each location should have some open court options.
I am more of an open play type and have never reserved a court, but I know there is a significant segment of the community that uses the reservations system.
I'm not for certain. I know we need accurate current data to derive these percentages.
As more and more people play PB, they will want more reservations. There should be a look at SideOut Tsunami and see what they are experiencing. I don't think they have 60% open play

A paid reservation system is inherently inequitable, so should be more limited. It should also be limited to sites with plenty of courts - as mentioned above, it's seriously impacted play at Miller, especially at popular times like Saturday mornings where a small group can take half the courts and many more people have to share the remaining courts, leading to long waits.
It depends on how many courts are available. We need to keep the existing courts and add more. Then this could work.
Again, I rarely make reservations
More like 75-25. Many more people show up for open play
We need more courts available for drop-in to serve the most people.
I would split it 50/50 initially and continue to refine.
We are in desperate need of more courts!
Geography is a limiting factor for different underserved populations. A reservation policy on one or more geographically located courts doesn't make it equitable for communities in Seattle. I'd rather see the reservation policy applied across the board to all courts.
there are more open play type people
The strength of community among pickleball players is increased by the fact that anyone can play anytime. It is an amazing sport in that regard. Very inclusive. If courts are reserved too often it reduces that ability.
Seems about right.
So, reservations, let’s say you have 20 people waiting for a court on the sidelines, stacking. Oh, then they find out that 4 people who just arrived have reservations for an hour and a half, taking a court out of play. How happy would you be. Reservations are not part of the pickleball culture.
75% open play. No private lesson reservations unless added cost.
Agree if and only if the reservations create revenue that goes directly back to the community (pickleball) it came from and not advisors or committee members.
Open play should represent a higher percentage
This seems reasonable, though, I don’t have insight into how this looks at a majority of the courts in the city.
I have no idea what the relevancy of this question is. How would an individual be able to respond?
SPR needs to provide a source for the statement in question 9, otherwise the question is meaningless.
We need more court for open play
I think all courts should be open play or vast majority. Maybe 80%
I feel like it’s more 80 for open play and 20 for reservations.
No way. This is absolutely ridiculous. Open play should be about 80%-90%. Reservations more like 10-20%.
I dont know if that statement is a reflection on current usage
I think more open play is better when there are so few pickleball courts
I see very little need for dedicating to that percentage. To my knowledge, very few folks reserve a court. Again, open play is common practice, and works well.
Pickleball is a community sport. If people want to play together, they can go to open play and put their paddles together. And what if there are no reservations? How will players know this? Signing up for things with the city is not intuitive. Will that system change?
Some people want to be able to reserve, I've done this many times myself in the past. It should be allowed, but it doesn't always foster the community that I think makes pickleball such a special sport.

I prefer open play and I hope it will be available at Alki Playfield court. If it were not available I would have to find some other activity in my neighborhood (which are few and far between in Alki). I probably would have to give up the sport if forced to drive or take a bus somewhere to try to find an open court and that would make me very sad. Driving negates the benefit I get from walking or biking to Alki Playfield.
I'm not sure how many people reserve, I have only done open play
Let all the courts be open play unless reserved online
70% for open play and 30% for reservation would be better
First come first serve
Pickleball on public courts should all be open play. Pickleball is a community sport and was intended to be open play.
Why not ask us to pick the percentage rather than agree or disagree with this percentage? Also, what does the answer to this question tell you?
I think PB is overwhelmingly by its nature a drop in sport. I would say its closer to 80% drop in and 20% reservations.
Open play is a more inclusive, community building strategy
hard to say without more information
What the heck are these questions??
Get rid of all reservations
70/30 would be better
If people want a private session they can go reserve courts at any one of the numerous private establishments that serve Seattle. Public parks should be public
The majority do open play rarely do people reserve
For place with only four courts, removing any courts would cause long wait times for open play during peak times
It should be based on timing and not courts. the same court should be reservable for some time of the week vs open play for other time. so that people don't have to travel and it fills everyone's needs.
I think it should be more like 70% designated open play as it helps foster more community and creates more third spaces in our city.
A lot of people play pickleball with their friends and family. I don't think the split is correct.
40% is too much reservation
I would go with 60% reservable, 40% open play. You need to better define the open play rules and procedures.
Dedicated open play time is best during peak play times. Other times should be open to reservation.
I feel like in our case at Gilman, it's more like 70/30 but it also depends on the season.
I suspect these percentages are not good but don't have enuf data to say for sure
If the number of open courts changes, I fear that people will make recurring reservations and will block others from being able to use the courts. Likewise, I don’t feel businesses such as Emily Wong should be allowed to book all of the courts
this is easy to find out using court check in and other data. we should only guess if we are able to change it easily enough if we discover we are wrong
A citywide percentage may not work equally well for every location. Each site should be evaluated individually, especially courts located close to residential neighborhoods. The goal should be a balanced approach that provides pickleball opportunities while preserving access, fairness, and neighborhood quality of life.
I don’t see pickleball players make reservations and I play multiple times per week at multiple courts

reserved? What 40%. 40% of the morning courts, night time, what a mess. Greenlake might be designated as a non reservable hub, as so many people line up to play. Reserving 1 court there is a terrible waste of the strong pickleball community. Allowing 1 reservable court at 2 court locations make sense. Bitterlake and Rainier Beach have 4 tennis courts, allow them to reserve all for community events
The reality is probably about 70/30 or 80/20
It is unclear to me how these % were reached -so not sure they address the issue AND I don't think a general statement creates the solution need. I feel that access % should be established according to the geographical make up.
85% open, 15% reservations
More like 80% open play. That’s what pickleball is all about. Meeting people you don’t know. Hanging out with people of all ages and ability levels
It depends on how they are allocated.

Q7: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Approximately 65% of the available tennis courts being available for reservations play and 35% protected for drop-in play is aligned with the demand and needs of tennis players that play in Seattle."

(Optional) Please provide additional feedback about the share of time dedicated for reservations and drop-in play at tennis courts.

ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
Reservations are bad for community.
No idea don't know
Make all couts- dual use with dual striping open to all
I have played tennis at Solstice park for MANY years. Never made a reservation!
Current system is ok.
60/40 ~ 50/50 may be right if prioritizing revenue; reality is more drop-in.
Ratio should be 70% - drop in 30% - reservation.
The reservations system really hurts low-income residents and kids who can't afford to pay. The ratio of courts that can be reserved should be reduced.
Drop-in play ONLY please.
SURVEY RESPONSES
I do not play tennis.
Tennis is mostly a reservation based sport. You don't have open play like pickleball, you always need to coordinate with a partner because you need to be near the same skill level. 65%+ is good split.
I don't think we need reservations. Stacking is good enough.
I don't believe your numbers. Show me the stats.
I don't know
I do not play tennis and cannot speak to this statement
Many of these courts stand empty and unused for hours every day. The demand is not there.
Look at the amount of time Pickleball players are out there playing wind, rain, snow anytime all the time versus tennis players. They're rarely out there. Let's just have a drop in and play.
There are a lot more pickleball players than tennis players. I don't know what the need of tennis players is.
Have the tennis at fewer locations and where they are being used
I think the current ratios are reasonable and have existed for a long time with minimal complaint. I do not see a reason to change those.
I'm unsure of the needs of the tennis community.
N/A Not a tennis player.
None
Too many courts for the number of apparent tennis players. I have seen courts striped only for tennis where there is no one playing and a wait to play on the few courts striped for both tennis and pickleball.
I don't play tennis but from the courts I have seen which are tennis only (Solstice, 6 courts) they are never full.
Again, I rarely see any tennis players on any of the public tennis courts. Sometimes there'll be a couple of guys hitting the ball around, but I've never seen people lined up waiting for courts like I do with pickleball. Also pickleball players tend to stay for 2 to 3 hours. It's a much better use of our public courts. Most of the public courts should be repainted just for pickleball.
I have no input on what should be done for tennis players.

tennis players that want to reserve should join a club.
Tennis court time is widely unused compared to Pickleball
You guys are in a better position to assess what the demand looks like in Seattle. Similar to my previous comment, I don't have visibility in the needs of the pickleball community as a whole, but from my persepctive the current system appears to be working.
I find tennis much harder to secure for open play and reservations especially because trainers and coaches are VERY AGGRESSIVE about their sessions on public courts. Very difficult find and play on open courts all year. Would support limiting reservations for recurring trainers
I don't know enough about how tennis players use the courts
No idea, but do not see nearly as many tennis players as I see pickleball players when I drive by courts
I don’t play tennis, this seems to need the input of tennis players
I don't play tennis so I can't comment
I am not familiar with tennis needs
Again I need data to see what the % of player composition is for both sports.
I dont play tennis
don't know
I don’t play tennis
I don't play tennis so I don't have an opinion.
Tennis has the lionshare of court space even though they have a smaller population of players I think open play and dual use courts should be the norm as it allows the most amount of court sports to be played at any given time.
Sensible
I'm not aware of the actual demand
No idea
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
Make it 80% reservation. They don’t do open play
not a regular tennis player so not for me to anwer this question
Again - exact hours more important than percentages.
Again, need some hard data...
I don't know of anywhere where drop in play for tennis is successful
Reservable designated tennis courts should not be more than 50% at each location and the reservable court should be clearly labeled.
Don't have a clue.
No reservations. This is community space, should be available to all, at all times.
I don't play tennis anymore and am not aware of what percentage of the time the courts need to be reserved or have open play
Observing the dedicated tennis courts on Fauntleroy, it seems there is good supply and demand. People have fun without an obvious number of people waiting their turn.
It's not as simple as percentages. It's about making sure that each area of the city has a location that allows for open play and reservations. There is no way for anyone to calculate how this adds up percentage wise. You need to be more thoughful about how you ask these questions.
It’s great to have some drop in courts but for the last 10-20 years, the same 12-15 men are using courts 9 and 10 and sometimes 6-8 hours a day, Mon—Fri. So, dropping in isn’t really an option on those courts. They’re kind of grandfathered in. I nearly always reserve my court’s but sometimes I see coaches taking the drop-in courts and they shouldn’t use them for lessons.

I would recommend making some free (no cost) reservation times for tennis. Otherwise, If they are dual use courts, go ball uses all the non-reservable courts and does not ever vacate them.
I don't think the percentages are quite right two tennis players as opposed to 50 Pickle Ball players waiting to play do the math. Pickle Ball should overrule.
Why different % between tennis and pickleball
My knowledge of demand for tennis is purely anecdotal. I rarely see tennis players using open tennis courts during the morning weekdays when I play pickleball.
Again, get real data before asking the question or making a decision.
I feel it's opposite
History of the courts, has been that the tennis courts sit EMPTY, if not for the PB players. PB players HAVE share with tennis players, but remember: 2 tennis courts/1 hour could in theory be legitimately utilized by only 4 people. The same 2 tennis courts could host 4 PB courts, with 16 people, or 4 TIMES the utilization. Earmarking any RESEVATION for TENNIS ONLY fine, if tennis players were actually using the courts. BETTER: Please allow perhaps insteadPRIORTY USE Hours for one, then swap
that is an inadequate amount of drop-in time.
Once again, first come first serve no reservations are necessary. All courts should be dropped in play regardless if it's Tennis or Pickleball.
Where are the stats coming from? My impression is that the need and demand are absolutely greater from the pickleball "camp" based on the actual number of people consistently and daily playing as well as the recent growth rate of the sport, as opposed to occasional drop ins by the tennis camp.
I would say that ratio is accurate for the summer but I don't think this aligns with tennis play in the winter. I think there is a lot more drop in play availability, and I think many tennis courts are underutilized in the winter, which is an opportunity for pickleball play.
If this includes shared PB/tennis courts, the numbers are way off. I RARELY see tennis players at all -- though once I saw a tennis reservation for ONE person displace 8-16 people playing pickleball (rotating players in).
The tennis courts are always open. There are fewer tennis players than pickleball players. I beleive the split should be 25/75
It would help everyone's agenda
I have no idea about tennis court usage. I rarely see the dedicated tennis courts full and I didn't know there even was open play tennis opportunities
I never see anyone playing tennis only pickleball and those are reservations
More drop-in
Don't know
Same comment as previous.
In tennis do people drop in solo or as part of a group? I have very rarely shown up on my own to play tennis, even to play singles. We always schedule a group of four reserve a court and if there is an open court play a few extra singles. Outside of High School season never had a problem finding an open court.
Most people I know who play tennis will have something planned and don't just show up to play. As a tennis player (and pickleball player) you want to have courts available with people you're coming to play with. Tennis doesn't work as a drop in sport the same way that pickleball does.
Again, I have no way of knowing the percentage. I have used the court of open play and reservations.
There are many dedicated tennis courts in Seattle. Almost all PB courts are shared courts with tennis. And they are heavily used by PB players. Again, I am all for split scheduling and have SPR monitor and track the usage on those days. With that data, you can determine what the demand is. The arbitrary %tage provided needs to be backed by data.
I do not have enough knowledge about the tennis community and their needs for reservations vs drop in to comment.

How are these percentages determined?
That amount is fine as long as there are actually enough maintained tennis courts still allow for such.
I can't comment. Not familiar. But curious why you would allow more drop in play for tennis over PB? PB drop in play gathers far more people (4-8 ppl/court) in comparison to tennis (2-4 ppl/court).
I don’t know.
No idea what percent is in alignment.
Again, not enough information. I have no idea of tennis court usage.
All I know is that it’s hard to reserve pickleball courts, and open-play tends to be overcrowded. There is a shortage of supply… hard for both types of usage.
I do not know tennis demands
Courts should reflect higher amount non- reservation as with pickleball to support community access- not prioritize access by pay to use, and to encourage new players to try
I hardly see the tennis courts being used by tennis players
See previous statement.
N/A
I don’t play tennis
Same as the last answer
Don’t know
Keep tennis courts dedicated. Also build dedicated pickleball courts. To start, take Lower Woodland tennis courts 9 and 10 and convert them ton6 dedicated pickleball courts.
I'm not a tennis player.
I'm not a tennis player so I don't have an opinion on this.
Support dual sport sharing.
I don’t use the courts for tennis.
I woud support 30 - 35% open play for both pickleball and tennis.
How are these percentages even decided? What idiot wrote this survey?
Reservation should not have priority at public courts
How would we know whether a statement is true without current data being provided?
How would I know that, and moreover, how do you?
I have no idea. But I see empty tennis courts frequently.
more PB courts
Offering dedicated reservations is important but also good to offer drop in play for those unable to pay for reservations.
We need more drop in, it’s easier.
I have no idea what that question is asking
I don't play tennis, but do notice that courts are frequently not being used. Example - Laurelhurst Park has one Pickleball court and four tennis courts. The tennis courts are usually empty when I'm playing Pickleball, and are not striped for dual play so can't really shift to an empty tennis court.
I'm not sure I have the same concerns about tennis "drop-in". It's not open play the same way that pickleball is. When I want to play tennis, I've only driven to a few sites to find an open court. It makes sense to me to make all of those reservable as well to guarantee that.
More open play preferred
I don't see how one sport gets it more for free and another doesn't... but do there potentially need to be free reservable courts maybe...
I think this ratio fits with tennis play as it works currently in Seattle, and as a tennis player frequenting these courts.
Why does tennis get more reservation % than pickleball?
Only 35% available for open play seems like a low percentage … but I am not a tennis player.
I play only pickleball.

You need to get better data as tennis players do not utilize our courts in this way
Don’t know what tennis players need. I seldom see them in Magnolia and not aware of demand/use in other districts.
I don't play tennis and I would not begin to assume I would know what the percentages for this question would be.
It's hard for me to say having never been a tennis player, however, having friends who play tennis, those players tend to belong to a club.
not a tennis player
Again; I don’t know the percentages, again; who made this an issue?
I don't play tennis. How does this apply to multiple use courts?
i don't know what the tennis usage is
No opinion, I don't play tennis anymore due to my age.
As I can see there is not much demand for tennis courts. In fact most are empty in my neighborhood of West Seattle so I can’t comment on the split.
Where's your data coming from?
I don't play tennis, so I don't have an opinion on this.
I’m not sure because I’m not a tennis player, but I have a feeling it’s the other way around. I would bet tennis players drop in 65%of the time and reserve about 35% of the time.
Logistically I prefer a higher proportion of reservations but not if there is a cost or restriction/ prioritization criteria associated with the reservation system.
SPR needs to publish the statistics on tennis and pickleball court reservation and usage.
I am both a tennis and pickleball player. I never have any trouble reserving a tennis court, even at one of the most popular tennis facilities (Lower Woodland). We always reserve a court when we want to play there. My take on this is that there are far more tennis courts available for reservations than the demand.
Don’t understand the current system
If the courts are not in use during drop in play, anyone should be able to use them: pickleball or tennis
I just don’t see any drop in tennis at the dedicated courts I live near. People want reservations and predictability
I play regularly at three different courts and the current system seems to be working well. Losing courts vs. adding even more pickleball play would be a disaster for this active community.
Check your data. The population of pickleball players outnumbers those of the tennis players. A 60% tennis time is unrealistic and wasteful of park resources.
I can't speak to these numbers, but on the courts with shared lines that I frequent there are rarely tennis players either playing or looking to play.
Don’t play tennis, so can’t respond to this
Don't really know. At the court where I play there are few tennis players and they are usually drop in.
Im not familiar of the percentage of tennis courts reservations. Im
I don't know what the demand is for either option. I've never people waiting to get on tennis court.
I doing know anything about tennis use except it looks like no one ever uses the courts for tennis
I don’t know…. Im not on the regulation comittee
I gave up on tennis 15 yrs ago when I had to wait an hour every time I wanted to play.
Every day I see 40+ pickleball players and only 2 tennis players. All of the demand is for pickleball now. Give the people what they want!
Ratio should be swapped to prioritize open play.
I don’t play tennis
It's pretty exasperating to have 30 or 40 players waiting their turn to play on the pb courts, and all the tennis courts standing empty.
I do not use the courts for tennis and cannot say.

Just keep them open to whoever shows up.
I think open play make the situation more fair. Maybe establish limited playtime to facilitate shorter wait times.
Drop in play should be supported in the public parks.
One if the reasons tennis has declined is the high reservation %.
I am not a tennis player.
Reservations are more typical for tennis
I don’t know
I rarely see tennis players. At pickleball locations they are busy. That’s my experience.
There are more unused tennis courts than pickleball courts
Not a tennis player, so I don't know how they feel.
I mostly see empty tennis courts
Since I’m not a tennis player , I can only speculate , but it would seem that tennis players can make reservations just as easily as pickleballers . At a tennis only location , like Woodland Park , a somewhat higher percentage would be more desirable . Im sure that could be worked out with their advisory committee !
I have no experience with open play tennis. As a former tennis player I would have LOVED to maximize open play tennis time! Having to find partners and reserve courts is HUGELY LIMITING for me. I spent the Covid years serving tennis balls BY MYSELF! Reservations involve almost none of the community building aspects of open play. Open play helps me meet new people and is far more fun compared to being stuck playing the same people for 1+ hours.
again, provide information on website and at courts on rules
I don't play Tennis
The question doesn't indicate if these are Tennis only courts or courts shared with pickleball. A blanket percentage doesn't clarify how peak times will be addressed.
All I can observe about tennis players is that they want to play close to home, with one other player, never wait for a court, and don’t want to play with extra lines.
Can’t speak to this because I’ve never experienced true “drop-in” tennis like I have with the pickleball community.
I can’t play tennis because of physical limitations. But I can play pickleball. Many elderly people are in the same boat as me.
But I would also suggest that that if courts aren’t being used or reserves should be open to the other sport
Percentage should be reversed.
This is not fair because there are more pickleball court needs than tennis court needs
Don’t care about tennis courts rules as long as they don’t reduce or effect pickleball in any way.
I don't play tennis, so I don't know.
first come first serve like alwaYS
Again, how would I have an opinion without any data / information?
I'm no longer a tennis player and now play pickleball. Not sure how the percentages suggested were determined.
Pickleball is a uniquely different Culture than tennis. One is usually excited when you show up at the court, and there are other people, for Pickleball. For tennis, you’re bummed if there’s someone on the court because it’s not a sharing type of sport, and you have to wait It does seem, at this point in time, that there are more options available for reservations for tennis, that don’t affect the Pickleball community
I really don't know. I don't have the data.

Poorly worded qts. Can’t tell if you are only talking about tennis or you’re implying pickleball should only get 35% of use.
no tennis at all
I'm not currently familiar with the tennis situation. If this applies to mixed use courts though, this heuristic should be carefully applied so as not to limit or decrease pickleball use
50/50 seems more ideal
The reservation data for tennis is more accurate than for pickleball, but establishing strict criteria is counterproductive. There does not seem to be a good reason to restrict usage by a specific breakdown. There seems to be plenty of tennis courts available to support both types of use.
Tennis should be mostly open play as well. First come first serve is very fair
I see too many vacant tennis courts compared to PB courts. I play both. Reservations should be available for at least a few of the courts for PB and Tennis
Again, if this is what is currently in place, it seems to be working.
Dual usage courts should not be used for tennis reservations.
No idea and it shouldn't matter people should respect reservations and move on if rezzys are too long cap the max time to a couple hours or something
I'm not a tennis play so cannot respond.
Reservations are definitely needed for group lessons, high school tennis practice. But I feel like organized drop in play is more valuable than reservations. Meaning a physical tennis racquet queue.
I am neutral on this because I rarely see tennis players. When I do see them, I'm not sure if they have a reservation or not.
tennis players don't use the courts this way
I don't play tennis, so I wouldn't know how to answer. I will say that not all the tennis only courts are being used. Solstice courts being a prime example. Even during what would be high court usage time, those courts are barely half full. There are other courts in West Seattle that are never used (Riverview for example) Also in response to tennis players who said they like to play on nice courts....well so do PB players.
Most players don’t have the statistics you quote. Bad question.
If tennis players are affronted by having to work out sharing of courts and giving up their attitude of entitlement to these courts, then tennis would do well to invest tennis money in funding new pickleball courts (Shoreview would be a great example). Then, and only then, would it make sense to begin to reduce dual use.
I am not the person to ask about tennis since I no longer play the game. What I see are full courts of people playing pickleball and lots of empty tennis courts.
I do not play tennis. When I play PB I see tennis being played maybe 30% of the time on a court. The majority of the courts are being played upon by PB players in my experience.
I find that it is hard to reserve tennis courts and drop in play even harder.
Tennis courts should have more open play options. Same as the one being provided to pickleball
Maybe 70 to 80% open play is more appropriate.
What's the split now? Seems fine.
Since tennis has a much more varied skill ability between levels, I doubt as much open play is in demand as reservations
Very little drop in for tennis, maybe 2-4%
Im not a tennis player but i only occasionally see one out of 4 tennis courts being used by tennis players
Due to high demand and limited availability most rely on reservations due to fear a court won’t be available if they just drop in.
I have heard tennis players saying the available court options are shrinking.
so many empty tennis courts around Seattle. Lower Woodland, on recent sunny day, was only half full of tennis players.

again, why are the percentages different? There is a clear bias toward tennis.
I don’t play tennis any longer, so I have no concern about this.
Show us the data so we can make our own assessment. I don't know where you got the data from so how do I make a decision that this is OK or not?
25 years ago as a tennis player , I rarely reserved courts except for indoor play at Amy Yee. I don't know the situation today .
I am not a tennis player, so it’s hard for me to answer this question
At Magnolia PF & Sound View, I have NEVER seen a time where there was a conflict. At SV because of the tree fall PB players have moved to a single court NW to allow tennis players to play on a clean court; I have loaned by blower to them to clear the court. I see PB players willing to wait, talking amongst themselves, building community/friends. While tennis players come as 2 or 4 and stay as such for their allotted time, with or without a reservation. I never see them in the local restaurants.
Again, how would anyone answer this without knowing exact court use data? This question should not have been included in this survey. It's answers are not useful.
I don't really know anything about tennis
Not a tennis player
I have no idea what the data support.
Please consider that tennis players also have access to many courts at Seattle Public Schools. Not so for pickleball.
See the answer to #10 above: no one can offer an educated answer to this question unless they have command of data speaking to the needs/demands of tennis players. Frankly, I don't know why SPR is even asking this question without first providing the data at the beginning of this survey.
Don’t know what the tennis community needs.
?? been playing tennis at Amy Yee for over 20 years. I've never seen drop-in tennis. That is the designated tennis facility and pb should also have one
Please read the previous note from Question 11.
Would prefer not to have reservations.
Whether I have an opinion about this or not doesn't matter. This should be based on full-fledged, observed and tallied data that is open to the public.
35% for drop in play seems high. Once again, empty tennis courts designated for open play has been an issue I’ve experienced. PB lends itself much more to pickup, but if there are that many tennis players playing pick up I guess I just don’t see them.
See reply to previous question.
Once again, I would need to understand the current utilization to understand if this is adequate. This question is just asking people to guess with no idea of if it is equitable
I don’t play tennis so no opinion.
Tennis has SO many options vs PB and gets the choice courts at Seward Park, Volunteer Park, Greenwood. Meanwhile PB gets shoved into observatory courts with no dedicated nets, trees that make it unplayable and windy conditions.
This % split is mathematically unworkable and fundamentally misunderstands tennis. If a park has 3 courts, 35% means 1.05 courts, which can't be enforced on the ground. Pickleball games are typically 20-45 min. and have a faster rotation than tennis, recreational tennis players typically play for about 60-90 min, and tennis matches can take 1-3 hrs. If you leave 35% of courts for drop-in play, tennis players will face wait times. Avoid arbitrary % formulas.
I don't play tennis, so I can't speak for this.
In our neighborhood, there are far more Pickleballers than tennis players

I can envision times when an empty tennis court would be poached by pickleball players, which would have to be kicked out by the tennis reservation folks. So reservable tennis courts would need extra measures to minimize conflicts.
I think we need drop in play for tennis. Not everyone has a predictable schedule, and then we have to account for weather changes and needing a little partner.
This limits pickleball access too much.
50% for each
reservations can cause problems. Open play with a 1 hour maximum is the way to go.
See previous comment. Tennis players can reserve courts now outside of pickleball drop-in times. No need to change this. In West Seattle, there are 15 tennis courts; 6 (40%) have pickleball lines, and 9 (60%) don't have pickleball lines. Tennis players can play at all 15 courts. Tennis doesn't need more "protection".
I believe the demand for court time for tennis players is not this high.
I rarely see anyone playing tennis on any of the Seattle courts. It's 95% pickleball
If tennis courts are empty, pickleball players should be able to play.
again- not sure how tennis courts are utilized
I see many many tennis courts empty Greenwood, Greenlake, Beacon, Baker.
not a tennis player - I see so few people playing tennis at Gilman or waiting for a court that I wonder if there are just not many tennis players going there
Have never seen drop in play for tennis. Get Real.
Not sure what tennis players needs are
I rarely see anyone playing tennis at the courts in West Seattle. I did see one couple playing at Hiawatha tennis courts one day.
What does this mean? What is the context? What is the data that supporrs this?
Not a tennis player...
There is little demand for tennis. Both Lincoln Park courts on Fauntleroy, and Woodland Park courts are very lightly used. The demand is calling for less tennis, more pickleball.
I do not play tennis
We need more courts lined and maintained for Pickleball. Both Tennis and Pickleball can coexist on city courts.
I don't play tennis so I am not familiar with how they play. People that I do know who play usually come with a group. I suppose if the court gets crowded having a reservation would be helpful.
Tennis is about the two people who agree to come and play together. They should reserve
I have no data to back up this decision either way. What do usage statistics indicate would be the best use of these facilities?
From the tennis players I know, this is about right.
I do not know what the demand is for tennis courts.
N/A
I have been playing in Seattle for one year and have only seen 1 or 2 tennis reservations...
Have no idea of demand for Tennis as I see the tennis courts empty
I don't know because I can only speak for the courts I visit.
Tennis and pickleball do not have the same model of play. To tennis, it is important to arrange partners, meet at a specified time and play for a certain lenght of time. These are not values of pickleball players who want to show up when they please, play with different people and leave when they want to.
Speaking only of SW Seattle, SWAC and Solstice Park, and Riverview Park: seldom see any tennis players on these courts. ???
There are rarely tennis players at any of the courts I play at. My guess would be it’s 95% Pickleball players and maybe 5% tennis players but honestly I’m not even sure if it’s 5%

I don't play tennis so I wouldn't know
There is not that demand in my neighborhood.
I've never seen tennis players waiting for a court. It seems like they can always get one. I have seen over 24 people waiting for 16 people to finish (4 pickleball courts, on two tennis courts).
Whenever I am playing pickleball there are NO tennis players and have not been.
I'm not aware of how that date was collected and if those percentages are an accurate representation. The rules and expectations would need to be properly posted. If the courts are empty, than anyone should be able to play there for a designated amount of time. With tennis, the player level and match time makes open play less feasible than pickleball.
Not a tennis player
Drop in play for tennis on a dedicated use court for for tennis will go unused by the tennis population and sit empty.
more tennis players like to show up and not reserve except for the very busy tennis courts like
Most tennis courts I encounter are underutilized
Don't like reservation system. Too many chances for serious arguments
Again, I am not really sure I can speak to what the percentages should be.
I dont know the needs of the tennis community
Nobody ever drops in to play tennis. It just isn't played on public courts anymore
The tennis courts in my neighbor hood (which I walk by with my dog several times a day is often completely empty even during the summer. Pickleball play is noisier, but I don't understand how tennis players can say they don't have enough courts when I see them empty the majority of the time.
I have never seen tennis players do 'drop-in play'. The few tennis players I know, always have set people to play with, whether they reserve a court or not.
Every time I've played tennis, I've simply walked onto a court and played. There's always courts free in the west seattle region due to the many options available.
Stop just guessing. Someone from parks and rec should drive the city and count the courts being used for tennis or pickleball. Nite I was careful to not say "tennis VERSUS pickleball". It's not a competition. Both activities are worthy. Gather objective data.
Again I am not knowledgeable on these numbers but I will say that I've been playing pickleball for about three and a half years at various places — Northgate, Bitter Lake, Green Lake, Meadowbrook, Miller — and not one time have I ever seen anyone playing tennis.
ask a tennis player...
In my experience, tennis courts sit empty much of the day and there is no need to eliminate anyone else using them if they are empty. With limited resources why not just set times for priority play. If someone is using the court they can stop playing when or if a tennis player arrives.
This isn't clear. Is there data? Survey?
I don't see hardly any tennis utilization other than high school practices.
Prefer the same metric as pickleball
Person can sign up over and over again and block others out. Majority of time should be availble to first come first serve and then rotate in and out with people waiting.
See precious answer
I have only seen tennis players at Miller courts once in the past three summer mornings so i cannot speak to their needs.
Unless you can show that reservations end up being allocated fairly as opposed to the same people over and over, peak times (Summer evenings, weekends) should be mostly open play.
I find it interesting the tennis players have a need to reserve courts. I live near several tennis courts. Some designated just for tennis and others dual sport. I rarely see these courts at full capacity and mostly not being used.
I play tennis about one time per week and pickleball 5 times per week

I don’t have knowledge of tennis needs so I selected neutral
Only reserve for groups for a fee. Courts are supposed to be for public use. No one should have to pay if they want to ‘reserve’. Reserve. No revenue should be collected by parks
I’m not a tennis player so I don’t know for sure.
N/A
Feels more like 50/50
I don’t play tennis, so I don’t feel I can contribute to this question.
I see very little tennis being played on the north Seattle courts where I play so these numbers seem very high.
I'm not familiar with the tennis demand. What I do see most of the time in the morning is demand for, and use of, pickleball courts but very little demand/use of tennis courts.
I won’t use them so I’m staying neutral
I see empty courts at Hiawatha (near West Settle High School) all the time. 30% reserved would be plenty if not overkill.
I think this is OVER the demand for tennis. I primarily play pickleball, however I play tennis as well. I play pickleball at Walt Hundley, and tennis at Solstice (only 2 miles apart). Walt Hundley has several cracks in the surface, no lights, and 4 courts. Solstice is newly resurfaced, has lights, and 6 courts. Walt Hundley is always packed on evenings, and Solstice is generally at half capacity. The demand for tennis is simply lower than pickleball in Seattle
I don’t the data on this to answer
Tennis courts are highly underutilized, reservation time and dedicated drop in time should be minimized.
I have no opinion on tennis only courts. Dual lined courts should be open play only.
Neutral on tennis perspective. But also see comment above about requesting opinion on facts.
I can drive 10 minutes in any direction and find a court open. They are everywhere. They are mostly empty.
I have no idea.
The proportion reservable should be lower.
I don’t play tennis, so I have no idea what they need or want.
Tennis players always want the most % for them. During the week I have never seen tennis players waiting for a court to play. Weekends might be different.
Tennis has more space than demand
I think this is a great compromise
I don’t play tennis
Seattle has enough tennis courts
I've never heard of drop-in tennis play and didn't know it was an option in Seattle.
I don't know enough about the needs of tennis players. I haven't heard from them at the planning meetings I have attended.
Less reservation more drop in play
People wanting to play tennis seem to always get courts
not a tennis player, so up to tennis players
I strongly disagree with that % statement. While again I do not know for certain, you just need to review Green Lake or Bitter Lake to know that's not true. Most people I don't believe go thru the trouble of setting up PB reservations for two reasons - you have to pay and there's "What's App" where you can schedule a meet up time instead of reservations. If you review the number of actual PB players against your reservation stats it is obvious reservations are not being made that frequently.
I play pickleball year round outdoors near the Magnolia CC on week day mornings. Over the last 5 years there were only 2 men who played tennis on Friday mornings. In the last year, I have seen no one play tennis at Magnolia on weekday mornings.

Many tennis players do not follow the guidelines for reservation vs open play times. Many go over their allotted time and when called out, are rude about it.
Rarely play tennis.
I am not a tennis player but anecdotally it seems like many tennis courts sit un used and or used sparingly compared to the demand for pickleball. Dual play courts feels reasonable as a base and this share time percentage feels possibly correct
I do not participate in enough tennis play to judge this question and these percentages.
There is no proof from SPR that these numbers are right.
What does this statement mean???
I have no ides if these numbers are correct
I typically play tennis at Amy Yee and it is very difficult to reserve a court during USTA when the courts are dedicated to those matches (on top of lessons). Joining a tennis club is not an option for many due to the expense and locations; Amy is the only place that offers court reservations without membership in Seattle.
Yes! All groups can reserve and ask for a contribution from players when there are more than 2 courts.
No idea - but again - if all the courts are reservable correctly per above answer then you could use actual reservations and a quarterly survey of onsite use to predict real-world use breakdowns and adjust accordingly. Opinions don't matter here. Real data from a properly working reservation system is what will dictate the correct solution
I don't play tennis
Tennis does not have the same community open play. I am not as familiar with tennis culture but I think there should be fair and equitable access to these public resources. Many players may not be able to afford reservations so there should be adequate times for players to drop in and play.
I don't know
N/a - don't play tennis
People are not reserving courts for tennis
I do not play tennis, only pickleball.
This seems about right - when I play tennis I make a reservation ahead of time with my friends
Don't have the data to give an opinion.
Whenever I want to play tennis there’s always several court available to me within a couple of miles.
If you are serious enough to need a standing court time, there are options for memberships at racket clubs. It's a public space that does not need to revolve around specific groups hoarding courts.
I have never seen tennis players waiting for an opening spot, so either they are heavy users of reservation system or there is not a big demand for tennis court use
A ton of tennis courts sit around unused or under-used, so seems kinda moot.
Not sure, I rarely play tennis. I do so a lot of empty tennis courts though.
I don’t play tennis.
No opinion on tennis other than I see those courts open all the time, while PB courts are typically full.
I'm not a tennis player.
I like drop in options for everyone. It’s fair and it promotes socialization. Good for seattle.
Within the proposed strategy there are SO many more tennis courts available already why give more preference? And if there are no reservations? Can pball players play?
Tennis players aren't using the courts that I go to, which is Gilman and Magnolia
Same comment as above.
I played tennis for three decades but no longer play because I enjoy pickleball more. I defer to active players on how they want tennis court access
I see very few tennis players using reservations. I see very casual players dropping in by twos complaining that 2 people need all the space that 4 or 8 were already using. Pickleball is a better use of space and creates community.

Don’t know about the accuracy of tennis statements
I don't play tennis and don't know what tennis players want in open play vs reservations.
don't play tennis anymore as I am too old to run that much
Reservations should require a 24 hour posting to let players know if a court is being used. Without this, there are some serious altercations. Only rent on courts that are underutilized, not the popular open play courts
That's a great deal considering the tennis courts allocated to tennis, a sport I live but have increasing difficulty playing as I age.
I dont play tennis
Only 35% available to drop-in seems low, unless reservations were only capped for specific times.
I think open play for tennis is more complicated than for pickleball, so I think reservations can make sense but should be limited/restricted. I.e. only 1 hr, or only X number of games/sets if other people are waiting.
I don’t know that. But I do see a lot of tennis courts being underutilized by tennis players.
Not a tennis player but everytime I hear players speak about it they say drop in play isn't a thing in tennis because the skill gaps are too significant from beginner to casual to regular to competitive
This hasn’t been my experience (until the pickleball community pushed back on the initial proposal) I never saw an actual tennis match being played at rainier beach (in two years of play 7/7/2026 was this first) with exception of the high school tennis team.
Not sure
Tennis is not a drop-in sport.
No reservations on public courts. They are for everyone, without financial limitations.
I have no idea.
Why are the ratio for tennis and pickleball different?
once again seems arbitrary also given the space required for tennis this just won't make sense. if you have two courts one and one if you have for courts maybe one and three.... use real numbers % won't work for tennis
I don’t believe drop in tennis is a thing. It’s much harder for tennis to be an open play sport. This is going to leave a lot of empty courts.
I rarely see tennis players in the courts
I don't play tennis so I don't know.
I don’t know how this info was gathered, who got these numbers etc
IM not a tennis player, I don’t know the demand. I will say the only time I see tennis players is when they have a reservation, or they come as a pair to play. I have never seen them go to open play.
I do not know enough about tennis use in Seattle
Rarely do I see more than 2 singles tennis players on any of the magnolia courts monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and Noon. And I will add that during those times there are usually at least 12 pickleball players during those hours.
Pb and tennis players, we all need to know the proper use of each site. Need to hang a rule on each site.
I have no knowledge of what tennis players do. We don’t see them very often in West Seattle.
This allocation appears to align with current usage patterns and provides an appropriate balance between reservations and drop-in play.
Tennis as a sport does not support open play. Never has and never will.
Again, not sure what the statistics are.
I am not sure of the stats. I just know that the tennis courts sit empty 75% of the time when they are tennis courts only.

