



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**

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### **AGENDA**

**March 28, 2022**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

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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  
will be via teleconference***

- I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28, 2022
- 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 DISC GOLF PROPOSAL:  
PRESENTATION AND VERBAL DISCUSSION**
  3. **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, April 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

State of California            )  
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, March 23, 2022, and posted on the City's website as required by established policies and procedures.

*Janet Burns*

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, February 28, 2022, Live Teleconference Meeting  
401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Alcorn and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	PRESENT TO DATE:
Jerry Alcorn	X		1
Johnny Coladonato	X		1
Deiter Crawford	X		1
Jody Diaz	X		1
Michael Finland	X		1
Ellen Goodman	X		1
Susan Meyer	X		1
John Miraglia	X		1
Chris Spellman		X	1
Vacant			
Vacant			

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeannie Kays, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Donn Uyeno, Principal 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, February 23, 2022, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action:** Approve the January 24, 2022, Minutes

**Motion** by Commissioner Finland

**Seconded** by Commissioner Diaz

**Motion carried Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Noting the absence of Commissioner Spellman**

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails were forwarded to Commissioners and will be collated and sent with Meeting Minutes next month.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prior to opening for Public Comments Chair Alcorn announced that the Commission was aware of Pickleball and Tennis issues and requests for more courts. To alleviate the rumors, he also stated that there were no plans at this time to convert the Ruth Hardy Park tennis courts into Pickleball courts.

1. Mary Barsaleau thanked Commissioners, mentioned her upcoming tournament, introduced herself as an instructor, gave shout out to office staff, thanked Commission for new bathrooms at DCC, offered help from David Feltman, T Santora, and herself if needed.
2. David Feltman thanked Commissioners and Mary, touched briefly on lighting at Demuth courts, appreciated plans for new Pickleball courts, mentioned strategy from Council is quick wins, new court lights would be a good idea.
3. Director Kays read email from Peter Henderson regarding white boards, sand on courts, and more Pickleball courts needed.

VII. STAFF UPDATES:

Donn Uyeno:

Seven (7) Priority Projects:

1. Pavilion Sound System – didn't have an update
2. Ballfield Lighting Design– still on schedule to have ready for bid by end of March
3. Playground Surfacing –Contractor has completed Desert Highland Park and Demuth Park, they are open to the public. Playground at Victoria Park is under construction, anticipated completion is March 28.

Other Park Projects under construction:

1. Desert Highland Park ballpark – laser leveling on fields bids open on Wednesday, staff report going to Council for shade structure behind fence
2. Desert Highland Restrooms- there's been a hiccup but contractor coming up with solutions and waiting for approval
3. Demuth Park restrooms- continuing
4. Block wall project – submittals coming in, tentative start date March 28, aware of Pickleball tournaments, during construction the back (southern) Pickleball courts will be closed.

5. Swim Center - waiting for authorization from Council for shade structure
6. Demuth Community Center HVAC – The project has started

Vice-Chair Coladonato asked for clarification on the ballparks, Mr. Uyeno responded

Director Staci Schafer:

1. Electrical started in gym at Demuth Community Center
2. (10) Doggie fountains being put in parks
3. Trash cans being replaced at City hall, swamping out and will move on to Demuth dog park
4. Investigating switching out ground cover in parks
5. Basketball hoops up, exercise and playground equipment up

Vice-Chair Coladonato complimented Staci's staff for infields at ball fields, outfields need a little work.

Chair Alcorn asked about the Spider being moved to the Pavilion, Director Schafer will find out and follow up.

Commissioner Goodman asked about the ground covering at the City Hall dog park. Director Schafer responded. Discussed dog park grant updates.

Interim Director Jeannie Kays:

1. Indoor facilities are open, masks still required for children's programs and unvaccinated patrons
2. Fireworks will be permitted but smaller plus pilot program
3. Shared flyers for programs via Power Point presentation

Commissioner Meyer asked about location for flyers, Director Kays explained the City website was where flyers could be found.

Director Kays gave the update on the new Director application process.

## VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

### 1. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:

See Donn Uyeno's updates. Director Kays discussed the construction at the Demuth Community Center.

No Action Taken

**2. PRESENTATION BY GRASSROOTS YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM REQUESTING RESTRIPING OF RUTH HARDY TENNIS COURTS:**

Kay Butler from the Grassroots Youth Tennis Organization presented a request to have 2 courts striped for younger players to be able to practice and have their own tournaments on the tennis courts. The courts are designed for adults and does not include younger players. She also discussed costs for the project.

