Pickleball Court Facilities Expansion Project

Park and Recreation Commission
Public Hearing
February 17, 2022
Following the Public Hearing, the Commission to provide a recommendation on the Pickleball Court Facilities Expansion Project sites.
Public Hearing Agenda

1. Staff Presentation
2. Commission Questions
3. Public Comment
4. Commission Discussion and Action

https://www.ahpd.org/programs/pickleball/
The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is proposing to modify tennis courts in five locations to create multi-use tennis and pickleball court facilities.

Pickleball facilities will overlay two courts on a single tennis court and utilize movable pickleball nets. In one location where this configuration is not feasible, a single pickleball court will be overlaid on the tennis courts and use the tennis nets.

Recommended locations include Armistead L. Boothe Park, Chambliss Park, Chinquapin Park, Lee Center, and Eugene Simpson Park.
• 2016 – The tennis courts at Lee Center were converted to multi-use and lined for pickleball.
• 2019 – The tennis court at Mount Vernon was converted to multi-use and lined for pickleball.
• 2019 – Pickleball advocates approached the City about additional opportunities to expand play in Alexandria.
• 2020 – Staff met with pickleball advocates and toured facilities in the region to identify best practices and review additional multi-use court layouts.
• 2021 – Staff requested and received additional funding to expand pickleball facilities on existing tennis courts.
• 2022 – Current community engagement regarding pickleball facility locations.
Locations for expanded pickleball facilities were selected based on a series of criteria applied in three stages.

Only tennis courts under City of Alexandria control were considered for pickleball facilities.

- **Stage 1 – Court Characteristics**
  - Number of possible courts
  - Available parking
  - Restroom access
  - Lighting
- **Stage 2 – Equitable Distribution Across Alexandria**
- **Stage 3 – Coordination with renovations planned in the Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**
Potential Locations

- Tennis Court
- Existing Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Existing Indoor Pickleball Courts
Proposed Locations

- Proposed Pickleball Courts
- Existing Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Existing Indoor Pickleball Courts
Zip Code 22301

Possible Locations
- Colasanto Center/Mount Vernon (4 points)
- Eugene Simpson Stadium Park (6 points)
- Hooff’s Run Greenway Park (2 points)
- Potomac Yard Park (6 points)

Proposed Location: **Eugene Simpson Stadium Park**
- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Allows sufficient timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking and restrooms
- Community Feedback
  - Positive and negative feedback for this location
Zip Code 22302

Possible Locations
- Chinquapin Park (4 points)
- Minnie Howard School (Not Scored)

Proposed Location: **Chinquapin Park**
- Allows for five pickleball courts on four tennis courts
- Allows sufficient timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
  - Positive feedback for this location
Possible Locations

- Armistead L. Boothe Park (8 points)
- Fort Ward Athletic Facility (4 points)

Proposed Location: **Armistead L Boothe Park**

- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Will align with current CIP improvements planned in Spring 2022
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
  - No specific community feedback received
Zip Code 22311

Possible Locations
- Chambliss Park (4 points)
- William Ramsay Recreation Center (Not scored)

Proposed Location: **Chambliss Park**
- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Allows significant timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking
- Community Feedback
  - No specific community feedback received
Zip Code 22314

Possible Locations
- Carlyle Tennis Courts (4 points)
- Lee Center (7 points)
- Montgomery Park (6 points)
- Powhatan Park (Not scored)

Proposed Location: **Lee Center**
- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Will align with current CIP improvements for light improvements
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
  - Positive feedback on expanding the number of courts at this location
Written Comments

Staff posted information online and at the courts proposed for pickleball facilities

Staff received comments from 26 individuals regarding the expansion project
- 76% in favor
- 16% against
- 8% neutral

Concerns
- Reduced access for tennis use on site high use courts
- Confusion during play due to multiple lines
- Noise

Support
- Additional courts for play/expanded use
- Appropriate height nets for pickleball
Project Timing and Next Steps

- The project is currently in planning and design

- Project funding is additional operating money and must be spent in FY2022.

- If approved, staff will engage contractors and vendors for May/June completion at all sites.

- Implementation may be staggered to minimize disruption to court users and align with existing CIP projects planned for Spring 2022.
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Pickleball Court Images
## Pickleball Court Ranking

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<th>Lighting</th>
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### Scoring Criteria
- **Existing Pickleball**: Yes - Pickleball courts currently exist at this site. No - Pickleball courts do not currently exist at this site (0 points).
- **Existing Courts**: Number of existing tennis courts at this site (0 points).
- **Number of Courts**: Number of pickleball courts possible at this location (0-2 points).
- **Parking**: Yes - Off-street parking available. No - Parking is on-street or a significant distance (0-2 points).
- **Restrooms**: Yes - Restrooms are available. No - Restrooms are not available (0-2 points).
- **Lighting**: Yes - The courts have lighting. No - The courts do not have lighting (0-2 points).
- **Zip Code**: Location Zip Code (Secondary Factor).
- **Year in CIP**: The year the site is anticipated to be renovated in the Capital Improvement Program (year may change based on the 2022 Ball Court Conditions Survey) (0 points).