In the 2 years I've been playing pickleball, I've only seen tennis players come onto the courts twice. That's it!
I have no idea
Many more people prefer to drop in. Reservation leads to under utilization of courts
I dont play tennis so have no idea what their needs are
I see a lot of empty tennis courts, but busy pickleball courts.
I'm unaware of the data
There are only a few locations where tennis players reserve their courts. A time share concept is only going to upset pickleball players...they are a far more organized group and still growing. Have tennis players build the pickleball courts...then the pickleball players will be out of their way.
I do not see tennis players playing "open" play
This and the previous question are unclear and worded so poorly. Not even sure I understand what you mean.
If it were up to me I might suggest 75:25 (reservation to walk-on). I am not a tennis player so am less informed, however in my Magnolia neighborhood there are mixed courts (rec center) and tennis-only courts (Mag. Park), and the tennis courts appear to sit empty more frequently at both locations (they get plenty of use, just more frequently sit vacant).
Most tennis players make reservations
Very few people are playing tennis on these courts and you need to get a better sense of usage?!
Tennis has enjoyed protected status for many decades. Adjusting that use to accommodate the drop in numbers of players and neighborhoods across Seattle is overdue. The tennis player who complained at the Loyal Heights Engagement that she could no longer walk 5 minutes to have use of Gilman…for heaven's sake! Move to a tennis community. We all want to just walk to our favorite venue, regardless of sport. Get on a bus, or thumb a ride, as pickleball players must do, simply to get to a safe court.
I am not a tennis player and cannot speak to their needs, but they should, of course, have options for both drop-in play and reservations, too.
Once again, we need current accurate data to derive these percentages.
This works well after many years.
I don't play tennis so hard to say.
Im not a tennis player- but at the courts where I play pickleball (west Seattle and rainier beach), I barely see tennis players playing at all. It seems like you're trying to impose a one size fits all solution to the entire city when there's a huge disparity between the number of people playing tennis in north Seattle vs south and West Seattle
Tennis players should be able to drop-in, but don't, generally, want to share court time. Unused, dedicated tennis courts are an unfortunate result of this tendancy.
Tennis players like reservations and exclusivity whereas pickleball players just want to play
I have no idea what is going on w/tennis courts
I always see a lot of tennis courts empty
My, is the same here as it was for pickleball reservation courts. A reservation of policy needs to apply to every public court to be equitable.
Can't answer for Seattle but not in my neighborhood.
that ratio seems exclusionary, need to protect the concept of court time open to all
There are lots of designated tennis courts with reservation options. No need for more
Check out the courts that are dedicated tennis only. They are virtually empty. The only real play is when the high schools have practice or tournaments.
Only for existing dedicated public tennis courts.
Rarely do I see tennis players on the courts. Maybe 1 of 4 courts is utilized by tennis players in the mornings during the week.
First come first served. It's a public space and should not be over controlled.

Same response as previous question with the following addition. I have played at Solstice Park for over ten years without making a reservation and frankly don't know any players who have.
What is the source of this statement? Please cite source.
I rarely see tennis players where I play pickleball. They are usually reservation because tennis does not support drop in play well.
No opinion here because I don't play tennis.
I dont know if that statement is an accurate representation of usuage
There is no drop-in tennis culture from what I've seen
I dont see the need. There are currently plenty of available tennis courts available. Why reserve. My reference is again West Seattle.
I don't know what tennis players need.
I don't play tennis enough to have an opinion about the usage of their courts.
I haven't played tennis in years so don't have an opinion. I have had back issues for over 50 years and tennis puts too much stress on my spine. Pickleball, however, does not.
I'm not sure about tennis players but for pickleball 80% of the courts need to be for open play. To be honest I've never seen any tennis player show up and play with random ppl which is the complete opposite pickleball…
More reservations
First come first serve
My personal experience with tennis courts is that they are often empty of being underutilized by only 2 players
Like u said, I just don't see that many people playing tennis. But the courts I play at. It's usually the high school teams and everyone knows the hours that they're there and the season that they're there and we work around it.
hard to say without more information
I play pickleball at Bitterlake. I like sharing the space with the high school tennis players that show up in the afternoon.
How would I know these percentages??
Reservations should not be allowed
Don't play tennis
I don't think I've ever seen Tennis players do open play. They always have a set group to play with.
I see a lot of people show up to play tennis without a reservation.
As long as non-tennis players can reserve these courts, that percentage is okay.
I don't know much about the tennis use at Gilman. Our courts are mostly used by picklers.
Don't have enuf data to answer
Typically tennis players do not use the open play format.
I disagree. Tennis courts are a valuable public resource, and protecting only 35% of courts for drop-in play may not adequately serve the needs of tennis players, especially seniors, casual players, families, and those who do not plan weeks in advance. Converting or reducing tennis access to accommodate pickleball should not happen without careful consideration of the impact on tennis players and nearby communities.
Where are these tennis players. Never see them
I have no idea. All I can say is that with 5 years on the pickleball courts, I've hardly seen any tennis players. I'm assuming they haven't reserved courts so don't just show up. Pickleball players know that with so many others wanting to play, I better reserve a court to assure me and my friends can play. Or, I'll show up somewhere and hope to get in.
i have the same concerns as with the pickleball %- not sure where these come from, don't think a blanket statement work - it should be specific to the local issue- Seattle has many centers, each center has their own need and issue. Let's start looking at solutions tailored to the local areas.

Whatever the current allocation is, it's fine.
I don’t play tennis. But I drive by upper Woodland a lot and find that most of the time the courts are
Tennis players do not participate in drop in play I feel. That is a pickle ball practice

Q8: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "It is preferable to prioritize funding for expanding the existing number of courts first rather than focus on lighting and/or covering existing locations."
(Optional) Please provide additional feedback about how we should prioritize adding new courts or adding improvements to existing courts.
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
You only give us 1 choice, all racket sports or lighting? Need pickleball courts.
Make all courts - dual use with dual striping open to all.
Seattle is embarrassing in the Pickleball community. We have no multi number dedicated Pball courts.
Send our sport levy to maintain and utilize existing courts.
I think safety needs to be balanced with expansion, i.e., lighting, cracks, resurfacing.
I think it depends where in the strategy of having lights may help adding use hour fast.
Expanding courts for tennis vs lighting courts not preferred because there are already a large numbers of courts.
For resurface budgeting, I would suggest: 1) Improve courts, eg., resurface & remove cracks, restripe with non-slip paint. 2) cover courts 3) Lighting
Lights should be determined by the immediate neighbors. Residential courts need to respect needs of neighborhood e.g. light and noise.
As long as you fix the courts.
SURVEY RESPONSES
Add courts the the adjacent field at high point
Do both. The demand is there
Mostly agree, but note that outside of summer it gets dark very early in Seattle. Decisions should be made using some kind of weighted formula for how often the court will be usable outside of work hours.
Agree expansion is needed first. The current courts are in a state of disrepair, but the pickleball courts are also over-full. Tennis courts are empty and unused. It would be most beneficial to re-line for pickleball where possible, expanding access, before building new pickleball courts
Again, the two sports are demanding more places to play, so more courts is the priority.
More courts are the priority.
More courts first with the built in infrastructure for the future. You don't have to put up the lights but you should run the wire for the next phase.
We need more places to play rather than lighting on existing courts.
I think we can share and funding should be spent improving what we have.
SPR trying to break what's NOT broken!
There are not enough courts now. Build a pickleball hub in the parking lot at Magnuson that could easily accommodate 24 courts.
We need to keep the courts we have and maintain them better which includes lighting and fixing cracks.
New courts would be nice, but it's not a have to lights are not a have to covering not I have to. We can play it anytime anywhere court maintenance is a big thing, though the cracks in the concrete make it really hard. More maintenance is probably a good idea.
Some courts are already hubs and could use some more love, but generally the more places to play, the better
They are too few courts available now
This is challenging, as lighting expansion could really increase supply more immediately. Would new courts by default be lit?
my feelings are guided that i live reasonably close to some courts. id probably feel differently if the closest courts to me were much further away.

It doesn't seem like the tennis courts are being used to capacity and are often open.
I think we need to expand the courts . We have more people waiting or turned down to play
This needs to be a hybrid issue. Some new courts, some hubs re surfaced and lights.
In my neighborhood (Rainier beach) there seems to be adequate access to pickleball and tennis courts if left for dual play. Would support funding going towards maintaining these courts
Both are ways of expanding access, but lights and covers allow play through the evenings and winter months. Improving existing facilities, and designating Open Plays would ease the burden at busy hubs.
None.
It would be great to at least repave some of the more ragged existing courts.
There are courts which have lighting already, Alki, Rainier Beach, Bitter Lake, and are used by pickleball players when dark out. Funding should be prioritized to find and complete building of new, dedicated pickleball courts, or converting places such as Walt Hundley to dedicated pickleball courts. If you focused on coverings and lighting first, that money would be funneled to the tennis only courts.
Covering and lighting courts like Greenlake would be a massive game changer for winter play.
What's most needed are additional courts.
This is a hard question because all of the Seattle pickleball courts are in horrible shape. They need to be resurfaced and repainted. Yet we also need more courts. I think the city needs to quit worrying about tennis and turn its attention to pickleball like the rest of the country has. We are woefully behind what other cities are doing.
night play and covered areas are never going to be in high demand in the Pacific Northwest.
Lighting is the biggest issue my group encounters as the days get shorter. There are only a handful of courts with lighting creating higher demand for fewer courts during shorter daylight seasons. Covering courts is less of an issue.
Some neglected courts should be addressed (eg, standing water at rainier playfield courts)
I think the number is the real restriction and many go indoors when it gets dark and cold. However, there are few lighted courts and to my knowledge, no covered ones.
I believe we should first maximize the value of our existing courts. Investments in lighting, resurfacing, drainage, accessibility, and weather protection increase safety, extend playing hours, and improve the experience for more people. Growth remains important, but maintaining and enhancing current facilities should be the first priority while planning for future expansion.
With greatest demand during spring-fall weather, where we have longer days, it seems quantity of courts would be greater value than adding lights. There are also indoor opportunities to play whether lower cost community leagues or private clubs
Adding lights to existing courts would be faster and more economical
I think both are important
Lights at Greenlake/Woodlawn, at least for winter
As a pickleball player, we need courts! Hopefully improvements will happen as the West Seattle courts are in need of repair before someone is injured.
The elements are part of the game
Well, we know it rains a lot here. Covers make sense.
Lighting is critical in Seattle during the winter where daylight is limited
I think both need to be done but at this point adding new courts is the priority given that those courts should be built with lighting in mind otherwise it is silly to build new courts without lighting being included in the plans of the build.
We need 5-6 places(hubs) distributed across the city that are sheltered from wind and rain, and have lighting to facilitate year round use. I support using tax dollars for this. Having more courts is nice, but less of a priority at the moment. This could change at any time however
More total courts for both pickleball and tennis will make people happy. Lights and covering are nice to have but secondary.

Ideally would like both, but more pickleball courts would be a priority
I don’t think you necessarily need to build new courts just allow play on the existing tennis courts. It would be amazing to have covered courts for the winter months!!!
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
More courts
would like to first see existing courts maintained well (resurfaced, re-lined, etc)
I think maintenance of the exiting courts should be the priority, then covering and lights. Adding courts would be nice, but better maintaining the existing courts is needed.
specific investments in lighting and covering at the 1-2 highest trafficked courts should be prioritized
We are driving two plus hours to Mount Vernon in the winter in order to play. Indoor public options in Seattle are few and far between. Lines at community centers can run into the multi-hour length. Private facilities are an option but run 20-$60 per session per player. None of that helps this sport be equitable or accessible to all.
The biggest demand is during the summer months where our existing infrastructure on the courts are sufficient
Lighting/covering does nothing to ease the demand for court time.
This is a weirdly stated question. It shouldn't be one or the other. SPR needs to look at every opportunity individually to determine what makes best sense given budget and need. Picklers need lights (access to just two of the mostly unused Lower Woodland tennis courts n the wintertime would go a long way toward providing north end picklers with lights during our dreary winters, but you already know that and have discounted the idea many times based on emotion only.
More courts would alleviate the burden on the few existing ones
Unclear what "covering existing locations" means
Prioritizing funding for MAINTENANCE and then court coverings and lights should be the priority. The addition of more courts is not useful if they are not well maintained. While more courts would be beneficial and should be a longterm goal, the process would take much longer for finding appropriate space and generating sufficient funding. Whereas allocating a budget towards maintenance and lights/coverings to already existing courts, would have a quicker, more tangible effect.
Providing lighting and covering courts simply seems indulgent. Let's just focus on being able to play outdoors whether the weather allows. If your game and pursuit of the sport equates to late night and all weather playing in Seattle, then it's time to pursue indoor club playing. I believe lights simply will impact the quality of life of neighborhoods far too much. People will play too late, etc. If lights are placed, then please put them on a
First show us that you actually can get funding and give us a timeline of when this construction would take place, and then we can answer this question. In the meantime, you have plenty of courts throughout your city, you just need to allocate their usage better and more equitably. This means that some tennis courts would need to be converted to pickleball only courts. You already have funding for resurfacing these courts, use that $$ more fairly.
If you’re going to charge higher and higher fees for court reservations, you should maintain the courts. I myself have had to get up on a ladder and trim tree branches coming down over the fence and prune bushes coming through the fences and I single handily swept all the leaves on the upper LWP courts and at Wallingford last year again. And I always pick up litter daily on all the courts I walk past whether I’m playing on not. You should 1) fix the lights and 2) maintain the courts.
I think the current court situation should just be reservations on peak hours and open play of off peak hours and we do not need to spend city money redoing everything. It’s a waste of taxpayers money.

Rain is not a problem in summer in Seattle. The number of courts is because CCs with indoor open play are fewer in the summer.
However lighting and covering does double the capacity for pickleball. But not tennis.
I would definitely prioritize expanding courts before lighting and covering. And you absolutely should not decrease any current dual use courts UNLESS and UNTIL you build the same amount of pickleball courts in that same neighborhood. It is not equitable or accessible to force people to leave their neighborhoods.
I play in West Seattle where courts like High Point and Alki are practically useless. Let's go for the low hanging fruit and fix what we have first. I wonder if we will ever be able to have courts that are covered so we can play outdoors in inclement weather?
The lead time for new courts will be staggering. Get started now.
Most of our current courts are in bad shape and need to be recovered and repainted. That is a good place to start, whether the courts are dual use or not.
Results of your Demand Study: How much demand (by tennis, by PB) is unmet? Share results, initial findings, to see how comports with realities seen by players. THEN decide, which need is more urgent. (SURFACES, and permanent lines, a priority. Lighting would extend use times, obviously. Coverings - PB goes indoors to Community Centers, so funding them to support extending gym use (by multiple parties) to give PB more hours
Lighting is a much higher priority for me than expanding the number of courts. We have insufficient pickleball courts with lights in West Seattle.
Prioritize expanded pickleball hubs which are located away from residences. Include as many new "non-regulation" pickleball courts as possible. Prioritize removing pickleball lines at tennis hubs which are currently dual use. Paint over the pickleball lines now rather than wait for a planned resurfacing in the future.
Expand what you have there's plenty of land in parks. If city of Seattle built a designated a Pickleball court facility like Mount Vernon and surrounding cities, you could make money. Seriously Seattle has no money and so from what I understand neither does the city Seattle Parks and Recreation. Why are you talking about building a covered facility without funds?
Overall, I agree that access and availability are the biggest challenges. However, it does rain here for 8 months and a few covered courts would be amazing. Why not utilize Magnuson park or Maple Leaf reservoir park for covered courts with lighting.
Tennis has a longer history. Also a longer and stronger history of donation by players. Can the SPR point this out and encourage donations for pickleball court maintenance? But I also assu.e that court expansion would be much more costly than maintenance so pitting expansion against "maintenance" seems like an easy way out to scrap plan ed restroom installation or court resurfacing (e.g. Mt. Baker court). The questions are too embedded and layered...
There is a greater need for the maintenance and resurfacing of the current courts--almost all the courts are in dire need of resurfacing. Lighting and covering of current courts would address significant demand in fall, winter and spring.
I think it's important to maintain and update existing facilities first. Many tennis and pickleball courts have cracks in the surface, don't have lighting or canopy roofs. Making these updates will attract players and should relieve some of the court demand.
Covering the courts would be LOVELY given our climate here, but the number of available courts is truly TOP priority. Lighting as well -- it makes more sense to let daylight limit court usage than to have too many people needing too few courts.
Sustainable repairs should be prioritized for the safety of participants.

We need to repair our current courts, provide lighting/cover where appropriate and then we should build more courts
As we expand the community will come together to find solutions
More access (especially pickleball) in our most diverse communities
Please add more before you take any away
Is there a way to do a little of both? Lighting would really help expand options
We don't have enough courts for a very growing sport. The light in summer time is more than enough for playing PB early to late. Bad weather means a lot of outdoor PB play doesn't happen in winter so lighting would be wasted. Cover depends on the type as the wind usually blows so rain comes in anyway.
Seems that improvement of present courts would be a better start, thus we don't put off the work while "figuring out what is the best political next move."
Clearly we need to do both. Courts need to be in good playable condition—top priority. Lights can help expand capacity without building new courts (more cost efficient?).
Priority should be on getting as many pickleball only and tennis only courts. Nobody really likes playing either on dual use.
This should be based on usage data. Lights provide a longer time in the day in fall and spring. Courts should always be maintained for safety.
I am neutral on this because while I would like to see more courts, it's disappointing to see the conditions of current courts. Miller courts have leaves and dirt all over the courts. Maintain the current courts before adding more courts. The PB lines at Delridge are almost impossible to see.
There should be a balanced approach when considering the options for both.
The existing courts should be fixed, e.g., cracks fixed, lined repainted with non-skid paint, etc.
If that expansion includes both PB and tennis, then yes. Otherwise, I'd rather see repairs and more lighted tennis courts in particular.
I think you should prioritize fixing existing high-use court surfaces that are dangerous (High Point, Mt Baker) and then invest in building new courts (Georgetown). I think you should prioritize equity - South and West Seattle.
We need more PB courts and I think play should end when lighting is required for the surrounding homes for noise control.
The demand for additional pickleball courts is the priority.
More is better. Mostly I was surprised to see that there is interest in covering courts. That seems costly and cost prohibiting.
To alleviate usage conflicts with tennis and to reduce noise impacts on neighbors, more courts are needed.
Court space is OBVIOUSLY a beloved asset and in short supply - more surfaces with good nets are top priority. Second priority are simple coverings for rain protection (like: quonset hut coverings with two sides open to the air) - less expensive, and yet dry in winter.
I would like to see funding go towards adding lights and cover to the most popular facilities.
While I'd love to see SPR prioritize and build new courts, I'm hesitate to do that at the expense of existing facilities not being maintained given how long it appears for SPR to build things. Case in point: it's been 10 years since SPR started planning to put in new toilet building at MT Baker Park - and not one shovel of dirt has been turned yet. So no.
They can progress together
N/A
The current courts have been neglected for years. There has been no funding to repair the Highpoint/Walt Hundley or Delridge courts, and there are visible cracks that people step on and get injured. These should have been fixed already!
Lights for existing locations and fixing holes are more important

I’f the court is already there and offers no lights, you could budget it for new lights. If it’s a new court being built why not just include lighting in the cost Maybe all courts won’t have lighting except ones you can add lighting while building.
Seattle has a really long winter time where courts are too dark past 5pm
How you should prioritize? That question answers itself. It should be the priority, your job is to make it happen.
All courts should have at least some shade nearby. But downtown courts need both cover and lights to meaningfully expand their annual playable hours, and will brush up against nighttime noise ordinances in the process. More courts is preferable.
Lighting is important for nighttime use, but it would be more important to have places for playing in daytime first.
Fix existing surfaces
Pickleball is the state sport and the fastest growing sport in America. Every city has beautiful courts and Seattle is woefully behind. Getting moving. What are you waiting for? All this delaying is really unfortunate and unnecessary
Make sure there are enough pickleball courts for all who want to play pickleball.
We clearly need more courts just based on your proposal for designating courts. Building more courts would help to address the problems that led to the courts proposal in the first place.
The existing courts are cracked and need to be maintained
Lightning courts is not that important. Covering courts would be beneficial but not essential.
Maintenance is critically important now and in the future, before creating new courts for either sport. Court surfaces are poorly maintained and injuries are likely unless repairs are identified and authorized
Lighting or getting courts with lights is also very important for winter play
Lighting and covering we've been asking for, forever. New courts can have both, afterwards
As long as investments have a short time horizon of a year or less, otherwise its important to maintain courts for existing use
We need more tennis courts and to get pickleball players onto pickleball courts we need to build more spaces.then lighting and other issues could be addressed.
I think ensuring safety and then expanding
They should focus on Cari g for other courts instead of expanding, which displaces other people from using the courts.
I love lighting for courts. Covered courts would be amazing! However, from a tradeoff perspective, I'd love to know the cost of building new courts and where they would be as well as the cost of covering or adding lights. If lights add maybe 20% of a court's usefulness over and covering adds 40%, how do those costs compare with building a new court? I would also consider neighborhood demands and accessibility for new locations.
Our courts are in disrepair, and the lighting is woefully inadequate. We can increase the capacity and operating hours of existing courts by improving them. If we choose to introduce new courts, I would prefer to enhance the existing ones with a plan for ongoing maintenance rather than building new ones.
Pickleball has indoor options (And always has: Community centers) tennis has indoor options...why is this even being considered, plus the complexity of adding lights is no small task... we need more courts... for pickleball and for tennis. There are fewer tennis courts in Seattle per capita than Portland a city half our size.
If you are planning to remove dual use, then yes you must add more courts first
Important to expand the number of available courts. However, adding lighting and coverage to key / hub locations would allow people to play through the winter.
I only play outdoor daylight hours. I use the indoor pickleball open play at nearby community centers also during daytime hours.
increasing the number of courts is more beneficial to more people than upgrading existing facilities

We still only have 3 dedicated pball courts in all of Seattle, and even in your best of plans, you continue to offer non-resurfaced, duo lined courts that at best you will call "dedicated" pball courts. Top priority is to really produce some resurfaced, pball lined only dedicated courts like every other city in America has managed to do better than Seattle.
Probably should do some combination of both depending on the particular situation.
Lighting and covering is low priority. We love playing outside all year, during the day and if it rains we wait for it to stop and squeegee the courts and play.
We just want places to play first, lights and other improvements can come later. Priority here! If you have been listening to the feedback it resoundingly is about the lack of pickleball courts and the fear of losing courts. Who cares about more improvements it we can't play.
Night picketball is great but that is not where the greatest need is located.
Since when do we have covered tennis/pickleball courts in the PNW. Lights would be good, however, more pickleball courts seem more reasonable.
On line or phone for adding new courts
It rains a lot in Seattle.
Pickleball is immensely popular: support this wonderful sport that saves many from getting into trouble, depression, poor health. So yes; help us add more courts for the sake of the health mental and physical of our community.
Assuming that lighting could be added at a later time
both are needed, hard to know what will be a good implementation of funds used
Given our weather and seasonal rain here in Seattle, leaving fewer days for playing out doors. Covers and lights for the courts would seem more economical. However we still need more courts for this growing and popular sport of Pickleball.
Prioritize new courts. Seattle is sadly behind the curve on no of outdoor courts. Also, court and net maintenance should be a priority.
Repairing the courts we have so players are less likely to be injured should be first priority
I'd rather have to spend less time waiting between games, with more courts available, than to have cool cover and lighted courts with long waits between games.
I think lighting is a great idea. I'm not sure the costs need covering, but trees planted around the costs to provide shade would sure be nice.
Uncovered courts in the PNW can only be used for less than half of the year. Covered with lights would have much higher year round utilization.
I have very mixed feelings about this. Parks has been so unsuccessful in building new courts that it seems almost impossible that they will actually ever pull it off. Personally, I would prefer new designated courts, but am very skeptical that it will ever happen. I will not play at night and I don't care if any courts are covered.
Would love to play on current courts: Queen Anne and Alki
Make the courts we have work!
Some of the older courts (Mt Baker, Georgetown, Beacon Hill) are in need of resurfacing for safety. I would hate to see these updates cancelled in favor of new courts elsewhere.
Pickleball has low barriers to entry low cost to participate. It's easier to play than tennis and uses less space. So many people are joining pickleball. At the free Diversity and Inclusion In Pickleball clinics more than 100 show up each week. Add new courts then resurface old courts to meet demand
The need is high for more pickleball courts. Lighting and coverings would be great, but being able to just play is the priority - the need for more options continues to increase.
Both approaches expand playing times and opportunities so are considered positive. Either approach is fine.
Both are useful.

New courts should be considered where none exist now.
This is Seattle! Winter play, with much darkness and wet, depends on cover and lighting! As it is, most of us are denied the opportunity to play past October, through March. Covers and lights are more important than added courts.
A few new courts won't fix all of our issues, but will definitely be appreciated. However, a few existing courts that are used for both sports desperately need some attention – cracks filled, and painting of lines. Alki in particular.
Community members take it upon themselves to PAY to upkeep the courts. So just add more courts. We will figure it out, because we've always had too. See the miller park fundraiser on July 16—which is raising money to reserve courts for OPEN PLAY.
AT Soundview, there are a lot of cracks in the courts. They could be resurfaced. Courts could be painted so the lines are more clear both for tennis and pickleball.
This is an interesting tradeoff. Lights and coverings are pretty basic amenities that we are missing, and they extend the playing season for all players, however I would need to see data on how big of a gap exists between court supply and demand to know which issue is more pressing. This is what the city should be looking at.
I think there's really a need to build more courts now. But maintenance is very important too. I'm sure people experienced in budgeting can come up with a plan.
We do need more courts however covering would allow more play net because of our weather. Some covered courts esp. in underserved areas like South Seattle would be great.
New pickleball courts have been needed for years. Parks and Rec was supposed build the first phase of 27 at Magnuson in 2025.
If new courts are expensive, I think priority should be to establish existing courts dedicated to Tennis and Pickleball, while keeping many courts lined for both.
I don't think covering is going to keep courts dry enough to play in the winter so might as well focus on having more
Adding dedicated PB courts and converting underutilized tennis courts to PB or joint use courts should be a huge priority. Seattle has few dedicated PB courts that meet standards for play. PB is growing exponentially. Keeping existing courts, including shared courts, should also be a priority. Stop prioritizing tennis over pickleball, when pickleball is growing at a much faster rate than tennis. I always see vacant tennis courts when I'm driving by Lower Woodland Park.
Need to repair existing courts
Both are very important. Lighting and covering will increase usage but so will more courts.
Seems like we need more locations—but at the time perhaps covering and lighting would allow for more winter play.
We need 50 more dedicated pickleball courts
First fix up what we have now with Pickleball and Tennis double striping and add portable nets for Pickleball.
Small improvements give you more bang for the buck. I'd prioritize them
With the explosion of pickleball players (I can't speak to tennis), building more courts first is a priority so that tennis & pickleball players can segregate. This should make everyone initially happy. Definitely could use some simple shade coverings & seating. HOWEVER, can we get some basic maintenance please? Some existing courts are decrepit (like Soundview & Delridge). Court lines faded/worn & cannot be seen, courts cracked & dirty, etc.
I think you should maintain the courts you already have before expanding.
The courts and surfaces / should be safe and maintained. Lights are a luxury. More courts the better.
Lighting and conditions are important, especially in a city that gets dark early in the winter.

Pickkeball must be prioritized over acquiring more parks/parkland. Parks Dept is not maintaining what it has even with the levy money. Covered courts are needed, but more courts are a higher priority, but maintaining those that exist and are in disrepair is important.
Being able to play comes first, then modifications to a court comes second
I want to see dedicated pickleball courts, first and foremost. Not temporarily converted courts.
A mixed strategy make sense
It seems adding lighting is not the priority especially in winter. More courts, more can play during odaytime. I have a bias for daytime play.
Pickleball need their own courts asap. New stand alone or conversion of existing tennis courts.
The existing courts should be resurfaced. They are dangerous to play on
We need more pickleball courts given the popularity of the game and how much it has increased over the years. But improvements to existing courts, particularly those located near residences (condos, apts. homes) need to be made to help decrease the noise level.
More courts are needed.
I'm all for improvement of courts. Also for expansion. Would be happy if either were funded, but I lean toward improving
Covered courts would be great!
While lighting and cover are great next steps, we need to address the lack of available pickball spaces.
Need more courts first, the other stuff can wait
Other smaller cities that are not the origin city of Pickleball have way better facilities than we do. I think it's an embarrassment that our courts are in such bad shape.
There are not enough places to play. I often have to wait 1/2 hour in between games at open play
Having measured the Gilman courts , I found that changing the pickleball court lines , leaving the tennis lines for dual use , it would accommodate six pickleball courts quite nicely , with regulation distances between them ! This would be an easy and cost effective solution !
Lights are a huge factor for many who enjoy playing outdoors and work full time! But having reliable options is priority
More courts, improve surfaces
The current problem is that there are more pickleball players than tennis players. Before expansion that takes too much time we need to focus on making current players happy.
Although lighting and coverage would be nice, more availability and access is certainly a priority
It is so sad the city is unable to help strengthen communities and public health by adding more courts. In many parks there are HUGE EXPANSES OF JUST GRASS. I keep thinking... this is a massive waste of space. What about community gardens, more courts, pollinator flowers, etc. We need a smaller percentage of our park space devoted to grass! ADD COMMUNITY, REDUCE BORING, ECOLOGICALLY HARMFUL GRASS.
Your power washing is ruining courts (eg, at Alki recently). Keep courts non-slippery and do something about the cracks. Also, priorities depend on the timeline. If it is going to take years to add new courts, prioritize repairing existing courts. If new courts can be added in 2026, prioritize that. Designate Hiawatha as pickleball or tennis and prepare courts accordingly.
It is annoying when lights aren't working. But I can play during daylight. I'd prefer nearer walk-friendly courts.
More pickleball courts are needed. However, SPR can significantly increase the utilization of existing courts by adding lighting and weather protection. These improvements would distribute demand more evenly into the evening and during rainy weather, reducing overcrowding at the limited number of courts that are currently lit or covered. Expanding court capacity and improving existing facilities should go hand in hand to maximize public access and the value of existing infrastructure.
Repair/resurface the current shared courts. There are huge cracks at Alki, High Point and Delridge.

The Pball facilities in Seattle are probably the worst in the country. SPR has seemed focused on keeping the wealthier, whiter, younger tennis community happy rather than figuring out an equitable way to support the fastest growing sport in the world. If only all the money spent on delaying tactics of endless surveys, meetings, polls and wasteful strategies (like Magnuson complex) had been spent on nets, painted lines, and court surfacing, Pball in Seattle would be way less depressing.
Adding lighting will help a lot with evening hours
New courts should only be added in areas that are overcrowded, easily accessible to the public, and specific to one or the other (pickleball or tennis). This should be something that is thoroughly surveyed, documented, and planned. Existing, high-use courts need maintenance (resurfacing, re-lining, net maintenance, wind screens, etc.) before improvements or new developments. Again, this should be surveyed, documented, planned, and prioritized.
Lights are nice. Covered courts are not a priority
Covered and lighted courts gives a longer season to play both sports. New courts are great and should be worked on but make new courts flexible use.
Outdoor courts are likely to be utilized more often during the dry summer months when it stays light longer. Therefore more courts should be the priority.
Those two things are not as important for me
Yes. Pickleball locations are already overrun with players from 4-7pm pretty much every week day and all day on weekends
Take care of what we have. Playing on damaged and dark courts is dangerous,
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I think additional courts should be a priority.
The court surfaces need repair and better lines. That’s first priority.
The number of courts currently are meeting my needs personally. I would love to see a bit more Maintenence and improvements, including designated courts for what exists.
More courts (4 to 8 in a grouping) Convert current 2 court tennis courts into multi-use courts (Gym can go multi-use, courts can too) Lighting at Greenlake should be a priority I don’t foresee funds for any covered courts for 5 years or more.
Magnuson covered courts project should be expedited.
We should have maintenance on existing courts too, coverage maybe not as much but lighting yess
more courts asap
There is so much demand for court space that increasing court numbers would be a great first step. Thank you for the thoughtful consideration
If all courts had lights and wind protection then I don't think court expansions would be as necessary
It seems like the primary current problem is the number of available courts.
I think doing both is good, adding lights and covers to courts would be great but building new courts with lights and covers before upgrading the old ones would be even better.
Lighting would be great. There are a number of courts that need resurfacing. Striping for both tennis and PB is appreciated
I don’t know how to answer this question without knowing more about how long it would take, how many quarts, where they would be, etc.
Focus on lighting issues first will extend play hours in the dry non-summer months when it gets dark sooner
Considering the complaints about noise coming from the courts, keeping play to daylight hours is a good idea. There are plenty of indoor courts available when the weather isn't conducive to playing

I'd recommend 1. protecting existing access within each neighborhood (not going with hubs that would eliminate access for some) 2. Lighting and covering on some courts (not all) in highly used areas 3. Expanding access to new dedicated courts for pickleball and tennis (that meets demand of both sports)
Number one priority should be maintenance.
Maintenance and lighting for existing locations should come first
I'd prioritize space where people don't need to leave their neighborhoods or communities to play.
That should be made on data collected by parks but is it really that hard to do a bit of both? Adding some lights on a couple high traffic courts while building new ones where it seems to be the greatest demand seems like a good strategy
The greatest priority at this time should be to maintain the number of existing pickleball courts - if any are lost to tennis, they should be immediately replace. I do not think covering courts or is necessary. I would rather see more courts.
More courts are needed to match the growth of pickleball
Given how long it will take to build new courts, yes, start that now.
Fix what we have now. Courts are in dire need of repairs and net replacement. Lights woukd extend the playing hours.
Very cheap to add pickleball lines to existing tennis courts.
Alleviating noise concerns can be accomplished in the following ways: - Install Acoustical Barriers and Fencing - Requiring the use of "quiet" paddles. One community in Arizona tested different pickleball paddles. They determined quieter paddles as being in the "Green Zone," or creating more acceptable noise levels. The community made a list that places paddles into three categories--green, yellow, and red. No pickleball before 7 am and after 8 pm. See Seattle construction noise is regulations
I think upgrading the courts we have seems like a wiser investment. Some courts are in a terrible state and would be used more if they were upgraded
I would discourage night play in neighborhoods especially for pickleball as the noise is very annoying. I would prioritize sound abatement if possible
I'm all for new courts, but reconditioning existing courts seems like a cost effective way to improve play
The existing courts need work
More courts because lighting is required only during seasons of more rain and less play
Lighting is important and is much cheaper and should be dealt with by a different department than building new courts
Hard to say without specific projects. Amy Yee expansion should be first priority.
Quality of courts is secondary to the over use problem. We need more courts for pb and tennis.
Adding lights and improving courts would better benefit more players
Few people play after dark outside
More courts is a top, more urgent need.
Pickleball is growing and should get more new courts RATHER than taking existing tennis courts. Pickleball is different sport than tennis and could be played on basketball courts just as easily as tennis courts.
Many tennis and PB courts are in bad, dangerous shape all over the city.
IMO most folks are playing during the summer daylight hours, and even then all courts are full. Lights would be nice, but we're currently failing to serve the daylight regular hours.

During the prime summer months, it's possible to play late into the evening without lights. On the other hand, covering some courts would benefit all players and make it possible for us to use courts during colder months. Once the courts get wet they are unusable for everyone.
New courts are more important as Pickle Ball players are increasing exponentially, and there's a limit of when we can play because of the noise so lighting is of no use to us. Covering the courts is a waste of money as the wind will whip the rain underneath it and render the covering worthless.
Add it just on the same extra land and create new courts. Improve it by swapping lands with other groups?
Not sure what the priority should be. I've heard for years that there would be improvements and that there are committees evaluating plans, but have never seen any results. Do something/pick something for pickleball
More courts , completing the Magnuson 24 court project and adding open play courts to west seattle are a priority , to supplement open play courts at miller and green lake .
in the summer Seattle has long days & sun, winter we have short days and rain. most players want to avoid the heat. putting lights up on courts would encourage night play w/noise. You might consider a court design that will allow for easy installation should things change.
The need is for more courts first. Once the courts are available for use, then adding lights which I consider the 3rd priortity after fixing the existing court surfaces.
I mostly agree with that statement, but lighted pickle ball courts at hub locations would be really nice (because there are very few today)
We need to maintain the current courts we have. All three shared courts in West Seattle need to be resurfaced and re-striped. We want to keep dual sports on all these courts but we need to maintain them.
Courts should remain as dual courts and lined accordingly. Players adjust to the dual lines and can continue to do so until the City is able to add new courts.
Yes, build new courts before adding "luxuries" such as lights & covers. However, it is critical that SPR continue maintenance on the courts we have. Many of the current PB courts are in dire need of repair & it will take a number of years for new courts to be built.
Difficult question, because quality matters as much as quantity. The Seattle courts I play (pickleball) on have cracked surfaces, only one has lights, and none are covered. Ideally, all these issues would be addressed, but given the demand I 'd have to first opt for more courts.
We need more pickleball courts now.
Courts are crowded and require waiting at most pickleball venues. Please add more courts before adding expensive amenities (unless, of course, courts are not sufficiently maintained for adequate play, in which case they should be brought up to standard before adding new ones).
I think the priority should be to resurface (with dual use) every tennis court before beginning to build new pickleball courts. Lighting is important as most playtime is in the summer and outdoors is naturally light until 9:30/10:00pm.
Existing courts are fine. I don't mind a few cracks in the pavement.
There seems to be strong seasonality at least for PB where private business with indoor courts are busy in the winter, and public courts are busy during the summer. More public courts for the summer seems like a higher priority than expanding winter/evening hours when many of those players are still gonna go inside anyway.
High use courts could use lighting to extend play hours.
This depends on many factors. If it takes two years to stand up new courts, but only six months to add lights to existing courts, then clearly the short term improvements help people use the resources we already have better. Expansion is important too, but I imagine it is slower due to needing to find locations, the get public approval to play there. This question needs better context.

