



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

JANUARY 24, 2022

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Alcorn, Chair
Johnny Coladonato, Vice-Chair

Vacant
Deiter Crawford
Jody Diaz

Michael Finland
Ellen Goodman
Susie Meyer

John Miraglia
Christopher Spellmen
Vacant

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Justin Clifton, City Manager
Jeannie Kays, Director of Library Services and Interim Parks & Recreation Director

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5:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

***Please note the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
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- I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 22, 2021
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: This time has been set aside for members of the public to address Parks and Recreation Commission on agenda items and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Although the Commission values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. Three (3) minutes assigned for each speaker.
- VII. STAFF UPDATES:
- VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:
 1. **DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:
VERBAL REPORT**
 2. **DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR WAIVING FEES FOR SEAN TAROLI TENNIS TOURNAMENT:
VERBAL DISCUSSION**
 3. **DISCUSSION OF NEED FOR MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS AND WINDSCREENS:
VERBAL DISCUSSION**

**4. DISCUSSION ON AMP GRANT AND TREES IN PARKS ON ARBOR DAY:
VERBAL DISCUSSION**

**5. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES:
VERBAL REPORTS**

IX. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.

A. Commissioner Comments: This portion of the meeting is set aside for brief general comments, and/or issues or concerns from members of the Commission and/or items for future meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The Parks and Recreation Commission will adjourn to the next regular meeting, February 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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County of Riverside) ss.
City of Palm Springs)

I, Janet Burns, Senior Secretary for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Palm Springs, California, hereby certifies that this Agenda of the Palm Springs Parks and Recreation Commission Board, was posted at or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2022, and posted on the City's website as required by established policies and procedures.

Janet Burns

Janet Burns, Senior Secretary
Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, November 22, 2021, Live Teleconference Meeting
401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Alcorn and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	PRESENT TO DATE:
Jerry Alcorn	X		15
Travis Armstrong		X	12
Johnny Coladonato	X		13
Deiter Crawford	X		14
Jody Diaz	X		15
Michael Finland	X		3
Ellen Goodman	X		14
Susan Meyer	X		3
John Miraglia	X		7
Chris Spellman		X	2
Vacant			

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Gallavan, Assistant City Manager
Jeannie Kays, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Donn Uyeno, Engineer

III. **REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way; the Palm Springs Leisure Center, 401 S. Pavilion Way; and the City of Palm Springs' website prior to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Action: Approve the October 25, 2021, Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Diaz

Seconded by Commissioner Goodman

Motion carried Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Noting the absence of Commissioners Armstrong and Spellman

V. CORRESPONDENCE:
Three emails sent to Commissioners.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

VII. STAFF UPDATES:

Donn Uyeno:

On September 24, 2020, the City Council approved 7 projects from the **Parks & Recreation Commission's Priority Projects**, here are the remaining ones:

1. Pavilion Sound System – January target for installation. Electronic components are hard to source.
2. Playground Surfacing – Under construction. Contractor has completed the small playground at Desert Highland Park, and it is open to the public. The large playground needs about 20 more tiles before it is done. The contractor has completed demolition of the existing old playground surface at Demuth Park.
3. Ballfield Lighting Design– Consultant continues to work on lighting levels, pole placement, and system layout.

Other Park Projects under construction:

Demuth Park and Desert Highland Park Restrooms – Contractor is waiting for materials to arrive.

Demuth Community Center HVAC – The project will be awarded at the next City Council meeting.

Commissioner Goodman asked about the sand ordered for the dog park, Director Schafer answered.

Commissioner Miraglia asked about information on Baristo Park, both Interim Director Kays and Interim Director Schafer were able to answer questions

Interim Director Jeannie Kays:

Presented Power Point with upcoming event information for Recreation and Library

Chair Alcorn commented on the events

Interim Director Kays reported on the City Council retreat and updates

Commissioner Crawford asked questions about Baristo Park being closed, Director Schafer was able to answer the questions

Director Staci Schafer:

Most items already mentioned. Projects previously mentioned.

Director Schafer gave updates on benches being painted, trash can replacements, TOT statue at Swim Center, staff moving Spider art to new location.

Correspondence/emails discussed.

Commissioner Meyer asked about how the community can check on updates. Directors Schafer and Kays answered.