Chair Alcorn thanked Kay for her presentation and proposed that the Commission discuss it at another meeting.

No Action Taken

**3. DISCUSSION OF AMP GRANT:**

Director Schafer explained the Grant and the need for volunteers to help dig holes and plant 87 trees.

Discussion on upcoming Tree Planting Arbor Day Event scheduled to be held on March 12, 2022, at 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the JOJDHUC.

No Action Taken

**4. UPDATE FROM PICKLEBALL ADHOC COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Finland gave a report of his meeting with a group of Pickleball players last Monday, February 21, 2022.

Vice-Chair Coladonato gave a report of a site visit and the fact that getting more courts and looking for land would take time.

Commissioner Diaz discussed the need for minor upkeep, need for windscreens, and recommended adding Pickleball courts at other parks so other members of the community could be reached.

Discussion was held on windscreens, removal of DG, lighting, increasing the court cleaning scheduled, and a need for a survey to find out the preference for a queuing system at the courts.

Director Kays offered that staff would put out a survey for Pickleball players.

**Action:** Commission recommends moving all upgrades forward for lighting, windscreens, DG ground covering, and asked staff to conduct a survey for Pickleball players opinions on queuing system and courts.

**Motion** by Commissioner Goodman

**Seconded** by Vice-Chair Coladonato

**Motion carried Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Noting the absence of Commissioner Spellman**

**5. DISCUSSION OF LAND EVALUATION – DISC GOLF PROPOSAL:**

Discussion on having the program at a park other than original proposal of Sunrise Park. Chair Alcorn had reached out to the group with the proposal to ask them to present idea to Commission, but hadn't heard back.

No Action Taken

**6. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES:**

No reports.

No Action Taken

**IX. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.**

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.

Commissioner Diaz requested that staff contact the patron from one of the correspondence emails. Director Schafer had already responded to the gentleman.

Commissioner Goodman said it was a great meeting, asked Director Kays for a Dog Park Grant update. Brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Crawford brought up that he had reached out to PSUSD regarding the tennis courts but was unsuccessful. Asked for update on White Water Park being built and wondered if Measure J money could be used instead of waiting for another grant.

Vice-Chair Coladonato said it was a great meeting, asked Director Schafer about the ballfields. Brief discussion was held.

Director Kays reminded everyone of the concert in the parks, and that Commission meetings were still virtual.

Chair Alcorn asked about the laser leveling at the parks. Director Schafer answered the questions.

Chair Alcorn thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business Chair Alcorn asked for a motion to adjourn.



**Action:** To adjourn and meet as a Commission on March 28, 2022, at our normal scheduled time.

**Motion** by Commissioner Goodman

**Seconded** by Vice Chair Coladonato

**Motion carried Unanimously**

With no other business to attend, Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2022, via a Zoom meeting facilitated from 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, California, 92262.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**From:** [RecInfo](#)  
**To:** [Jeannie Kays](#); [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Screens at Demuth Park Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 7:26:15 PM

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** Julie Hooker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 7:12:41 PM  
**To:** Reclnfo <Reclnfo@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** Wind Screens at Demuth Park Pickleball Courts

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To Whom it may concern:

I own a home in PS and play PB several times a week at Demuth Park. The courts are heavily used and in good condition, but would be even better with wind screens. Secondly, why is there a tennis court instead of additional PB courts at Demuth? Ruth Hardy is for tennis and excludes PB. The tennis court at Demuth should be converted to the popular game of PB. It is seldom used for tennis at Demuth, and doesn't seem equitable to not make this an exclusive PB court to match Ruth Hardy for tennis.

Thank you,  
Julie Hooker  
Palm Springs

**From:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**To:** [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ruth Hardy Tennis Court Support  
**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:27:42 AM

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Agenda Correspondence

Anthony J. Mejia, MMC  
City Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Wise [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:30 AM  
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov>  
Subject: Ruth Hardy Tennis Court Support

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Attn. Parks and Recreation Commission

Please register our support to maintain the Ruth a Hardy Park tennis courts for tennis only - no pickle ball at this location.

Respectfully,

Robert Wise & Thinh Tran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Date: [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] Callery Z Flip? No, an AT&T 3G smartphone  
Get [REDACTED]

From: Peter [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 10:02 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Dear City Employee:

I have a public comment that was not able to get filed by telephone at your last P. A. R. meeting, although I am assured by Janet Basso that I will be accommodated in February.