I agree with prioritizing new courts over certain improvements to existing courts like lighting and covers. I think poor court surfaces should be fixed and sound deadening products added with equal prioritizing to adding new courts.
I think the number of courts should be expanded, but the options for playing in the dark or in the rain are far more limited and should be a priority. One thing that would help is having real time monitoring of stack length and usage for all courts. This would rebalance demand around the region.
Keep the hubs like Miller and Greenlake and Gilman playable.
it's debatable. If we have land or courts not being used for tennis or pickleball then use money to build dedicated pickleball courts. River view has 2 tennis courts that are not used for tennis or pickleball.
This is a leading question and ignores the need for court resurfacing. For example, improper pressure washing at Walt Hundley in April 2025 caused cracks that have spread and worsened leading to some safety issues. Funding should prioritize resurfacing courts before expanding, lighting or covering them. It's imperative for SPR to have court conditions assessed and understand usage for tennis & pickleball players based on representation from both and sound data instead of guessing again.
I think regular maintenance is important, but I don't think it should be black and white. I would dedicate a higher ratio to maintenance of existing courts and a lower ratio to expanding.
It seems like we have enough courts in our neighborhood. The addition of covered courts and lighting would only increase the amount of usage throughout the year.
I believe more lighting should be added to courts so that night time play is available.
Lighting and covers can help extend playing options, but good weather days will attract far more players, so more courts would be the better option. (Not the only option, though: Covering and lighting should still move forward.)
I think new courts should be prioritized. They should not replace existing sports courts that are being utilized for other sports.
and provide new courts in neighborhoods currently deprived of these facilities.
I would like to prioritize both equally
I agree with the statement if it refers to pickleball courts. I don't think Seattle needs additional tennis courts. I would prioritize dedicated pickleball courts rather than adding improvements.
Lighting and covering pickleball courts would actually do a ton of good for 3 seasons of the year.
With this being the PNW it would be nice to have lighting and coverage to accommodate the weather we have here.
build more courts
that depends on whether or not Seattle Parks decides to have shared courts or separate. If separate- we need to expand courts. If shared, I would vote to improve the ones we already have. I believe opening up all racket courts to shared use would solve many of these problems. Even if tennis doesn't want to share- honestly- I think that is a VERY vocal minority of tennis players.
Lighting and covering of existing courts is lower priority. Repair of existing courts should be a high priority
More courts is great but should be dual lined and dual use.
There needs to be lighting at any existing or future hubs for Pickleball
courts first then improvements Bellingham has very nice courts and lots of them- maybe interesting to see how they decided what to do
Add new courts at the highest demand locations such as Green Lake.
I would strongly agree if lighting / covering existing locations would significantly allow for more playing time at those locations.
If money is an issue, then prioritize adding new courts
Fix the Open Play system first. Then yes, let's get the existing locations covered and lighted. Would be good to also add them to maintenance schedule to clean up the needles and human waste. Pretty wild that even needs to be requested. #2026Seattle :)

While those are nice to have amenities, resurfacing and maintaining the deteriorated courts in West Seattle are more important to support play by the community.
I think you can do both. Add new courts abd fix existing by creating a good plan and phased approach.
Court maintenance
Please maintain court surfaces. Poor maintenance leads to injuries.
It is equally important to maintain the condition of existing courts.
fixing the cracks in the current courts would be faster and cheaper at this stage. Having lights would be nice as well. Mostly for winter play. Building new courts should happen but that will take a lot longer to make happen.
I guess it depends on what happens to the existing pickleball courts / if the number of existing courts is reduced
No additional comment
New courts please
Lights and coverage is crucial in winter
Having more courts is preferable over investments in lighting or in covering courts. That said, having some courts covered and lit absolutely does make sense. If every area of SPR's jurisdiction had more courts and some covered and lit in each area, that would be ideal. It's less costly to cover and light, but having more courts is going to increase opportunity to play more than having lights and cover.
More courts needed
If you expand the courts, I assume they will have better surfaces, so yes go for it.
As long as they are dedicated pickleball only courts.
Especially for summer time, lighting isn't needed, so more options seems better use of funds to me.
Maintaining the existing infrastructure should be a priority. Such an open play/ community driven community creates cultures around existing parks. Each unique in its player base
Not sure why both are not important.
Priorities…More courts, then lighting, then covering That’s good, I have no idea about the relative costs. If building one court cost the same as lighting 20, I’d say you might as well light 20 of them first. My sense though is that capacity is the biggest problem most days. And in the winter, when fewer people play, the lighting shortage can be handled.
Some of the courts I play on need to be resurfaced. I'd start there.
There are not enough courts. When there are the maximum courts which are feasible, lighting, covering etc would be nice.
Focus on repairing restoring courts that are in disrepair.
Post QR or electronic scanners at existing outdoor courts to actually SEE who and how many players come, and when they come before making percentage extrapolations.
We definitely need more pickleball courts. We rarely see tennis players at the public courts so I’m not even sure why there is a debate about tennis bs pickleball
My hesitation here is I think it would be good to improve some existing courts, like the ones at
Are the Magnuson courts going to get built??
It depends on the cost, for example adding lighting to Greenlake courts extend the court hours substantially during winter and are likely much cheaper than building a new court
I think it would make sense to maximize the value of the courts that you have.
I struggle because what will the quality of the courts be if SPR is just trying to rush expansion. If that’s going to be the case. Invest in existing courts first.
I think there needs to be a balance between new courts with and wihtout lights. Covering courts imo would be nice but if there are high cost of entry then focus on lit courts
I would like to see some funding improve the courts that we have. They are over used and in terrible shape. Every pickleball player I know has requested resurfacing at Alki. And it never gets done. Why?

Hoping that dual court purpose is the focus!
This assumes that existing courts and nets are kept in playable condition. I think it may need to be a mixed approach. Add x number of new courts and add lights to an existing court, might serve the most players.
Lighting and covering is not much of an issue for me
I would probably prioritize updates to existing courts before adding new courts UNLESS there is currently a significant need for additional courts to support the number of players. This has not been a problem (court availability) for me when I am reserving a court. But, I could see this being a problem (not enough courts) for Open Play (where persons are opting not to pay for a reservation but instead just try to pick up).
It seems less expensive to open more courts as opposed to lighting and covering existing courts
Either option first as long as both get done
I don't care about covers on courts. I'll play in the rain and often do. Please allow all empty tennis courts to be adapted to allow pickleball. We will bring our own portable nets.
I have been playing pickleball outside on Seattle courts for Two years and have not noticed a single improvement on any court. I am used to that and can continue, so I would vote for more courts. NOT LESS.
I would put strongly agree except for the fact that I think the number one priority should be sound-proofing (to some extent) pickleball courts near residences.
This is the simplest solution for solving the perceived problem. Provide the dedicated spaces before resurfacing existing spaces. The new dedicated spaces can have lights as part of the plan. There are existing spaces with lights already.
Increasing access is the priority. Lighting is not as big an issue in Seattle in that the days are long during the good weather season.
Senior citizen pickleballers play in daylight.
No comment on this
There is a huge need for new courts with the growing population playing both tennis and pickleball. Improvements can be made later.
Let's provide more opportunities for all residents to get playing as soon as possible.
needs to be some of both based on setting.
Every other major city has dedicated pickleball courts. Seattle needs to provide access.
This sounds like a false choice. I'm unaware of a focus on lighting or covering courts.
That statement doesn't make sense. Expand the existing number of courts doesn't add courts. We need more pickleball courts. It's as simple as that.
Add courts Repair current surfaces.
Unsure what the improvements entail
I think outdoor courts are great for play in the summer. Since we get long daylight I'd rather we focus on adding more courts and improving them.
You need to figure out how many new hours of play each option would provide. Weigh peak demand hours more heavily than low demand hours. Figure out the cost per new hour of play for different options and prefer the cheaper one.
I'd like to see larger dedicated pickleball courts minimum 6 courts, but preferably 8 courts. Mercer Island, Green Lake, Shorline are good examples that can visually see how the larger courts are utilized.
We need more PB courts to meet the need/demand
It would be helpful to see the data on this. What percent of time do people want to play and are not able to. Seems a good solution would be to make more courts available for both sports. Many tennis courts aren't marked for PB and don't have PB nets.

I agree that we should prioritize adding lighting to existing courts to expand their usage, resurfacing courts that are not currently usable, and striping courts that are not currently dual use before expanding further.
The growth of pickleball lends to an immediate need for more courts. At the busiest courts there can be 35 players waiting for a court to become available.
Please perform maintenance on existing surfaces. Cracks in concrete, grass growing in cracks, and deteriorating nets are getting bad.
More courts please!
If adding lighting/covering leads to more hours of playtime and has fewer barriers to accomplishing then I'd do that instead. "path of least resistance"
Lots of courts need to be relined
I have seen better quality pickleball courts and a greater abundance of courts in cities and towns all over the country. Seattle is hands down the worst city for availability of courts that I have encountered. It's embarrassing, given that the game was invented in this area.
We need both! Other cities with smaller budgets and fewer pickleball players have managed to build dedicated pickleball courts with lighting and covering.
Every few years you should prioritize improvement to existing courts
Lighting and covering should be secondary. I do think the City should prioritize line painting and repairs/resurface for both sports though. Some courts have huge cracks.
More pickleball courts are needed to meet the current demand
It seems we should be able to do both.
More covered and lighted courts would provide much more access in winter than expanding the number of courts
Covering courts is too expensive, and lighting is only needed in the winter - but if there's no cover, because it's too expensive to cover, nobody will play in the rain. So no need for lights! But on a nice day lots of uncovered, unlit courts would be great.
Expanding hours might actually solve some of the crowding. It could be good to start with that and see what's needed
If you truly believe you are solving the rare conflict issue with these changes (that will disrupt so many spontaneous players), then the obvious solution is more courts rather than better courts. It seems that If your play is very competitive you could join a private club rather than make fun more rigid and less spontaneous at public courts.
Lighting and covering locations is really important in our dark and wet winter months - please prioritize this
Make the already-built courts playable year round first!
Let's optimize what we have first and then create more courts.
Adding lighting and covering the most popular locations should be a balanced priority along with creating new courts, as expanding the useability of existing courts will allow more players to play, and for longer periods of time.
We need courts, period.
As long as the Community Centers offer pb playtimes during the winter months, emphasis should not be on covering/lighting outdoor courts.
During summer month it is very preferable to play outside on uncovered courts. In the rainy season uncovered courts are not usable. As the summers become hotter over the next 10 years enclosed courts with air conditioning will be in high summer demand.
It would be great to have covered courts for playing in winter but more courts in general is better
I think improving the current courts should come first priority-wise. Many of the popular courts are in such poor condition.

Yes more courts are needed to solve the access problem first, before we begin improving the overall conditions at existing courts.
Have to see how the funding would be chosen.
Basic maintenance needs to be taken care of.
Simply put, we need more courts but living is also i.portant but I feel if we wait to fix existing structures first we won't have enough courts to play on. If there's construction on existing courts, where do player go to play ?
Lighting on courts should be a priority
do both
Most activity occurs during daylight hours. Therefore, more facilities are a high priority than lighting
Lights are great to have especially in the fall and spring. Its better to have more courts though
I think lighting and court maintenance should come before seeking more space to expand.
Lighting and covering would be great, but access is more important.
When the weather is poor, it's usually in the winter when the indoor Community Center courts are open. At least that's a marginal option until longer-term plan for covered outdoor courts can be implemented. Meanwhile, it's more of a priority to make more courts available sooner.
New courts, lighting or covered areas all seem like good priorities. Any, all are good!!!
Look at Bellingham. Shocking how nice their pickleball courts are compared to Seattle. Learn from others that are doing it better. Send someone from your staff to Bellingham to learn!
I think lighting and restrooms are the only critical items and should be included automatically at any new location.
I'm not certain it would be a good idea to install lighting. Much of the concern and pressure that the parks have is the noise factor. Lighting the courts would extend the time and extend the neighbor's anger. Then you wouldn't have a solution. People unfortunately are disrespectful & there would always be folks who break the rules. Prevention is key. Stop access when dark might be a good rule of compromise to help stop neighborhood resident complaints.
I think there should be a balance. Cause if okay courts can become great, it would bring more people to them thus building community. Building more courts would take longer and deprioritize improving existing courts
I think both need to be prioritized equally.
Prefer lighting and resurfacing existing courts first
More courts should be converted to dual use or expanding what might be possible where. Prioritizing building all new courts mean limiting play while demand is high for a longer time until all the proper channels of locating space (when we really need housing) and then likely design review and then building etc etc all have to pan out. It seems silly and expensive to prioritize plans that would not possibly meet demand until much further down the line. Funding should be utilized more efficiently
I think it would be prudent to take care and update what we have now.
Lighting and covering will allow 6-8 months of additional play. Unless you can double the number of courts for the same cost, this seems like the winning idea.
I have not seen many feasible, proper options for expanding courts in all areas of the city. The options that are on the table would take many years to come through. I think SPR should focus on the courts that are already in place, dual lining more courts around the city, providing lighting and coverage.
More courts to start. Then definitely start getting lights, then covers.
A few covered courts would be amazing. But first we need enough courts to satisfy demand. When do Magnuson courts get built?????
Many of the courts that the original plan designated as Pickleball courts need resurfacing. These courts would need to be resurfaced before they could be designated as tennis or pickleball.
SPR hasn't improved any existing courts in my neighborhood (West Seattle). So where and how is their budget being used?

There’s very little context and is highly dependent on what tradeoffs are being considered.
The priority should be resurfacing courts in poor condition such as Walt Hundley, which was damaged by SPR's pressure washing in April 2025, before building new courts or adding lighting. With the opening of several indoor pickleball facilities in Seattle, covering is not a priority.
We need lights on more courts. We need more courts.
Let's fix the current reservation system and the courts we've got first, then assess the real need for expansion
Fix - first, build more - second. We need a porta-patty for Observatory court and please fix its wind blockers, they hang down half way on the ground and create the shelter for rats and yard debris!
If you are going to be taking away basically all public courts in south Seattle, YES I prioritize adding new replacement courts instead of improving lighting.
This city does not have enough pickleball courts to meet the demand. We are missing out on a huge opportunity to set a world class standard with a sport that is highly accessible with very low entry costs vs other sports. We absolutely should invest in new courts throughout the city.
More courts are needed. Sure, lights would extend play times in the darker months, but more available courts would help immediately.
You can't just not include lighting.
ABSOLUTELY, I strongly agree with adding courts rather than accessorizing existing ones!
Absolutely agree with this. Plus I don't believe lighting makes sense in all scenarios depending on court locations.
Need more courts that are maintained well. Lights and covering are secondary considerations.
Both are important and funds should be divided equally.
I don't have enough information on court access across Seattle to know if it is needed to have more courts. In West Seattle, I have never had a problem getting a pickleball court or a tennis court. The surfaces are fairly cracked, but just replay the point if it interferes.
More lighting is crucial. Covering courts is expensive and it seems unlikely we could come close to meeting demand.
Please consider equity and access when determining new court locations.
There are not enough pickleball courts. There are plenty of tennis courts.
First, new courts. Then add lights to old courts
Both are important, but there is clearly a severe shortage of pickleball courts in Seattle so this should be the first priority.
I’d say, courts first. Then lighting. Provided there is actually a plan for lighting. Covered courts. I won’t hold my breath about those. Or is it the other way around. I don’t see it happening anytime soon.
Confused by the wording: "It is preferable to prioritize funding for expanding the existing number of courts first rather than focus on lighting and/or covering existing locations.” What is meant by "covering existing locations"? SPR has dragged its feet on creating new pball courts (witness Magnuson Park)....do not wait any longer
Determine on location and size. Lighting will encourage later play so it needs to be strategic.
Are there locations where lighting would open up play for several hours? Are there options to cover some courts to open up play-time during the winter? Do the math. Get into the detailed analysis. Make these decisions based on the numbers.
That's a hard tradeoff. Given our weather and seasonal light differences, it does feel like having covered courts with lights like at the Blackburn Pavilion in Mt Vernon would open up a lot of hours of play. Again I don't really trust SPR in posing this question because it has provided such inadequate resources for maintenance of existing courts and none for new. Are you asking us to make a tradeoff of non-existing resources?

Seattle needs indoor or covered pickle locations. Tennis already has that. the weather here is bad. Picklers will play outside in all weather but that is very undesirable. Tennis doesn't have to. Again, funding should go to pickle facilities and don't take away any of our current options and this question has more meaning.
You can do both. With respect to additional counts, may be partner with private entities to include pickleball courts in combination to for example food/ gathering type businesses.
This is a tough one! While adding courts to absolutely welcome, maintaining or enhancing those that exist is equally as important.
Fix the current courts we have first.
I think lighting and improving existing courts should be prioritized if it would allow the existing courts to allow players to play longer during a day
The existing courts need repair , repainting and lights.
It’s an outdoor sport. We don’t need the courts to be covered. We want them uncovered. If you want coverage you c Annie indoor courts
This of course depends on how fairly you spread the sacrifice of sharing existing resources. Parks already promised new facilities that are not progressing. How can we trust this promise in that light?
Tax $ should be spent on additional indoor courts in seattle. Have you seen the wait times in winter, indoors?
I play at Georgetown sometimes. The condition of the court there is awful. Perhaps fixing the worst of the existing courts along with creating new courts is the way.
By the time changes are able to be made, we will be in winter and having covered/lighted courts will be more advantageous than having more courts.
I think it's about finding balance, ideally adding lighting to the most popular courts while also prioritizing the buildout of a few additional courts that would be the most beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood(s) and local demand.
Expanding the number of courts, and to safety and regulation standards.
I think it needs to be balanced. For example the open play hubs would benefit from improvements so they can be used year round (lighting and covering).
Maintenance and upgrading current courts are just as important not only to the safety of the courts community, it also provides a welcoming environment (wind, sound barriers , places to sit, sources for water, etc)
New courts are sorely needed. Lighting, etc. can be addressed after the creation of more courts.
Some courts surfaces at unsafe.
Statement above is correct. Strong demand for racket sports in Seattle would indicate that expanding the number of courts should be the priority over technical improvements. Of course, having both is
I think a balanced approach here would make sense
Lights added to existing courts would effectively increase the time people can play on them especially in the fall and winter when it gets dark so early
I prefer not to light courts due to bird migration, light pollution. I don't see the need to cover courts. In our region, we can play pickleball outside most of the year for at least part of the day, speaking from actual experience!
So many private clubs have opened, the pressure on court volume may have eased. Has any count included that perspective?
6 new pickleball courts should be built. Perhaps in discovery park. The 2 tennis courts there are appalling. Another idea is to make the 2 North tennis courts only for pickleball and the South 2 tennis courts for tennis.
The city of Seattle needs to build PB ct(just pb not combine with tennis) perhaps some light.
I primarily play in West Seattle and am not aware of any lighting or covering needs.

Yes, but not exclusively. If courts are designated to one sport then the designated courts should have some capital investments focused on safety.
Expanding the number of courts should be the first priority to address current demand and improve access. Amenities like lighting and covers are valuable but can be added as funding becomes available.
If its feasible, coverings would allow more choices during the rainy season. Would be smart to add to existing courts
Indoor venues have decreased outdoor players. Take care of our current courts while maintaining density for open play.
Seattle desperately need dedicated pickleball courts
First, do not eliminate all the pickleball locations. Make improvements at the existing courts and find out which ones are popular with which crowd, then you can pinpoint and make some of them dedicated to that sport.
Yes I think that there is a large enough Pickleball population in Seattle that we need more courts. Seattle should be proud of the fact that Pickleball started here and that people love it so much
Please don't tell me both of these can't be prioritized. I don't believe it.
It seems like the existing courts need care before creating more
You need to add more pickleball courts as soon as possible.
Carport style covers for year round play
Dual use of all courts would significantly increase the number of courts available. Then resources could be used for other improvements
Right now there is a serious shortage of pickleball courts; addressing that should be highest, but not exclusive priority. High volume locations like green lake would benefit from surface improvements.
Build the infrastructure for coverage and lighting. So the energy goes into the building of courts first. As the game continues to progress, the early prep for coverage and lighting will be available to add without a major hurdle.
The Courts in Discovery Park need to be maintained and line for pickleball. I would encourage spending resources on improving existing courts first!
The popularity of pickelball makes adding additional courts the main priority.
I think capacity is a problem, so I agree with this prioritization
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We travel across the country (and used to live in Kitsap) and it is shocking (and embarrassing) at how inadequate the number of PB courts are available in the city of Seattle.
more courts are preferred over lighting
Absolutely! Lighting/covering would be ideal, however this would also elevate any impact on local neighbors. Additional new courts is a far better option for limited funds than improving those already in existence (and again, promoting reservation fees could help in funding all of the above).
Dedicated pickleball courts in places like west Seattle and green lake should be the priority. If they can be built with cover or lights would be a bonus.
Courts do not need to be covered or lit. Many do need to have lines painted and cracks repaired
I think both things are important
Many of the existing cords have lousy nuts, and cracked and dangerous surfaces. Why can’t you work on some of them while you’re also building new courts? The demand for Pickleball courts is great particularly courts that might have some rain coverage.
Most players of any sport play during daylight hours and in the summer. With winter hours there are already enough courts with lights.

Although SPR and the community centers have severely curtailed indoor pickleball play use, and the arrival of private indoor facilities has somewhat relieved the pressure for SPR to provide indoor facilities along the lines of AYTC for pickleball, the reality of the PNW winters should invite more lighting and covered spaces.
Adding lines on tennis courts to increase pickleball use would be preferable over improvements BUT both are needed. Small fees like $15 year for maintenance seems like a good way to increase revenue. It could be optional and many will pay more and some won't but it would help.
I think investing in existing courts, resurfacing and lights should be more of a priority
We play during day hours anyway and don't need lighting. I play indoors during winter.
SPR must build dedicated PB courts
I think the two should go hand-in-hand, with additional court space prioritized but some improvements made at the same time (i.e., start with a new site or two, then some improvements, then more new sites, etc.).
Take care of what is there and then explain.
New courts first, improvements second.
question is difficult to answer without data being provided. How many courts are available?
I believe that any expansion of courts should simultaneously address cover and provide lighting to existing courts and the construction of new courts. Even though this approach would reduce the overall number of new courts.
There is barely no lights in any courts or covered making it hard to play based on weather
Leverage your GIS group to understand the density of population and focus your priorities in the areas according to density. Also leverage your GIS group to understand the economic distribution of communities and favor improvements in communities with lesser incomes.
We used to have lights in magnolia, they were removed because neighbors complained. More courts first.
build more courts as quickly as possible to improve the community. Other cities are able to do this, build new courts and improve existing courts. It's not that hard and frankly baffling that a city the size of Seattle is slow in doing this.
Designate courts now for pickleball
Tennis/Pickleball night play is highly seasonal and more prone to complaints
Both are priorities. The length of time given for when courts will be resurfaced is unacceptable. At the same time, new courts are needed to meet demand.
While expansion would be great, so would be covered areas for foul weather play.
So few pickleball courts have lights, this is a big priority. Considering the amount of rain we get in the fall/winter/spring, covered courts would be a godsend.
Expand courts before removing or changing any current courts, even the dual stripping if pickleball and tennis on the same courts.
Pickleball courts are always busy, need more courts in the area
Pickleball is only getting more and more popular, so having somewhere to play is better than having a few better places to play. The current courts are cracked and need resurfacing. It make more sense to me to have more courts available so when these courts are closed for resurfacing and/or other upgrades there are alternative places to play.
I do believe providing funding for new PB courts is crucial. Seattle trails the entire country in building dedicated pickleball courts. So much that Seattle is a complete embarrassment when it comes to pickleball. All of our PB courts are on dual-striped tennis courts, and you can barely even see the PB lines much of the time, especially at night under lights. But it is wrong to pit these two goals against eachother, as the costs of the two options are probably different by a factor of 10.
I think a balanced approach is more beneficial. These courts are falling apart and arent safe for tennis or pickleball players

More courts gets people outside. People will not likely play past a certain time or when the weather sucks outside anyways if you covered it. More courts mean that when you go to close courts temporarily to add lighting/cover, people have other courts to go to.
We need courts, period
Somewhat agree. Should not be either/or.
This isn't a fair question. We are not seeing where the new courts would be, how many, and what this "non-regulation" situation looks like.
Many existing courts are near useless throughout the year due to lack of lighting and covering
I think they are equal priorities. Green Lake E, Walt Hundley, and Alki have many cracks with weeds growing through them. They badly need resurfacing.
I don't think it's realistic to expect funding for major capital investments for courts. I prefer to play in the daytime and outdoors so for my purpose lighting and covering courts is not necessary but would probably benefit others who have to play after dark. Pickleball is playable outdoors in almost any weather. We got caught in a rainstorm and just kept playing, it was fun. I don't think it would be so fun to play tennis in the rain.
I feel like we should improve our existing courts than expanding. Why spend more on infrastructure when we can improve the quality of the ones already there.
People already like playing at the existing courts and they're already there, why not improve them
Both are needed. If the courts remain for duel usage then lights and covering would be a priority. If single sport usage then more courts are needed
Properly maintain existing Pickleball courts, and same goes for tennis courts.
How do I prioritize pressure washing and fixing cracks and quartz. Lighting and providing some covered courts be excellent too. Am I unclear as to why Magnuson isn't being developed as a
Work on the upkeep of existing pickleball courts in the city, keep reservations to help with income to do so, and then consider expanding. Simple.
SPR has worked to expand existing courts already (Thank you!). But now, I think its time to begin the build out of dedicated PB courts like the rest of the country has been doing for years. Honestly, it's a little embarrassing that PB is the state sport and Seattle is years behind other much smaller cities in building dedicated infrastructure for Pickleball.
We need good options for public, outdoor play even when it is raining and dark by 430
Don't create tennis only and pickleball only courts at least until more pickleball courts are completed.
Lighting would be nice
Lighting is unnecessary as a priority but resurfacing is needed at many locations
Adding lights is cheaper than building new courts and allows for substantial additional usage, especially outside the summer months.
I think both new courts and court upkeep/improvement can happen in tandem. Relaxing rules on pickleball hubs would help alleviate pressure on the lack of courts in the meantime
For some places next to soccer fields already, could we just turn some of the lights to face the other direction. Delridge courts are next to a soccer field with lights - it might be cheap to just have some of the lights face the courts instead of all of them at the soccer field.
Especially for Pickleball, we need more courts. Demand continues to grow and the spaces are getting more crowded. Taking away any pickleball courts would be a huge mistake. Lighting would be my next priority.
The thing we need most right now is simply more courts.
We need both and the city/parks department should be allocating more funds so we can both add new courts and improve the existing ones. Instead of adding lighting or covers, you need to fix existing courts that are cracked, have fading lines and are in poor repair.

Why not both? It’s cheaper to cover or light than it is to build from scratch. Also, given SPRs history with new court construction, putting a priority on something that may never happen seems like a recipe for no action at all.
Court conditions should be improved over lights.
Probably true, but our Gilman courts definitely could use some lights whenever is possible, especially in winter when daylight is much shorter.
We need a short term solution to fix existing courts along with planning and securing funding for new courts
I would like to make this decision with information such as what is the most cost-effective way to increase the number of hours on court whether that's through availability because they're lighted and covered versus the ability to add more courts. What is the budget and the timeframe in which each could be accomplished? This information may change my answer.
Presumably new court locations can be prioritized to minimize impact to surrounding home owners.
Creating new courts will likely take a lot longer than doing some other improvements. I agree that new courts are the priority but some of the basic maintenance and small changes should take precedence
lighting and improving existing courts supports the communities we have already built.
Safety is most important.
New court development should be carefully planned in appropriate locations that consider neighborhood impacts, noise, parking, and quality of life for nearby residents. Expanding facilities is a better long-term solution than putting more pressure on existing courts in residential areas.
I would be opposed to adding lighting and covering to courts near where people like me live. This would mean even longer hours where we would have to endure pickleball noise, and lights shining in our windows at night.
If you want to keep tennis courts empty for imaginary tennis players, at least build additional pickleball space before shutting out the huge population of pickleball players
Just build some courts. Telling us that you're waiting to be able to get lights in once again feels like an empty promise. Build a court, the public will raise funds that you can seem to find, to add amenities
I think safety hazards of the existing courts should be addressed, along with the expansion
Again, think locally - it may make more sense to address with lights in some community to expand specific usable hours of a courts, then building new if the demand is there.
Has anyone from your office visited the courts such as Alki or Highpoint and seen how many cracks are in the courts? Some money should be spent on maintenance of the courts.
Look at the growth stats for pickleball. Look at the trend lines. I doesn’t take a stat jock to read the writing on the wall. You have a sport growing like kudzo and SPR wants to close pickleball courts. Something smells bad
This is a very good idea. Lights and covering are mostly unnecessary during the summer, and fewer people play in the winter.
PRIORITIZE NON PICKLEBALL COMMUNITY
It appears that the communities need more courts.
There’s lots of demand and prioritizing new courts first will fill a big need

Q9: Was there anything we missed or didn't fully capture from this phase of engagement in the Comprehensive Feedback Tracker or presentation? Anything else you'd like to share with us?
ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS RESPONSES
The USTA has a well-funded plan to defeat pickle ball for their own selfish reasons. Please don't use their incorrect data.
Don't take the pickelball players word for it. Go visit any shared court, anytime and see for yourself who is playing.
Want to free up more courts? Don't allow for-profit organization like Emily Wong (and others) to reserve courts. For profit groups should not be doing business on city courts.
The USTA has a well-funded plan to defeat pickle ball for their own selfish reasons. Please don't use their incorrect data.
Where is the usage data for pickleball vs tennis? SPR should focus on all citizens. Please capture and share this data. Include the trend. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world.
Why should people have to reserve?
I go to Alki court around noon during weekends. To play pickleball, we can almost always find a free court. Lots of PB players, but rarely (maybe once per month) see tennis players.
Did not appear to seek public input. Did not come up with a reasonable plan. Thank you for reconsidering!!
Lack of transparency. No answers to any Q's submitted online. The "problem" seem contrived. Use reasonable data.
NO signagee was posted at Cal Anderson for public input the first round.
We don't register for pickleball. Therefore stats are working. Don't use 12 year. OWN Stats
Dual use 100% drop-in is working dine at Alki playfield. Don't make us have to drive to get to outdoor PB courts!!
I don't understand what's not working right now?? Why not share courts that are totally under-utilized by tennis players. Pball much denser use.
No Public input. Best is I can tell used flawed and limited information. Why "fix" something that is not broken? Why limit public use of public facilities?
We demand a fair public input process that is accessible to the people.
We want multi use sports centers
I don't know what the problem is with how we do it now.
You demonstrated that you are - Por Tennis - and don't listen to community.
I don not understand the "problem" SPR is trying to address??
Lack of transparency. Leaves me feeling distrustful of the whole process.
No Q and A or open discussion to answer directly our concers!
Actual engagement with and listening to the pickleball community. Not creating a plan in isolation.
No answers to the question posed on engagement hub.
Why are there no bike racks at Dakota Place - Supposed to have them at every park location.
Oh- like community input? Understanding the problem?
We need more pickleball and tennis only courts. I can't play USTA matches at dual use anymore because of frequent interruption by pickleball players dangerously walking through play during points
A dialogue is needed vs open feedback. Create group locally and engage in dialogue
The few complaints about dual-lined courts were highlighted, but was there any survey done on a bigger population, to see for what portion of the populations it's working well?
Create advisory groups per the locality.
Having a true "engagement" back-and-forth communication

How pervasive were the issues with dual use? How many noise complaints and where? Conflicts?
SURVEY RESPONSES
People visit the seattle area and expect a great pickleball experience because this is the where pickleball was invented
There is not enough data about pickleball and tennis court usage. Reservation data is sorely lacking for pickleball given open play culture. SPR needs to add funding to investigate court usage both in terms of courts used, as well as number of people playing. Pickleball courts are often packed while at the same time no one is using tennis courts.
I want to reiterate just how different pickleball is from tennis in terms of community impact. Pickleball brings together people of all ages and walks of life to play side by side. I hope you reconsider any plans to reduce pickleball access and expand access where possible. Thank you!
You only mentioned dual times. I would think designating courts should be an option. Pickle ball only/tennis courts only, in a fair and equitable way. Unfortunately, when pickle ballers take over a court, they just keep adding people and never relinquish it. there should be tennis only courts to alleviate that problem. In tennis, a court being waited for is relinquished by the players on the court. It's understood 1 hr. for singles and 1:15 for doubles. It's been that way forever until Pickleball. They do not relinquish the courts, plus they leave their nets on the tennis courts when they aren't there.
We would like a pickleball option at Wallingford playfield. Thanks.
There are plenty of spots in and around the city that can be investments for the city in getting their population active and healthy. SPR seems to build plenty of soccer fields and jungle gyms for the kids without question. Pickleball courts should be looked at this in the same way...except for a major difference...the courts will be used by all ages and more family centered than tennis, swings, slides, baseball fields, or basketball courts. If you are trying to create an air of family sharing...pickleball fits the mark better than any other sport out there
More and more people are playing pickleball. Seattle needs to respond to this need faster.
Nope! Thank you for offering this opportunity for feedback. At a time when my voice feels very silenced on the national stage, it's a nice reminder that my opinion still matters here at home, in my community. Thanks!
Let us play !!!
You’re trying to break something that AIN’T BROKE. Fix, update what is existing by resurfacing courts!!
SPR has completely written off the outstanding opportunity for a large hub at Magnuson Park, where funding, ample space, and no impact on neighbors or other park resources coincided. SPR's deferral to the fallacious arguments against this option by BCS demonstrates a complete disregard for making decisions based on facts and common sense.
Love playing Pickleball, tennis once in a while Racquetball anytime I enjoy all sports on the courts outdoors when it gets wet and nasty. I play indoors like I said before I like to be fair everybody deserves to use what we’ve provided as a City. Thank you for your time.
Please leave the PB lines. Furthermore a tennis court can accommodate 2 pickleball courts. I have had to tape out my own court at both Madison Park and Laurelhurst. Please paint PB courts (blue) on all of the tennis courts
Consider investing in court noise reduction curtaining/fencing.
I appreciate yall taking a serious look at dual use courts and reevaluating! Pickleball is a lot more accessible than tennis, which is why I think it makes sense to expand pball courts rather than removing any. Additional work could be classes designed to introduce players of one sport to another (tennis to pickleball, pickleball to tennis) just to break down any stigmas or bad blood. They’re both games, folks should be having fun rather than debating which one is more of a sport than the other
Keep dual use courts as is. Separate pickleball and tennis once sufficient dedicated pickleball courts have been built.

The main thing that I believe Seattle needs to focus on is converting unused tennis courts to dual use for pickleball with dual striping and nets that can be moved for pickleball
I do not particularly care, but i feel noise complaints are pretty common and I know some folks near Gilman who feel very strongly about the noise.
Limiting use of courts during regular daytime hours (until 9pm on weekdays, 10/11 on weekends) due to noise concerns resulting from reasonable use is incorrect. Seattle's public spaces exist to be enjoyed by all, and their intended use should not be restricted in order to satisfy the noise complaints of neighbors that could reasonably anticipate the neighboring public space would be used for its intended
This survey felt less biased than the previous onr and allowed for a good response. As a pickleball player, my ask would be to work closely with SMPA, as they truly understand the needs of the community. I would also ask that any feedback from owners and investors of pickleball facilities be discarded, as their financial interests drive their opinions.
Thank you for continuing the dialogue to serve both pickleball and tennis players in Seattle. As a pickleball player, I appreciate the SPR slowing down to consider more options.
None.
More pickleball courts! It is the state sport and all ages can play. It does not require expensive equipment or gear. The region already has dedicated indoor tennis centers. No dedicated indoor pickleball courts that I am aware of. We pay taxes too!
Just want to reiterate the need for new or converted courts, dedicated to pickleball without removing lines from any courts where they currently exist until such time as you have the dedicated courts in place and near completion. Until the, you remove access to tax paying citizens, and DEI programs (DIIP for one) where they will easily have over 75 participants at courts such as Bitter Lake or Rainier
I live by many tennis court locations in South Seattle and they are frequently not in use for tennis even during prime hours. Meanwhile pickleball locations (Greenlake, mt baker, miller, Gillman) are almost always completely full with people waiting. I think the narrative that we need more space for tennis and not pickleball does not reflect the use cases and is not the best use of limited park space in the city.
"While overall tennis participation is growing, it is increasing at a slower rate than sports like pickleball. Some public tennis courts are being converted into pickleball courts to accommodate the trend" "Sports facing the most notable declines in popularity include baseball in the U.S., along with tennis and rugby globally." ports facing the most notable declines in popularity include baseball in the U.S., along with tennis and rugby globally.
explore use of cushioned fence covering to provide noise baffling
I've been playing pickleball at Gilman for about three years (3 to 4 days a week). It is a very inclusive community that allows both tennis and pickleball. There have been about a dozen tennis players total that I've seen in the three years I've played there so the courts definitely need to be prioritized for Pickelball. We have an active group chat of about 300 pickleball players of all groups, ages, genders, etc and the community including myself would be devastated to lose pickleball at this location.
Providing timelines on the possible proposals that you illustrated would help people make better, more informed decisions. Generalizations tend to capture polar opposites which deter from making fair decisions
I am a tennis player first and have moved toward playing pickleball. It is very clear that pickleball is more inclusive and that the courts are used by many more people. Any plan to reduce the number of pickleball courts in the city and to expand tennis courts instead does not acknowledge this fact. Pickleball is growing rapidly and having more open access courts available to the general public is in alignment SPR priorities of getting the most Seattle residents actively using the parks.
I did not nee courts listed at Southwest Pool where I am more likely to play.