Commissioner Diaz referred to a past email correspondence that talked about a park bench being moved and wanted it on record that the Commission did not have it moved. Director Schafer commented that the benches had been moved because of the shade structure installation, and had been returned to the proper area.

Vice-Chair Coladonato asked about placing caution tape up around the fields during reseeding. Director Schafer stated that her goal was to keep adding necessary items to keep the fields healthy rather than keep people out of the parks.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

1. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:

Mentioned in Staff Updates.

No Action Taken.

2. REVIEW PRICING AND DISCUSS COMMISSION'S APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS FOR MEASURE J COMMISSION REVIEW:

Chair Alcorn was able to get quotes for the welding, equipment, and a walking path in Victoria Park.

Commissioner Meyer offered to write the applications

Director Schafer discussed using separate funds for a walking path from Measure J funds, and is working with DWA on having a DG walking path. Commissioner Goodman asked about the walking paths, Director Schafer was able to answer the questions.

AdHoc Committees were asked for input.

No Action Taken.

3. DISCUSSION OF VOLUNTEERS AND ASSIGNMENTS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT MEASURE J APPLICATIONS:

Chair Alcorn suggested one person work on each application, so as to distribute the workload.

Commissioners Goodman and Miraglia will do the application for the dog park.

Commissioner Meyer will do the application for the exercise equipment at the Wellness and JOJ Parks, and an application for the Sunrise Park Committee.

Chair Alcorn will do the fencing project at the Swim Center.

Directive was that Commissioners would submit the applications on their own. Commissioner Meyer asked for clarification of sending the application on behalf of the Commission.

Interim Director Kays and Chair Alcorn will do an application for the lockers at the Swim Center to be replaced.

Donn Uyeno clarified that the actual costs do not necessarily need to be submitted.

Commissioner Goodman asked about the equipment at the Sunrise and Wellness Parks.

Chair Alcorn discussed updating the Master Plan.

Commissioner Goodman shared that she was meeting with the (PSUSD) schools and Measure J representatives to discuss having equipment in the parks located near the schools.

Discussion was held on number of application submissions, possibility of emailing as an official record documenting that the applications were submitted, and the need to discuss the applications at the December Commission Meeting.

No Action Taken.

4. DISCUSSION OF ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 27, 2021, COMMISSION MEETING:

Discussion held about whether or not to cancel the December 27, 2021, Commission Meeting. Most Commissioners were indifferent.

Action To go dark on December 27, 2021, unless necessary to meet.

Motion by Commissioner Diaz

Seconded by Vice-Chair Coladonato

Motion carried all in favor, noting the absence of Commissioners Armstrong and Spellman.

5. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Diaz reported that she and Commissioner Miraglia met with Public Arts Commissioner.

Commissioner Meyer reported that the Sunrise AdHoc Committee surveyed Sunrise Park for Measure J funding and accessibility. They identified 15 items for funding, i.e. repaving, new/more BBQ units, water fountains, repairs, equipment, etc. Chair Alcorn said he had 24 items on his list that needed attention such as safety issues, upgrades needed.

Commissioner Goodman stated that the Dog Park Subcommittee hasn't met, but will be doing application submission for funding.

Interim Director Kays introduced the new Assistant City Manager, Teresa Gallavan. Manager Gallavan gave her background and said she looked forward to working with everyone.

Chair Alcorn welcomed her.

IX. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.

A. Commissioner Comments: This portion of the meeting is set aside for brief general comments, and/or issues or concerns from members of the Commission and/or items for future meetings.

No comments made.

Action: To adjourn and meet as a Commission on January 24, 2022, at our normal scheduled time.

Motion by Commissioner Goodman
Seconded by Vice-Chair Coladonato
Motion carried all in favor.

Chair Alcorn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. He also reminded everyone to volunteer for the upcoming Festival of Lights Parade.

With no other business to attend, Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 24, 2022, via a Zoom meeting facilitated from 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, California, 92262.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Burns, Senior Secretary
Department of Parks and Recreation

January Agenda Item

Janet Burns

From: Jasmine Waits
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Janet Burns
Subject: FW: In kind donation: I Heart Tennis RR Doubles event

For the Parks & Recreation Commission review.

