

DRAFT OUTDOOR RACQUET SPORTS STRATEGY

June Public Meetings

AGENDA

- **Summary of Engagement Phase I**
- **Walkthrough of Strategy Data**
- **Collaboration Topics**
- **Conduct Public Comment Session**

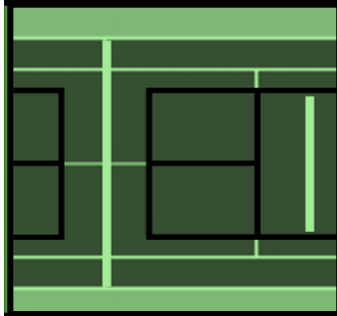


ITEMS TO NOTE (REMINDERS)

- **Draft strategy is one potential path to:**
 - address frequently reoccurring issues
 - enable open play throughout the city
 - transition to dedicated courts for both sports
- **Feedback will inform final strategy**
- **Pre-booking through September will be honored**
- **Final strategy will be phased**
- **Final strategy will return to BPRC**



STRATEGY CONTEXT



**Increase Play Time
for Both Racquet
Sports**



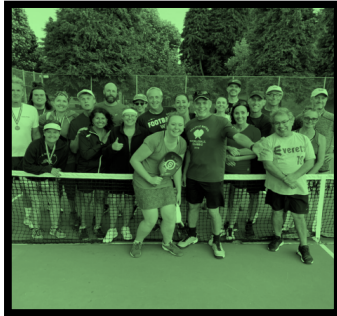
**Streamline
Communication**



Enable Open Play



Plan for Expansion



Add Hubs

**SEE PROJECT PAGE FOR
DOCUMENT & BACKGROUND**



ENGAGEMENT PHASE 1 SUMMARY

- **Strategy was moving too fast & seemed like it was already a “done deal.”**
- **Strategy unnecessarily added to competition/tension between two sports.**
- **Additional public engagement was necessary, particularly in West Seattle**
- **Why engagement wasn’t done prior to the development of the draft strategy**
- **Would like to understand details of those involved in development of the strategy**
- **Would like more details on the funding available & planned resurfacing schedule**
- **West Seattle approach felt imbalanced: Georgetown not best hub; impact of driving to nearest courts, decrease in total number of courts & loss of lit courts**

ENGAGEMENT PHASE 1 SUMMARY

- **Pickleball: wants replacement courts before any access is lost; overall, desire increase in total courts**
- **Tennis: many do not feel dual use works, prefer pickleball gaining courts without tennis losing; like gaining back some dedicated courts.**
- **Neighbors next to certain courts have strong concerns pertaining to noise; creative solutions are welcome**
- **Pickleball repeatedly shared importance & value of the social, community & health benefits particularly at Rainier Beach, Walt Hundley & Gilman**
- **Slightly less favorable of dual use in terms of supporting or opposing, but strongly against losing access.**



DRAFT STRATEGY BACKGROUND & DATA

**2019 - 2025 ActiveNet
Reservation Hours:** For all
reservable courts, hours
reserved by quarter for
pickleball and tennis use

Placer AI Usage Reports:
anonymized mobile device data
provides foot traffic info for 16
of 19 courts affected by the
proposed strategy.

2019 Pickleball Pilot Study:
provided summary of SPR
actions taken since 2017 to
introduce pickleball &
recommended next steps

**2021 - 2022 Outdoor Pickleball
Study:** Builds off 2019 Study to
document the growth of
pickleball, refine
recommendations & summarized
public feedback.

**ASBA Pickleball Construction &
Maintenance Manual:** produced
by the American Sports Builders
Association with information re:
needs to plan, build & maintain
pickleball facilities.



COLLABORATION TOPICS

PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON KEY ISSUES

- **Informed by suggestions from first phase of engagement**
- **Posters in room match online survey**
- **Provide opportunity to expand on background information gathered to date**
- **Feedback on these topics also welcome during public comment session**

COLLABORATION TOPIC #1

OPEN PLAY LOCATIONS & RESERVATIONS

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



COLLABORATION TOPIC #2

DUAL USE SITE ACCESS

Do you support utilizing split scheduling to facilitate dual use sites and alleviate noise impacts on surrounding properties?