The original assessment was to eliminate the majority of pickleball courts that are currently very heavily used by pickleball players in West Seattle. That is not acceptable. There are numerous dedicated tennis courts and NONE for pickleball. It's nice SPR plans to build dedicated pickleball courts, but do that first! Collaborate with SMPA as they have been essential to having courts and nets at our courts and could facilitate fundraising to supplement SPR budget.
More pickle ball courts please!
I wish the court reservation system allowed for same-day reservations. Maybe with a 4-6 hour advance cutoff instead of midnight the night before? The way weather changes in Seattle, sometimes we can't predict if we want to play until the day off. It would also be really helpful to have a search engine where we could see what courts have an opening same-day, then I could prioritize which location to go to. Open play hours for pickleball serve more total people at a time that most reservations do. Open play at a location with 4 pickleball courts can easily include 24+ people at a time. I realize the city might be considering how many private courts have become available in Seattle over the last year. While these help with demand, those courts and memberships are very expensive and inaccessible to many people in Seattle. We need to make sure we keep priortizing inclusion. Open play helps build community in our local parks and I've met new people of all ages and backgrounds.
Did I miss Greenlake pickleball court at the question 15?
Please don't close pickleball courts in Seattle. We need more pickleball than tennis. The tennis courts are underutilized and sparsely populated. The pickleball courts have long queues, and are in high demand. Converting hubs into open-play only is the best idea you had in v1 of the proposal.
The Seattle Parks Department needs to include more representation of its pickleball constituents, use of more quantitative and qualitative data and needs to be more transparent in the process and collaboration in the decisioning process.
More Seattle residents play pickleball than tennis. We need more courts for pickleball only.
Yes, more open play, more dual use courts and not eliminating pickleball from any court as that is a waste of public resource as dual use provides the most access and community building. please address the number of users as pickleball has the highest number of players in this city and country wide and builds more community. Also the use of lights need to be added and building courts and promotion of the sport as it is native to us and Seattle should be pushing pickleball and leading the charge not lagging behind like we currrently are.
Parking
SPR should make decisions for any change based on well-considered, impartial and comprehensive research.
We need more pickleball courts. Please listen to what people want.
Tennis courts should be for tennis only! Leave all existing tennis courts for tennis. Build more pickleball courts for pickleball! Everyone wins!
Green Lake pickleball courts were not listed as an option, that is where I play

I say this as a 4.0 USTA-rated tennis player: pickleball is the better solution for our community, and I don't say that lightly. Very simply, tennis can't do what pickleball does at scale. On a compact court with doubles as the default and open-play rotation, one 90-minute session puts a person face-to-face with 10-16 others—the fastest community-building format in recreation. That matters more than ever. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared loneliness an epidemic; isolation raises premature-death risk on par with smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Pickleball measurably answers it: studies link regular play to up to 60% fewer depression symptoms. It's cheap, welcomes every age and skill level within minutes, and Seattle's demand is already overflowing—24.3 million Americans play, and our courts have the wait times to prove it. Meeting that demand isn't a favor to a hobby. It's one of the highest-return public health investments this city can make.
Every park has multiple uses in this city. A field can be used for soccer, ultimate, flag, or baseball. Heck, most are even dog parks since you can't provide enough of those either. So why I'm the world would you take away the use of pickleball when it's been working just fine the way it is for years. Because big tennis paid you off? That's my guess. Do better. Other small and big cities are going all in on pickleball while our city makes it harder and harder. Shame shame shame.
Greenlake is where I play most, it wasn't an option though
The question about the time slots was ridiculous.
not sure why green lake isn't included in the courts list for either tennis or pickleball but those are the busiest courts that should be made not-reservable (except by schools) in my opinion especially given indoor options relatively nearby (picklr, sand point) and the presence of other courts that can be reserved (i.e. bitterlake) (chose miller as it is the court I go to second most often)
I'd like to see a revised listing of dedicated pickle ball courts that only includes playable courts
I think keeping the courts for both tennis and pickleball is the best way to go. Taking several pickleball courts away without a plan for new dedicated space is unfair to pickleball players. The data you collected faile to show each court's use. Was the software used able to tell the difference between tennis and pickleball players? I hope SPR takes a closer look at how the courts are being utilized and any strategy used going forward will respect the needs of all players, including pickleball players.
There are currently not enough public tennis courts to meet public tennis demand whereas multiple indoor pickleball courts have opened in recent months. Please do not co-opt any more tennis courts for pickleball
We need to support all kinds of sports, including tennis and pickleball. As more and more folks take up the latter, it is imperative that the city add to existing facilities for that sport and not reduce what we already offer.
Outdoor courts need to dry out in winter, so hours used tend to gravitate from mornings to afternoons during that period.
Don't convert now pickleball courts back to tennis courts
The goal should be cooperation with the heavy caveat that we want maximum usage of public resources. AND resurfacing should NOT favor tennis players. BL and Soundview court surfaces are pretty horrible right now.
More dedicated pickleball courts. Better options to accommodate play in winter months otherwise you are solely benefitting those affluent enough to be able to play during mid-day hours only. Noise is often used in a NIMBY context but noise deadening options exist for paddles, balls, courts that should not prevent play. Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion in Mt Vernon, WA should be the north star for facility, times, scheduling, and management.

The RSS plan came out of nowhere early in 2026. The time for input was prior to that! It was based on faulty 'data' and concocted in secrecy. I am very distrustful of the 'process' and wonder how much of a difference this survey will make.
No.
Silly question about peak hours. I doubt many peeps wil take the time to fill out that question hour by hour. It's not rocket science: just observe court use yourselves and you'll quickly see what hours are peak. At GLE: weekdays 5 - dark and weekends 11 - 5.
Keeping all courts shared usage has not been a problem for pickleball so why all the drama? Pickleball is played my more people than tennis on all the courts I play on. I play everyday. Tennis creating these challenges is trying to bully the city. Don't let them. No need for new regulations, management, advisory boards, resentment among racket court players. Acknowledge that tennis association is unfairly dishonest in the research they presented. They are not being truthful or fair to the greater number of pickleball players.
You didn't ask how often people play a raquet sport or if they had trouble getting onto a court for playing time.
Sorry but I have to say the city has money for everyone but the needs of the actual taxpayers. Who want safe clean parks and good social recreational facilities like pickleball courts. I grew up here and the decline is so disappointing
I think keeping courts used for dual purposes for now is the best strategy at this moment. Taking several courts away, especially for pickleball players, without so much as a drafted plan for new dedicated space is inequitable and unfair. The collected data failed to properly show each court's use. I can't imagine the AI software was able to discern between patrons who arrived to a court for tennis vs. pickleball. SPR should take a closer look at how their courts are being utilized and any proposed strategy to cater to the true needs of the community should accurately reflect as such.
This has been very frustrating to have a problem created when things were working fine. Signage that explains a shared system based upon first come , first play system is all we need. You are dealing with adults that should be able to wait their turn and communicate with another. Golf courses need tee times, public racquet sports do not. I'm curious, are popular basketball courts micromanaged and scheduled??? Simply play and wait your turn seems like a reasonable and workable solution for tennis and pball players, play your one game, and then get back in line. This perceived "problem" is at the risk of being overthought at this point. Let's just play, communicate, share with one another, have fun, and connect with our community. Also, I do not think a capital expenditure emphasis should be placed exclusively on expansion. Courts need to be repaired, too. Thank you and good luck with this. Communication is the key.
If you spent time out in your parks and saw how people use your spaces, you would have a much better understanding of this situation. You would also have more support and trust from the community.
Please maintain the courts and the restrooms. A homeless man lived in the Wallingford Playfield men's bathroom and sometimes the women's for 2 + years up until recently. We couldn't use the bathroom and sometimes he was in the women's too. I just told an homeless man last week to get out of the women's bathroom And at the upper LWP tennis courts, a homeless man was living in that bathroom for months. He's out now. And you shouldn't let homeless pitch tents and sleep on the grass near the upper LWP courts.
Currently, the only way I can play tennis is to pay for a court. I imagine that most of the court reservation fees are from tennis players. I can't access non-reservable courts when they are dual use cuz to go ball players don't vacate them the way that tennis players do.

I am most experienced with the Miller courts in my neighborhood. It is very busy at times with pickleball - makes sense to dedicate to pickleball since 2-4 times as many people can participate compared to tennis.
The tennis courts are rarely used by tennis players except with peak times that's when we should reserve court space
What is the possibility of a camera system at courts that could be viewed online to observe pball/tennis court use online so players can decide which court to go to? I'm 74 and bike to pay pickleball. I don't want to drive places. I like biking up to Soundview field to play with people I've met through pickleball. Expanding pickleball hours at community centers in Ballard would be wonderful. It can get quite crowded with long wait times when BCC is open for pball.
Would like a plan implemented just to get started. The delay is unacceptable.
I tried to play tennis for years, but failed miserably. Pickleball changed my life. After almost 20 years living in Magnolia, I finally found a place where the Seattle Freeze does not exist. Pickleball is one of the few activities that actually fulfills the Parks and Rec mission every single day. It is inclusive, accessible, and brings together people all ages. And the demand is undeniable. I have never once seen more tennis players than pickleball players on the shared courts (usually at least 12 pickleballers to 2 tennis players). Removing pickleball courts discriminates against those who are older, less able bodied, and with less economic means. It disproportionately harms older and less able bodied people who cannot play tennis, impacts younger people who can more easily play pickleball and benefit from a multigenerational sport, and excludes those without economic means to learn tennis or pay for private
I did not indicate a time when the court I typically play is busiest because I play weekday mornings and some afternoons and use is extremely variable. I'm not able comment regarding weekends and evenings. What I do know is I feel we have successfully coexisted with tennis at the Magnolia courts with some of the courts being reservable and some not. I think it is a waste of taxpayer money to re-dedicate some courts to tennis only. To minimize impact to the surrounding community I fully support limiting usage hours such as no play before 8am and after 9pm, and I support use of 'quiet' equipment. Lastly, for the older residents of Seattle, pickleball provides socialization and positively impacts health and well being. Every city should should wish to provide their senior citizens with the benefits of this sport. Our city should not be taking away access.
I think you asked the important questions. I would like to see clearly posted rules and etiquette.
What is the problem that you are trying to solve? Except for a few squeaky wheels and a couple rotten apples, it's working fine now. Punish those who breaks the rules (posting them first is a good idea), but don't punish all of us because a few break rules.
I would just like to reiterate that the noise impacts are significant for nearby residences. There has been a notable shift the past two years as pickleball has taken over the courts at Gilman almost entirely, and the only real solution is to relocate pickleball to a different location.
I'd like to keep having this amazing opportunity to play pickleball outdoors and develop my skills. I respect tennis players since I was one in the past, but I feel that here in Seattle there are more pickleball players these days, and thus it totally makes sense to keep some courts designated for pickleball only or if divide by operating hours , then leave more for pickleball, like 60-70/40-30. I don't feel the amount of people playing tennis vs pickleball is 50-50.

I live across the street from the Delridge courts. I have seen very few tennis players on the courts in the 35 years I have lived here.I have played that other dual use courts in West Seattle, and there are often crowds of Pickleball players at them. Rarely tennis players.
You did not include the Solstice Park/Lincoln Park courts in your list. They should be included. Three of the six courts could be co-painted for pickleball. I have lived near those courts for over 30 years and the only time there have been more than two or three of those courts occupied is when there is a high school match or tournament. They are sorely underutilized. AND they are a somewhat good distance from homes re:noise.
PB players demographics are growing expanding to both younger and older. Teens are playing in pro level matches so it's no longer a so called older person game. Last night I saw 4 PB courts completely full with 8 people waiting. Next to it sits a sad lonely tennis court no one playing. There is so much demand for courts as we see young and older people coming to play this game.
Consider the noise to neighbors from PB appears to be more grating, than the noise of hitting tennis balls. So court location, as well as time allocations, should take this into account
clear definitions of reservation vs open play would be helpful
Pickleball noise is a huge issue with legal actions underway in many jurisdictions across the nation. Pickleball is inherently noisy with a hard plastic ball and a hard paddle. Tennis uses a soft ball and a stringed racquet and therefore is much less noisy. It is very important the pickleball hubs be located away from homes and residential buildings.
Pickleball is a multicultural multi age inexpensive sport. State of Washington founded Pickleball. It needs to be a priority, when I travel to different states and different cities around Seattle. They have fantastic facilities. It's really embarrassing. Seattle is the largest municipality in the state of Washington it has poor pickleball facilities, 2 to 3 inch cracks on the tennis courts, no lights no covers. Seattle, Parks and Recreation, Tennis Pickleball rec, plan why has it come about? You are looking for a problem. There is no problem to solve.
You should have a policy on instruction on public courts, since that is likely as issue on some courts. An instructor should not be operating their business on public courts when there is so much demand. The city should have a kids program to encourage being active including a kids league for older kids.
I am a city worker (Seattle Public Library, 3 and a half years), and my contract requires that I work on alternate weekends. I play pickleball (the "noisy" racquet ball ^^) everyday before going to work. Seeing how sedentary the occupation is and how isolating it gets (due to our work schedule), I have been trying to teach colleagues pickleball and arranging pickleball gatherings and picnics with them to encourage more exercise and teamwork building. The recent change of no play until 9 on weekends and holidays puts a serious damp on my eager voluntary outreach as I can only play before work and we can only get together on holidays. I understand that this might a personal matter, but it would be nice if city workers' work schedule could be taken into consideration... Thank you. :-)
There is a significant need for court upkeep and resurfacing--Mt. Baker, Walt Hundley, and Alki courts are easy examples of poor court conditions.
It's a growing sport! Please support it!
Where is the research on shared court usage, number of players using SPR courts and which ones, etc.? This type of survey does not reach everyone, so can only be used for ideas (mainly from players, and not un-informative!) and opinions. I appreciate the chance to give input, but hope there is research to support appropriate spending and regulation of usage. I would like to mention that limiting court usage hours (to later mornings) prevents working folks, including city employees, from playing on weekends when they work. Is this so neighbors can sleep in?? I recall loud football games till 10pm in Loyal Heights--keeping kids/folks up...

I'm sorry, but this survey seemed like a mess. Particularly when it comes to reserved vs non-reserved play, I don't think the survey captured the conflict points. For reference, I'm generally a fan of drop-in open play, but I also play in organized ways that rely on being able to reserve a consistent time well ahead. I hope that options remains open for the future.
You cannot reduce the number of courts without first coming up with a plan with timelines for how you will manage increasing courts and court times
Has data been gathered on actual use of each court for tennis and for pickleball? Could a simple fill-in sheet be placed at each court, that users would fill out: date/time(start and finish)/sport
Keeping courts open is a big impact on our communities to grow and thrive
There needs to be more pickleball courts in general, and all the courts in West Seattle need to be resurfaced.
More collaboration rather than top down with no questions allowed
With corporate pickle ball spaces being built it’s really really important that the free community spaces are maintained and expanded so that folks of all abilities and economic statuses are able to participate.
Yes, why limit my choice to one court I play at to identify time of use? In fact, in W. Seattle I use Alki, Delridge and Highpoint. It depends on the time I am heading out and how crowded I find any giving location. I am aware of at least 9 tennis only courts in W. Seattle (Lincoln Park and Hiawatha). Why do we use public money and restrict use. Dual stripe all. Just Friday I played at Highpoint during open play and played 2 games with 3 30 year olds (2 men and 1 women). I am a 73 year old woman and we had a good time, good exercise and laughs and the experience left me smiling. Them too. Open play at all courts gives generations the opportunity to interact with each other in a good way. Stop trying to manage a problem that doesn't exist (except if you start messing with the rules). Open up the courts, dual stripe and let all people play.
Nope
The desire to see the outcome of this survey.
I don’t perceive a tension between Pickleball and tennis that people are speaking about. While I would prefer to play on dedicated Pickleball courts, shared tennis courts seems to work just fine for recreational play. BTW, I used to play tennis on public courts but switched to Pickleball as I got older.
I play at several courts thoughout the city over a months time. Many people meet up in different places.
Both sports are growing but the compatibility of them at the same places is not optimal due the filtering in of players in pickleball keeps tennis players of getting on and the heavy net equipment and way they space out their reservations of the courts makes it inconvenient for tennis to share. I grew up on Bitterlake Courts and it was never a desirable tennis location due to poor conditions of both lighting and surface. Now that they've been fixed, it's mostly only Pickleball now during open play
I'm worried that SPR doesn't totally understand the disparity in number of players impacted by these potential decisions. I've already articulated that PB players might be 4-8 ppl/court while it's only 2-4 ppl/court for tennis. That's half the people on twice the space = quarter less use. That difference should be part of the equation. Also, please consider areas of the city that have historically been left behind when it comes to investments - South Seattle!
For future policy change attempts, please identify the problem, do more research, collect data, seek public input, & hold meetings prior to implementing changes. The manner in which changes to court use were originally presented appeared capricious, without any rhyme or reason.
Pickleball is a state sports and easy for senior to get into. With senior population growing in the Seattle area, we need more pickleball courts, not less. More young people are also getting into this sports and we will see substantial growth in the future.

Again I think the Lifelong recreation program for seniors is crucial. I play with seniors ranging from 60 to 85 years old and this play and social interactions are so important for our physical and emotional health. I hope this program can continue to keep us healthy and active.
In shaping policy, the city must recognize the undeniable fact of the exponential increase in pickleball players. Fairness between tennis and pickleball players is of course a primary consideration, but if tennis designated courts are underutilized, pickleball players should be able to play.
I still don't understand what problem you are solving. Mixed use courts, like mixed use fields, meet the needs of communities more than designated spaces.
Please ensure SPR decisions are based on fair input from both sports, not just tennis. Open release of the data used and how it was collected, and of the decision process will go a long way to reduce conflicts and opposition to SPR decisions. Pickleball players aren't looking to freeze out tennis or impose unmanageable noise on neighbors. Keep in mind the growing nature of pickleball and the relative usage. I have observed far more pickleball players than tennis.
Please increase the number of indoor drop in locations
The simplest form of pickleball court must still possess: court surface, good line paint, a fence, good-quality pickleball nets, a couple of benches, a good broom, some distance from trees (less leaves/needles), frequent maintenance, nearby restroom. Distance from housing. Preferable a simple covering such as an open-ended quonset hut to protect from rain year-round rain and leaves, and that also provides sound insulation for neighbors.
I've moved from tennis to mostly pickleball in the last year as it's such an accessible sport that brings all kinds of people together
Magnolia playfield has a very strong community of pickleball players. I see much more use of the courts for pickleball and feel there would be a big drop in court usage if pickleball was removed. The community would be negatively impacted by removing pickleball courts in Magnolia.
I hope there SPR will be neutral to provide citrus for the sports in demand
You all really need to focus your efforts on improved data and actual use collection methods and not just on reservations data and not just on public comments, meetings and advisory committees.
Pickleball has been essential for my mental health as well as physical health. It provides community and social engagement as well as sport
You need to collect accurate data at the current high-traffic pickleball courts to determine the best locations for new pickleball courts.
You should've allowed multiple answers as to which Pickle ball facilities you use the most
I wish there had been more background info on some of the questions presented
Not that I can think of
Time of day where courts are used the most are dependent on season natural lighting etc, the question was poorly formuladas and the selection methods was very poor
At the end of the day your strategy did not look into how important the Rainier Beach Courts are to the Henderson Corridor. It is extremely important to have them used as much as possible with as many uses as possible to engage the community and fill the area with laughter and games. These courts have women only pickleball games, diversity and inclusion programs, a queer league and many other people from the community joined together to play pickleball.
Seattle is way behind in the building of dedicated pickleball courts. SPR leadership needs to understand this and get with the program and prioritize pickleball over any other sport.
Increasing utility and accessibility for all racquetsports is best for all communities. PIckleball is accessible and social. Open play allows people from the community to engage and learn together. Tennis tends to be more organized and social.
My observation is that there has been a bias in favor of tennis over pickleball in the past - - and I don't believe that reflects the reality of the City's population.

As you change designations, please take into consideration lights and bathrooms and make sure there is equity in these features among courts.
It seems there are many more pickleball players than tennis players, but both groups should be able to play.
Dual usage, and less regulating who can play where when. Just make more courts for everyone
You missed actually getting out of your office. Do your job. The survey wouldn't look anything like this if you went to the courts and observed the huge majority of PB play over tennis. Outside of high school teams and sporadic reservations, the courts are all pickleball. Also, go to any other city and see how they are investing in the most communal sport that bonds people from 8-80 outdoors in a healthy setting
Hubs are not a viable solution.
Please take the time to look at all of the land on the east side of Harbor Avenue in West Seattle. That long strip of land that has not been used in decades is under the jurisdiction of another city department and could be transferred to the Seattle Park Department. A handful of courts for pickleball could be build or even thirty courts for that matter. The game of pickleball was invented in the greater Seattle area. It is considered the official state sport. We should be holding huge national tournaments and with a facility like the one that could be built, we could do just that. Because of its location, the noise would not be a factor. Please take the time to look in to my request. I think you may be surprised. Dan Magee
I observe many people playing pickelball and few tennis. One tennis court makes two pickelball so that 8 people play as oppose to 2
Seniors deserve enough city pickleball courts.
I live much closer to Green Lake than Bitter Lake but because there is limited availability at Green Lake for my level of play. If Bitter Lake becomes an open play hub I am concerned that my opportunities to play there could be similarly limited.
How are you ensuring this survey is actually representative of the needs of the community? Your survey language is also biased, leading, and confusing. Bad data = poorly informed survey results.
No
I am still not sure, why it has to be one or the other. I do not mind playing on a PB court that has multiple lines and can be used by both tennis and PB.
Quite a bit! We play primarily at Walt Hundley but also Alki, and Delridge in West Seattle. These questions could not be answered with any degree of accuracy as they are framed without enough information to render an answer and no data has been provided from recent studies. Seattle should not eliminate public recreation opportunities unless the decision is supported by objective evidence. If the problem is poor enforcement, the solution is better management—not removing courts that thousands of residents use.
Taking away pickleball courts is not in any way the solution. Recognize that it builds community!!
I don't understand the approach used to determine pickleball and it future in the city.
We need to add, and maintain, or pickleball courts. Need some courts with lighting and a roof
the city needs more pickleball courts
Pickleball & Tennis are equally important. Let's have a win, win for both by sharing and respecting
As a senior citizen, Pickleball is my main way of socializing.
Are you building at Cal Anderson Park or not? We need to be informed of any and all developments, down to the last pebble.

The pickleball need is growing and the tennis need is shrinking. The times are changing, keep up!
What is the status of the project to add outdoor pickleball courts in Magnuson Park. I've been to several meetings about it and the plans looked great. I thought the project was funded for a basic 8 courts with plans to expand.
Try making the survey questions more understandable, and approachable and I think you'll get more results This feels way too deep
It does not have to be a one size fits all solution across all courts. For example, Rainier Playfield is being utilized at its highest and best use during reservable league play weekend evenings. We know this because the two non reservable courts almost never have people waiting for them while our reserved courts are being used non stop which is great! Miller playfield also seems to have a very active pickleball community around the clock so it seems things are working well too if the goal is to get as many people playing as possible. Please keep the reservable pickleball courts at Rainier Beach so our league can continue to play and introduce new people of marginalized identities to the sport!
The fact that pickleball has basically kicked out tennis players from historical tennis court use and consideration that if you make a tennis court better it will get used more. Alki, Walt Hundley, Gilman, Miller, Mt Baker, Observatory, Green Lake East, were all heavily used tennis locations until pickleball bullied their way in, started harassing people, leaving nets up, refusing to leave, etc. At Miller I know of coaches that had permits in hand, kids waiting, and they had to get the community center involved to kick off pickleball players. That's wrong, it's just wrong. Bitter Lake is on your list and historically it was never used that much, then magically the Parks department surfaced (Note I didn't say re-surface) and it would have been a HIGHLY popular location for tennis, just like it was not popular for pickleball until you put a tennis surface on it. Other example: No one want to play at Ravenna (tennis/pickleball) why? No tennis surface.
I just want to reiterate that moving forward with single use at Rainier Beach would eliminate the vibrant community of Seattle Queer Pickleball hosted by Rainbow Rec Sports. We do not have conflict at Rainier Beach with schools or with community tennis players. We have been playing there for 100's of nights over the last 3 years without any conflict whatsoever. We begin our summer series this week on Tues 7/14 and Thurs 7/16 - come see the community you're eliminating
In terms of the time of play at Miller, there were too many options to mark in the survey. I have found that the weekends and late afternoon / early evenings on weekdays are the most busy.
I think property owners next to parks who complain about pickleball noise should be careful what they wish for. Do they want responsible, social, active and athletic people playing a sport they love or (extreme comparison) rival gangs shooting guns at each other?
Would like to see more dedicated pickleball courts please
as a former tennis player it is so noticeable the larger number of people able to benefit from pickleball vs tennis. Tennis has a much higher barrier to entry/learning the sport. And it is sad to see one tennis court serving 2 people vs that same amount of space serving 8 or more people. Pickleball with shorter games allows for more people to benefit from the space as players can easily rotate onto the court and play with strangers. that simply does not happen with tennis. If tennis players disagree they are either misinformed or hiding from the truth.
I see very few tennis players during the week and pickleball has been a great community builder for all ages. Plus Pickleball Metro has done a lot for the parks dept!
I strongly value retaining the ability to play informal pickleball on the West Magnolia courts. I do not want families and local youth to have to drive somewhere to play pickleball. I do think it would be fair to structure the court regulations to have serious pickleball players, and pickleball instructors, travel to other dedicated pickleball locations.

The fact of the matter is that the city should be focusing on adding as many dedicated Pickleball courts with growing rate of racket sport expansion port should meet the meat with all of the taxpayers, including dodgeball, Pickleball tennis, etc.
For eight years, you have "engaged" us but we still have just 3 dedicated pball courts for the entire city. We don't need more engagement like this. Let us recommend (use Tony at SMPA) organize the list, and have us give you 5-7 names for a pball advisory group to give you a plan within 30 days of naming the group. We can give you a plan that will have wide acceptance. Instead, I anticipate you will continue to "engage" us, so Johnathon and Ann and Andy can then be the "experts" who give us back plans that do nothing but kick the can down the field. (Examples: Magnuson Park, Solstice Park, Lincoln Park, Greenlake (the best place for open play pball in the city, still not DEDICATED courts, still lined and nets and maintanence as DIY.! And of course, still calling Maple Leaf "dedicated pball", with an active jogging track that runs right through it.
Thank you for conducting this survey! If we can find a way that allows both tennis and pickleball to coexist peacefully and fairly, that would be ideal.
Seattle is far behind most other cities across the US in providing a sufficient amount of dedicated pickleball courts to support the growing demand of players participating in the sport. Seattle needs to take proper steps to close this gap and become a world class parks and recreational organization.
We love playing pickleball in Magnolia. It provides exercise, fun and social connections. It's my favorite thing about Magnolia that we can walk to the courts and play with our friends. We're always inviting new friends and neighbors to join us. And we also have many players from other areas of Seattle that join us weekly! I know there is a big new fancy club, but most could not afford to play there, it is crazy expensive, and it is not in the budget. Please don't take the outdoor courts away from our community.
When it is stated that there will be "public engagement" meetings, By definition is would be as such if the was a back and forth two-way communication, with questions asked and answered. Utilizing a town hall, group, or round table format fits the definition. What has been done to date, falls way short of true public engagement.
I may not see other times but when I pass by tennis courts more often than not they are not fully utilized. In addition, picketball is also played by older folks when more often represents more of the population. For those of us that are older that means better health.
Nothing that I missed
The city has been biased against pickleball. This is the state that invented it. We should have the best courts in the nation. Also, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country get with it.
The pickleball community is Seattle is very strong. The voice of the community must be recognized. I have found it welcoming and made many friends in the past 3 years. As a retired tennis player, the pickleball community is much more present and needs access to more designated courts.
Yes; who is opposed, what and who is behind the negativity re pickleball? It has saved me personally from depression after death of my husband; it's a sport that has an amazingly supportive community. Priceless!!!! Young and old!
Will courts be lined for both pickleball and tennis? Do you have data about court usage? it seems you are relying more on peoples' opinions than data which is not a good way to make decisions.
We need people from SPR to actually come out to the courts and see how they are being used. Conversations and dialogue need to happen around real-life usage. Surveys and meetings are great, but it feels passive. Pickleball has positively affected my life and the lives of so many Seattleites. It starts communities, builds camaraderie, and fosters a healthy lifestyle.
Since pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Seattle and is especially important for seniors who want to stay active and healthy, it seems it should be a priority to maintain access to pickleball courts.

I know sale Parks is a large organization. The community centers are great but outdoor pickleball is a must. I feel like Seattle Parks have cut back on general fitness equipment like pullup bars (Greenlake), parallel bars, etc. Pickleball is a fast-growing sport especially amongst the population that pays the most taxes in Seattle. I know tennis also needs dedicated courts, but I suspect there are far more pickleball players than tennis players and that they play at all times of the day. Pockleball is a much more efficient use of space as well due to the number of courts you can fit into a single tennis court size. I would like to see Seattle get serious about supporting pickleball!
Please be transparent about the undue influence of the “big tennis” interests and their desire to stunt the explosive growth of Pickleball in Seattle. Pickleball was invented in our area, tennis was not. Tennis is waning as sports naturally do. What if seattle stunted the growth of soccer when it first began. That would go against what people want and where the energy is. Please do right by Seattle and stop distorting the data to support the tennis interests.
This survey is so flawed and skewed that it cannot possibly accurately represent public opinion. It should be restructured and backed by current usage data before any options to the current structure are considered. It's extraordinarily frustrating that this is still the illogic originally presented in the SPR report and that all the meeting comments and concerns our citizens have presented have been utterly ignored. We should all be talking about how to maximize playing opportunities for our communities to share. The focus needs to be on tennis and pickleball players having ample space, well-maintained regulation courts, and opportunities to enjoy our favorite sports which benefit our healthy, social, and beloved community.
The major conflict for tennis and pickleball is during the summer months. Our pickleball group plays year round. We clear the court with brooms and squeegees. We don’t see tennis players much from September-April. I hope you consider that all courts be open to both sports from late fall to early spring.
Yeah, a clear statement of the problem or problems we’re trying to solve.
The lack of transparency about the number, location, and quality of the public courts managed by SPR.
You have created a problem where no problem existed before. You allowed a very small minority tennis player to rile everyone up. In west Seattle go monitor the tennis only courts and you'll find them largely unused.
Please do not take away the dual use courts that have been lined for pickleball and have been being used for both tennis and pickleball. My take on the courts that were allowed to be lined for pickleball was and still is that they were the most undesirable courts for tennis. A serious tennis player would never choose to play on such courts as Bitterlake or Soundview. The surfaces are terrible. I would like to see more of those courts resurfaced.
More background on the problem. We love our Seattle Parks and appreciate the use of them. Would love more inclusion vs regulations
I appreciate the request for feedback from the pickleball community which is growing and active. Seeing all ages participate in this highly accessible sport increases the health and mental well-being of our city in my opinion as a therapist.
None
Pickleball continues to grow because of its social attraction in addition to the sport. I have made many new friends being able to play pickleball in the rainy months from October to April. We need enough indoor courts so we don’t have the usual 30 people waiting for a chance to play.
In the combination courts, more people use it for pickleball than tennis. I’ve never seen a tennis player at Bitterlake except for the high school

The whole idea that dual lines don't work is a fabrication. After personally spending 3 years out on shared courts all year long in every season I can tell you that it almost always works just fine and allows for optimal use of these public spaces. I've only seen one conflict and heard of one other. It's fine to give some fraction of courts tennis priority (like they do in Shoreline), but removing lines is just a hostile move that doesn't serve our racquet sports community well.
Many Senior citizens benefit from Pickleball, both socially and physically. Access is then crucial since many seniors are unable to travel long distances for access.
I would like to see another survey after more details are provided in the next step of planning.
You MUST do in-person surveys at PEAK hours to determine the usage of these courts. COUNT the number of players playing each sport. Any results lacking this information will be sorely informed
Most people prefer for dual use of courts to continue until there are more courts built in each neighborhood.
I think it is absolutely abhorrent that the city considered a massive change to courts in Seattle based off the opinions and desires of a very small group, rather than off data showing the overall needs of the community. I sincerely hope this changes going forward.
As a former tennis player who plays pickleball, it is IMPERATIVE that Seattle supports both sports, but also recognizes that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US AND was born here. We are getting LAPPED by Utah/Arizona/Florida and other places which value the sport much more than us as evidenced by the incredible infrastructure there.
Does P & R even have a permanent superintendant? When are you going to start construction at Magnuson? What's being to move forward with the public/private partnership to raise the revenue needed build out the entire project displayed at the November 2024 public meeting at Magnuson announcing the location and designs?
Pickleball allows both people to utilize the courts and people from a greater variety of ages and athletic levels. It should be promoted and nurtured over tennis
I hope that the people who decide the future of pickleball or tennis players will come to the consensus that both types of courts should be offered in the public parks that we support with our taxes. As a retired person, I can’t afford to pay the monthly and yearly dues of the clubs that are being built. It is very important for us to keep active with athletic endeavors… not only the physical aspect, but the social aspect as well. Thank you
I don't think there is any accurate data on court usage by type of user. Can't you find a way to track actual on the ground usage of courts? Cameras? Drones?
Appreciate the process. Sharing the courts with all who want to play seems the best option to me.
We need 50 more dedicated pickleball only courts in Seattle
Why are you eliminating dual-stripe. No substantive evidence has been provided still!
When they changed the tennis courts to pb courts at Lower Woodland for the pb tournament held there several years ago, it seemed like it would only be fair to leave 2 tennis courts with the lines there for pb play. But no, all of those beautiful pb courts had to be changed back for tennis. The parks Dept is way too overly partial to tennis. They have to accept the fact eventually that pb is here to stay, and it's only going to grow larger and stronger.
I would rather see NO CHANGES to current court programming before building new courts to offset losses in one sport or the other.
I learned to play pickle ball in the open play courts and I love the sense of community. Now I tend to go to Shoreline because it's too hard to find a place in Seattle even though I'm a Seattle taxpayer.
Please maintain the courts. Pine needles, leaves, and other debris on the courts should be checked by maintenance in addition to pavement surface. It would also be reasonable to charge a minor fee ($2-3) for open play to support maintenance of existing courts, and help funds faster expansion in # of courts.
Thank you for providing/ organizing the meetings and the surveys

Thanks for looking a bit deeper into the needs for more opportunities for more courts. I had thought about sending fotos of courts in north end and whether they were being utilized. My observations were of more empty tennis courts than pickleball courts. Thanks again.
What is the status of pickleball courts at Magneson Park?
I hope there can be equitable way to allow communities to engage in community access - both Pball and tennis. Currently I see many more folks playing Pball and building community. Tennis is what I first played first for years with Seattle Parks. Pball involves more people/variety of ages/demographics- so I feel it is important to not decrease Pball opportunities as it is a bigger community builder than tennis is in Seattle currently.
please just maximize open play pickleball and provide resurfaced courts and good nets
Please don't remove pickleball from Alki
Thanks for asking!
I feel like you are favorite tennis over Pickleball. Eight players can play pickle ball on a tennis court, which is typically used by two. It's a sport that is accessible to all ages and all genders.
It would be great to have low cost pickleball workshops or classes in the evenings, Fridays and weekends for adults. I may have missed this being offered.
I think it would be pertinent to ask how frequently open courts are unavailable. The amount of times that my wife and I have tried to go play pickball and had to drive to 3+ courts until we found one is almost weekly. It is incredibly frustrating. More courts would allow for more people to play more often.
As a pickelball player I feel like tennis players are advocating for less shared spaces which I don't understand, both sports are important and both deserve to play first come first serve rather than fighting about who gets what space. No pickelball courts should be removed, we need more free public courts. People should not have to be forced to pay money to play indoor pickelball.
In my experience, tennis players and pickleball players get along just fine. At our courts, we just to make sure the tennis players who show up have a full court for them to plan on. I don't know what this rumor of conflicts is based on.
The prior proposal, to remove access to current pickleball courts before new courts have been built was outrageous. Pickleball in inherently community building and has improved the lives of so many people I know, both physically and emotionally. It would be devastating to lose this so that the monitor of tennis players can play whenever they want. I play a lot of pickleball ABs were always try to make room for tennis players when they come. All the pressure from tennis players to go backwards seems to be about longing for the old days when the courts were empty until they got there, with no regard for the health benefits that pickleball has given to their neighbors.
Pickleball is out pacing tennis in the amount of players. 4 pickleball courts can be placed on 1 tennis court. Parks needs accommodate more spaces for the larger group of pickleball players
Having attended several of the meetings mentioned , I must say that in all my years of involvement with sports , I've never experienced anything like the growth the sport of pickleball . It is quite a phenomenon , largely because of its accessibility to all ages and varieties of people. Looking forward to continuing the sport !!!
As someone who plays pickleball as a way to connect with friends and enjoy the outdoors, the proposed changes are really disheartening. It already takes so much coordination between us to find a court we can all access and that will have availability for us to play. As a personal preference, I enjoy playing outdoors and the courts at Alki have been so important for me to still enjoy time outdoors in the winter. I can't possibly understand when some place like Sunset courts, a single sport court, are so underutilized, why on earth you'd need to reserve Alki for just tennis. So they can sit unused as well? I would hope the city's priority is to get people outside and enjoying sports!!
That you are trying to limit pickleball instead of responding to the popularity

The most noticeable thing that city of Seattle is doing that directly and dramatically improves my life is making the Gilman courts available for open-play pickleball. I was SHOCKED when it was announced the city would take this away. It's tragic, really. THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY. I'll use a quiet paddle; I'll do whatever you want but I really want to keep playing. Please accept the win of a thriving pickleball community at Gilman. To take that away is PUBLIC POLICY AT ITS WORST. Dual use seems to me to be the obvious best choice. No system is perfect. Ending pickleball at Gilman is the worst option! Many people are happy and you are about to make them very unhappy. I moved across the country because I think of Seattle has being pro-social, pro-community city in so many ways. It seems so clear that open-play pickleball is far more pro-social/community than reservation tennis. So at the very least the city should offer both rather than killing off pickleball at Gilman.
PLEASE understand that the noise created from the pickleball equipment & the players should not be allowed in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. Myself & others who own homes close by the W. Magnolia Courts are suffering from anxiety & stress. I have needed to be under the care of Drs. for the health issues. It's a quality of life issue. IT'SNOT ABOUT THE GAME, ITS ABOUT WHERE IT'S PLAYED. Thank you. ITS NOT ABOUT THE GAME BUT RATHER WHERE IT IS PLAYED.
Recommend you use some player focus groups with survey design experience to improve your surveys! There is high pickleball demand and low tennis demand for courts in West Seattle, especially 7 am-2 pm. Please increase pickleball courts in West Seattle (at minimum, have Delridge, Walt Hundley, and Alki pickleball only daily during morning and afternoon hours; if at all possible, add Hiawatha for pickleball and keep all courts in playable condition). Ideally, build designated pickleball courts in West Seattle (add to Alki? consider Lincoln Park again?).
I believe there should be dedicated tennis and pickball courts in most of the city's neighborhoods
My experience has been that tennis and pickleball players both enjoy playing and are cooperative with each other. It's a fun outdoor experience for all players. Reservations have been respected.
I've been playing pickleball in Seattle for 15 years but now mostly play in other nearby cities. SPR's approach to pickleball has been disastrous, uninformed and wasteful. The fact that we only have one decent dedicated court (Laurelhurst) in whole city is almost criminal. SPR had sidelined an extremely diverse and large group of Pball players in favor of a small, elite group of tennis players, and continues to do so. Look at what any other city in this country has done to support Pball and SPR should be ashamed. Currently every court I've used in Seattle has lines that are almost invisible, due to SPR deciding that tennis players might be distracted by visible lines. Most of the courts are in dire need of resurfacing. The nets have almost all been paid for and maintained by the Pball community, not by SPR. Yet there are still many underutilized tennis courts. I'm not sure what they are being saved for. I have lost hope for the future of public Pball in Seattle.
Thanks!
I'd love to better understand ways to help partner with the City to make improvements to the courts that we already have while the City builds out new courts. Volunteer opportunities, etc.
We should be able to share the existing courts that we have. I like the chart showing split days and times, it seems like a reasonable solution. Thank you!