From: Taroli Tennis <tarolitennis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:53 PM
To: Jasmine Waits <Jasmine.Waits@palmspringsca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov>
Subject: In kind donation: I Heart Tennis RR Doubles event

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To whom it may concern -

My name is Sean Bulmer. I am the owner of Maverick Tennis in Palm Springs, CA. I am writing you as a formality as it appears my request is dead in the water before it's even been presented.

As you surly must know, over the last 7 years Palm Springs has gone from world class tennis destination to tennis graveyard. Even in a global pandemic that disallows every single sport with the exception of golf and tennis zero programming exists at Ruth Hardy Park. A community sport in which a tennis court in Southern CA is worth aprox. \$80,000.00 a year to its Parks Department sits empty. A sport that the CDC tells us if played 3 hours a week can cut in half the risk of almost any deadly disease, remains unused. Weather my conspiracy or incompetence the Peoples Courts sit rotting, unwashed and unlit. Why is that? Like it or not our Park & Recreation department is a governmental entity. It's socialism at its very finest serving ALL of The People no matter ethnicity, country of origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, or economic background. The "World oldest social network" is also the most socially distanced safe sport requiring 78' between players. It is custom made for the physical and emotional challenges we face today. Yet despise a few lightbulbs being replaced and a return to a few lot courts at Ruth Hardy Park, the city's own app. warns local and visitors alike "No lights available until further notice." Why is that?

I lived in PS proper from 2012-2016. As a 3rd gen California and San Francisco native I've called Palm Springs a second home all of my adult life. My grandfather and my grandmother, a DiMaggio from SF, used to bring me down here as a kid so I could learn how to play tennis and how to be a gentleman. One out of two isn't bad. I returned to PS in October of 2020 with one goal in mind... to return tennis to the city that literally owes its life to Tennis and the movie stars that played it. For God sake's there's a 9 foot bronze statue of Charlie Farrell aka Mr. Palm Springs, a former mayor and well-known actor who opened the Racquet Club a Palm Springs in 1934. In fact I run the Facebook page for the club. But when I returned I found a negative undercurrent at the park. Worse yet, I found tribalism between a sport and a recreation that has divided a Ciry, it's snowbirds and it's guests. There's no possible way any of you do not know what's been going on. Yet you sit by and watch as though nothing has happened. Why is that?

I did not return to play Police-person, therapist, or become the Messiah of Tennis. For 15 months I've worked diligently to sever that negative influence from Ruth Hardy Park and embrace Pickleball as one of their fellow players. In fact I took free Pickleball lessons last summer at 6:15 in the morning before I went to Palm Springs high school to give an hour of tennis tour local children to the park and rec department. Things are dramatically different at Ruth Hardy Park and I've been embraced by most of the pickle ball players. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I am pro recreation. I am pro Arts. I seek harmony, not chaos. I shouldn't have to be telling any of you this nor should I have to be doing your work for

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you. I'm willing to take a bullet on behalf of others. One of the final pieces of the puzzle is an event I produced called the I Heart Tennis round robin tournament. The dates are February 12 and 13th Valentine's Day weekend. That weekend was originally scheduled for a Sanctioned senior tournament. Despite having created a bridge between United States tennis Association and the park in Recs Department of Palm Springs California I've yet to see any real support from the governing body of Tennis. Therefore at the request of the regulars Who play at the park I pivoted to a locals tournament instead. I'm asking the city for an in-kind donation that would pay for the printing of the flyers for the tournament as well as the court fees. Court fees I may add, that do not include cleaning of the courts or their lighting. Why is that?

I've already received my answer. To paraphrase, "If we do it for him we will have to do it for everyone." That attitude doesn't make me angry. It doesn't even frustrate me. To be honest, it kind of breaks my heart. People are dying. People are taking their own lives. People are unhoused, people are unemployed. People are loosing faith in their own government. I returned to give our cities unofficial sport a little nudge. But what I found was a park in disarray and our cities official sport abandoned. Someone very special to me asked me to go the extra mile and try to heal some of the past wounds our tennis community still suffers. I won't bother you all with what my answer was, but I can promise you it wasn't, "If I do it for them I'll have to do it for everyone." Why is that?

Please add me to 01/24/2022 agenda.