I see no reason to wait as the issue is timing now. Would someone be so kind to respond to the query? The date was:

I and other picklers contacted with Vickie and Cynthia, years ago, to develop the included, posted authorized current rules.

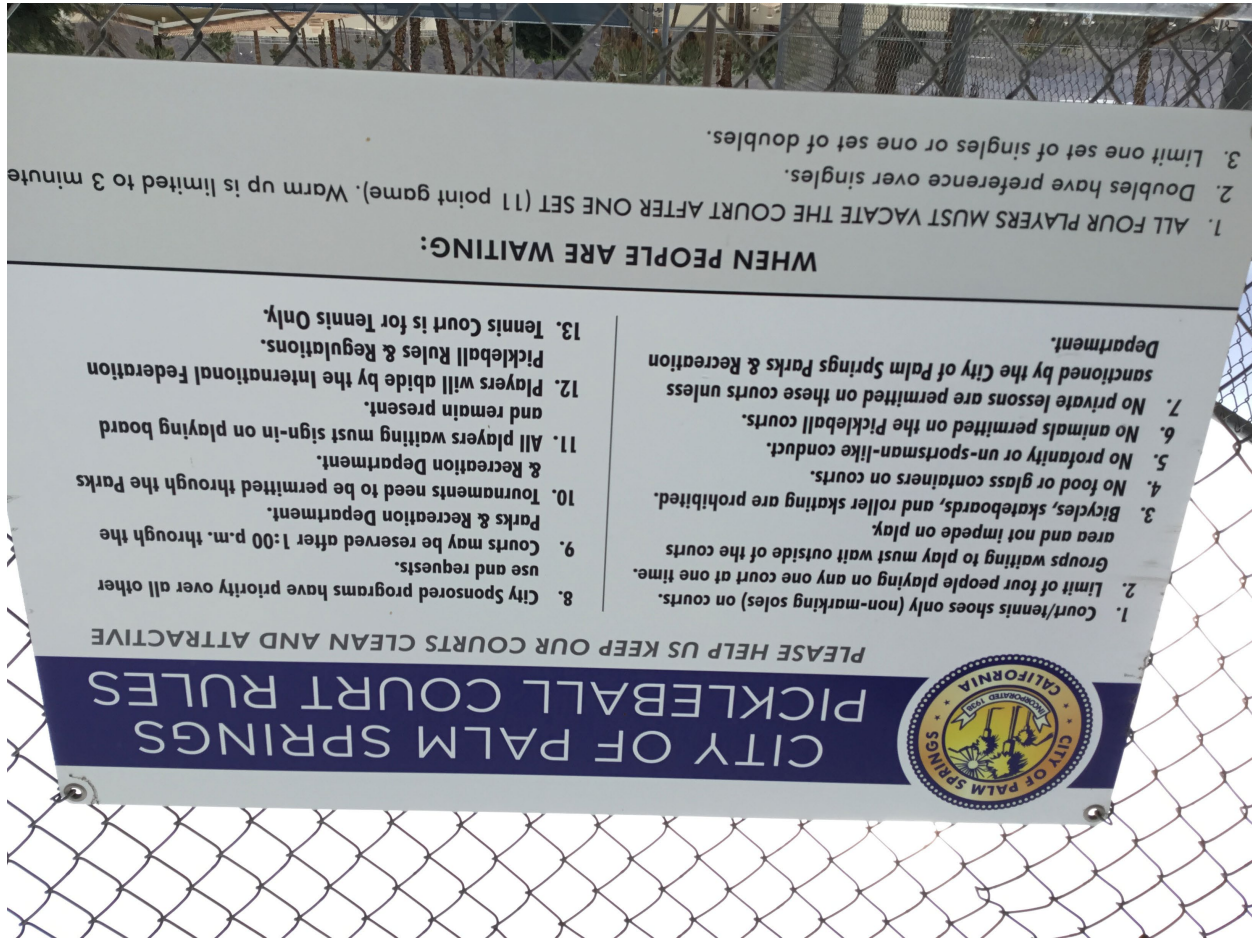
The accompanying sign-up board was removed without any notice or consultation to us and no alternate or interim system was offered thus creating chaotic court access now.