I'm not an expert at creating surveys like this, but I found it confusing and wonder how you'll actually capture the needs of the pickleball community.
Pickleball was invented locally and is the official state sport. It’s crazy Seattle isn’t fully embracing the game. I meet and play with tourists regularly who are visiting Seattle wanting to play and they are amazed at how poor our courts are in the city.
In neighborhood courts create community and I play pickleball at Gilman and it is an amazing community. It would be a real shame to lose that.
The PB community deserves access to courts that are conducive to play and that are safe. The conditions of our current PB courts in West Seattle (all dual striped and shared with tennis) are abhorrent (cracks, broken nets, etc). The city should be ashamed of the lack of maintenance of these public resources in recent years and I hope they will begin to care for them better in the future.
We need more dedicated pickleball courts in seattle.
I think this subject was brought by tennis people who fear pickleball is getting in their way and want players to be banished from anywhere they are playing
Every park I’ve seen that has pickleball only courts as well as tennis only courts - only has pickleball players. The tennis courts always go unused while the pickleball players wait in queues for a court to clear.
We’d like to strongly suggest to make the Miller courts for only Pickleballers. I have seen 2 tennis players only once in a whole year. They are pretty much all pickleball players in the Miller Community.
There are many cities with public parks that successfully have pickle ball and tennis coexist. Set clear rules and post them and people will follow. I have played pickle ball in several states such as Arizona, California, Florida, and Michigan and every single city has better public court access and systems.
The #1 priority should be on building more accessible, regulation courts to increase access.
Please do not remove the pickleball courts at Gilman playground. That is my home court where I have made the best friendships. This will be a tremendous loss.
Please keep Gilman a pro pickleball court
The better long term investment are shared areas that can support multiple activities.
No. Just stop the nonsense with the pickleball. that's not even a sport, and the reason many courts are now locked. simply too much noise.
From the Magnolia Community Center presentation, it appeared that the court usage information used for court usage decisions was from 2019. Updated court usage confirmed by on-site observation will provide more relevant information to make better decisions going forward.
Gather data about court usage! For example, during staff hours on an hourly basis recor how many courts are in use for each sport and how many people are playing and waiting.
i think you covered everything.
Far easier to meet and connect with people if there is vibrant open play pickleball.
you need to build more courts for pickleball
Nah
No
There is already way more dedicated tennis courts than pickleball courts. At the very least, more courts need to be dual striped. Many tennis courts around the city go unused for substantial parts of the day. More dual striped courts would result in maximizing the overall used of available facilities.
Just build more shared courts with cover and lights and let adults be adults. people are sharing just fine, no need to over complicate it with rules or schedules. this city has a growing population of pickleball enthusiasts and they pay more than enough taxes already just to live here, so keep the courts free and keep them coming.

Mainly we play on the courts by Chief Sealth. We were at Alki courts but it was too frustrating with the summer camp schedule. Sealth courts have 6 courts 3 marked for 6 pickleball and 3 for tennis. By far, the PB is used much more often. There have never been any frustrated tennis people standing around. Only problem is when they host a tournament. This the way to go, I think.
Save Gilman pickleball courts! There are enough tennis only courts around Seattle and not enough pickleball courts. Many people cannot afford membership to private, indoor pickleball clubs.
I think all courts should be lined for both tennis (white) and PB (blue) one tennis court supports 2 PB courts and the tennis net is a natural divider. The PB nets on wheels are awesome.
thanks for doing this!
The question about the hours and days when pickleball is most played based on my own experience is very limited as a source of valuable information. People can really only give input based on the times they play.
The existing courts need to be resurfaced and restriped before any new courts built.
I'd like to see data used to support decisions rather than blanket guesses - more transparency and dialogue please!
Save our public tennis courts for tennis!
The biggest point is to avoid making sweeping changes assuming widespread dysfunction because a small portion of the population cannot function like adults and are a squeaking wheel. They will always find something to complain about. I don't see nearly enough tennis usage to justify banning pickleball on popular courts I think it's absurd to even propose it. Make more like SWAC which supports both communities but add lights there and the ones you make. Do not take ppls courts away from them. Pretty simple.
Want to make sure tennis voices are heard. While pickle ball players may be more vocal, there are still a lot of tennis players out there.
No, I'm glad to hear that the strong social/community aspects of Gilman pickleball has been shared, heard, and captured. This intergenerational, kind, and welcoming community is so special, highly place-based, and local. Overall, I think dual use is working well, and I oppose split scheduling. Can there be sound mitigation strategies used to address any noise concerns? We already have alerted those who play at Gilman that they should be mindful of sounds (such as amplified music), as we want to be good neighbors. I recently played at a court in which they had sound-dampening fabric placed over the fencing. Another idea is to have "quiet" balls and paddles available for borrowing, such as the OWL brand. Thank you for your work in engaging in additional feedback processes and for listening to community.
Why is SPR trying to limit PB court time. There are more PB players than tennis players in Seattle. PB deservers equal number of courts at tennis. Also, it is unclear what the problem is that SPR is trying to solve. It started with players (PB and tennis) not honoring reservations but now it seems to have morphed to which sport gets more court time. If that's the problem statement, then make the number of courts equal between the two sports. Make the 46 dual-lined courts, PB only and tennis only courts remain tennis only. Don't put open play all on a few courts, instead keep it as it happens today. That is working just fine. One more thing. Update the reservation system so a PB player can reserve one PB court instead of a whole tennis court (two PB courts). Spend the money on that instead of trying to change a system that isn't broken.
Shared lines is not a problem. Shared lines occur across sports and locations. Dedicating our limited public resources for a single sport, such as tennis, which is not in great demand, is not a good investment. Shared courts is an appropriate and allows for more use by more participants.

you shared NO proposals to gage peoples preference.
Greenlake / Woodland park was not listed!
Condition of current Pickleball courts need work.
On shared courts, the tennis courts are always empty. We really don’t need this many tennis courts lol.
SPR seems to be winging it. The process feels reactive rather than guided by a clear framework, and major decisions appear to be made without explaining site by site rationale to the public. This phase of engagement showed that SPR needs a more structured, transparent approach so stakeholders can understand how input is used and how decisions are actually being made. What were the issues? How severe were they? Was Pickleball sited in unsuitable residential areas? Did dual use work at some sites but not others? Why? Again, why can't we talk about it on a site by site basis? The release of the April draft of the Outdoor Racket Sports Strategy caused an unnecessary uproar; that time would have been far better spent engaging the public in open, transparent dialogue instead of relying on an opaque, overly internal process.
Just a reminder that since pickleball is almost exclusively played with 4 players (recreationally), and tennis is more commonly played with two (I have never once seen a tennis doubles group at any Seattle court), a pickleball court allows many more people to use it.
No
I’m disappointed with the proposal and process. It hasn’t been clear why the change to eliminate 36 pickleball courts in Seattle was made when demand for pickleball outpaces demand for tennis. The plan also guts access to our most diverse communities in west Seattle and south Seattle.
Make pickleball lines on the court more visible
In order to make suggestions I would need more information.
I wrote that Miller's busiest hours are 9-1 M/W/F "based on my experience." Because that's when I play, but I've heard that the courts are also very busy in the late afternoon and in the evening.
Because of the nature of how people play pickleball, the aport is more social and the players are more easy to organize for a cause. Tennis is a more competitive sport and less social. My tennis communities are far less engaged and informed about these issues but will be just as heavily impacted. The fact that you are hearing more pickleball voices does NOT mean that tennis players are going to be less impacted or that they care less. They are just less organized because tennis is a more serious, competitive sport to pickleball’s community, social vibe. BOTH are valid and BOTH deserve dedicated courts. Do not mistake the lack of tennis voices for lack of tennis players who will care deeply about their courts being taken away.
Increasing access to pickleball courts should focus on adding pickleball courts, not reducing or infringing on tennis courts. Tennis had to fight for more courts years ago - these should not be taken away. But additional pickleball courts are needed. Dual lining and allowing anyone to reserve for any use seems reasonable.
How much input are you going to collect before making a decision? You have had many meetings that presented you with facts and data. Yet, you develop another messy survey that will not provide clear information. Send your consultants to monitor court usage for a month (8 am to 8 pm). Collect actual data and let the facts decide. I am completely frustrated by the way this study has been conducted. We the people are paying for this incompetency.
Update the courts at magnison park to be pickleball and make it nicer. They are NEVER used and there is an indoor tennis facility there for tennis and nothing for pickleball

Seattle has become a national embarrassment in the pickleball community. Due to inaccurate research and heel-dragging, we lag behind most other cities. The bias against pickleball is obvious: it's more work, it changes the status quo. Perhaps change the name of the survey to "Paddle Sports Strategy", instead of tennis-centered "Racquet Sports Strategy"?
Most of the awkwardness I feel during drop-in play is the lack of any queue system structure. I have to go up to each group one-by-one and ask them “do you have plans to play all night” and I’m mostly stuck with their decision. When I play at Mercer island, they have a really nice queue system that would be a minimal cost to set up at each court. All of the Seattle courts I’ve been to are Freeform enough that there’s basically no system. Would love more effort done there.
I have no way of knowing what time the courts have the highest demand. I am highly suspect of the data regarding tennis usage. I play on several outdoor courts and almost never see tennis players. My perception is that the USTA is fighting for their lives and pouring money into steering this decision. There seems to be a large bias in favor of tennis players. Please make a greater effort to assess court usage for accurately. Thank you for soliciting my opinion.
Don't forget the Seniors and Youth players learning the games.
good luck!
Try to be as data driven as you can. I've read both the proposal and the submissions from both sides and it doesn't feel like the existing plan encompassed a comprehensive review. It felt biased. It's frustrating as a taxpayer that this had to happen, but I understand special interest in involved and we all are where we are now. Just make sure you have both sides at the table so that everybody's interests are considered.
You need to include representatives from the pickleball community in your process. You used an incorrect data source to determine the demand for courts in your initial study. The reservation system is inadequate for illustrating the demand for pickleball courts because only about 5% of games are played on reserved courts.
I appreciate seattle park's effort to add more courts and be fair to both racquet sports . However , one can not ignore the staying power and growth of pickleball across age groups. It's important to add more courts and be open to supplemental private fund raising. Being outdoors , active ? And social are 3 keys to staying healthy for all populations . Pickleball is more social than tennis .
I think the courts can be shared for both Pickleball and tennis. If perhaps we specify certain times for each since I played Pickleball in the morning I rarely see people playing tennis in the morning hours except during summer when the young kids are being taught tennis for summer camp.
I am handicapped in two ways, most affected by poor hearing, I could not hear the noise statistics or sources of, sounded interesting. something else not shared. also, a tennis injury limits my hand strength, Discovery Park will bring the wrath of the birders and people who go there for tranquility. It is not the birds that are bothered, the birders are listening for the birds to communicate with each other. The plan as it was presented, left only the courts in Discovery Park for PB. Until those are repaired or at a minimum re-painted they are marginally-useable for PB. This designation leaves no quality courts between Elliot Bay and the Northern City Limits. The Magnolia Community and SMPA have taken what the city provided (dual lined courts) and made it more accessible to more people by purchasing 6 x $2600 semi-permanent nets (although a lot of private nets purchased during the pandemic are going to
I would use pickleball courts at Magnuson 2-3 times a week if they were available. I support the development of multiple courts there if possible!

So much time and money is being spent on speculation. Get accurate data about court usage, and then make decisions using that!
Established groups meet regularly for games, clinics, leagues and have been going on for years. These groups are open and will reserve courts to support groups of 12-24 players - not using all of the courts - but 1/3 to 1/2 for 2-3 hour blocks. This should not be disrupted as this is a lifeline of activity for many people - particularly older people. You will find these groups playing outside - during the winter months - Drizzle Group at Green Lake meet 2x per week in the early am. We clear, dry and prepare the courts for play then start moving. Please don't mess this up. The answer isn't less courts. Dual usage is the least harmful of these proposals at this time WITH clear guidance for usage - how long can one keep courts before it should become available to another group of players or type of sport. No one likes to share, but that is the world we live it. It works when we can understand how it works. Ambassadors and accessible written guidelines - are needed.
Anecdotally, Pickleball courts are wildly more used in Seattle than tennis courts. When playing on or near courts set up for both sports, maybe one in five times do I see any tennis players. https://greenlakepickleball.org/photos/#dronevid. Instead of taking away Pickleball courts, Seattle should be thinking about how we can make more!
Please get some reliable data on the way the courts are being used. It's unconscionable to make policy without data. Also, consider the way that pickleball players use the courts as opposed to the way tennis players use the courts. Very different mentality. Pickleball is a community sport not an individual sport. Tennis players have other courts at their disposal while pickleball players only have the dual court "solution". We would rather continue the dual courts than lose what courts we have. We cannot play on "future courts".
I got here from a link on Saka's Instagram and that dude only represents the most reactionary and exclusionary people in his district so whatever he thinks is bad is probably good
Please do NOT use Green Lake as an example of a successful PB hub. There is a large swath of Seattle PB players who avoid GL like the plague. The players are are unwelcoming to seniors & rec players and they use their paddle stacking system to "freeze out" players the regulars find "unworthy." Bitter Lake, with organized large group open play & group classes (public sign up on Playtime Scheduler app) & reservable courts is an important alternative to "walk on" open play for a large part of the PB community. Retain reserved play @ Bitter Lake.
Please do not take away our queer pickleball at Rainier Beach courts! It has been a joy and community asset for me and others.
There is a large senior population able to play pickleball and not so much tennis. Please keep courts open for us now, when our bodies can still do it. Your plans for future years won’t include us.
This is one of the most poorly designed questionaires I've ever seen; I am very uncertain that you will get any useful data from it.
Does anyone go to the courts to observe usage? I can only attest to morning hours when I am there. We are happy to share the courts with tennis players, but i play year round and there are no tennis players in the morning at Alki and i have played pickleball there for many years
Because the court is smaller and typically used for doubles play, pickleball is the most efficient use of space for the most number of youth and adults, including seniors. The courts are crowded and regularly require players to wait for availability. Further restricting access will only exacerbate this

First off, thank you so much for DELAYING the closure of pickleball courts across the city! And continuing to reach out. Would like to hear about or see action for: 1. Any research yet regarding the USAGE both sports on all courts? 2. Any research about the neighbors close to the courts and if any step is being taken to dampen the noise issues (like putting up fence sound barriers or requesting “quiet” paddles in extreme cases). 3. Please put specific pickleball signage at all courts. Similar issues that you have for tennis and these additional ideas: • play times allowed (singles/doubles) • reservation info (signage that confirms that a receipt is adequate proof for a reservation would quell disputes) • maybe some etiquette guidelines for both sports • SPR expectations and encouragement for tennis and pickleball to co-exist. (My experience has been good with tennis players). 4. Have you contacted pro pickleball associations, PPA, APP for additional input instead of only USTA? Thanks!
Please leave the Alki Playground courts as they are. Shared pickleball and tennis. Courts are rarely full, so don't see any need for reservations. I also have noticed that the tennis only courts up by West Seattle High School and across from Lincoln Park are rarely used, so please don't take our pickleball courts at Alki away! Thank you.
Current use of courts needs to be observed and tracked for a significant period of time to have valid data on which to make decisions. Asking for my observations about Peak Hours is a fool's errand and not worth the time it takes to calculate.
The goal of the city should be to maximize sport played on the courts. The original plan leaves many courts under utilized, and restricting play for hypothetical parity is not how sports facilities should be used. A tennis court is a piece of production equipment producing fun and exercise for the city’s people. Focusing on getting the most fun and exercise out of that for as many people as possible needs to be a priority. If you have a preference for a specific racket sport, at a certain point if you take the play space from multiple people for your solo use, you need to pay for it. Tennis and PB are both not rights, they’re privileges. Paying more to exercise a greater privilege is normal. Tennis is the first class of racquet sports, PB is economy. If people want to pay for first they can, but reducing the number of economy seats for more first class seats isn’t providing general utility for the people like the
You should solicit input about people who reserve courts in a for-profit manner. As mentioned, I don’t mind courts being reserved for tournaments, but I think blocking public access in favor of classes being taught kind of seems improper.
The answer to the question about the busiest time of day for court use is unique to each person. No one knows how busy a court might be when they aren't present. It is the responsibility of SPR to figure out the hourly usage at the courts with whatever data collection methods are appropriate.
I would love to see more effort to bring more people into the sport, especially from disadvantaged backgrounds. Things like pickleball in PE classes at schools, scholarships for paddles, free classes and camps. And really boosting the IT so it is easy to quickly visualize all the open play opportunities, what courts are currently in use at what level of play, etc.
Divide Seattle into regions North, South, East, West, Central and make sure there is a dedicated hub for pickleball and one for tennis in each region. And make sure that hub is adequate 4-8 pb courts. 2-4 tennis courts. This is fair. Then make the rest reservable and dual lined.

I've been an avid tennis player for over 25 years and am a newer pickleball player, and I am extremely disappointed with the SPR. SPR launched the NetGen Program at Walt Hundley which is rarely used by tennis players; hundreds of people recognize those courts as a pickleball hub, especially during the opposition to SPR's proposed strategy. This further highlights SPR's bias towards tennis and dismissal of pickleball. By not listening to the feedback and using sound data, SPR fails to understand how to better balance the resource needs for both pickleball and tennis players. It's critical for SPR to engage with the communities effectively and openly, use sound data to develop a strong strategy. The failure to acknowledge the flawed data, the obvious bias towards tennis, and the failure to consult with advisory groups like the SMPA compromise the integrity and effectiveness of any strategy moving forward.
Recognition that pickleball is growing and the many more people can play on pickleball courts than when the space is used for tennis. Pickleball is also a great community-building activity - tennis not so much.
Repair of existing courts has been completely absent, despite multiple requests and reports submitted to find it fix it and to the parks department.
Are you sending this to neighbors of the court in your survey All of these courts are in horrible shape and need restoration I have never had an issue with tennis players needing to use the courts and not having them be able to play. There are at least 2 sets of tennis court only locations in West Seattle barely used. They are available for tennis players only. And could be lined for Pickleball
Honestly, in my neighborhood things seem to be working just fine the way they are.
Pickelball is the fastest growing sport currently. Seattle needs to keep up with the high demand for court usage. On 2 tennis courts, typically only 4 people play at a given time. With pickleball, 8 people can play.
Other cities certainly have struggled with dual-court usage. Researching successes/failures elsewhere is an important part of the process, especially with an eye toward smoothing out the enforcement process.
Funding for portable pickleball nets at Miller would provide similar equipment as at other community centers.
I feel like the fact that there are 5 pickleball courts being proposed to replace an existing popular basketball court is an inequitable and classist solution. Responses have been political in nature to avoid acknowledging this concern. There is an option at that park to add 2-3 pickleball courts on the western side of the site while preserving the Eastern side for basketball only. That would probably be the equitable solution.
Pickleball is a community sport - I play tennis too - but it does not foster community in the same way and it is not accessible in the same way as pickleball to all ages.
Parks and rec needs to support the need for more access to pickleball courts
Leave soundview as is tennis and pb
no
Sharing courts enables people from all socio-economic backgrounds to access either sport.
The noise generated by pickleball on neighbors. it's horrific.
I think SPR's proposed policy is a solution looking for a problem. The policy states that it's trying to "balance the needs of both users". The proposed policy is not balancing needs; it's dramatically reducing the number of pickleball courts. For example, West Seattle pickleball courts would drop from 12 courts to 4 while adding 4 dedicated tennis courts to the 9 existing dedicated courts. Is that "balancing both needs"? Pickleball is the WA. State sport. Seattle is way behind in pickleball courts. I suggest converting the proposed 36 Tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts as a good first step to start catching up with the demand for pickleball.

Certain pickleball locations (like Greenlake North) have a strong open-play culture and should really be permanently open-play for pickleball.
I think the president of the pickleball association should be paid as a city official.
For the outdoor courts is it possible to look at the retractable roofs like they have in Asia
I think it would be helpful to look over the complaints that have been filed- again- I think there is likely a very small minority of very vocal tennis players that don't want to share courts. I am strongly in favor of opening ALL racquet sports up to dual use. I also don't believe that pickleball players have routinely refused to relinquish a reserved court- as has been stated as a "recurring problem". That is not the community I know!
Pickleball is a great sport for all ages, which allows grandparents to play with their grandchildren. But particular, it provides a great means for friendly social interaction. This is key for the health and well being as we age!
I feel like Cal Anderson is a huge opportunity - people rarely use that tennis court or dodgeball court. I have also noticed that the 'dedicated' pickleball courts you listed are in real disarray or not preferable vis a vis the tennis courts. Eg. Tennis gets the glamarous Seward Park courts with mountain views and Pickleball gets the obseratory courts that are in rough shape and no nets and almost unplayable due to trees and wind.
Rainier Beach must NOT lose access to Pickleball. These courts serve an underserved community and can be credited with being the first courts that almost all Southend pickleball players started with. It is critical to maintain pickleball access to these courts.
Pickleball is a sport that is easy to learn and play in a short time frame. Lots of retired people are learning to play and using courts- not sure picking up tennis as a 60+ is quite as easy. Great to see the older crowd in the parks and being active.
I would like to see the tennis courts at Green Lake and other locations lined for pickleball so they could be dual use. Because the Green Lake and other popular pickleball courts are in high demand, this would give pickleball players desiring private games to play at the tennis courts (which are often available) to bring their own nets and play pickleball on 2 courts for every 1 lined tennis court.
Tennis has plenty of courts under their control: Amy Yee, Lower Woodland Park etc. Seems to be an anti-social elitist sport with no concern about community or social engagement. Pickleball, however is a welcoming sport for all ages, abilities and persuasions, and should be encouraged to provide engagement for all.
This was very comprehensive, let's hope the mission will be achieved. Thanks
Tear down and arrest the criminal drug addicts and pimps that set up the stolen goods encampments next to the courts. Seattle Parks needs to sweep the courts daily people don't have to play in human waste or around the dirty needles that the City provided to the drug addicts. Thanks
I currently play at Alki a couple days a week for about 2 hours as a foursome. I rarely run into situations where there are people waiting, except the occasional weekend. I don't see any problems with tennis or issues with people complaining about not being able to play. The only issue I have with Alki is the court condition is pretty poor and needs resurfacing badly. I know the same can be said about Walt
Drop the plan to change/control court usage and focus on upgrades and new court construction. Create a plan to build new designated pickleball courts in each region of the city, minimum of 5. Recognize the remarkable momentum and growth of the pickleball community, with all of the benefits of creating community. Be the leader of this parade, instead of stomping it out!
Recommend showing the contect of your questions to get a better response. Shoreline does a great job with accommodating Pickleball and Tennis. Go to different communities in and out of Washington to get best practices.

I have not understood why the private tennis center runs Parks reservations for the courts. It seems like 1) we shouldn't pay a private company to manage our reservations and 2) there is a tennis bias in
The Sound View Location is extremely popular for Pickleball. It brings people from all over the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods out to play. It brings people of all ages together. My 14 year old son & I play, but he's also started playing with groups that are in their 60-70s when I'm not available. It's so great for the community and for community building. I hope that drop in Pickleball use continues as it is now. We'd be so incredible sad to see it go!
There is a great need for maintenance of courts at both Miller and Mt. Baker. Court surfaces are failing. Debris from trees needs to be cleared regularly. Requests have gone unanswered too often. As a Pickleball community, we come together and do a lot of work to keep the space welcoming. More support from SPR is needed. Thank you for the survey.
I feel strongly that you need to work with SMPA and other community groups before you make any changes to how local parks are used. We want to add to peoples lives not take things away from people. At a time when people feel more lonely and isolated why would you want to remove something that brings so many people joy. That is not what the parks department is about.
Your usage data based on reservations was flawed. I often play pickleball open play. I have never made a reservation
Please make decisions based on usage dat
You're on the right track, and I thank you for reaching out with requests for specifics. This path provides the best outcome we could possibly expect - fairness based on what we the people value.
Seattle needs more new pickleball courts to accommodate the demand without taking tennis courts
Most large cities in the country have responded to the need of more pickleball courts yet SPR continues to drag their feet. I recall many pilot studies etc. 8 or so years ago that went absolutely nowhere and the demand continues to grow. Even the City of Kirkland has recently created 6 beautiful dedicated pickleball courts where tennis courts used to be at Peter Kirk Park. I am tired of surveys and studies and the politics around tennis. Just be bold and take some action already.
I'm not sure if this classifies as an important factor in this particular phase of the process, but, there is a very large number of people wishing to improve their Pickleball level of play, before feeling ready to play with strangers, by lining up their paddles to take turns.
Need o have bathrooms cleaned and maybe a code in place that players now
The question when court is Used most often - too many hours and days to click- should have a summary choice
I cannot express how important it is for there to be enough pickleball courts for the players of Seattle. Thank you.
This survey is a distraction from the primary issue of the number and location of racquet sports courts to be allocated by SPR to tennis and pickleball. If a fair allocation were made, pickleball players could solve all subsidiary issues related to pickleball and tennis players could likewise solve tennis related issues. These issues are not the same for both sports.
Did not see anything addressing repairs to existing multi sport courts. This affects both sports.
I don't really know what the popular times at the Pickleball courts are but often I do see a lot of people playing in the evenings in the summer although our group usually place weekday mornings. During the weekdays I find there's often a lot of older people but in the summer I do see kids and families as well. As I mentioned before I rarely see tennis players so I'm really wondering why there is even this debate
The wait times at popular spots are very long for PB and the demand just isn't as high for tennis. We need more courts for PB, not fewer!

Having people use facilities for health and fun is a major reason to have courts. Pickleball has accomplished that in the boom since 2020. Prior, when driving by BitterLake I would see 1 or 2 courts in use with usually a total of only 4-6 people. NOW the courts are often fully in use and 32 people are involved. THAT IS SUCCESS. LEAVE IT ALONE.
Pickleball is much more popular than tennis in terms of amount of players, it's not even close. Open play is the most inclusive model, reservations are very disruptive
Solstice Park/Lincoln Park courts should be included. These courts are never full except for high school matches. Mark half of them for option of pickleball! Southwest recreation facility should remain part pickleball.
It seems to me that is completely feasible for players of both racket sports to be able to share the space. It just boils down to hours that courts are available for specific kinds of players. It doesn't need to be that difficult.
Right now when you reserve a court, you reserve two Pickleball courts or one tennis court. Consider breaking it down so that you charge for each Pickleball court being used. You will make a lot more money.
Kicking pickleball out when they have the highest volume of court usage and expanding community. It needs to be truly taken into consideration. I challenge SPR to truly monitor the use of tennis courts for tennis and volume of players first.
The frustrating part for pickleball players is that we see lots of tennis courts with no one on them. We also see crowded pickleball courts. The space of two tennis courts can accommodate 16 pickleball players. If SPR's goal is to engage a maximum number of people in recreational activity, pickleball will draw a greater number of people per square foot of court.
I believe that court sharing is possible. I am a pickle player and I have also been amazed as we spent a month in San Diego and the homeowners association at our friends townhouse had similar dispute with tennis and pickleball. The line marking work fine and the tennis folks are seldom there.
Pickleball serves many more people for the space that it requires and matches can be played much more quickly than tennis. With tennis I tend to pick a specific friend that I can play with. Pickleball I typically arrange with a group of friends, been can more easily join open play. I most often see 20 pickleball players and no tennis players or only a couple tennis players at a location, and those two players are taking up way more court space per person than pickleball.
I reallyappreciate the changed focus here. But I don't see anything about the proposed hubs. For the West Seattle pickleball community, Georgetown is not very close. I think most of us would rather the tennis courts across from Lincoln Park were opened up to sharing with pickleball.
Do NOT close west magnolia to Pickleball
Only that we raquet sport players in Seattle appreciate your efforts. Thank you!
Thanks for giving us the opportunity to supply input
The number of tennis players is wildly overestimated. You never see anyone playing on the tennis only courts that already exist. Tennis is an indoor sport for all serious players. Leave the current tennis only courts alone for the kids. Leave the PB hotspots
I have never seen anything as positive as pickleball. It's a sport easy to pick up, easy engagement with community, and can also be played at all levels. I was a tennis player and I can tell you as a sport pickleball has it all. Tennis is much more difficult to feel accomplished and less people to play with unless you join a tennis club. Pickball is the sport the city should be putting resources into - not tennis.
Tennis courts are not being used at least at the (North end courts that I go to) for tennis much of the time. Give us the opportunity to turn one pickleball court into two pickleball courts whenever they are empty. If you put in the lines, we can provide the portable nets. And are willing to use the space following the same time periods as for tennis. Limit reservations to 50% max of all courts at that

Thank you for doing surveys and hopefully observing and compiling data on WHAT is actually happening on the current courts today.
You need to do a survey of courts being used. I go by tennis courts on 45th (by woodland psrk on the south end ans 90% of the times these courts are empty while people are waiting to play Pickelball.
for the love of God, please save Gilman and all the other courts with a thriving pickleball open play community....
The various regions of the city seemingly have different needs with different solutions for each. A broader strategy may not be applicable to certain regions. May be worth having more detailed plans based on specific areas
From my observations of the available courts, there simply is not as much demand for tennis. I live near the Lower Woodland Courts (next to the track, not the ones on 50th) and am nearby often and they are never fully utilized. These are beautiful courts and it is sad to see because PB would be very popular there. I play at Magnolia Playfield often and, again, tennis is seen less often so it would be really said if PB were reduced or eliminated there.
As a senior citizen who has been always active in athletics , including tennis, I have found pickleball to be a fantastic activity to get exercise and engage with people. Tennis is wonderful, but I found it hard to connect with someone to play with. My lifelong live is basketball—-seriously, how many pick up games of hoops do you see with 65 year old women? Pickleball is a community. I would encourage anyone who is listening from the city to check out stop in play at Rainier Community center. I live in west Seattle and play at Delridge, High Point, and Alki. But I'll drive 25 minutes to play at Rainier. Just saying.
I appreciate your attention to this matter
It is critical that no courts are taken away for either pickleball or tennis. We have been able to manage sharing these courts for years now so there's no reason anything needs to change other than building more shared tennis/pickleball courts. Throughout the city, sports venues have been used for multiple sports simultaneously for years. The same should be true of pickleball and tennis as it is not difficult to make courts dual-purpose. Pickleball players are more than willing to share the space. Speaking for myself, pickleball has been the ONE way I have met friends in the 3 years I have been here. It is a sport that is good for exercise and building community and is accessible to people of all ages. Pickleball courts should not be taken away especially as the demand has increased over the last several years. Stripe the courts for both tennis and pickleball and let the players work it out rather than policing them. It would be a waste of money to have the courts be single-purpose.
The question about busy times in too much to fill out. Court busy from 3-7 every day
I think before purchasing pickleballs for indoor play and outdoor equipment - please consult with the players at the recreation center for making good choices. Let's not waste money on say blue pickleballs that nobody who plays will use, etc.
There is nothing unique about the struggle for resources that Seattle faces for racket sports. In the three engagement meetings I have attended I have heard not one word about SPR outreach to other communities to see how they have managed to solve these very very similar problems. Why?
There should be courts for pickleball players can gather for open play in each region of the city.
Possible application of, or trial period for "quiet court" time, where pickleball players are requested to use special quieted equipment, paddles and balls.
People are not taking up tennis. More and more people are playing pickleball. Many of the players are tennis people who have aged out of it. Pickleball is just more fun and inclusive of all ages and types of individuals. Once people leave high school they just don't stay involved in tennis-especially in the PNW with our weather. You need to think in terms of volume of people per square foot of court, when spending our tax dollars. Twice as many people can play pickleball as can play tennis in the same
Open play for pickleball provides an activity for seniors to laugh and play a physical game for fun. Good source flor community growth such as Seattle Metro Pickleball.