OPERATING HOURS: 7AM - 10PM							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7am	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	N/A	N/A
8am	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	N/A	N/A
9am	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Pickleball	Tennis
10am	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Pickleball	Tennis
11am	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Pickleball	Tennis
12pm	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Pickleball	Tennis
1pm	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Pickleball	Tennis
2pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
3pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
4pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
5pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
6pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
7pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
8pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis
9pm	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis



COLLABORATION TOPIC #3

SPECIALLY DESIGNATED SITE MANAGEMENT

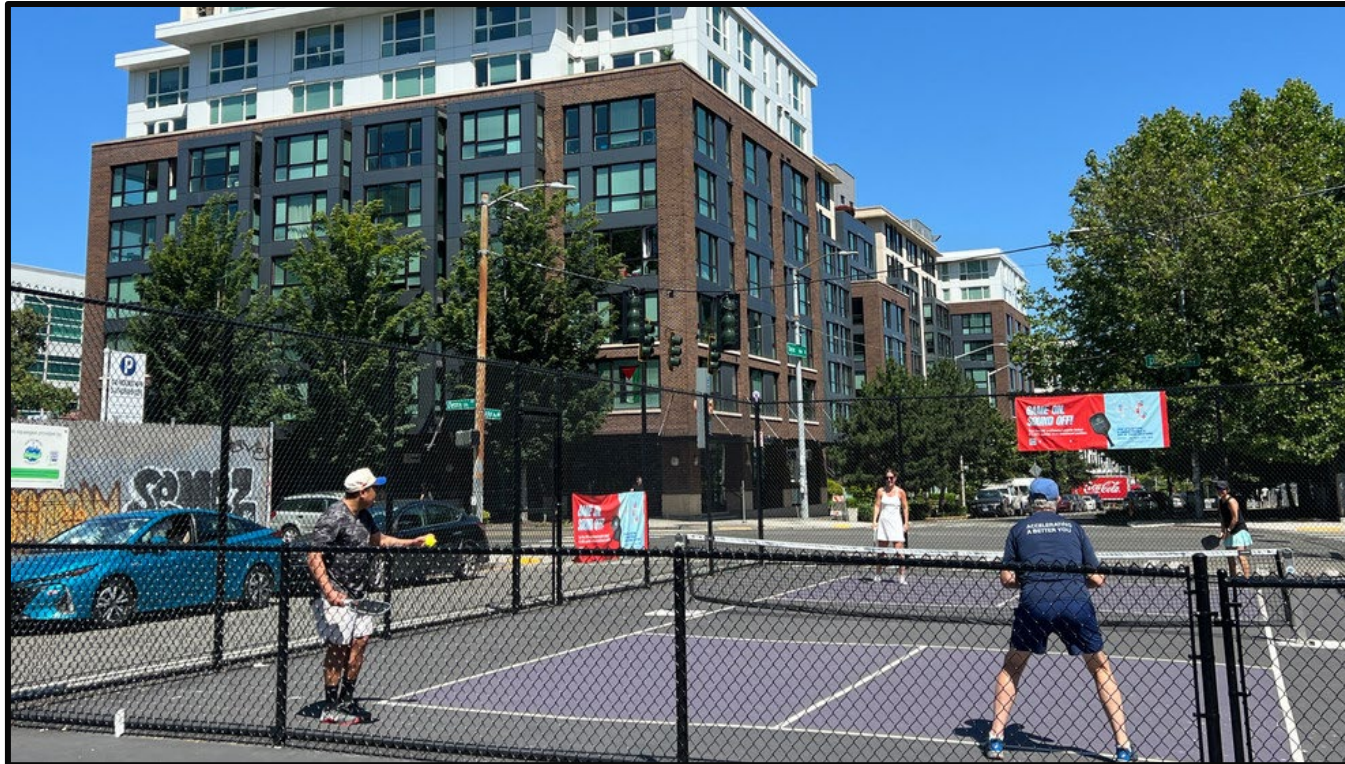
Do you support utilizing advisory groups to help avoid noncompliance with existing and any potential future protocols at locations with special designations (e.g., hubs, split use schedule, etc.)?



COLLABORATION TOPIC #4

EXPANSION: ACCESS VS STANDARDIZATION

To provide more dedicated pickleball courts, 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?



COLLABORATION TOPIC #5

PEAK HOURS & USAGE EXPERIENCE

Based off your experience, what are the peak hours and days at the court you use the most?

	MY FAVORITE COURT						
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7AM							
8AM							
9AM							
10AM							
...							
8PM							
9PM							
10PMc							



BRAINSTORMING TOPIC #6

PICKLEBALL: RESERVABLE VS OPEN PLAY COURTS

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.”



BRAINSTORMING TOPIC #7

TENNIS: RESERVABLE VS DROP IN PLAY COURTS

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.”