In gratitude,
Sean

PS: please find the mock up or the event attached. THIS IS NOT THE FINAL IMAGE. It was custom drawn by Joe Phillips for the event in order to project a "travel poster" feel for the City of Palm Springs. By donating the courts and printing not only is the City showing their support for the event and the tennis residents of PS Proper, they are helping me keep the event affordable. The fee is only \$30 per person. That's 1/3 the normal fee. If we do not receive help the cost will have to be baked into the fees. And to be clear this is not a for-profit event. A portion of the proceeds are earmarked to provide free and affordable programming for youth and senior residence of Palm Springs she's a Palm Springs park and recreation department.

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2022**

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Janet Burns

From: Jim ODoherty [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 11:37 PM
To: ReclInfo
Cc: Jeannie Kays
Subject: safety issue at Demuth pickleball courts

NOTICE: This message originated outside of The City of Palm Springs -- **DO NOT CLICK** on links or open **attachments** unless you are sure the content is safe.

Hello, below is the message I sent via the online message system for Palm Springs. I am writing this email to include some photos to further help with this safety issue.

I appreciate and am hopeful that your quick response to fix a safety issue will be quick enough to avoid any possible injuries from a player slipping and falling down due to the conditions of the courts.

Jim ODoherty



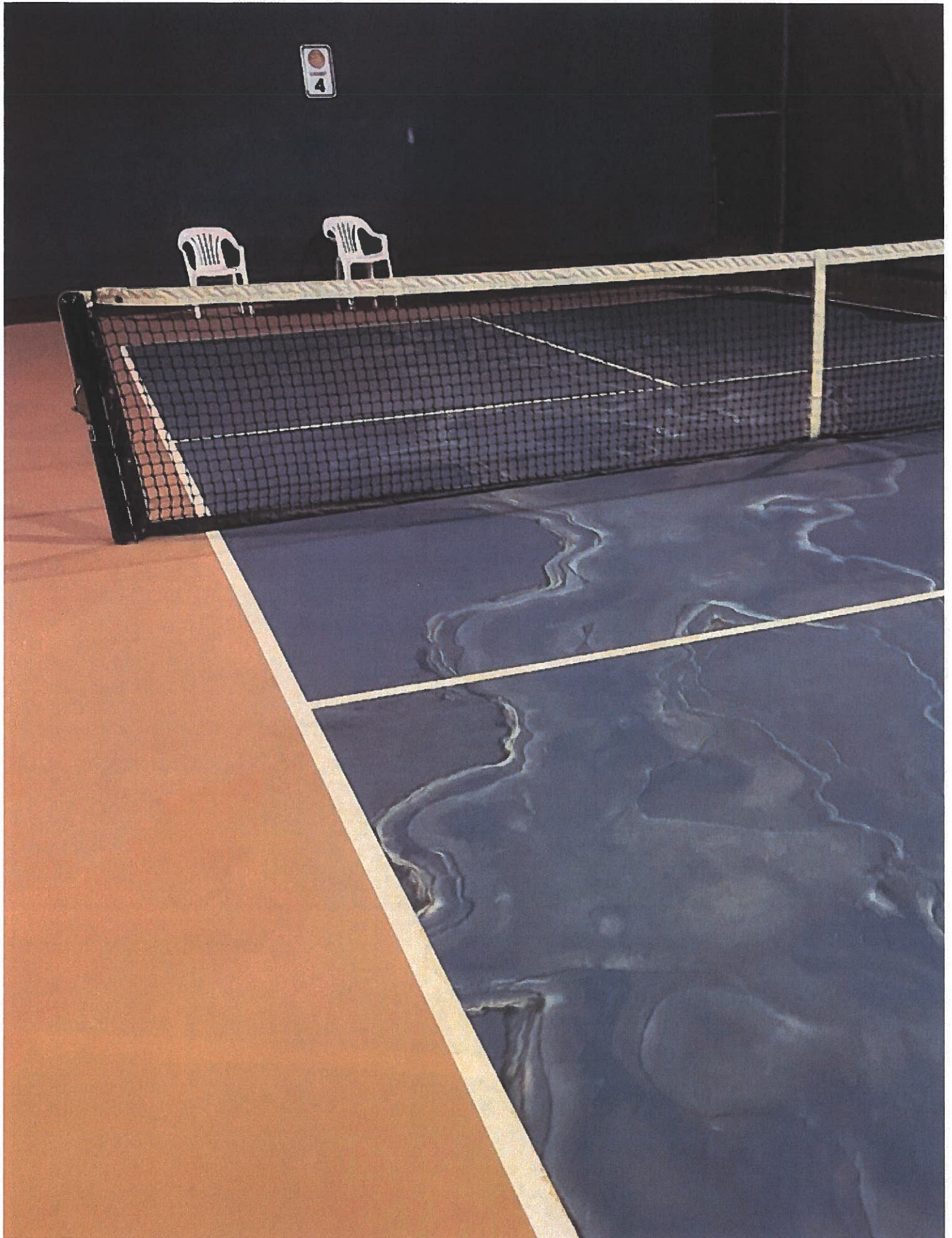
Below is the body of the message sent via your online message system:

This request is for the Demuth Park Pickleball courts. It appears that the sprinklers near the courts are now putting out so much water that the courts are being flooded. Along with that is all the sand and dirt that get picked up by the water and then dry onto the courts making them very dangerous. I have personally fallen down once due to these uneven sand deposits on the court. Someone will definitely get hurt if this safety issue is not taken care of by the city. I have also noticed that the sprinkler settings are causing the parking lot to be watered as well. I have pictures that I will send from my email address [REDACTED]

I ask that you put priority on this matter before someone astuslly gets hurt from the courts being so dirty and sometimes wet from the excess sprinkling of the surrounding grass.









Janet Burns

From: Taroli Tennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 9:59 PM
To: Alejandro De Jesus; Jasmine Waits; Jeannie Kays; Reclnfo
Subject: Signage and Nets and Courts, Oh My!
Attachments: IMG_0888.jpeg; IMG_0894.jpeg; IMG_0898.jpeg

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Greetings -

I was at both Demuth Park and RHP today, yesterday and Demuth this ans last evening. While not all lamps are working the lights were on at 5:10pm today at Demuth but not at 7:30pm last night. I'll deal with Demuth Park through other means moving forward.

I had a very insightful discussion with about a dozen or so regulars at RHP late this morning. I felt obligated to face them in terms of what i noticed today is a lack of signage on the courts with our tournament dates. To my surprise not only was everyone warm and greeting, they were in clear support of the event despite it monopolizing 8 hours in a day. Some had assumed it was this weekend after seeing the story in the Desert Sun.

As I've mentioned I'm about harmony from chaos. Sometimes it take chaos to achieve harmony but you get the idea. Without a solicitation from me the players started pointing out not only the below standards condition of the courts in terms of tournament play, according to them this has been an ongoing issue. I'm a subscriber to the philosophy that there are three such to every story, yours, mine, and the truth. Weather there is any truth to the courts not bring cleaned I cannot say. They were rented to an organization serving a local 5013c at a premium price. We expect standard courts in standard condition. They aren't lit for tournaments so the event is dragged into an additional day. Nobody has yet to mention the surrounding grass is being seeded thus eliminating access to viewers and use of the picnic tables, I would assume. My first application vanished into thin air, and I've had to produce a third and final application. I've offered to be on sight as a guide for detailing the courts, and I've seen no communication on the saggy net in disrepair, which just happens to be the far court on the street in front of the stands. Your signage inside the furthest court explaining how the lights work is covered by very old windscreen. There are weeds, minor pieces of trash, and a ton of ball felt build up along rhe fences and I hope the bathrooms remain stocked. I haven't checked.

The Tennis Coalition of Palm Springs is growing. We look forward to being of service to you in the near future. The official address is: [REDACTED]