There always is, but nothing that comes to my mind
1. How many people taking pickleball lessions at community centers compared to tennis. And the long waiting list for pickleball. 2. Do you actually visit courts and see the number of players at delridge for example waiting in lines to get on the court. 3. How many people playing pickleball use to play tennis. Pickleball has now become a very important replacement activity. M-F during the day mostly seniors in 60 years of age and up. Pickleball on the new stayed pickleball is for ALL AGES. After Tennis injuries the players turn to pickleball. Take a survey on THAT.
I picked the Gilman courts because we've repeatedly run into the Ballard high school tennis team basically reserving ALL the courts for practice and leaving none for open play or reserved play.
Need more dedicated pickleball courts throughout Seattle Metro area.
Regular court maintenance in terms of removing leaves (not lighting) would be nice and keeps us from slipping.
You should start with a analysis of the current and projected needs of the different racquet sport communities. Without this, you are navigating in intense fog and trying to convince the public that you are acting in their best interest will not work.
1. I have attended 2 public meetings. Can you please develop a simple, succinct, over-arching statement of the problem you are trying to solve??? 2. From what I have seen, you have neither developed or presented the evidence showing demand for pickleball court use vs. tennis court use. What I mean is numerical data about # of players etc. These data should be driving #1, above. 3. There is nothing about the physical courts themselves that precludes PB and tennis players sharing. The argument that PB lines confuse tennis players is a specious, non-evidence based claim. Millions of players of both sports around the country have adjusted to sharing courts (and lines) just fine.
Over the past few months of attending meetings and reviewing feedback from the surveys and letters sent, there are still many questions being asked. I would like to see answers to these questions so there is transparency in the process. There is a great census that this sports strategy goes beyond the simple equation that it is being driven by player disputes and other community concerns. I have read and believe the US Tennis Association has been getting involved in the promotion of tennis in other cities and that it is involved in Seattle. It is very disappointing that the City of Seattle would exclude one set of sports for another. Are we not a city of inclusion?
I don't mind the courts being used for tennis or pickleball. My only ask is for better repairs and maintenance on existing courts. Discovery park would be a ideal place to add more courts because of the space available.
I'd love to see open play rules being uniform across the courts and having a system to sort players out into levels so player know what to expect and can play at a level that challenges them.
I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the process and hope it reflects that many more Seattlites play pickleball than tennis
Thank you for gathering input before implementing the original plan. It's clear that Seattle is a pickleball community and fewer courts are not a positive direction for this inclusive and popular sport.
Yes. Communication is inconsistent. Folks who were at meetings. Gave email addresses did NOT receive this survey. Myself included. Why? Hard to not think you all sent it out with bias

As I’m sure you are aware, the SPR plan that was presented to the public was a complete disaster. It was widely viewed as a solution looking for a problem. There was no need to raise the blood pressure of so many tax-payers and to waste so many people’s time with such an ill conceived plan. In the future please do a robust stakeholder review before, not after, presenting your plan. And please have all data available for the public to review.
Please preserve the open play community that has been built at Gilman. There are people of all ages playing pickleball there every single day. It is welcoming for all levels and is a reliable, safe place for us to play outdoors. It is not being used as much for tennis.
N/A
Scheduling system. Can it be adapted so that a pickleball reservation reserves 1/2 a tennis court, clearly leaving the rest for another PB group or open play? Right now the system, which is based on a tennis model, reserves the whole court, even if a only a group of 4 people are going to play PB. This makes it seem like a court location is more booked than it really may be.
Improve lines for pickleball courts
Pickleball is unique in that a variety of skills and ages can play together and benefit from community and exercise. Please ensure we have facilities to serve the growing need for pickleball courts. Thank
N/A
I don't understand why SPR is so hesitant/slow in creating more pickleball courts. Usage data has backed up the need for more courts for the years that I have been playing.
Pickleball players frequently dry the Gilman courts during the winter months. There are no tennis players during this period. You make better use of the courts if you continue to allow this.
I don't think it's accurate to guage pickleball versus tennis demand based on the amount of court reservation activity. From my experience, there is really a lot of pickleball being played without making court reservations.
One thing that has been missing from this whole process is a q&a session. All that has been asked is for feedback without answering any questions. It seems like the parks department has a lot of answers but is not willing to share what they know. Here are just a few things - who was behind this racquet sports strategy? In regards to data - how much time was spent with boots on the ground and actually looking at the courts in question? There are many more questions as well but these are just a couple questions that would be easy to answer. This process seems a little backwards to me in which you are asking for feedback without any accountability or getting the opportunity ask questions as to why or how this proposal came about.
Pickleball gives a lot of bang for your buck land use wise, 8 people can play in a space only good for 2 or 4 tennis players. Plus a much wider age and athletic ability range of people can play pickleball.
At Alki the courts are often (usually) open probably because the surface is not ideal and I like it that way. It keeps the aggressive (and typically louder) players at bay. I’ve seen both tennis and pickleball played simultaneously without conflict. But it is almost exclusively used for spontaneous pickleball players just to get out for a little exercise and have some fun. If it is busy we go to the beach or get ice cream. Requiring locals to drive to other locations will severely impact their fitness levels and enjoyment by creating an unneeded barrier to a spontaneaous game.
I play pball at lots of different courts and since I work full time I can only play in the evenings or on the weekends. I wish I could answer the location and time question with multiple difft locations - there must be data the city can use to help solve the space and scheduling of both racket sports equitably - more dual lined courts would help IMHO

Having everyone pick one court and one hour of one day of the week is crazy and irrelevant. This question response needs thrown out. All 3 Pickleball courts in my community are highly used all days especially between 10 and 2 and again in the evenings after work. Tuesday's Wednesday's and Thursdays are a bit lighter. I hesitate to choose a court because I rotate between the 3 due to number of players. I worry that you will eliminate 2 courts out of 3 based on this question and also eliminate hours based on the other question
You are woefully underserving the pickle ball community in Seattle and it is extremely frustrating. You seem to really be out of touch with the popularity of the sport here. You are way too concerned about a few voices of dissent, when you have so many more people who are playing to the benefit of the broader community. Pickleball is a community sport, it brings diverse people together, it could actually help reduce crime in areas like Magnuson Park. Please do better for your community.
Please consider opening Pickleball dedicated courts in South Seattle, where it's the most diverse players reside
I think what can be overlooked is what pickleball brings to the community as far as engagement; it is a social sport that brings people together just by its structure. My wife and I routinely get off work, head down to Walt Hundley, Delridge, or Alki and play pickleball with assortment of people - different ages, genders, professions, and backgrounds. We've made so many friends we would have never met otherwise. So, in short, I think what isn't fully captured is the value to the community.
Equity does not mean reducing available courts by nearly 40%. There needs to be more specific data on court useage; time of day; day of week; etc. Because open play rarely requires reservation, your previous date is likely biased. Also, you should include in your survey-- asking PB when they started playing. Practically all players I know started in the last 5 years. If so, no data covers this time, only older data. Also, there should be some "weighted" use time when doing analysis--one tennis court allows 1.5 hrs of play for a maximum of 4 players. The same court(s) allows 8 players at once, game time ~ 15 min, allowing for 48 player/times for the same 1.5 hrs. Where is the equity???
With the shared approach, could Pickleball players use the Tennis courts if they are unused during the Tennis hours?
It seems to me that pb serves so many more people than tennis, particularly into older age, that it ought to have more facilities and access to them. It's a sport that families can play together quite easily compared to tennis.
Pickleball is a growing sport that's more accessible and less expensive for a wider number of people. Tennis is a wonderful sport, but its audience isn't growing as quickly(if at all) and it requires more space, more practice, and higher costs for equipment. Seattle should prioritize supporting athletic activity for the largest number of people in the most areas of the city. Thank you.
You did not ask about improving the reservation system itself. Using a phone call system is SO antiquated and it cannot support demand, we need an app for people to view schedules, availability, locations, and make reservations real-time without another human required to get that info.
Shoreview Wouldn't be much of a problem with Pb and tennis court depending on day and time. Maybe we should have courts like Shoreview be built to accommodate both Pb and tennis?
Seattle as a city has the lowest number of dedicated pickleball courts in the U.S. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS AND TIMES AWAY! IT'S OBVIOUS WHEN YOU DRIVE BY THE COURTS, THAT TENNNIS IS NOT AS POPULAR AS PICKLEBALL
Can we have the people making decisions provide transparency into the sports they play? It seems that Seattle Parks has always been tennis centric in decision making. How can we get a more fair and balanced approach?
Making hubs near public transportation is key for success! Putting new courts where you can drive only will create a class difference on the court and tennis is already an upper class sport qualize it by putting courts nears busses and the light rail

Can’t you have volunteers track usage at all courts 7 days a week for a sample set of werks? To get solid data?
The hours of play... all depends on the time of year (light and dark) - also, Mount Baker courts used to be used regularly 6:30-8am but with the time restrictions and sound ordinance, you can't play there before 9am and people have to work.
I would like the Parks Department to listen to the outcry from the pickleball community. We have an equal right to use the public courts. I am in favor of all of the courts being dual lined. The tennis people seem to think it is too hard, but we are able to ignore/look past the lines intended for tennis when we are playing pickleball. It is not as good as dedicated courts, but clearly, the city is having trouble finding enough land and money to build what would be needed for both sports to have their own dedicated facilities.
Again, I want to emphasize how easy it would be for a QR code being posted at each location to track usage and time of usage at all of these locations to get adequate data before proposing definite plans.
Please don’t take away our courts!!!
we have a group of 30 people that play twice per week at Gilman (and many other places) and we try to reserve and schedule Tuesdays and Thursday at 9 am or 10 am because they are less busy times. We would play more if it was less crowded. We are mostly a retired and senior group (but not exclusively). We rarely see tennis players there, and I have no info on why that is.
The survey questions were confusing and you might not receive the most enlightening data as a result. Please revise. Thank you!
You did an excellent job and asked the right questions in my opinion. I would just add that asking for the experienced hours of play does depend on the season. Summer is when community centers are closed to PB and outdoor courts take its place. So there (may) be less players in the other 3 seasons.
Seems most activity on courts is pickleball. I seldom see tennis players utilizing the courts.
All sport courts need to be made available for variety of sports, I.e. pickleball, tennis, etc. during weekday mornings, In the last year, i have seen 0 tennis players but there can be up to 16+ pickleball players at the courts near Magnolia Community Center. If these courts are designated as tennis only it would be a complete waste. The courts would be completely unused during the weekday hours. I’m sure this occurs at other courts across the city. What happened to “Parks for All”.
No
Reservation booking systems could improve if reservations are staying a thing. It would also be very nice to be able to implement some way of being able to look into how busy courts currently are without having to physically go there. Policy addressing rules and court etiquette to facilitate pick up play and cycling through matches seems necessary.
If reservations are used, I think lights and covering are more important. If people have to accommodate weather, then non- reservation is better.
I think much more common sense could be used in these proposals rather than blanket percentage jargon. Go to the courts, take surveys of who is using them and the drop in/reservation culture. Give each park/court its own designation/plan. Focus on making the courts accessible to anyone who wants to use them rather than dictating who can use them on what day/time. Create parks for the people who live here and use them everyday rather than national organizations who want to add numbers and accomplishments to their portfolio.
We simply need more pickleball courts. I often see open tennis courts around, but rarely do I see open pickleball courts and during peak times there are wait times of 15 minutes + for open play.
I would like to see expanded access/more courts in the west seattle area made available for pickleball.

I also want to reiterate the importance of prioritizing ADA-accessible sports when making decisions about court conversions. Pickleball is generally more accessible than tennis for many individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those with limited mobility. I believe this accessibility should be an important factor when considering future court conversions and recreational planning. Additionally, I believe a fair compromise would be to stripe pickleball lines on existing tennis courts and allow both sports to operate on a first-come, first-served basis. This approach would maximize the use of public facilities, increase recreational opportunities, and ensure that both tennis and pickleball players have equitable access to the courts.
Slightly weird questions but we appreciate the survey. Please build more pickleball courts. It is a huge community of all ages. We are seniors playing five days/week 52 weeks/year. There are few rainouts and we dry the wet courts if needed. We play with all ages, all comers and it has changed our life. We mostly play 7am-11am north of the ship canal bridge. We are excited about the prospect of courts at Magnuson sooner rather me than later. So easy—the space is there, Parks owns the land, there is already indoor tennis there as well as a few outdoor tennis courts. Build the pickleball courts!!! We're not getting any younger. By the way, why don't you resurface and stripe the existing asphalt courts in Magnuson? They are rarely used unless we go bang a ball around playing pickleball on those courts. Rarely see anyone playing tennis there but if the courts were redone, they would surely be used. Easy.
Current statistics on usage and better analysis. Promoting positive relationships among court based sports players. Making space for youth players.
This survey lacked a lot. Try to do better with the next one. Actually require the people making up these surveys to go out and see how this parks are being used.
Being able to reserve courts with lights is very important to older players who enjoy playing in the evening all year and like to play with a group of friends
It's concerning that SPR maintains that its strategy is informed by 8 years of deeply flawed historical data. The sources of the data—and the lack of metrics from the drop-in pickleball community—undermine SPR's strategies. The failure to acknowledge these data discrepancies severely limit the integrity and effectiveness of the strategy moving forward.
The courts are in demand. Improve existing courts which are not functioning properly.
please please don't reduce reservable pickleball space. Fix the reservation system to allow multiple reservations per court or default 1/2 court reservations to open play. Fix the courts we have. Encourage multi-use in all courts, and communities getting along together.... Spend $ on changing the us vs. them culture and bring the communities together to build respect & interest for one another. This whole survey pits them against each other. No reason for it!
Thank you for considering my opinion
I am upset that you are considering using my tax $ to TAKE ASWAY perfectly functional pickleball courts that are being used often. This makes no sense to me and is a waste of taxpayer resources. Do not spend my tax $ on removing lines & closing courts.
This city is failing its citizens by failing to meet commitments to maintain and expand pickleball courts. We have an opportunity to set a world class standard for a highly accessible sport that encourages community involvement and physical fitness across all ages. Do the right thing and fulfill previous pickleball court commitments and expand plans to add new courts to meet demand.
We have a Women Only group that plays at Rainier Beach every Sun am for the last 4 yrs. Players come from all over to play because we are a Welcoming group, especially for newer players who find it hard to find players willing to play with beginners. And a very diverse group in age, skill level and ethnic diversity. It is not often that we see tennis players on Sun mornings (8-12pm), except an occasional parent playing with their young children... or a solo player practicing their serves. I cannot speak to other times of the day.

Some of the existing tennis courts are in rough shape and underutilized. Why not turn those into pickleball? Example: Existing Magnuson Tennis Courts. It's not a noise problem area for neighbors and has easy access from the beach parking side. It would be a smaller capital cost compared to building brand new courts.
Can't we all just get along? Please address local area issues in the local area and not "one size fits all". Address Green Lake and Queen Anne issues without negatively impacting other areas that don't have issues. Seems like "South of Downtown" neighbors are getting ignored once again.
Tennis players have tennis only courts to access right now. Pickleball players must be treated the same respect. Create Pickleball only courts now, please.
As a player who plays both sports, I'm deeply disappointed that an either / or mentality is being applied to a public space. It appears that tennis, which has many indoor options and complete access to the same outdoor courts, is being catered to. We do not force our fields to only be soccer or baseball, our arenas to only be hockey or basketball. It is ridiculous that people deem moving a light pickleball net on wheels inconvenient enough to force a single sport per court discussion. If you are fit enough and motivated enough to come to the park and play, you can move a net. Refusing to share a space feels against what we stand for as a community.
Sure would like to see more than 'anecdotal evidence' re: conflicts between court usage and re: noise in the neighborhood.
The long term growth trajectories of tennis (down) and pickleball (up) should be reflected in resource allocation.
One thing that I still didn't understand was how the raw data was used to create the initial/updated strategy. I appreciated that you shared 800 pages of data, but there were never any summaries presented of how that data was used or interpreted to inform the strategies. A graph? A chart? A data table? Anything that helps us understand how you got from the data to a plan would help us respect the strategy more. Otherwise it feels like the plan isn't actually reflective of actual use.
In north Seattle, where I'm based, there are a lot of tennis courts which don't seem to be used.
Tennis courts should be striped for tennis and nets in place, with sufficient numbers to meet demand, including typical practice of rotating play. The same for pickleball courts.
Designated open play encourages community vs unreserved courts and their first come first served 90 minute play rules. I play with several groups that reserve courts so they can do open play (everyone is welcome) and it’s a pain when the other 2 PB courts are reserved. I think the city should encourage these open play activities. Also, the city/SP should post current use rules at all courts. Please!
Magnuson Park offers a great opportunity to add community pickleball courts in a very accessible location.
I feel like the initial plan was tennis heavy. We all see what we want to see with things that are heated and vying for limited resources, but I see a lot of empty tennis courts and open play picklball courts that are teeming with activity. There is this notion that picklball is a fad—but it’s so easy to pick up—and popular among a broad swath of people here. Demand for the game is here to stay. We pay a lot of money in taxes for our parks. I love it. Our parks are beautiful and well maintained. Let’s keep it going by making an investment in infrastructure so that the two sports aren’t forever at loggerheads.
Scrap the current proposed strategy, consult with SMPA and comparable LOCAL tennis entity (not USTA which has a financial impetus), build the 24+/- courts planned previously at Magnuson (require quiet balls and or paddles...they are available), be mindful that pball players are tax payers....and your recommendation that we join expensive private clubs, while SPR favors public tennis courts rankles many of us. Please stop...treat both sports equally.
It doesn't seem as if equity has been address in these proposals
Pickleball player's are helping to maintain courts.

Thank you for asking for my feedback. Several players that I know, even though they signed up to receive surveys like this, have not received one. I also think that there are a lot of players (of all types) that are not being included in this process. Please reach out to our community members who play at all sites. Open up a city-wide survey that any community member can respond to.
The split schedule idea may be a way to break the logjam on court use. But your example assumes 50/50 split on shared courts. This seems retains the historic preferential treatment for tennis and I don't think it matches current use patterns. First there are now 70-80 neighborhood tennis only courts that are now part of this split proposal so there are really more like 75-25 split. And secondly in my observation, there is high tennis demand on weekends but fairly light midweek. Pickleball also has high demand on weekends and much higher midweek use levels than tennis
I think it's important to keep the mix of pickleball and tennis consistent across neighborhoods, whether it is mixed use or designated courts.
right now, equity means giving more courts to pickle. we can't wait for equity regardless of what tennis says or what noise-complainers say. public parks are for public use. taking away courts now and promising more later is a vast injustice to the country's most rapidly growing sport. tennis already has more than their fair share. and their fair share will continue to shrink as far as participants go.
I live walking distance from Walt Hundley and often walk my dog there. I see people having fun playing pickleball pretty much all day, every day, and would hate for that to change. As a newer pickleball player, I'm excited to join them and willing to "take my chances" or wait my turn with open play.
Racket sports may be used for after school activities. Of course, Pickelball is easier to learn than tennis. Get kids more involved and active!
I don’t understand why Tennis and Pickleball can’t coexist successfully utilizing same courts. To accommodate both sports, I understand that there are multiple lines on the court, but it doesn’t take too long to understand the lines and be able to play. I absolutely respect that both sports have their needs and wants; however, having the right to reserve and schedule (whether Tennis or Pickleball) creates fairness and equity for both sports. I BELIEVE we can coexist together with the sharing of common courtesy and open communication.
Stop trying to break stuff.
might be nice to have a wall somewhere a person can practice by themselves on off unused hours.
Parks needs to maximize limited resources - pickleball has gained a lot of players. Dual use works well when you have to compromise. Selected venues can be one sport - green lake Do not take away dual use. It is working
I did not fill out the hours for mt baker. It is always busy!!!
Keep how is. Or expand courts.
Please keep the courts available for pickleball open play. It has really helped connect me to the community and has increased my physical activity.
I am a former City official. I understand how difficult navigating these issues can be. That said, I am caught off guard at how opaque and misleading Parks has been on the issue of supporting a growing recreational sport. Don't make promises or engage defensively if you already have the solution you want In mind. It makes matters worse.
We need More indoor courts for winter!

I think you need to focus on adding new courts first, and then once there's a sufficient number of good courts for both pickleball and tennis players in all parts of the city then you can try getting rid of the dual use courts. But getting rid of dual use before there are satisfying alternatives is just a bad idea. You also need to respect the culture and community of the existing courts. I've played almost exclusively at Gilman since I started playing pickleball and there's a really nice community of people there who all play open use pickleball together. In all my time playing there I've seen tennis players maybe 5 times over 3 years. I just simply do not understand why Gilman is being turned into a dedicated tennis facility. It feels like you just looked at a map and tried to designate enough tennis and pickleball courts in a certain area. You need to talk to the people at the courts themselves.
I'm so glad you are reconsidering your original plan. I would like to see an emphasis on "green" courts — quiet surfaces and a requirement for quiet paddles. This might help people be more accepting.
I play pickleball and tennis and do find the noise from pickleball disturbing, so courts around neighborhoods should have more limited hours.
I believe it's important to have courts available for both racquet sports in every neighborhood so players aren't having to drive from neighborhood to neighborhood looking for a court. The survey could have touched on players current commute to an available court. Is it in a car, or bus, or walking?
I appreciate y'all pausing and revaluating the plan
No
A a tax payer it's very frustrating we are having to fight for healthy, affordable outdoor activities and yet we spend an obscene amount on the unhoused. I want my kids to be able to use the outdoor space and not worry about garbage, human feces, drugs, or their safety. Seattle is going to continue to lose tax paying citizens bc we have to fight for the most basic things our taxes should be paying for because the needs of the drug addicts take all of the attention. Start having consequences for those not obeying laws!!
Keep Alki and Highpoint mixed use!
Look at the usage of the courts. Pickleball is much more efficient in court use (eight people per tennis court) and we often have to wait for a long time between games because there aren't enough courts for us. I've never seen tennis players having to wait. Look at lower woodland and its tennis courts. Are they ever full? I've never seen them full.
You have not explained what problem/s you are solving. The community cannot support you in a solution until you are transparent about your motivations
Pickleball is an important lower impact cardiovascular sport that promotes socialization for older demographics and will become more important as the population of Seattle continues to age
I appreciate SPR following up and looking for additional input and information after the first round of community forums. Overall, I would say SPR needs to back off on taking away significant court access for all racket sport players, especially the quickly growing Seattle pickleball community, until it can provide increased courts. *It's simple. Less access to recreational sports is the opposite of what SPR's goal and mission should be.* Seattle is a great city. It should be a leader in providing access to both tennis and pickleball for residents. The previous recommendations made by SPR were incredibly poor in my estimate. *Taking away access is not a solution until additional flexible court space can be provided. We can share in the meantime.* Thank you for providing this opportunity to provide input.

City should measure the noise impact and help people who are impacted.
I really appreciate you taking time to find a solution that works for all players of all sports. I think people don't realize how all-weather pickleball is and what a great offering it is for people of all ages and abilities. Thanks for reconsidering the current plan.
Your question regarding when the parks are most occupied is difficult to answer as I am not there all of the hours listed. Poorly asked question perhaps.
I think making Alki and Brighton designated for tennis players is a big mistake. Alki is next to Alki Beach. It's a tourist and recreational hub.
One fellow at the Loyal Heights meeting mentioned so-called scientific publications about negative noise impacts to people from pickleball sound. These papers were neither peer-reviewed nor scientific. All were written and funded by individuals / organizations with a clear bias ("The Quiet Coalition, etc."). Do not include this as legitimate input for consideration during the decision process.
There are several tennis only locations. Consider routing tennis reservations to those locations. Consider adding the ability to reserve 1 PB court (1/2 of a tennis court). It's a bummer that a tennis reservation takes out 2 PB courts - 2 tennis players reserving 1 court bump 8 PB players off the court.
Walt Hudley usage for pickleball is specific to daylight hours, since we don't have lights. Alki is the ONLY lit courts around. Cracks on our courts are 1" wide in some places. I travel to play in other cities because of their fantastic (or basic) dedicated pickleball facilities. It's embarrassing that Seattle doesn't have dedicated pickleball courts.
There needs to be rules and regulations posted at every court. Drop in hours and open play hours and the meaning of each
Please let us continue to play pickleball at Magnolia Playfield until new pickleball courts are fully built and ready for us to move to in Magnolia. Our community is so very important to all of us who play, mingle and laugh together on these courts!!
If possible, we need to keep tennis ct and PB separately is the answer in the end though.
Dual use minimizes the blow of losing access to a court that is closest to you and your community. It should be hybrid where we maintain dual use for some courts and increase designated courts for others. Alki should be dual use. High Point and Delridge should be pickleball since Hiawatha exists for tennis already.
Thanks for taking a thoughtful approach to this process. I STRONGLY support preserving and expanding dedicated pickleball courts throughout Seattle. Pickleball is much more than a sport, it creates community, fosters connection, and welcomes people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. It is one of the few recreational activities where beginners, families, seniors, and competitive players can all participate and build relationships together. I appreciate the emphasis on expanding access, creating dedicated locations, and using actual demand to guide decisions. As participation continues to grow, it is critical that existing dedicated pickleball courts remain protected and are not repurposed or reduced. Meeting the needs of tennis players and pickleball players should not be viewed as competing priorities. Both sports deserve facilities that reflect demonstrated demand and allow each community to thrive. Thank you for seeking broad community input.
The bottom line is more outdoor covered courts may start to keep up with demand
The ability to show up at any (pickleball) court and play sports with strangers makes pickleball awesome! It is extremely hard to setup times/dates and partners so this is the bees knees! Pickleball is much easier to play than tennis to boot so it brings many age groups and levels together. It's a blessing as it provides a social and exercise outlet for free without any advance planning. I love tennis but it's a bear to try and setup games because it requires coordination with another person, and finding an empty court. Side note: Tennis should model an open, pickup, short game, like pickleball.
Shoreview Park was not mentioned. Very popular place for tennis and pickleball

The rec tennis scene in Seattle is extremely limited and demand is low. Drop in for tennis does not exist and I always have to pre arrange games. We always manage to get court time and courts are always sitting unused. Pickleball is the opposite in my experience. I used drop in at Greenlake, Gilman and miller and it is alway busy with long wait times.
Please do not sacrifice the existing pickleball courts because of the influx of private businesses like Picklewood and Side Out Tsunami thinking that players will be satisfied going there to play. There is a costly membership fee and sticking to the equity theme, free courts for tennis means there needs to be free courts for pickleball.
I mentioned this before, Pickleball originated in Seattle. The city of Seattle should embrace this and be proud of it. Other cities are claiming to be pickle ball cities, and they're making it so accessible. Pickleball is so healthy for all ages, and wonderful for the sense of community in neighborhoods.
Appreciate that you've paused the decision to better engage more accurate decision making for the pickleball community.
Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports in the world obviously. It is fun and accessible to many and was invented here in Washington. It is unbelievable to me that our State or SOR does nothing to acknowledge or claim the sport as a state treasure. Like grunge music, the space needle, orcas, ferries, Mt. Rainier, …. pickle ball should be embraced as a PNw treasure. I'm not sure why it's not on license plates, used to promote tourism, taught in elementary school, claimed as a Washington symbol.
Pickleball is very important to life of many retirees. It helped them a lot to stay healthy both physically and mentally. People of all ages chat between the games, get to know each other, support each other, make friends, have the community feel which cannot be replaced.
I don't think there is an issue with availability of courts for tennis. There in fact is a shortage of pickleball courts which is much more popular. It seems special interest groups are targeting pickleball.
Please support pickleball in Seattle. It is community building unlike tennis, uses less space and engages all ages (seniors who can no longer play tennis).
Yes. For pickleball courts that are also tennis courts, there is room on each of those courts for two pickleball games to be played at the same time. Splitting those courts on reservations would instantly double the number of pickleball courts available for reservation. Currently you have to reserve the entire tennis court even though for pickleball only half of it is being used
Twice as many players per square foot in pickleball. This is what urban density looks like
I play both sports, but now overwhelmingly pickleball; it's just so much more fun and community oriented, I'm won over.
For all of the facilities offered to the public; soccer fields, baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis/pickleball courts...pickleball courts have shown over the past 5 years that it is in far greater demand. The city and parks department should be focusing on "how to engage with this large community" and build appropriately. If the demand for soccer grows, the city and parks department would be doing everything possible to improve and build more sites for the youth. Pickleball offers more activity to a greater number of people of all ages and genders. USTA should be trying to find a way to invest in pickleball and build their courts for them...then there would be little issue.
Increase more hours at Community Centers for Pickleball after Labor Day for the year. Magnolia CC only had only 2 dedicated Pickleball days this year despite a petition that was signed by over 100 players to add a third day during their open Gym day in March. Queen Ann has 4 days that can be used for pickleball. Use coordinated effort to align with how Ballard and Queen Ann schedules are. I go to all three courts depending on what days are available for pickleball. BAllard CC is the busiest with about 5- 9 rows wait. MCC will lose more people if there isn't more opportunity to play. The goal should be served the Seattle residents on how they want to use the Community Centers.

One more thought about the advisory boards is that they could advocate for using quieter balls and purchasing quieter racquets. I wish the USA Pickelball Association would use their influence to rate racquet noise and promote a quieter version of the sport.
Pickleball play takes no parks department time. We provided the nets for most courts. We go play need no supervision So many people can enjoy the sport at all level of physical abilities and ages. I love playing with my grandkids. But do not feel supported by SP.
Please find a way to get more courts within a short walk from light rail. What about all that dead space downtown?
I play both sports. Me and my tennis friends definitely remark that pickleball is much more social and helps create Bridges in the community amongst players. So the benefits of pickleball spill over beyond the courts. On top of that, so many more pickleball players can utilize the same surface area versus tennis. We also do not like to Pitt pickleball versus tennis. I think there are many cities who build and maintain both facilities according to usage, which right now definitely favors the popularity of pickleball. I hope we take a common sense approach on that front.
Attention to private clubs and ways they are encouraging pay to play.
We need MORE facilities for pickleball NOW
It's really sad that so many people have to go to private facilities and pay lots of money to play. One of the beauties about Pickleball is that everyone is welcome. I've seen drug addicts be given a paddle and regularly start to play, students, business people. The sport brings people together. I live in Madison park and I'm shocked that there's not dual use or Pickleball availability at the courts by the beach. They are empty so often and that would spread some of the Miller Park crowd out, which is always overcrowded.
no
If nothing changes please at least fix the courts and paint new dual use lines. Every court in Seattle that's dual use is cracked, faded paint and breaking nets. It's embarrassing seeing courts that have 100s of man hours of play every day are so poorly maintained. Please just add more courts. If dual use lines are removed and you build an equivalent or greater number of dedicated pickleball courts everyone would be happy. I have plenty of places I can do and play on a dedicated tennis court but no public dedicated pickleball courts.
Restrict start and stop times, ie no play before 8 am, no play after 8 pm. I see empty tennis courts all over the city during weekday daytime hours. Shared courts are the answer, don't designate one sport or the other. Many pickleball players during weekday daytime hours are retired, let them play wherever. On the w magnolia courts we rarely ever have tennis people (except for kids tennis camps in summer). We play there all year round even in winter. We have never seen tennis played there during the winter.
Pickleball is the only sport that many people of color and queer folks play. It is a very inclusive sport that doesn't require expensive gear. We need to keep and expand the spaces for this recreational activity to continue to happen.
Your check boxes for the hours of the courts was ridiculous. Pickleball is used throughout the day and having us fill out 50 some odd check boxes for those hours was just a nuisance. Who designed this survey? Just ridiculous! You really are not getting to the heart of the matter which is Pickleball is a growing sport, it is cheap to play and easy to learn and gets a diversity of people outside, particularly women and disadvantage communities. Tennis does not do that. We need more safe lighted and potentially covered Pickleball courts in the City of Seattle and you're dragging your heels over investing in the state sport for heaven sakes!
SPR doesn't separate use of soccer, lacrosse, rugby or any other sport on play fields. Those players are able to coexist. Courts should be the same.

The predominant act of doing nothing because it means shifting priorities means we don't expect much of SPR. We've begged for pickleball courts for more than a decade, we see cities across the US respond to the changing habits of its residents by building or adjusting facilities. What we see of Seattle Parks is "ignore them long enough and they will go away." Come on Parks, do better. Seattle may be seen as slow moving to change, yet there is money to burn on surveys and studies.
Please consider more joint usage with hours posted for each sport's play. It should be OK to play pickleball during tennis hours if there are no tennis players there and vice versa. We need more pickleball access, not less. It is such a healthy activity.
Please invest in the people utilizing your courts.
Obtaining current and accurate data before jumping in to make aggressive changes. A note that I and many others previously joined this SPR group some time ago and we never received this survey. I took a survey also, some time back. I'm not for certain everyone has been given the opportunity to respond to this current survey. Thank you
I would like to see any new courts built to be dedicated to pickleball. We shouldn't have to be fighting over courts. There are so many tennis courts going unused. It is my opinion that we need need new pickleball courts, then convert the existing courts back to tennis each time pickleball courts are built. Don't take them away until there are more courts available. I's hard enough to find places to play already without waiting in long queues. during popular times of the day/week.
It is critical for SPR to build a large bank of outdoor PB courts - 20+ for play and tournaments so that Seattle can compete with other locations and provide outdoor public options for PB play.
Please keep equity in mind in your planning, to make sure that people in all parts of the city have access to their sport (the earlier proposal to eliminate most pickleball courts in South Seattle was particularly troubling). For pickleball especially, it's also important to keep in mind that communities have developed at each site that should be kept whole, since pickleball is a supremely social sport and the social interaction is as important as the physical exercise.
Don't want to see lights in areas like Lincoln Park that can disturb the natural setting
Pickleball is a legit sport, method of exercise, and community enhancing activity. Please don't dismiss the importance of this.
I have yet to hear anything from SPR about what's actually motivated the plan or changes you want to implement. Tennis already has more dedicated courts than pickleball does, and while tennis players may not like playing on dual use courts, the city pushing pickleball players off of courts in south and West Seattle is not going to result in the magnolia tennis player coming to west or south Seattle to play. Dual use courts, like city buses , work. Sure, I'd love it if my bus took me directly to my office downtown without all of those pesky stops along the way, but that's the nature of a public good. If I want a direct trip, I can choose to drive and pay for parking. If tennis or pickleball players want dedicated use courts, they too, can pay to join a club like sideout tsunami.
Please study the actual useage of outdoor courts by pickleball vs. tennis players before deciding how to regulate the use of those courts.
Pickleball is a community sport with low bar to entry. It can make unsafe areas feel safer. It can improve businesses by bringing in people.
I have noticed kindness & cooperation between PB & tennis players. We can share on our own. I think regulation may not be an answer yet.
It is imperative for the quality of community in Seattle that you do not reduce the use of athletic facilities being used for pickleball. It will make the atmosphere in Seattle less friendly, less positive spirited. I cannot emphasize enough how good it is to have so many people engaged in a healthy activity. It makes the entire community a better safer place.
Please designated more pickleball courts now and consider dedicated courts
Pickleball is very good for community engagement and health. It is inclusive, easy to learn, and low cost for participants. If these are values of Seattle then the Parks Dept should lean into pickleball.

Take the numbers of people playing pickleball and the numbers playing tennis. Take the amount of time tennis players take to play a set before giving up a court and compare that to how long it takes pickleball players to play a game before giving up a court to the next 4 people. Consider that tennis takes up 2 pickleball courts. Consider the amount of people playing pickleball and how the sport is growing. I love tennis, but have had both knees replaced and switched to pickleball 15 years ago. Consider how many older members there are in the pickleball community and compare that to how many older individuals are still playing tennis. Pretty obvious
40 years of USTA tennis, 4 years pickleball. I see far more diversity and enthusiasm on pickleball courts. I travel frequently and consistently see much more activity by pickleball users. This is observed at facilities with both types of dedicated courts at same location.
You'll receive responses from the many people who have provided data regarding use of pickleball courts, and the need for new/improved courts. Please take that data into account in your decision-making process. Pickleball was born in the Seattle area, and is vital to communities across socioeconomic levels. Many, many people rely on public courts for the exercise and socialization that pickleball provides. Please don't reduce their access!
I am a senior and would like to continue staying physically active for as long as possible. Pickleball has been such an important outlet for so many of us. Weekday mornings are universally the times when seniors use pickleball courts the most. They should be kept accessible.
It would be great to have more indoor pickleball drop in play in the evenings at community centers, especially as days are shorter in the late fall, winter and early spring
I am fine with dual-use courts and haven't experienced much conflict between pickleball and tennis use at the courts I frequent.
Post clear rules on site of the rules for rotating in and out or time
SPR has done a horrible job of explaining what problem(s) they are trying to address with this, and the previous, rounds of public engagement. Further, the SPR Mission Statement needs to include acknowledgment that limited resources should be applied where they do the most good.
Question 16 should read "Based on.."
Discussion of keeping dual court use until new courts are ready. Do not change things until further resources are available.
Dedicated pickleball courts would be the perfect solution. However, one large group of courts in each quadrant of Seattle is not a solution. People need neighborhood courts that are quick to get to. There is no reason that existing courts can't be multi use courts. It's funny that two sets of lines on a court only bother tennis players. Try playing indoors where there are four different sets of lines on the court
Build more courts and open play as community centers with schedule
Reconsider pickleball courts in Lincoln Park
I just wanted to say thank you for listening. I was very upset about the initial proposal and was worried that it was going to happen regardless of public opinion. I attended 2 of the initial meetings and am so happy to see that the feedback I witnessed is being addressed in this second engagement. There has been a lot of anger around these issues, but I was also struck by how much players of both sports expressed wanting to make sure that things are better for everyone going forward with a focus on no loss of access. This second survey does a great job of getting more nuanced opinions and looking for strategies that will limit the pain of change for all racket sport players.

Where is Greenlake on that list of courts that could be impacted? In general, the overflowing open play courts have caused many people to drive to other cities to play. Any factoring of tennis/pickleball use should be determined by the popularity of the sport. Your people need to go out and see what it is like to try to play on a weeknight evening, anywhere in the city where there is open play. It is insane. Meanwhile tennis courts take up much more space and are used by much fewer people. You should add lights at greenlake, and should also include Green Lake West as a possible expansion for pickleball. Why is Seattle so extremely behind the times on keeping up with demand for pickleball. Even small towns have beautiful new dedicated PB courts, while Seattle PB players are still playing on old, dilapidated tennis courts in which the dual-striping still favors tennis and pb players can barely see the lines. Seattle is the closest major city to PB's birthplace. That should be honored.
Please do not remove existing courts from pickleball players.
The fact that both Ballard pickleball courts (Gilman and Soundview) are on the chopping block is really hurtful. Bitterlake is quite a ways to push people. It's really weird that this proposal comes up at a time when pay to play options at new clubs are a possibility. So if you can afford it, you can still play pickleball. Thumbs down. FOR ONCE I have felt like I'm getting my tax benefits through Seattle Parks pickleball opportunities!
Again, I don't what the purpose is. There are plenty of tennis court options. (in West Seattle)..Pickleball seems to be bursting at the seems. On nice days, we are stacking paddles. The goal appears to be reducing pickleball opportunities. And I dont understand the reservation thing at all. Don't even know how. I prefer to go the courts, and mix with a variety of players.
We are enduring unprecedented stressful times. The political climate is devastating. Jobs are being lost. People are struggling. Is it really necessary to take up this issue? Aren't there more pressing matters for SPR to deal with?
Thank you for gathering input from both the pickleball and tennis communities. My biggest hope is that the final plan recognizes that pickleball isn't simply another court sport, it's also a powerful community-building activity. Open play brings together people of all ages and backgrounds in a way that few recreational sports do. As you move forward, I encourage you to prioritize quality over quantity. A smaller number of well-designed, regulation courts in predictable locations will serve the community far better than a larger number of courts that are difficult to use or scattered. Consistency helps players know where to go, strengthens communities, and makes the most of the City's investment. Finally, I hope Seattle continues to view pickleball and tennis as complementary sports rather than competing ones. Both deserve spaces where their communities can thrive. Thoughtful planning can ensure that players of both sports have reliable, high-quality places to play for years to come.
I play pickleball at Alki Playfield one or two times on a weekday (M-F) around noon. The question about what times the court is busy seems meaningless since I don't stake out the court to observe this all day everyday. I just checked the times that I go to play and rarely is there not at least one of the four pickleball courts available. Other than that question, I think the rest of your survey is very well written and should get some good feedback as to who is using the courts and for what purpose. Thanks.
It is so hard to find a pickleball court to play on right now. I so rarely see people playing tennis on public courts. I think because a lot more people play pickleball, pickleball-dedicated courts should reflect this fact. Rather than relying on surveys, which collect feedback from people who don't necessarily represent typical court users, it would make sense for you to rely on actual court use data.