BRAINSTORMING TOPIC #8

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT PLANNING

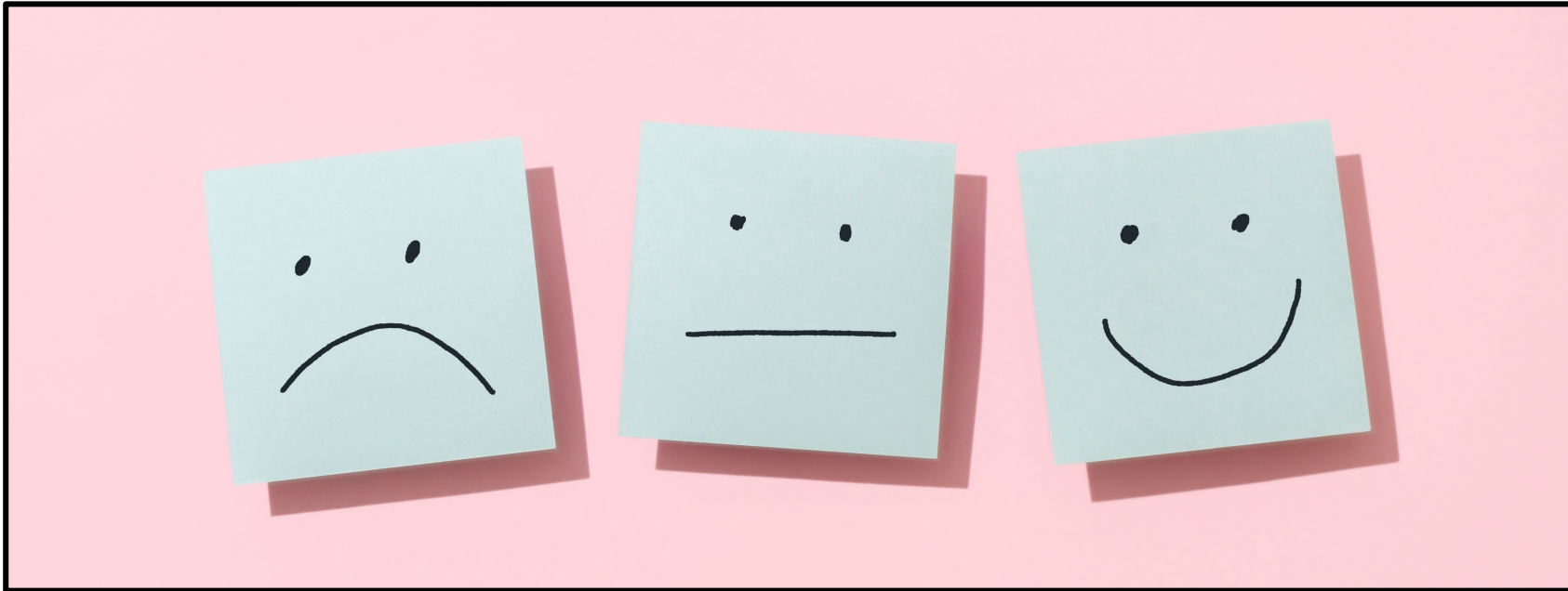
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is preferable to prioritize funding for expanding the existing number of courts for both racquet sports rather than focus on lighting and/or covering existing locations.”



COLLABORATION TOPIC #9

FEEDBACK COLLECTION

Was there anything we missed or didn't fully capture from the first phase of engagement in the Comprehensive Feedback Tracker or presentation?



POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

WILL BE INFORMED BY THIS ENGAGEMENT:

CAN INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- **Additional engagement OR**
- **Strategy adjusts & additional engagement OR**
- **Strategy adjusts & present to BPRC for consideration OR**
- **Strategy remains & returns to BPRC for consideration**

**REGARDLESS, WE WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC
UPDATE PRIOR TO TAKING ANY NEXT STEP**



PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE

- **Please share feedback/questions not already provided via email/online survey/engagement hub.**
- **If feedback/question is covered before you, please consider letting the next person go. We can always come back to you.**
- **Please raise hand when you're the next person on the list.**
- **You will have 2 minutes to speak—prioritize key pieces.**
- **Once we get through everyone, we can go through again, if time remains.**



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	LOCATION
June 23 rd @ 6:30pm	Dakota Place Park
June 25 th @ 6:30pm	Mt Baker Rowing Center
June 27 th @ 10:30am	Magnolia Community Center
June 30 th @ 6pm	Loyal Heights Community Center

ONLINE SURVEY JULY 1 - JULY 14th

PROVIDE FEEDBACK AT ANY TIME ON PROJECT PAGE

<https://engageseattleparks.com/outdoor-racquet-sports-strategy/rs-engage>