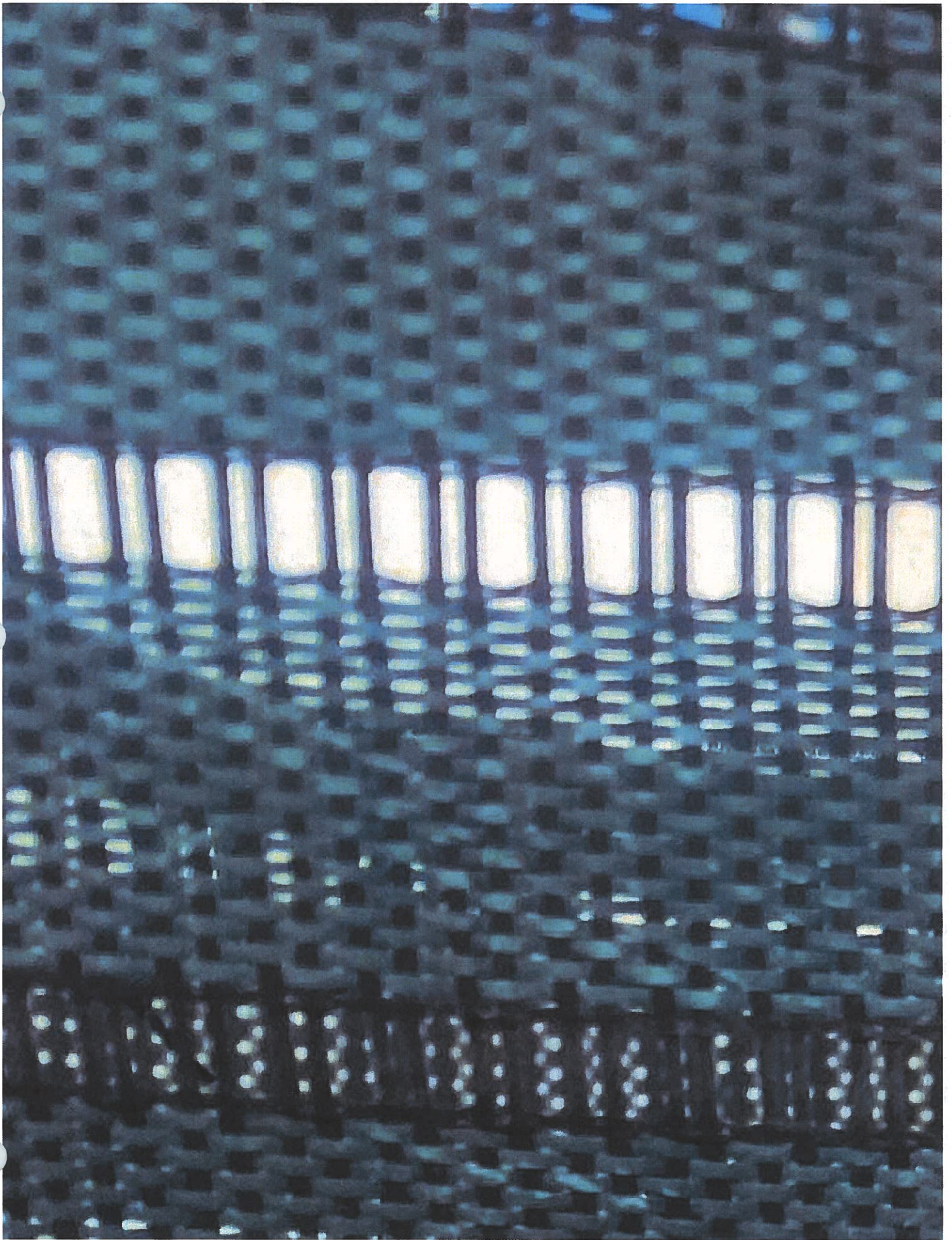
Maverick Tennis has chosen the Senior Center as a 3rd party recipient of funds from the February event.

This evening I attended the 7th annual Transgender Day of Remembrance at City Hall steps. A record number transgender individuals were killed, usually buy a gun in, or their hand this year. Maverick Tennis has committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for tennis and will be the provider to the Trans Health & Wellness Center as it establishes new roots in PS Proper.

I watched KING RICHARD last night. I had reservations but Will Smith outcryfm ro rest within 15 minutes. From beginning to end this film is a gem. Arthur Ashe was one of my few heroes as a young person. He too has received a documentary being released soon. That will be at least 3 tennis driven films were produced in the age of Covid-19. 2 with African-American men as the main subject matter. Fascinating. Promising. Inspiring!