The philosophy of each sport. Tennis players plan to meet up and play with people they know and of the same skill level. They should be able to reserve courts and have them available for them. Pickleball players show up and play with random people most of the time people they don't know and variable skill levels. They should have open courts available for them as well. There are many tennis only courts around the city and that is great and should remain the same. And there are many duel purpose courts that should remain the same with half the courts being available for booking (if it's for tennis, pickleball gathering or parties)
This survey wasn't totally helpful and easy to understand….i can't imagine the input will be useful! Just dual strip some, improve lighting so we can play longer and leave the major tennis facilities alone! There are so many more private pickleball facilities meeting the demand and there's no parallel tennis facilities being built! Keep Some public courts open for PB, but protect the public tennis legacy and let the private pickleball do its thing.
I love both Pickleball and tennis. That being said tennis and Pickleball should never be played on the same court. Pickleball should be dedicated to Pickleball courts. Tennis dedicated to tennis courts. It's that simple.
Parks could do a better job advertising where tennis courts are in the city. Getting that message out to tennis players. They're often in quieter neighborhoods and tennis is quieter. Hey serious we oppose split scheduling.
I've noticed that PB players move around a lot (ie., play at different courts with different groups of friends). I thought it was weird you could only pick one court that would most effect you. This ignores the social or community aspect of PB. Community and inclusion are HUGE in PB and this makes me think SPR maybe doesnt understand the PB culture and is trying to stick it into a one size fits all "Tennis box". For example, most PB players play 3-5 times a week. Personally I regularly play at 3-4 different facilities during the week and thats not unusual for PB players.
We need more pb courts. We need cover and lighting. We can share with tennis. We must show respect for our community and neighbors.
it's good to think about how kids use these courts as they are not likely captured in your surveys. We see a lot of kids playing and it's a great outlet for them (particularly pickle ball as it's more
I frequently see tennis courts empty like the one across from Lincoln Park and it's so frustrating that it can't be shared with pickleball players. Split use is the way!
I don't keep track of when and how many people play at the courts. Perhaps conducting a survey at specific courts would help with the information needed to make these decisions.
This was a horrible survey
I strongly believe that the city should make a committed effort to provide dedicated Pickleball courts throughout the city. I think the tennis and Pickleball communities can coexist. It will take investment from the city in order for this to manifest. Pickleball is the official sport of the state of Washington, as everyone knows. However, there are fewer than 10 dedicated courts for Pickleball in the city of Seattle. Please make the appropriate investments.
Dual use is fine. Expand indoor pickleball access
Seattle is way behind other cities and towns even in this area in terms of providing pickleball courts. Not everyone can afford the private facilities. It is social and helps keep people in good health. Shouldn't the focus be on expanding access to public pickleball courts rather than restricting? SPR's strategy is baffling, especially compared with other cities and considering that pickleball is the state

The number of pickleball courts should not be decreased and if anything increased. You can fit 4+ individuals on half a tennis court dedicated to pickleball. Pickleball community is also more open to open play rotations with strangers whereas tennis is often “private sessions” of just 2 people that might be hours long. Perhaps increasing the number of new dedicated tennis courts would alleviate any strains identified by the tennis community. Pickleball is growing exponentially and should not be ignored given the positive impact on Seattle’s feeling of community.
There’s a huge pickleball community that would be displaced by the original proposed plan. There needs to be a plan that addresses that displacement before action is taken.
Pickleball is a community sport and brings everyone together. We have a wonderful community that comes together to play everyday. At Gilman, there is both open play and reservations available and in the 3 years that I've been playing there I have barely seen any tennis reservations. Usually people reserve the courts to play Pickleball, but we are very open to sharing with those who want to reserve and play tennis.
Do not make Gilman designated as tennis only. If anything it should be designated as Pickleball only as it's the only available pickleball courts in the Ballard area. I pay for the Picklr in Fremont and I still prefer to go to Gilman when the weather is nice because the community is so great and it's so welcoming to players of all skill sets. The best thing we could do for Gilman is make it designated as Pickleball only and blocking off reservations during peak hours would be ideal.
It's clear that Seattle does not allocate enough money for racquet sports, particularly compared to other cities. There needs to be more creative solutions to add courts so tennis players don't feel like they are competing with pickleball for court time. Either public/private partnerships to create more courts aren't being considered or they aren't publicized sufficiently. There needs to be substantially better signage at the courts. Any rules limiting times of use, music, how long players can use a nonreservable court, etc. should be clearly posted. Other communities have very clear signage and that helps avoid problems.
Thank you for asking for more data from Seattle residents.
Seems like it’s working now as is in Magnolia. Why not require the silent paddles in Magnolia? Players wouldn’t mind, neighbors would be happy.
I'm ok with discovery park to be used for pickleball as long as you have good infrastructure, good lines and at least 6 courts If not, W Magnolia should continue to be as it is
You need to provide more info on what you mean by open play and advisory committees. Also, when the charts for this survey appeared at the 6-27-26 Mag CC meeting, they were already covered with black dots, and only black dots, apparently from an earlier meeting. That doesn’t appear to be a valid way to collect survey results. How about this: don’t implement any element of the RSS until you’ve constructed 30 new dual-lined courts. It would save a lot of bureaucratic navel gazing and it would save the public from unnecessary headaches. Let’s just pretend this whole fiasco never happened.
Dedicated time for pickleball open play is a must.
It is significantly important to preserve neighborhood hubs and not force players to go to other locations because of restrictions.
Whether locations such as west magnolia playfield be open play or everyone stacks a paddle or will it be first come first serve and you wait for a court to be open
I would appreciate “eyes” on the court real life data of usage for both pickleball & tennis to know the demand might be for court use.
I would love for SPR to lead the way in changing the discourse from Tennis v Pickleball to "serving the public with public courts" like you do with shared gyms in community centers and share place on playfields.
Noise level where courts are across the street from residential houses/apartments. I live 1/2 block from the W Magnolia court & I can hear pickleball in my house!!

Pickle balll courts should not be established near densely populated areas. I cannot open my windows or use my deck.noise is continuos
The Magnolia courts are an example of why each location needs individual evaluation. Changes to existing courts should consider noise, lighting, hours of operation, neighborhood character, and the voices of residents who live nearby. Expanding dedicated facilities in appropriate locations is a better long-term solution than placing additional demands on existing neighborhood courts.
I thought you did an excellent job of designing this survey. It was comprehensive and considered the needs of all groups. I am a nearby resident affected by pickleball noise, and I was worried that my concerns would be drowned out by the overwhelming number of pickleball advocates and their organization. This hasn't been the case. Thank you for listening to us.
Using reservation data to capture pickleball usage is a complete miss. Pickleball players don't use the reservation system
Played tennis for 20 years. I've never seen tennis players stack their rackets to play, or only play 11 points and relinquish their court to the next players. Tennis players are allowed 1 hour to play singles, 1 1/2 hours to play doubles, the signs are at all tennis courts. What does fair use look like?
Sources of funding for the potential capital projects and their limitations/stipulations
Most courts have specific area concerns - not all courts have noise issues, no all area have tennis wait line for reservations, etc. Fixing issue overall does not necessarily resolve the problem that created the solution implemented. Please decentralize your thinking - look at the problems by areas, understand the other factors : such as School tennis playfields available for use on weekend NOT in your inventory for example.
SPR gave us vague reasons why dual use isn't working, but without support, people didn't accept the premise. The presentation gestures at "noise," "noncompliance," "tension," and "reoccurring issues," yet never shows the underlying data, site specific problems, or operational failures that would make the case. When you tell the public "dual use doesn't work" but don't show why, people assume the conclusion came first and the explanation came later. The result was predictable: tennis players didn't buy it, pickleball players didn't buy it, and neighbors didn't buy it. Everyone walked into the June meetings asking the same thing — show us the evidence. And SPR didn't.
I see a lack of trust with SP, I get the impression that you are going through the motions and will rule against the dual lining courts. Has anyone done of survey of the court usage? Has anyone inspected the courts and seen how many cracks that they have? (Alki and Highpoint)
https://acoustics.org/pickleball-noise-raises-health-concerns-for-neighbors-living-near-courts/
I was at the first series of meetings. I felt there was a lack of transparency. And now, that a Freedom of Information Act disclosure showed how the original plan was put together —- well, that even more makes me distrustful of the intent of this proposal.
Thank you for holding the meetings.
The park district lifelong recreation summer 2026 booklet includes many pickleball classes for seniors as well as many open play hours in Seattle. There is no mention of any tennis lessons or tennis open play. Seattle has a growing senior population which suffered during COVID due to illness, loneliness, isolation, and deaths. It is wonderful that SPR is encouraging pickleball for seniors. It gets them moving. It creates community and new friendships. It provides educational classes. Thank you for that. Don't take that away from us. Plus when you look at locations to change, think about the fact that many seniors depend on public transit. Neighborhood courts are important. Also please consider the fact that Gilman park is safer now due to the increase in pickleball players and tennis-there is much more activity. The drug use and vandalism is much less now. The neighborhood is also safer.
KEEP SKATE COMMUNITY AT CAL ANDERSON

On that last question I responded following the direction ‘ based on your experience’ -the times I play there most frequently. In my year of playing pickleball twice weekly, sometimes thrice, at Gilman, I have only seen tennis players once in all that time. Without the opportunity to gather and play pickleball, many of us seniors would not be exercising and socializing. Gathering for pickleball improves heart health, brain power and balance. And it is cost effective for those of us on fixed incomes.
Someone commented at the meeting that there were all these new Pickleball facilities you can pay to play. A large majority of players are seniors, and on a limited budget. To join these indoor facilities, you have to pay a membership fee starting at $140, and more likely $200 a month. That’s prohibitive for a lot of people. Plus, most Pickle ball players I know prefer to play outdoors
I think you have covered what needs to be adressed

Received Date	Sender-Format	Feedback provided
27-May	Chuck Kelley-Direct email	I support West Magnolia Playfield tennis courts being designated a tennis hub.
27-May	middaughda-Engage	Why do you have this question site if you never answer the questions? Where are the answers to the questions that have been asked? Is this site entirely window dressing?
28-May	Craig Montgomery-Engage	It's May 28. Do you have any update? There is a Parks commission meeting tonight.
29-May	Robin Robbins-PKS Info	Pickle ball is an important sport for all ages. It is inexpensive and accessible for all. Seattle provides some courses and cannot take them back in the face of the growing pickelball population. Seniors are hugely filling the city pickleball courts. Seniors are strong and fit and fit from playing lots of pickleball outside. Seniors and others network with other Seattle community members on the pickleball courts. Seniors and other caught, get fitter and connect with others on pickleball courts. This is the kid of community Seattle needs—fit people of all ages engaging in a sport that takes up very little space compared to tennis!!! It is a sport that promotes fitness and outs a great face on Seattle Parks and Recreation. You can fit 4 pickleball courts on the space it takes one tennis court! What a good deal pickleball is for Seattle Parks and Recreation!!!
30-May	Dianne DuSault-Direct email	I couldn't think it could get worse but now with four pickleball nets on the south court it's unbearable. Please move the extra courts to anywhere. This is getting to be a national problem with cities banning pickleball and lawsuits abound by landowner that say it devalues their property.
31-May	John O'Neal-Direct email	Here's a possible option for Gilman park ; either dual use or as a Pickleball hub , either way , six pickleball courts fit very nicely with ample room everywhere ! Just a thought
31-May	Shirley Purkey-Engage	Living 48 ft from 8 p'ball courts in Magnolia, the extreme noise needs to be addressed. P'ball should never be allowed this close. Our condo is 48ft. from the SPR Magnolia courts. We are not able to use our balconies nor can we open windows or doors. This is constant from 7 am until dark, 7 days a week causing REAL anxiety & stress. P'ball should not be in close proximity to residential but rather away from homes or played indoors. The noise created is extreme from the game & players. P'ball is VERY different than Tennis. Return the courts to Tennis so the homeowners can have a quality of life life deserved. Thk U.
1-Jun	Cindy Weaver-BPRC, PKS Info	I'm writing to say the Seattle Parks Department has done an excellent job creating a wonderful pickleball community at the courts at Gilman Playfield in Ballard. A huge community has grown of pickleball players that includes a Gilman pickleball whatsapp group with 179 members that regularly play at Gilman pickleball courts. The group has even raised its own funds to buy pickleball nets, mopping tools, a paddle stacking board, a storage container and lock, and wind block for the courts. The group has coordinated with neighbors around noise and placement of the wind block, as to not block the neighbor's view of the rest of the park. Gilman is centrally located for all of the participants. Gilman also has a less competitive and more approachable atmosphere than other options like Greenlake pickleball and is more centrally located to the city. It seems like this is the goal and purpose of the parks and recreation department. All 179 of us are grateful for the outdoor space to play and the community that has been built - the many friendships and other gatherings that have come out of this pickleball space. It is not easy to build a thriving community. We know you know that community is essential to a thriving city and also helps reduce crime when communities are engaged and connected. PLEASE SUPPORT KEEPING OUR PICKLEBALL SPACE AT GILMAN AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY INTACT!
2-Jun	Craig Montgomery-Engage	Schedule conflict. The June 27 10:30 am meeting for Central Seattle conflicts with the Amy Lee Legacy Tennis Clinic for kids. The clinic runs until 2:00 pm. Could the meeting be rescheduled to a later time of day?
2-Jun	Jen-Engage	Why remove pickleball courts for such a popular sport? I'm not sure of the City's reasoning on the proposal to remove pickleball courts. Are you trying to push people to the 'pay' and membership courts? Like the new one in Jnterbay? This is not equitable. This decision is so shortsighted and not based in reality. The sport has become popular with the older and younger generation. It's a chance to meet new people, get exercise, and have fun. Please reconsider this terrible decision. Pickleball is by far much more popular than tennis.
4-Jun	Annette de Soto-Direct email	I was hopeful when the Parks department proposed moving some pickleball dual striping. But now that the plan has been reversed, I am hoping that there can be noise mitigation and other strategies put in place. NOISE MITIGATION I live across the street from the tennis courts at Magnolia Playfield. The incessant plastic pinging noise from the pickleball is above the decibel level permitted so close to homes. If pickleball is going to continue there, are there noise abatement walls or something that can surround the courts? It is not a noise like other park activities, it is very high pitched and loud. And the pickleball players also generally play music quite loudly as well. PICKLEBALL NETS ARE HEAVY AND ON ALL FOUR COURTS If anecdotal tennis playing numbers have gone down at courts in Seattle, it is because the courts are so difficult to use for tennis now. I can only play tennis if I pay and reserve for courts and even then it is difficult to move the heavy pickleball nets by myself. I don't mind paying for the courts but I know that the pickleballers do not because I ask them what time their reservations end and they never seem to have a reservation. They come in the morning on the weekends and occupy the courts all day long. They do not vacate them after 90 minutes. So most of my tennis friends have given up trying to play there. Even when I reserve a court, the pickleball players constantly walk back and forth through the tennis court, during play, so that we have to interrupt our game. The last time I played a match, we had to restart points 18 times! It is dangerous and someone is likely to be injured. I can no longer play any USTA flex league matches at a dual striped location anymore because I can't guarantee we will be able to play a match without constant interruptions. I play with opponents on the Eastside or Shoreline and the tennis courts there still seem to be tennis courts with tennis being played. I have now joined two different clubs so that I can access tennis. But many people cannot afford to do that. They should be able to play tennis on public
5-Jun	Peter K-Engage	Will the second round of meetings include a Q & A, or round table discussion? Previous meetings only allowed community input in the means of making a statement. They did not allow any questions to be asked. There are still many questions about the present proposal and how it was devised. It seems as though Parks does not want to answer directly the questions the community has about why the they want to reduce the overall number of pickleball court options to start with, without a definitive plan to add more courts now. this is not equitable!
5-Jun	Seattle resident-Engage	Will new findings be available online? Will the findings that will be presented at the additional four meetings be made available before the meetings? I am not sure I can make any of the meetings and would like to know if there will be alternative ways to provide feedback. Thank you.
10-Jun	Ballard Resident-Engage	Gilman playground should be dual use or for pickleball. I live very close and walk my dog by gilman everyday. Prior to pickleball lines were added, folks rarely used the tennis courts. Maybe one or two times a week at most. Since adding pickleball to the courts, the area has become more lively and active. I see folks playing pickleball almost everyday. I don't play either sport but living very close, I would like to know how SPR is justifying designating gilman for tennis only. Pleas keep it dual use.
11-Jun	Peter K-Engage	Will any revisions to the RSS based on community input be posted prior to the new slate of meetings? How can we, the community, be prepared to comment or ask questions of what the RSS is if we don't have any insight to any revisions to the original plan if we don't get to see what will be presented in the next series of meeting? Will we be able to ask questions, and receive answers during these meetings? If this is truly an engagement meeting, there should be back and forth discussion!
12-Jun	Curious-Engage	Setback? Why does Seattle have no standards or regulations for pickleball setback from noise-sensitive locations? (homes, schools, etc.) Many dual-use courts are less than 100 feet from residences.

13-Jun Peter K-Direct email to Superintendent	I am writing to you becasue I am concerned that I am concerned about the upcoming "Public Engagement Meetings" on the matter of the ORSS will be one-sided just like the last meetings were. By that, I mean there will not be a back-and-forth discussion with community members being able to ask questions and have your department answer them directly. Meetings where the community are only allowed to make a statement, is not engagement. You write down what is said and take it "under advisement". The short comming of doing it this way is very apparent. First, writing down what is said is at best an interpretation of the meaning as to what the writer actually said. Secondly, it is virtually impossible to write down everything that is said, subsequently, potentially leaving out important aspects of the comment. In addition, it is time consuming and takes away from total speaking time opportunities. Ms Finnegan, in the BPRC meeting on May 28th, you stated in your update on the ORSS that further "Public Engagement Meetings were to be held". If what you said is true, we should have full engagement where there is a back-and-forth discussion from all sides on this complicated issue. Personally, I would hold you to account for that statement. Public engagement meetings as defined are: Organized gatherings where government agencies, organizations, or community leaders connect with the public to share information, discuss, community concerns and collaborate on problem solving. They insure that the community members have a meaningful voice in local policies and development projects. The key words here are, as I highlighted them, discuss and collaborate. Those words mean to have a back-and-forth communication with meaningful debate for problem solving. This all leads to another two very important words, trust and transparency, which by many in the community, find to be severely lacking. In the process of the ORSS that has transpired to date, it is lacking in discussion, collaboration, trust and transparency. Are you really seeking valid input from the community or are you just walking through the steps to CYA so to speak, to then be able to say that you have done your due diligence? Please do what you stated to the board of commissioners and hold true public engagement meetings that are either in the fashion of a town hall meeting, workshops or round table discussions, to give the community true engagement opportunities. We deserve that at the very minimum.
14-Jun Christina Broadwin-Direct email to Mayor, Superintendent	Dear Mayor Wilson, Ms. Finnegan, Seattle City Council Members, Board of Parks and Recreation and Andy Sheffer: Attached is a petition signed by nearly 800 Seattle residents who want to see opportunities to play the great lifelong sport of tennis saved and actually see investment in it's growth. Please take a moment to read the wording of the petition. The support for saving and growing tennis in Seattle is abundant and this sport has brought communities together, provided physical and social activity for all ages and all demographics for many generations. I have personally seen the sport change so many lives for the better. Please help save and grow Seattle Tennis by reading this petition. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with any of you to discuss further and truly appreciate you taking the time to read the attached petition.
15-Jun Peter K-Engage	When will al the questions being asked here be addressed and answered? Sure it's great that there is an outlet for questions to be aked, but if the SPR is not answering the questions, how do we know how or if any revisions to the RSS will be made? Why are you keeping us in the dark as to what the presentation at the next meetings will be? We deserve t know what will be presented by SPR prior to these meetinings!!!
15-Jun Peter K-Engage	What is the purpose of this second round of meetings if there is not Q&A portion to the meetings? It becomes ever more apparent that SPR does not want to hold a give-and- take discussion to really get into the concerns of the community. Without that, how do we know if changes if any will be addressing the inequities of the current RSS proposal. This all feels very one- sided.
15-Jun Peter K-Engage	A second FAQ was to be presented after the last series of meetings, why haven't we seen it yet? Transparency is hugely lacking in this process to date. The communities input has been taken, but no responses have occurred, Why? What are you trying to hide? Without transparency, SPR is loosing what little trust the community has for them!
18-Jun Richard-Engage	Will people get to speak at this latest round? If so I would like to voice my opinions. I would like to voice my support for keeping tennis courts for tennis.
18-Jun Concerned Ballard Re-Engage	Pickle ball noise. What are you doing to ensure that residences next to pickle ball courts do not suffer from the noise? Pickleball players fail to recognize how much extra noise the clacking of pickleball brings. For example, the Gilman Playground in Ballard had a pickleball court installed within 50 feet of quite a few homes. That is inhumane.
18-Jun Diane Fisch-Direct email	It is unbelievable how little the Seattle Parks Department has done for pickleball in Seattle over the years. Players have invested more in improvements than the Parks Department. Shocking you want to make cuts to the little that exists. The situation has made me suspicious of the Parks Department's decision-making and turned me against any support I might give to the Parks Department.
19-Jun Doreen-Engage	Why dedicated courts? You are providing information about how decisions were made AFTER deciding on dedicated courts. But where is the data that decided that dedicated courts is the answer? I've seen there are complaints about dual-striped courts but there will also be complaints about dedicated courts. What makes dedicated courts better overall? Would love to see a detailed pros vs cons that led to this assumed conclusion.
19-Jun Doreen-Engage	Noise in Public Parks?!? Oh my! There are multiple complaints about noise near some of the courts which are all in public parks. What other changes have you made to public park usage based on noise complaints? People who choose to live near public parks surely anticipate noise levels. Have you simply considered hours of operation as a fix? 8am-8pm for example. Surely public park users have a right to make noise in a public park during daylight time! As long as local noise ordinances are followed, why engage further?
19-Jun DS-Engage	Easy fix: Update reservation system! Most of your reasoning for removing dual-striping appears to be regarding reservations. Why not fix the cause instead of deciding on a solution to a problem that doesn't exist (dual-striping itself as the problem). Update the software, show reservations somewhere people can see. Add signs to courts. Enable pickleball reservations. Enable single court signup. Add open play to reservations (or remove times for Open play). So many cheap improvements to be made that don't involve major changes
19-Jun Shirley Marcus-Direct email	Please accept this written testimony as I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting in person. The noise levels at the West Magnolia courts have increased significantly with the warmer weather and longer days, creating a profound and ongoing impact on the daily lives of residents in my building and the surrounding neighborhood. I would like to highlight the following concerns: 1. Daily Noise Intrusion: The sharp, repetitive impact of pickleball carries directly into our homes from 7:00 AM until 9:30 PM. This noise remains intrusive even with windows closed or background audio playing. Additionally, the courts have become a hub for loud music, shouting, and other non-sporting activities like picnics and children riding bikes, which further disrupts the peace. I have had to alter my daily routines, avoid my balcony, and not use of my own living and dining rooms to escape the noise. I hardly ever invite family and guests over until winter arrives. 2. Disproportionate Impact on Adjacent Housing: West Magnolia is unique in Seattle due to the extreme proximity of homes to the courts. This makes the noise impacts far more severe than at other locations and renders the current use pattern incompatible with a residential area. 3. Alignment With SPR's Own Findings: The Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) draft Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy acknowledges that certain sites are inappropriate for pickleball due to their proximity to homes. West Magnolia is a clear example of such a site. 4. Support for Tennis-Only Use: I strongly support the SPR proposal to end dual-use at this location and restore the courts to tennis only. This is the most practical and effective way to mitigate the noise impact on nearby residents. 5. Request for Clear Enforcement: Play often continues outside of posted hours. I respectfully request that SPR update signage and ensure that communication and enforcement protocols are consistently applied, as is being done at other courts in Seattle. Thank you for considering this testimony and for your commitment to protecting neighborhood livability while planning for racquet sports across the city. I appreciate your attention to the impacts experienced by those living closest to these courts.
20-Jun middaughda-Engage	Equal treatment for all. Everyone wants to know why SPR favors tennis over pickleball. The question has been asked many times to SPR. Why won't you answer the question?
20-Jun N. Lee-Engage	Do you have recent data on PB use? The study that appears to be the basis of this strategy was completed in 2019. I estimate that 95% of the people I play with only began playing PB in the last 3 years. Have you conducted studies on the growthin the number of PB players since 2019? That data would be very informative.

20-Jun	Judith-Engage	Why yet another round of meetings? The previous public meetings as well as the written comments have provided all of the key reasons and issues that the City needs in order to understand that the current proposal to significantly reduce pickleball courts is unpopular and antithetical to the current demand for pickleball courts. What more information could you possibly need? More unnecessary Seattle process!!
20-Jun	Judith-Engage	Not at all confident that proposed new dedicated PB courts will be built in proposed timeframe. I have zero confidence that SPR will build the proposed new PB courts in the timeline presented. For example, last year SPR erected an announcement board at the Mount Baker Park and Courts that a public restroom would be completed by June 2026. Not even one shovel of dirt has been dug at MT Baker as of today for that new restroom and we continue to have to use porta-potties at that very popular park.
22-Jun	Shana, Joshua, Spencer, Sydney Woodrome-Direct email	I've read the documents on the OutDoor Racquet sports strategy and oppose the elimination of any pickleball court striping before any new courts are truly open. From the information posted, this idea came from data on the City reservation system. I've been playing for 4 years now and have never used the reservation system, and none of the people lining up at courts do, either. You don't need to use it, you wait in line (and there is always a line) I scanned the public comments compiled from May and see that there is overwhelming support to KEEP dual striping for Pickleball. Please take the actual people showing up at these meetings and emailing, and the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association's petition that received over 3,000 signatures as the real data, not the reservation system pickleball players don't need to use to play outdoors. Also, proposing to eliminate Walt Hundley is such a misfire. The heart of the low income community in West Seattle where the court is never empty and people of all ages and backgrounds are able to play. I walk by every day to see pickleball at play unless it's raining.
22-Jun	Alex Broner-Engage	Please consider longstanding historic multi-sport use for Capitol Hill (dodgeball, bike polo, etc). Cal Anderson Dodgeball has been playing continuously since 2007. Bike Polo and Skateboarders have been using the Cal Anderson courts for as long if not longer. On summer nights dodgeball brings hundreds. Games go on muli-nights a week year-round. The city went through a previous civic engagement process that resulted in multi-use courts that many members of the community enjoy. Please don't reverse all the hard work already done by the city and go back on those promises.
22-Jun	SeattleStreetDodge-Engage	Why is there no mention of Cal Anderson Park nor the dedicated pickleball court planned on the draft construction calendar?? This court was converted from single-use tennis court to multi-use sport court in 2010 via lawful civic process. Furthermore, regulation dodgeball lines were painted on court in 2022 from SPR and Seattle Street Dodgeball has been maintaining this court as a safe space and public outreach to serve the needs of taxpayers and residents of this marginalized community. This court is multi-use FOR THE PEOPLE and NOT up for grabs by outsiders who do not support the interests of the proletariat.

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23-Jun	Craig Montgomery-Engage	The data released doesn't reveal much other than total usage at each park. It would be interesting to know what issues with dual-use arose at each site (noise, conflicts, etc.) and what could be done to mitigate them. It's hard to argue against dual-use being a more efficient use of park space where appropriate, but the tennis community has the right to have some dedicated facilities, and those are Amy Yee and Lower Woodland.
24-Jun	Josh K-Engage	Clear signage on courts. While I've been listening to a lot of complaining in the pickleball circles I frequent, I've heard a couple really good policies about using the courts that the city made long ago that I never heard of (I wish I could recall them now), but it made me realize there's already good solutions out there. They're just not clearly communicated. If we had clear signs outlining court rules and perhaps hours, we could eliminate some problems like tennis players feeling pushed out or noise complaints.
24-Jun	Equal CourtsForBoth-Engage	Why not go for the simple answer. Tennis players have stated that there are not enough courts, Picklers can say the same thing. Tennis wants to play on good courts. So do Picklers. Tennis doesn't want to be limited to private clubs. Picklers same. So if the problem is that there aren't enough courts, instead of splitting the time on the dual lined courts (limiting PB useage), how about just making dual lined courts all PB, and the tennis courts only just tennis? It's about the same number of courts for both sports.
24-Jun	UpdateList-Engage	Add all PB courts to list that help with making a community. At the meeting on in West Seattle, a chart showed where there was a strong community (or something like that). Add Delridge, High Point and Alki to that list. Or just add all the PB courts. PB by nature makes for a strong community.
24-Jun	PBnoise-Engage	Noise Complaints. Ideas to address the noise issue at the courts where there are complaints. 1 - Add wind/noise barriers to the fencing 2 - Make a rule to play there requires quiet paddles and pickleballs. 3- Have shorter court hours, or hours where quiet paddle and pickleballs are required.
24-Jun	DS-Engage	Would Tennis play on Non-Regulation Courts? One question raised was if PB players would play on non-regulation courts. The follow up question would be, would tennis players want to play on non-regulations courts. The answer to both questions is no. It wouldn't be the same game.
25-Jun	siddarthkant-Engage	Community Feedback: Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy – Preserve Tennis Court Capacity. I play tennis 3x/week at Gilman, Ballard HS, and Lower Woodlands — and courts are regularly full. Walk-on players like me don't show up in reservation data, so real demand is higher than SPR's numbers reflect. Both sports are growing and Seattle should be building more courts for both — not just pickleball. Please include new tennis court construction in future budget planning alongside pickleball.
25-Jun	Anki Roe-Engage	Do we think that the number of net tennis court increases can realistically keep up with the growth in the number of tennis players in Seattle? The tennis community has constantly faced a shortage of courts in Seattle, what are we doing to keep up with the increase in the number of players enjoying the sport?
25-Jun	Mardi Clements-Direct email	Total support for previous solution with separate centers for tennis and pickleball, as you designed very thoughtfully. I play both sports. Wrong to think they can be played congenially next to each other. Pickleball is loud boisterous shouting, short angles, constant yelling, boasting, ridiculing, in your face explosive maneuvers and ignoring the intrusive behaviors. It is fun when you are all playing the same sport and extremely obvious to me that PB players are oblivious to the way they are obnoxious to tennis players. Separate. No reservations. Limits on length of use for singles/doubles tennis players. Paddles up in a line for PB. Agree BB players need separate courts.
25-Jun	DualUse-Engage	The Mayor's OneSeattlePlan of "walkable neighborhoods" and car-free living versus SPR single use courts and necessitated car ownership plan? The Comp Plan's goals are walkable neighborhoods, no parking, and a car-free lifestyle. If neighborhood courts are not dual use, how can residents use the courts in their walkable neighborhood? The Bryant tennis courts are usually empty, but I need to drive 30+ minutes (or spend 1+ hrs on the bus) to use the crowded Bitter Lake or Shoreline courts. I've never experience any issue while using dual use courts, and as p.ball and tennis players get use to sharing courts, conflicts should decrease.

25-Jun Trish Stanley-Direct email to MO

I write to you today as it occurs SPR is not on the same page with Mayor Wilson's and the City Council's Comprehensive Plan, the OneSeattlePlan (OSP). There are 2 ways in which SPR's proposed "Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy" of "single use" courts is not in-line with the OSP.

#1) The "single use" court strategy does NOT promote OSP's goal of "walkable neighborhoods".
The center piece of the OSP is "walkable neighborhoods", with no parking and car-free living. And SPR's plan to change the DUAL USE courts (both pickleball and tennis) to SINGLE USE courts (only tennis OR pickleball), and require 50% of the residents to commute out of their neighborhood for their racquet sports is NOT in-line with the OSP's walkable neighborhood goal.

#2) The "Single Use" court strategy does not fully utilize a scarce resource for planned OSP density.
The Single Use court strategy does not allow courts to be DUAL stripped for both pickleball and tennis, and be used by 100% of the racquet players in the neighborhood. Thus it leaves courts sitting empty, while 50% of the racquet players commute to other neighborhoods and wait their turn on crowed single use courts. The current OSP does NOT collect park impact fees to provide additional courts for the planned additional density. This zoned addition of density without the zoned addition of courts will put increased pressure on the limited courts. If ALL courts were striped for both sports this would allow 100% of the racquet players to access their local court.

I experience this issue currently. My local court is only striped for tennis, and even though it is usually empty, I drive 30+ minutes north to use the Bitter Lake or Shoreline pickleball courts, which are always full. If my local court was stripped for pickleball, I would be able to walk instead of drive, and with that extra time play more pickleball with my neighborhood players who currently also drive north to access courts.

The argument that dual use courts are a unworkable is a red herring:
I have been playing pickleball on dual use courts for a couple of years now and I have NEVER seen any issue with dual use courts. The need for players to surrender courts is not only pickleball players surrendering courts where tennis has priority, but it's also pickleball players utilizing an open court and then surrendering it to other pickleball players who have reserved it. And in my experience, players are always very nice about it. And, if there are some issues, as different sports get use to sharing courts and knowing the rules, those issues should decrease over time. Additionally, commenters on the SPR Engagement Hub have suggested SPR changes to make dual use flow more smoothly. --- I understand that for tennis players who have been used to having 100% of the courts to themselves, having to share courts with the fast-growing number of pickleball players is a shock. And as the city gets denser, we will all have to learn to get along… apartment dwellers next to SF homes, those with no off-street parking spaces parking to close to driveways, etc. This is a workable issue that SPR should be working through, instead of segregating the sports and placing each racquet sport in competition/opposition with the other.

25-Jun Kelsey Foreman-Direct email

Please see my message below regarding the Ravenna Park West basketball court.

From my understanding, the pickle ball expansion proposes this as a court.

I am hoping that the eastern half of the court can remain a basketball court. The strategy outlines the end goal of making sure the courts remain equitable. I don't believe that taking away a basketball court would be an equitable move by the parks dept.

I understand the need to expand pickleball, it's a growing sport. I also understand that the pickleball demographics have more time and influence than the basketball demographic.

Basketball courts are already running at a thin margin in the city compared to basketball players. Courts are often full. We really cannot afford to lose another basketball court.

There is room on the western half of the court to integrate pickleball, and I'm not opposed to that. I do hope that if there are upgrades applied to this court to accommodate pickleball, that those same upgrades would also be applied to basketball. But either way, we hope to continue to use the basketball court.

26-Jun	Noise mitigation-Engage	Noise from pickleball is beyond other park uses. If dual usage continues, what are the plans for noise mitigation in residential areas? The decibel level of pickleball is beyond the noise of other park usage. For those residing in proximity to courts, the high pitched plastic pinging is incessant. We no longer open our windows and the noise starts before 7am and goes past 8:30pm. It's great that so many people enjoy pickleball but noise ordinances need to be respected in residential areas.
26-Jun	Steve Walters-Direct email	Please save tennis courts for tennis only in Seattle. I grew up in the Seattle parks and learned to play tennis on the Seattle public courts in the 1970's and have enjoyed a lifelong love affair with tennis. I've played indoors at private clubs too but it's so expensive, I mostly play outdoors in the public courts with friends I've known for decades. Recently I've seen skate boarders and bicyclists and soccer players and pickleball players taking tennis courts when tennis players are waiting to play. Please reserve tennis courts for tennis only. Steve Walters Lifelong tennis player
26-Jun	Ballard Resident-Engage	Noise concerns at Gilman Park. I hope even with the pushback from pickleball players you are still considering converting Gilman to tennis only. In the FAQ you even acknowledge that noise mitigation is not possible at Gilman. While it's inconvenient for area pb players to move to another court, it's far more inconvenient (and financially prohibitive) for local residents to move away from the constant pb noise. Please follow the example of cities like Denver and remove pickleball from areas where it violates noise ordinances.
27-Jun	Les Noyse-Engage	Reduce the noise and have fun.
27-Jun	Court Rich-Direct email	I know you're trying to do fair outreach, but my concerns are the sheer numbers of pickleball players will sway any final decisions. To follow up on my remarks today at the Magnolia Community Center, pickleball was created in the 60's, but for all practical purposes this is a new sport with new demand. Why are we allowing this new sport to take capacity away from tennis? Let's suppose wiffle ball becomes the next new sport sensation. Should we redraw all our baseball fields to have wiffle ball lines and force all the baseball players to now share the baseball fields with thousands of wiffle ball players? Crazy right, but that's exactly what happened to the tennis community. Pickleball as a new sport with new demand will need to be patient as additional capacity is built out. The private marketplace is doing this now. Pickleball can keep the indoor access at the community centers, but outdoor tennis courts should be off limits.
27-Jun	Craig Montgomery-Direct email	I just wanted to say thanks to you and Annie for all the work you're doing. It can't be fun to have cranky old people complaining all the time.
27-Jun	Mardig Sheridan-Direct email	I attended this morning's meeting in Magnolia. It was impressive, cordial and in general, there was agreement that the answer lies in more facilities as opposed to limitations and either/or strategies. It appears in reading some of your documentation, that this is easier asked for than accomplished, but there is at least one very obvious solution in Magnolia. In particular, not only would it address how to expand but how to relieve the neighbors, many of whom testified that their lives, and even property values are literally being negatively impacted by the noise. I read this under EXPANSION which details the serious problem and in fact, clearly states that it's unlikely the city will add facilities most especially due to lack of space, and of course, funding. HOWEVER…as I say, in Magnolia, specifically Discovery Park lies a perfect answer. The two tennis courts near the center, with nearby parking have been neglected for years. They frankly are unplayable as tennis courts and even for pickleball would be challenging. But, filing in the cracks, removing the nets and a paint over with lines for pickle ball would instantly provide at least 4, if not more (I suspect 6 would fit) new pickle ball courts with distance from neighbors, meaning no noise problems. It's low hanging fruit, and frankly, I can easily see a contentious legal battle in the future from the neighbors who can't even sit on their terrace or open their windows due to the noise from the West Magnolia playfield courts. Plus, it would allow opening the Magnolia playfield courts once again to tennis players who have all but been run off the courts by the pickleball players. I hope you will carefully consider my suggestion. I know it must be incredibly challenging, but action is called for.

27-Jun	Terry Dievendorf-Direct email	I attended a meeting today at the Magnolia Community Center on the SPR proposed changes for racquet and other sports. Pickleball seems to be at the heart of most complaints at the meeting by either adjacent land owners or tennis players. I have a suggestion and possible solution and would like to know if it is at all possible or if your office has already looked into this. The Port of Seattle owns the 152 acres at Pier 91. Much of that land continues to be under-utilized as far as I can tell at the north end of that property near where All City Fence was using the property temporarily for purposes not related to cruise ships or fishing. This is a place that is central to Magnolia, Queen Anne and Ballard. It is located just off of the Elliott Bay Trail. It is remote enough that property owners would not complain about the noise. And, it is already graded and at least paved. There are limited natural areas in the nearby vicinity so I wouldn't think that there would be any environmental impact from the additional coatings needed to create pickleball courts. There is plenty of land for both parking and playing pickleball. This solution would solve a lot of the problems for the Magnolia, Queen Anne and Ballard areas. Noise abatement would be solved for neighbors to the West Magnolia Playfield as the courts could return to tennis only, if the pickleball courts could be constructed fairly rapidly. Barriers to this solution include convincing the Port of Seattle to lease or sell land for this purpose, determining access in what is now a secured access area, and the costs involved in developing courts. I think the pickleball community would get behind any proposal of 8 or more courts here and would gladly enter into a private/public partnership to raise any necessary funds for this project.
27-Jun	DLS-Engage	Why is SPR still trying to take court time away from Pickleball? Why is SPR still trying to take court time away from Pickleball? At the latest meetings there were charts about when pickleball would use the duel lined courts and when tennis could. Tennis rarely used the duel lined courts now and pickleball uses them the vast majority of time. Why should PB give up time to tennis, especially when there are tennis courts (nice ones) standing used - Solstice for example. Give the duel lined courts to PB and tennis can have the rest. A near even split.
27-Jun	Sam Adams-Engage	Advocating on behalf of a typically unrepresented user group. I am commenting on the proposal to remove the flexibility/sharing agreement on the tennis courts at Cal Anderson. I play Pickle Ball and Dodgeball. Pickle Ball currently has city-wide opportunities, and only requires 2 or 4 players for a game. Dodgeball only has Cal Anderson courts, twice a week, and because of the format of the sport requires a standing time/place. It regularly hosts over fifty players from a diverse group of young people, who consider the sport and the game a community.
27-Jun	BeFair-Engage	Why is SPR trying to reduce courts for pickleball? Pickleball players are always searching for open courts, just like tennis players. Why is SPR trying to reduce courts for pickleball? Except that I can find open tennis courts, but I can't find open pickleball courts. Why? There are more PB players than tennis. Any reduction in PB courts does not support the larger population of PB players.
27-Jun	ItsNotBroken-Engage	Why propose only open play at certain courts? Pickleball open play is best when it is available at all courts, not unlike how it works today. What SPR could do is establish open play days/times at all the courts, not unlike how Delridge and High Point does, only add some evening hours for the non-retired players. SPR could make all the reservations - a great use of SPR. Also, don't allow reservations for all the courts at a single location. Leave at least one court (two pickleball courts) available for drop-in play.
28-Jun	aldeng-Engage	Don't forget reservable pickleball courts. While most of the focus has been on reducing pickleball open play courts, we mustn't neglect reservable courts. PB has all the same use cases as tennis, too: playing with your friends, drilling, coaching, ball machine practice. These groups organize in WhatsApp, text chains and Playtime Scheduler which has > 100 registrations per day. They often gather on unreservable courts. They need to be counted, heard and supported.
28-Jun	aldeng-Engage	Where's the real usage data? An equitable resource distribution can only be based on the correct usage distribution between tennis and pickleball. The Placer data does not break out the two sports. Please provide the usage data you used to support the ORSS and its collection methodology.

28-Jun	migueldc-Engage	Data. Please explain how the published ActiveNet reservation data and Placer AI location data support the original recommendations of the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy.
28-Jun	middaughda-Engage	Where are your answers, Jonathon? 30 questions asked over the last 11 days and none have been answered. Why do you have this website if you never respond?
28-Jun	Where-Engage	Where are all the Tennis Players? It's a nice Sunday afternoon. No rain, very little wind, temps in the high 60's to low 70's, high clouds so not too sunny. Only one court at Solstice is being used by two tennis players. So are there really not enough tennis courts?
28-Jun	Kimo-Engage	How did SPR evaluate Background Data to determine usage per sport? Can you share analysis of the data that SPR did in addition to raw data? SPR's per-sport usage data is from reservations. There are obvious areas to look at here; in 2024: 44.6% of tennis hours are at AYTC. HS complexes (Ballard, Ingraham, Sealth) are 40%. SPR analysis should be provided - AYTC play requires a reservation, and HS tennis may play a role in reservations. Tennis players are logically likely to reserve courts due to closed-play culture compared to pickleball open-play. If this is the only data SPR used to gauge per-sport utilization, there's a big gap.
28-Jun	let's be realistic-Engage	Tennis courts rarely have enough setback for pickleball. Seattle's dual use courts often sit far too close to homes for pickleball noise. Courts under 350 ft routinely generate complaints; even 350–800 ft sites with barriers and quiet gear still see conflict. Beyond 800 ft, impacts drop but aren't eliminated. Within 1000 ft, Seattle should use extreme caution and require sound studies. Terrain can worsen noise. Converting tennis courts without adequate setback has repeatedly failed in Seattle and nationwide.
29-Jun	Citylife-Engage	Isn't noise part of living next to a park? I live near Kerry Park. The noise is unrelenting. Cars with loud bass music at all hours, peole setting off firecrackers, partiers throwing bottles & cans down the hillside, people riding scooters down the middle of the street screaming & yelling in the middle of the night... and don't get me started on the swarms of loud tourists! Some nights it's unbearable, and I have to keep my windows closed. It's called urban living!
29-Jun	Thomas Jacobson-Direct email	The signs indicating open hours for the Mt Baker Park courts need to be much larger. Currently, the 8.5x11" laminated paper signs are too easily and willfully ignored by the pickleball crowd and we're headed for more confrontations between neighbors and the pickleballers if hours aren't made more clear at the entrances to the courts. I've had to walk down to the courts between 6-6:30AM the lately to tell pickle ball players to leave. More generally, most of us living in the neighborhood have been here far longer than pickleball has been popular. We didn't sign up for the ever present, obnoxious noise from the pickleball equipment (or the blaring music that often accompanies it) when we purchased our homes. We can never escape the noise entirely, but to bear it at all, we're forced to keep our windows closed, even in the summer. My grandkids are kept awake by the noise when they visit. There are no peaceful, silent moments outdoors anymore. This isn't fair. At the very least, courts should be closed by 6 or 7PM daily. There are tennis courts on the I-90 lid that have no houses immediately surrounding them and that are rarely used by anyone, not to mention the huge pickleball facility on MLK. It makes no sense whatsoever for Mt Baker Park to be allowed to be the pickleball hub that it is. Please address this situation. It isn't going to improve on its own.
29-Jun	Shirley Purkey-Engage	The 9 to 12 weekday Children's Summer Camp on the Magnolia Tennis/pickleball courts. I enjoy watching children at play however this summer camp is now lining up 20 kids on the courts closest to our condo & giving them pickleball lessons. There are other less invasive games & activities they camp Counselors could engage them in. (And if they are going to continue with this Monday thru Friday 9 to noon camp thru the summer it should be required to use quiet paddles & balls. I am at the end of my rope with this constant pickleball noise - it is seriously affecting my health.

29-Jun	Helen Xie-Direct email	I hope you had a good weekend! I attended the Mount Baker In-Person Meeting last week, but I wasn't prepared to give a statement so hoping I can share mine here: First, thank you so much for organizing this event and doing community outreach! It was super informative. Couple of things I agreed with in the session: 1) Strategy should be neighborhood based i.e. courts have different needs and priorities, some may need lights and some may need re-surfacing. 2) More coverings would greatly improve tennis player satisfaction as we would be able to play year round. Currently, there's only AYTC and Sandpoint (which was bought out by Bay Club so prices are increasing and indoor tennis will be less accessible) in the greater Seattle area for public indoor tennis. 3) Focus groups would be a great way to have two way dialogue. Areas in which I had additional thoughts: 1) Differing Age Group/Cohort Perspective - The presentation listed studies done on the benefits (social, physical) and growth of pickleball, and I am wondering if the same data and studies can be done for tennis. I can only speak anecdotally, but I do see there is a growing and large community of (young) people playing tennis, and I wonder if focus groups with a wide range of participants could help bring to light. For example, I learned tennis a couple of years ago and I work a 9-5 downtown, and I have really enjoyed having a hobby that has more intensity, as it balances out the intensity of my work. While the statements from others focused on the community aspect in pickleball, particularly for retirees, I have been able to find a great community playing tennis, as well as great personal development, which I believe is important too. As a young professional, I believe this would resonate with others in my same cohort. 2) Density Nuances For professionals working downtown (where many offices are), it is already challenging to get tennis reservations during peak hours (after work, weekends) on courts in the surrounding areas. I would ask that we do not move more tennis courts in these central areas to dual use. It sounded like most of the people who played pickleball lived further out in Seattle, and the courts that they mentioned (i.e. ones in Delridge?) that were barely used are further away. Especially once the weather gets worse, AYTC and Sandpoint (which is likely restricting access in the future) are the only indoor courts available to the public. 3) Dual Use Encroachment/Tragedy of the Commons Oftentimes, dual use courts become just pickleball courts because a) Courts that are meant to be dual use either entirely taken over by pickleball, and tennis players give up on it (i.e. Miller Park). b) The added barrier of needing to move the pickleball nets (tragedy of the commons is that no one moves the net after they play) deters tennis players from going to these courts, making them unusable (i.e. Beacon Hill, cited by one of the gentlemen who spoke)

30-Jun	Jen Breck-Direct email	I support what Thomas is reporting and will add to it. The Seattle Parks and Recreation control of pickleball use of the Mt. Baker Park TENNIS courts is inadequate. More than a year ago, Seattle Parks promised the neighborhood that Parks would ensure that Seattle noise ordinances would be observed and enforced on the Mt. Baker courts and, in writing, stated that if there was even one infraction the courts would be locked. Parks has failed. •There has been no visible follow up despite reported infractions. The "ranger" number Parks provided to report infractions is unanswered. I live on the park and walk it everyday - i have never even seen a "ranger." In fact, the number Jonathan gave us to call to document violations is specifically flagged as "Not available for on-demand response," on the Parks website. •At a minimum, the signage is inadequate and not clearly posted. One example: the "coach" who has been allowed to monopolize and monetize the courts on most weekday morning (Jonathan you acknowledged in the past that you know who this is and you are in touch with him), argued with me on Memorial Day whether he could be training clients between 7 and 8 am - not even this frequent flyer knew about hours on City holidays until I pointed out the 8 1/2 x 11 inch laminated sign posted by the entrance across the courts from parking lot where most players enter. He and his client did not leave and remained belligerent even after I pointed it out. On Sundays June 14 and June 28 between 730 amd 830 am families with young children were playing and cheering loudly. They were shocked and departed politely when a neighbor pointed out the hours to them. •On Thursday June 25, people were still playing with the lights on at 11:15 pm. Play regularly continues between 10 and 11. As we have pointed out in the past, given the public control of the lights (the switch is manual and not locked) and the scale of the lights are both unreasonable. The lights are equivalent to the lights at the Genessee playing fields. •Parks has recently removed several large, diseased trees - this has exacerbated the noise and light issues in the neighborhood. •In addition to the above, garbage control is inadequate - and this includes people moving in old home furniture for seating. •Jonathan, you personally promised me that the neighbors would receive notice of any public hearings on the issue. We received nothing about last week's hearings across the City. I just learned about them yesterday when I mentioned our issues to a contact. We have an active Mt Baker Community Club which you could have used to get the message out. I understand the public hearings were published to the pickleball community through various channels. Not fair. We are not anti-pickleball and many neighbors play. But if Parks cannot manage this resource appropriately, Parks must acknowledge that Mt. Baker Park is an inappropriate site for pickleball given its proximity to residential homes. Parks has demonstrated that it cannot - or will not - control this use of a small park. As Thomas points out, there are other more appropriate sites. I note that the Madison Park tennis courts are not adjacent to homes and are not used for pickleball and there are many others.
30-Jun	Whitney Pittman-Engage	Why just racquet sports? I'm writing as a community member who cares deeply about accessible, inclusive, and vibrant public recreation spaces. Our city's tennis courts are valuable assets, but their current single sport designation limits how many residents can benefit from them. I'm requesting that the department consider allowing multi use access—beyond racquet sports—on designated courts through shared scheduling or flexible-use pilot programs. Can we keep the dodgeball community alive at Cal Anderson?
30-Jun	Ed Livingston-Direct email	https://acoustics.org/pickleball-noise-and-conflict-its-not-just-the-decibels/
30-Jun	Ed Livingston-Direct email	https://acoustics.org/first-in-the-nation-medical-analysis-the-hidden-health-impact-of-pickleball-noise-on-neighbors/
30-Jun	Ed Livingston-Direct email	https://acoustics.org/pickleball-noise-raises-health-concerns-for-neighbors-living-near-courts/
30-Jun	kforeman44-Engage	Can you please expand further on how turning a basketball court into a pickleball court would be the most equitable solution? Ravenna Park West is a popular basketball court. There hasn't been a straight answer on whether the basketball court would remain on the eastern portion. I'm curious about how potentially turning it into a pickleball court is considered an equitable solution.

1-Jul	Mark Lanning-Direct email	In addition to what Jen and Thomas have written, I have filmed footage of people playing on weekends before the designated 9:00 opening time in compliance with Seattle noise restriction code. I would be happy to provide the film in which the offenders were a polite family who said that they did not know the hours the courts were supposed to be available even though the signage is present. It does nothing because it is so small and no one from Seattle Parks and Recreation patrols the courts. A while ago, I filed a number of complaints, mostly with Jonathan and nothing was ever done to rectify the problem. I pointed out that this is one of the smallest Seattle parks with tennis-intended, pickleball-hijacked courts and was a terrible park to designate for pickleball courts. I iterate what Thomas wrote about the noise forcing us to keep windows closed even during the hot summer nights because of the noise and our back decks have been rendered virtually unusable due to the cacophony of the noise of the balls and racquets, the music, and the loud yelling of the (often drinking) players. We are left to patrol the courts on our own, which leads to confrontations with coaches and players, even though we are in the right and they are not following the regulations and policies. We need your help in finding a permanent solution.
6-Jul	Deb-Direct email	Yesterday (7/5) there were approximately 35-40 pickleball players on the Magnolia courts from 10-1. We have an open group that plays there Monday, Wednesday and Friday during those hours, open play for anyone who wants to join. Later in the afternoon, I saw that there was an entirely different group playing on the courts, similar numbers. This is what community is, and what the parks department and community centers were meant to encourage. It would've been a tragedy to take this away due to false assumptions based on wildly inaccurate data. I wondered if you could gather valid participation data by posting a QR code at the courts and have us voluntarily scan in our attendance and whether pickleball or tennos, so that you can accumulate accurate data as a better analysis of court usage? (Obviously, the reservation data that you used originally was not even 1% accurate as a measure of the usage of these community courts.) If you could set it up for us to scan in with QR codes at each of the sites, the program would do the work, and does not require a lot of labor on the part of parks staff. I'm sure that the players would be willing to do this, in order to give you a better idea of who is using the courts and when. This are some photos from yesterday, but it was impossible to capture the full picture with so many people over the 8 pickleball courts. I did a rough count and there were over 40 people there. In addition to the 32 active players on the 8 pickleball courts, there was also another group stacking their paddles, and waiting for their turn— and socializing among themselves, creating a true sense of community. During the day on a weekday. (If there had been tennis players using all 4 tennis courts, there would have only been 8 people using our community resources.)
12-Jul	Shirley Purkey-Direct email	I have been watching the courts in front of me since the last Strategic Meeting at the Magnolia Community Center. It appears to me that the Parks Department is trying to work out options (as I see some changes in who is playing on what courts & when.) I thank u for looking into options. However, when it is 5pm until 8pm, it is Pickleball on all courts. This is a time when I would like to have guests, open my windows & use my balcony. However I cannot - come 8:15pm it is quiet - too cold to sit on my balcony & my guests have left, needing to get home to go to work/ getting my young grandkids to bed, etc. I truly believe that these courts need to be taken back to their original purpose being tennis - watching tennis earlier today, it is very acceptable noise level - the equipment is quieter & the players for the most part are very respectful understanding that they have neighbors living close by & understand noise impact. Thank you for hearing me out. Myself & others continue to be extremely stressed with the impact that Pickleball is having on us & so many others nationwide. I appreciate all I are trying to do to come to a solution.
12-Jul	Joel Thornton-Direct email	I thought you might find this interesting as rules are formalized for different forms of court use

14-Jul	Shirley Marcus-Direct email	I am writing to ask you to look beyond court schedules (although it has been a bit helpful but many don't obey any required scheduling) and usage statistics and consider the daily reality for those of us who live beside the Magnolia courts. I have attached photographs taken from my living room and dining room. They show what should be peaceful spaces in my home. My husband and I rarely sit in either room anymore because of the constant sound of pickleball. We no longer invite friends or family to share a meal in my dining room or enjoy a quiet visit in my living room because the repetitive popping of pickleball dominates the experience. As a retiree, I expected my home to be a place of comfort and peace. Instead, I feel driven away from the very rooms I enjoy most. My quality of life has been significantly diminished. This is not simply about recreation. It is about the ability to enjoy one's own home. No resident should feel they cannot sit in their living room, entertain guests, or enjoy a meal in their dining room because of relentless recreational noise. As Seattle Parks and Recreation continues to develop its Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy, I hope the department will give equal weight to the quality of life of neighboring residents and seek solutions that balance recreation with the right to peaceful enjoyment of our homes. (engageseattleparks.com) I respectfully ask you to consider the human impact reflected in these photographs and to make protecting nearby residents an essential part of your decision-making.

I'm Matt Cannard, a longtime West Seattle resident, a member of the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, and a longtime tennis player.

When I first started playing pickleball, something happened that surprised me. A group of players noticed I was new and invited me into their game. Before long, we were laughing and talking and playing and then my kids came, my friends' kids came, and grandparents came to play.

As a tennis player, I've made friendships through active play, but the connections are fewer and tend to happen within smaller circles. Less people. What I found in pickleball was different. People weren't just playing a game. They were intentionally creating connections and growing that connectedness to each other.

Pickleball is one of the few activities that truly bridges generations, neighborhoods, incomes, and backgrounds. It creates friendships, combats loneliness, promotes health, and strengthens community. It embodies the very spirit of connection that makes West Seattle and the greater Seattle area such a special place to live.

In a time when so many people feel isolated and disconnected, that is something special. In fact, it's something rare.

That's why this conversation is about more than courts.

Pickleball isn't just a sport. It's a community.

And communities deserve representation.

West Seattle pickleball players are taxpayers, volunteers, neighbors, and active users of our public parks.

We are not asking for special treatment. **We are asking for fair treatment.** We are asking that the voices of the people who have built this vibrant community be included in the decisions that affect its future.

We believe you—and we--can find solutions that balance court concerns while preserving the extraordinary community that has grown around pickleball, giving ALL OF US a shared space we can use.

Please ensure our pickleball community has equal representation moving forward and our courts remain open to all of us.

Thank you.

Dear Parks and Recreation Board,

I like Pickleball, I just don't like it across the street from residential dwellings.

You know the annoying sound of a radio bass turned up too high and the da-dum da-dum in your ears. You know what a dripping faucet sounds like in your sink, and how annoying that can be.

Imagine living across from not one, or two courts, but 8 courts and potentially 32 players. The paddle hitting the ball is loud, and when repeated from sunrise – yes 6:30 am until dark, it can be maddening. We all know what waterboarding is – well, that wracking sound is an audible waterboarding. As observers you can sit and listen for an hour or two, and with one or two 4-somes playing, but you need to hear it all day long, day after day, with up to 32 players, to understand the impact on neighbors.

Tennis has a decorum. Pickleball does not. If the paddle whacking isn't bad enough, the raucous shouting, radios, and foul language is unnecessary.

This isn't a local problem, it's worldwide, and you've seen it coming to your local courts. To the Pickleball Association people who are here today. You know the noise is causing unrest. You don't want the pickleball courts removed from some parks. But what are you doing or have you done to help mitigate the problem? Are you at courts in the early hours of the morning telling people it's too early to play? Do you suggest that some players are being to loud? Have you suggested and helped enforce quiet paddles and balls be used on certain courts? Have you written to the paddle and ball makers to improve the technology? If you are going to play across from residential dwellings then some compromises need to be made and it is the Parks Department and pickleball players who will need to make them.

The current RSS public engagement process does not provide the meaningful two-way dialogue the community was told to expect. At the May 28th PBRC meeting, Interim Parks and Rec Superintendent Michele Finnegan stated that "further public engagement meetings were to be held" regarding the RSS proposal. I hoped that Parks had listened to the community response from the first round of meetings and that these additional meetings would allow for genuine discussion. However, after attending the recent West Seattle meeting, I found that the process remained unchanged: there was no back-and-forth discussion, no opportunity for questions and answers, and no direct engagement on the substance of the proposal.

Public engagement meetings are generally understood to be organized gatherings where government agencies, organizations, or community leaders share information, discuss community concerns, and collaborate on problem solving. Their purpose is to build transparency and trust by ensuring that community members have a meaningful voice in local policies and development projects.

That kind of engagement can take many forms, including town halls, workshops, roundtable discussions, or focus groups. Regardless of the format, the defining feature should be two-way conversation: questions asked, answers given, concerns

clarified, and community input meaningfully considered before decisions are finalized.

The current meetings do not appear to meet that standard. Limiting the public to brief comments, summarizing those comments later, and providing only generalized responses is not the same as meaningful public engagement. Without direct dialogue, the community has no clear way to understand how its concerns are being interpreted, whether specific questions are being answered, or how public input will affect the final RSS decision.

At the West Seattle meeting, several speakers stated that they felt the pickleball community was not being heard. Because there has been no formal opportunity for a back-and-forth conversation between the community and Parks and Rec on this issue, there is a growing concern that the current proposal will be implemented with little or no meaningful modification.

For that reason, I respectfully ask Parks and Rec to establish a working group or commission with representatives from the pickleball community, the tennis community, and Parks and Rec. Such a group would allow for balanced representation, direct dialogue, and a more transparent process for determining what is equitable and workable for all court users before any final decision is made.

Thank you for considering this request.

Hello, my name is Solika Proctor, and I am a Redmond resident living near pickleball courts. I am here today to represent the non-player side of this conversation and to speak about the sound pollution associated with pickleball.

As pickleball continues to grow, it is important to understand that the concern is not simply noise volume. Research by Kathleen Romito and Jamie Banks describes the distinctive "pickleball pop" as an impulsive sound with a peak frequency near 1200 Hz, similar to the frequencies used in vehicle backup alarms. A busy court can produce roughly 900 pops per hour, and a group of active courts can generate more than 20,000 individual impacts in a single day. (1)

The issue is not just the loudness of a single impact, but the effect of hearing that sound thousands of times each day, with many residents reporting exposure of more than 70 hours per week.

A 2025 study surveying more than 400 residents across 200 communities found a significant impact on quality of life, health, and well-being. (2) This is not an issue limited to immediate neighbors, as the survey included residents living anywhere from 10 to over 1,000 feet from courts.

The survey found widespread concern about impacts on children and infants, for whom uninterrupted sleep is critical to healthy development. More than half of the respondents reported physical health effects, while nearly two-thirds reported severe psychological or emotional distress associated with prolonged exposure.

RCW 70A.20.010 recognizes that inadequately controlled noise can affect health, safety, welfare, property value, and quality of life. As Seattle plans for future pickleball growth, I encourage the city to evaluate not only demand for courts, but also the unique acoustic characteristics of the sport and its impact on surrounding communities.

Thank you for your time.

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1. Build first. Switch to dedicated sites after new courts are available. Keep all dual use striping, as is done in the community center gyms. This allows increased flexibility of courts, inside and out. Ostensible court-line confusion is a small price to pay for the increased capacity and availability of courts.

2. Keep the reservations system in order to establish clarity as far as time of use. Reservations promote equitable use since all parties can reserve.

3. Magnolia Playfield is an active use park. Baseball teams use the lighted field on W. Smith St. after dark, and have done so well before the Bellagio condos were completed in 2004. The noise from an active use park existed well before the condos were built.

4. SPR has a poor track record with respect to maintaining or building new courts. Note the failed Magnusen project and the lack of maintenance at Discovery Park courts, Howe St. courts, and the Webster and Fauntleroy Way courts.

5. Pickleball courts in some of the under-used and mis-used parks could alleviate problems and misbehavior. Examples are Jose Rizal, Beacon Place, Freeway Park, Lower Woodland, even Magnusen and Mathews Beach. I realize new or refurbished courts are unrealistic given the historical lack of effort in this area. However, a good pickleball pavilion would alleviate problems on Aurora Ave. N. and south of the Rainier Beach Link light rail station.

6. If you really want public feedback, put out online survey ballots to be sent to all registered SPR users, and everyone who had signed up for these meetings.

Seattle Parks & Recreation

Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Dakota Place Park Building

First Name	Last Name	Address	Zip	Email	How did you hear about meeting?
Kathleen & Don	Goulet	[redacted]			SMPA/~~to~~ and local playing group
Jim	TSEN				Local group
DREW	THORESEN				Email
Amy	ROTTLER				EMAIL
Dana & Kendra	Howard				Local PB Camp SMPA
MIRIAM	YGVETICH				Pickleball community
Rand	Fech				Pball business
BRUCE	JONES				

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Suzette	Nedervelt	[redacted]			SMPA
Jen	mandel				westside pickleball
Berit	Koltveit				" "
Marianne	McCord				com blog
Sharon	Jack				email
Jeanne	Fellin				+ WS Blog
Jeff	Wessel				

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Paula	Sklar	[redacted]			online + word of mouth
Anjanette	Nelson-Wally				west seattle blog
DANA	HOWARD				
Chanel	Christopher				calling around
Bingham	Mark H.				
CATHERINE	TIER				SIGN IN CAL ANDERSON PARK + NO PICKLEBALL
David	Grant				email - WS Blog
Chelle	Chase				email
Sheri	Bell				email

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KATIE	MEYER	[redacted]			WS BLOG
PAT	SHAFFER				WS Blog
Ron	Minkel				WS Blog
Katie	Brooks				email
Karen	Castelain				e-mail
Amy	Nelson				facebook via Friend
Graham	Smith				email
MARISSA	BENAVENTE				WS Blog
Theresa	Haynie				SMPA

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Penny	Severson	[redacted]			
Tracy	Record				(media rel)
Tom	Oliveri				SAFA/SMPA
Rucey	Myers				players
CAROL	Frillman				SMPA
PAM	WAGNER				OTHER PLAYERS
Michael	Taylor-Judd				Blog
Robert	Marol				
KATHY	DUNN				

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Sandi	Stewart				SMPA
Elise	Hoopzer				SMPA
Bonnie	Dussler				SMPA
Kathy	Wessel				SMPA
Susan	Heideke				SMPA
Janet	Sill-Leahy				
Sibyl	Mar				SMPA
Kevin	Kelly				SMPA

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CURT	FRANCIS	[redacted]			COURT
PAM	LANG				Court/email
BEVERLY	KIRBY-CHAMBER				WS Blog
MATT	CANNARD				SMPA
Kevin	Willelm				Court
Lynn	Ianni				SMPA
Andy	Bagnall				SMPA
SUSAN	~~Kendzina~~				SMPA
Syd	Ritchie				SMPA

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PETER	KALMES	[redacted]			EMAIL
CRAIG	ERWIN				Racquet Sports Strategy
DAVID	HYLLEGARD				"
Robert	Lopez				SMPA
Janet	Bingham				SMPA
JOHN	RANKIN				SMPA
Violet	Fong				SMPA
Sharon	Lamme				SMPA
Stephee	HEO				COURT

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PETER	KALMES	[redacted]			EMAIL
CRAIG	MONTGOMERY				ENGAGEMENT HUB
Ginny	Bear				email
Greg	Abbott				email
Annie	Pankewicz				SMPA
Margaret Pak	Enslow				email
Kim	Gould				"

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Alexander	Le				Pickleball groupchat
Randal	Richmond				Pickleball noise FB group
Susan	Motte				Pball community
KEITH	BOWER				PICKLEBALL PLAYERS
Lincoln	eddy				pickleball
Rick	Burke				Pickleball Community Center
Karl	Siebrecht				pickleball neighbors
JAY	TRAN				players
Chanel	Christopher				calling around Hecky

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MARIANNE	JACKA	[redacted]			Email list I'll send To friend
Amy	Turcinov				word of mouth
Nancy	Watson				Word of mouth City Flyer
Kathleen	Ponder				flyer
MARDIG	SHERIDAN				TEAMS FRIEND
Frank	Shaw				Group Me
Erik	Morphy				wordofmouth
Sandy	Smith				FB, Comm Center
Jakob	Lewis				SBP
Court	Rich				text
Kim	Seifert				Community

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Ken	Chapman	[redacted]			EMAIL
Kathryn	Dennis				email
Shari	Thompson				email
Jo	Denney				email
Lynne	De Lano				email
Mary	DaSilva				+ email
Jody	Ryan				pb
Ed	Ryan				"
Faith	Wilson			[redacted]	e-mail
Graeme	Atteg				+ email

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Caleb	Windvar	[redacted]			Mom
Janine	King				
					email

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Scott	Luchessa				"
CHARLES	WRIGHT				"
Sohil	Patel				Facebook
Alex	Broner				word of mouth
Linh Co	Nguyen				FB
Stacie	Siebrecht				whats app + word of mouth
DAVID	THORNTON				" "
ROYAL	PRIOR				I'm A SERIOUS tennis player + TEACHER —

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GARY ~~BRAUN~~	~~B~~RAUN				email
Lisa	Sever				email
Denyse	McFadden				word of mouth
KERRY	THOMPSON				EMAIL.
Deborah	GRAY				Email
JASON	QUEHL				Email
Naomi	Stroupe				Internet
Terry	Dievendorf				SMP

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PAMELA	G	[redacted]			Mailer
Dianne	DuSault				web
Shirley	Purkey				web
PETER	KRIER				WEB/MAILER
BRIAN	BLUE				FRIEND
Wendy	Audette				flier in mail
Sylvia & Tom	Fruichantie				SPBA
Dana	Vizzare				Flier
Deborah	SPRD				

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Anne	Seidel	[redacted]			Email
David	Freeman				Sign on courts
Kim	Collier				What's App group
Gabriel	Ludlum				what's aep
Arlene	Atchison				What's app
Heather	Scott				spr site, email
Nancy	Haugaard				pickleball group @ magnolia
Mik	Eddy				pickleball
CLIFF	BUTLER				PICKLE BALL @ MAGNOLIA
LISA	Femme				Pickleball + EMAIL

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Richard	Wong	[redacted]			email
Jacky	Wu				email
Gabe	Turtinov				Parent
Loree	Schoonover				email
Anne	Seidel				
Chris	Niessl				phall community
Larry	Lorkowski				"
Laura	Newborn				
Bette	Horishige				

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JF	Luu	[redacted]			Flyer
Austin	Brown				Word of mouth
Rick	Sever				Neighborhood
Penny	Fuller				
Diane	Pearson				Friends
Joshua	Pearson				Friends
Jenise	Ryan				Friends
Rick	Hyatt				mailing
Audrey	Collins				Flyer

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Aya	Nakazato	[redacted]			RSS Engage web page
Richard	Wenger				park website
SERENA	LOUIE				SMPA PAGE
Karen	Elder				SMPA
DAJ	OBERG				SMPA
Amy	Ezzo				SMPA

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David	Johnson	[redacted]			
Chanel	Christopher				.com
Helen	Xie				

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MARDIG	SHERIDAN				TEAMS FRIEND
Frank	Shaw				Group Me
Erik	Morphy				wordofmouth
Sandy	Smith				FB, Comm Center
Jakob	Lewis				SBP
Court	Rich				text
Kim	Seifert				Community

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Kathryn	Dennis				email
Shari	Thompson				email
Jo	Denney				email
Lynne	De Lano				email
Mary	DaSilva				+ email
Jody	Ryan				pb
Ed	Ryan				"
Faith	Wilson			[redacted]	e-mail
Graeme	Atteg				+ email

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CHARLES	WRIGHT				"
Sohil	Patel				Facebook
Alex	Broner				word of mouth
Linh Co	Nguyen				FB
Stacie	Siebrecht				whats app + word of mouth
DAVID	THORNTON				" "
ROYAL	PRIOR				I'm A SERIOUS tennis player + TEACHER —

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GARY ~~BRAUN~~	~~B~~RAUN				email
Lisa	Sever				email
Denyse	McFadden				word of mouth
KERRY	THOMPSON				EMAIL.
Deborah	GRAY				Email
JASON	QUEHL				Email
Naomi	Stroupe				Internet
Terry	Dievendorf				SMP

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Dianne	DuSault				web
Shirley	Purkey				web
PETER	KRIER				WEB/MAILER
BRIAN	BLUE				FRIEND
Wendy	Audette				flier in mail
Sylvia & Tom	Fruichantie				SPBA
Dana	Vizzare				Flier
Deborah	SPRD				

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Anne	Seidel	[redacted]			Email
David	Freeman				Sign on courts
Kim	Collier				What's App group
Gabriel	Ludlum				what's aep
Arlene	Atchison				What's app
Heather	Scott				spr site, email
Nancy	Haugaard				pickleball group @ magnolia
Mik	Eddy				pickleball
CLIFF	BUTLER				PICKLE BALL @ MAGNOLIA
LISA	Femme				Pickleball + EMAIL

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Richard	Wong	[redacted]			email
Jacky	Wu				email
Gabe	Turtinov				Parent
Loree	Schoonover				email
Anne	Seidel				
Chris	Niessl				phall community
Larry	Lorkowski				"
Laura	Newborn				
Bette	Horishige				

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JF	Luu	[redacted]			Flyer
Austin	Brown				Word of mouth
Rick	Sever				Neighborhood
Penny	Fuller				
Diane	Pearson				Friends
Joshua	Pearson				Friends
Jenise	Ryan				Friends
Rick	Hyatt				mailing
Audrey	Collins				Flyer

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MICHAEL	LIVINGSTON	[redacted]			
Janet	Quaglietta				
Sue	Godwin				✓ you kidding me?
Jeanne	Trudeau				
Karen	Witt				friend
Frank	Shaw				friend
Pat	Howe				friend
Larry					Sea. Times
Noah ~~Skartvedt~~	Skartvedt				Mom

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Li-Ting	Hung	[redacted]			mailing Poster.
Craig	Larson				Mailing
LAURA	Wightman				net online
David	Wightman				"
Lee	Taylor				Gilman WhatsApp group
Mary	Mason				
Nandy	Lee				
KAREN	ERNO				
DIANE	FISCH				Email
Deborah	Sorensen				[redacted]

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Randy	Howard	[redacted]			notices
JOHN	O'NEAL				FRIENDS
Theresa	Haynie				.gov SPR site
Laurevi	Gonzales				Friends
Mary	Clark				seattle metro pickleball
Brenda	Gitman				Seattle Metro PB
dot	Hollobaugh				Seattle dodgeball
Isabelle	Pampanelli				Dodgeball!

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Larry	Kennedy	[redacted]			
Bea	Manning				
John	Lederer				
Nancy	Hammond				
JENNIFER "JB"	BEAN				
Shawn	Thornsberry				
Zba	Kabori				Gilman - Pickleball
Chanel	Christopher				

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VERNÉ	JUSTICE	[redacted]			SMPA
misha	Graham				
Lenell	Nussbaum				At a pickleball game
Charlie	Skartvedt				
BRYANT	BRADBURY				
JILL	BRADBURY				
Suzanne	Harrison				pickleball friends
liz	Bell				
Kim	Collier				SMPA
Michelle	Eglar				Friends

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BeBe	Burns	[redacted]			friend
Jack	Clinch				GLP/SMPA email list
Evan	Prenovitz				email
Stephanie	Murray				facebook
Cynthia	Eckhole				email
Gary	Stevens				email
Matt	Shahinoti				GLP
Marilyn	Guthrie				Facebook
Joanne	Kennedy				facebook

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Wendy	Crocker	[redacted]			word of mouth
Gayle	Childers				word of mouth Mailing
Paul	Gladnick				Seattle Metro Pickleball

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Leslie	Look	[redacted]			USTA
Cristal	Weber				PB community
Mary Ann	Soule				PB Community
Aimee	Rawlins				PB community
Mark	Rawlins				PB community
Peggy	Anderson				"
ANN	KOLVENBACH				SEATTLE PARKS WEB SITE
MICHELE	JACKSON				
Laura Mansfield	Mansfield				

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