Kindly, Sean [REDACTED]











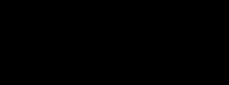
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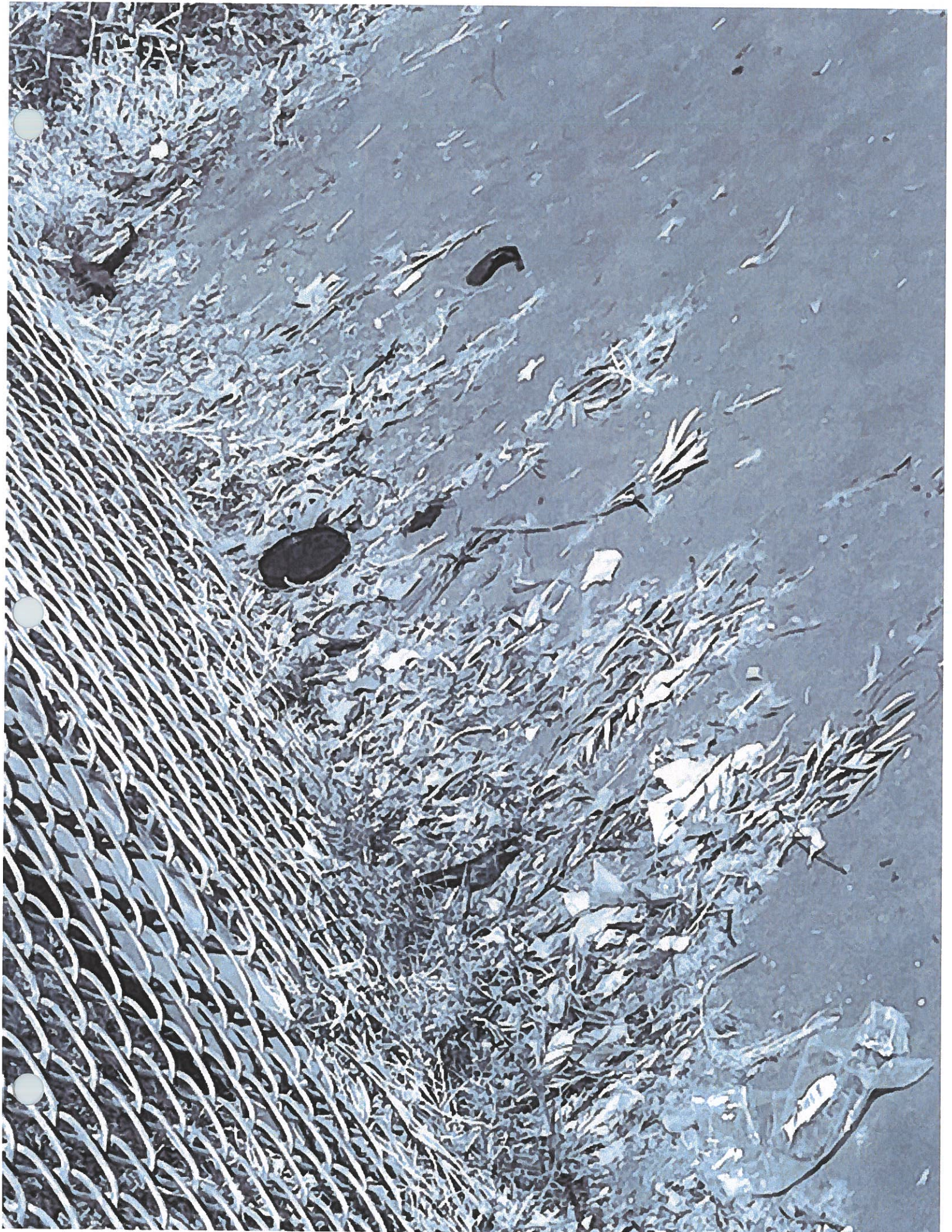
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Janet Burns

From: ReInfo
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Jeannie Kays; Janet Burns
Subject: FW: Ruth Hardy Tennis Community

FYI, add to your stuff for the meeting

From: julie knowles [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 1:00 PM
To: ReInfo <ReInfo@palmspringsca.gov>
Subject: Ruth Hardy Tennis Community

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Hello again,

Once again I am representing the Ruth Hardy tennis players and I would repeat our thanks for the surfacing of the courts and providing beautiful sun shades for the bleaches.

However, as discussed with Cynthia we have concerns as follows;

1. Water from the sprinklers is streaming onto the new court surface which will eventually erode the surface wasting the vital money that has been spent on resurfacing.

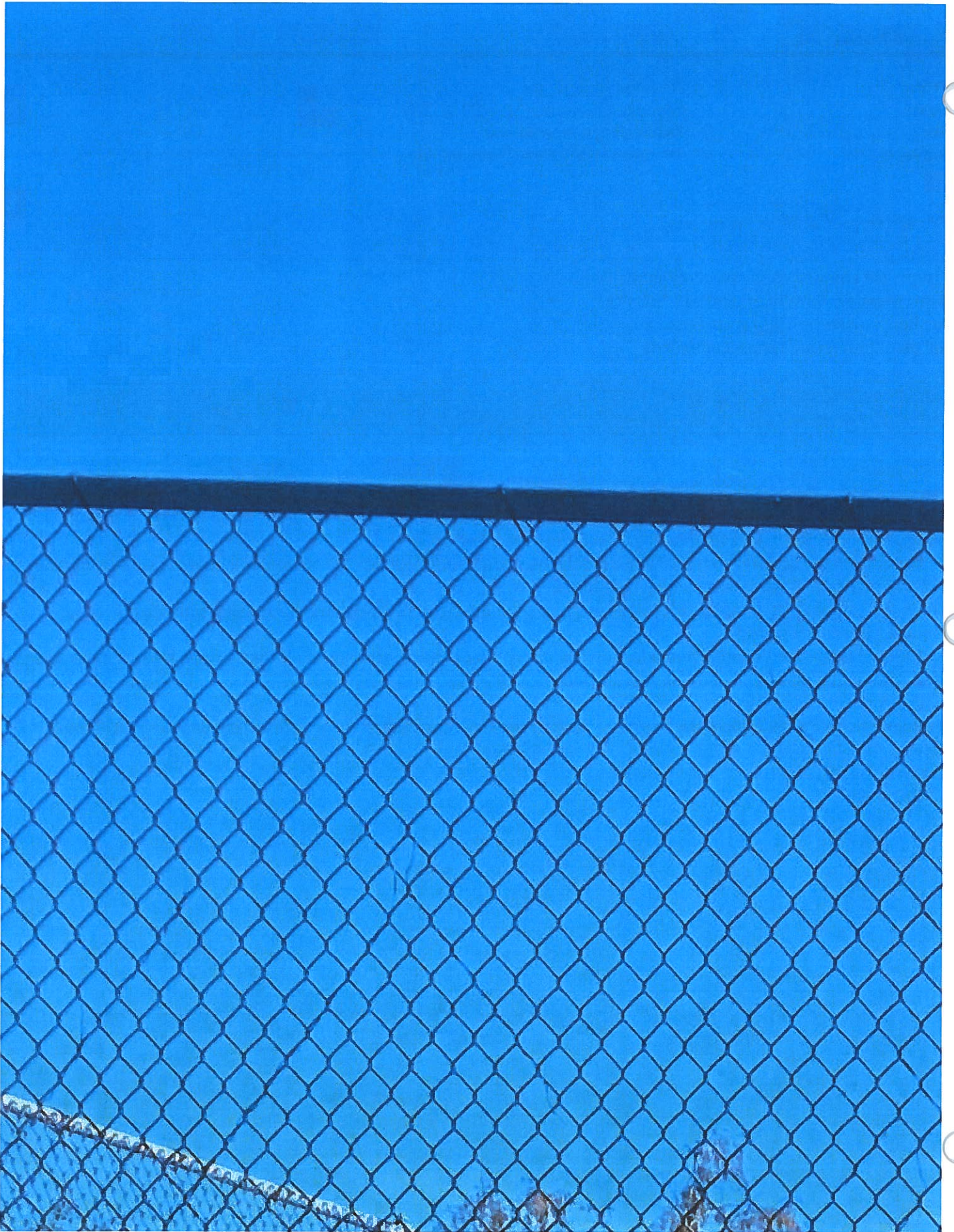
We asked for the grass areas to be replaced with gravel or desert landscaping and the sprinklers turned off. Is this request a possibility please.

2. The sun shades are beautiful but unfortunately do not shade the bleaches because they are too high. Is it possible to lower the shades making the seating area shaded.

Photographs taken at 11.00am this morning. Please send someone out to see for yourself the damage that is being done.

Regards

Julie Knowles.





Sent from my iPad