My question is:

WHY, WITH YOUR CERTAIN AWARENESS, HAS THE EXISTING COURT RULES #11 REFERENCED THE SIGN-UP BOARD FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS IF IT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY YOU?

Thanks for a timely response

Peter [REDACTED]



San Jose via iPad

**From:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**To:** [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: For the Parks & Recreation Commissioners & Staff  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:46:07 AM  
**Attachments:** [Pickleball\\_palmSprings \(4\).docx](#)

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## Agenda Correspondence

Anthony Mejia  
City Clerk

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** David Feltman [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 1, 2022 at 10:36:08 AM PST  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mary Barsaleau [REDACTED], Connie Faipas [REDACTED], Jeannie Kays <[Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**Subject:** For the Parks & Recreation Commissioners & Staff

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Dear Chairman Alcorn, Commissioners and City Staff,

Thank you for the productive conversation at the January meeting about the need for more pickleball courts in Palm Springs. It appears that the Commission recognizes the need for consideration of new courts and that is much appreciated.

As I think you know, several of us (myself, Mary Barsaleau and Jerry Keller) signed on to a submission to the Measure J Commission that proposes \$600,000-\$1,000,000 for NEW pickleball courts. A copy of that submission is attached. I attended the last Measure J Commission and I think it is accurate to say that the Commission decided that the proposal is worthy of further consideration as part of their regular budget. The tenor of the conversation, albeit brief, was positive.

One thing I want to continue to address is that I realize there is lingering emotion around incidents which took place several years ago between pickleball players and tennis players. As I mentioned, I am a tennis fan and player and have ZERO interest in replicating those unfortunate events. Let's put that in the past and focus on how we build best-in class pickleball facilities in Palm Springs.

A few follow up items I'd like to mention.

1) Several of us are interested in participating in some way in the Pickleball

subcommittee's work. That would be me, Mary Barsaleu and Connie Faipeas. I have CC'd them on this email for ease of contact.

2) There seemed to be some uncertainty about when the issue of the lights on the existing courts should be addressed. As I mentioned, the technology is likely outdated and the light is pretty inadequate. I hope that the Commission can make updating the lights on the existing courts a request in the upcoming budget process. While the new courts will likely have up-to-date lighting, it will take time for the new courts to be built. So, I hope the commission will make lighting for the existing courts a priority.

3) An individual making public comment made a false assertion that pickleball players are primarily white. I am out there almost every day and this is categorically untrue. In fact, in my nine years in Palm Springs, I have never experienced a gathering of citizens that is more diverse by ethnic, racial and national origin (and age) as I do on the pickleball courts. And I love that about pickleball in Palm Springs because my circle of friends and acquaintances has widened tremendously. Thank you for allowing me to correct the record on this point.

Thank you again for your support of the growing popularity of pickleball in Palm Springs and I look forward to seeing you all on the next Zoom call of the Commission in late February.

Sincerely,

David Feltman  
Palm Springs CA



This is a proposal to expand pickleball capacity in Palm Springs. We currently have 12 municipal courts that are very heavily used—and a sport that is growing by leaps and bounds for people of all age groups. (See attached reference in the Axios newsletter)

We are seeking support from the Measure J Commission for the building of 12 additional courts that will enable city residents and visitors alike to have sufficient pickle ball capacity now and into the future.

As a city of both residents and visitors, having a full complement of amenities that are available to everyone is part of what makes Palm Springs unique and special. Currently, due to climate and capacity limits we have fewer courts than people use now and certainly into the future based on the growth of this sport.

Therefore, determining the court requirements for pickleball now and into the future is critical. With the Measure J Commission soliciting community-based proposals, we think this is the perfect opportunity to determine the community's needs in this area.

We see three possible solutions though there may be some that go beyond these suggestions:

- 1) Add the 12 courts to DeMuth Park so that remains the hub of pickleball activity in Palm Springs
- 2) Add the 12 courts to Sunrise Park thus making better use of that park's space and drawing more people there. This location has the benefit of being accessible to the Boys and Girls Club and making it easily accessible to people of all ages. (This is also true for DeMuth Park but the unique access to the Boys & Girls Club is noteworthy.
- 3) The old Desert Sun building and its site can be acquired with the creation of both indoor and outdoor courts. Given the climate changes that are taking place, moving toward a partially indoor solution can be very attractive to meeting the needs of year-round residents.

It is our understanding that outdoor courts which also include lights, fencing and windscreens will cost in the range of \$50,000 per court exclusive of needs for renovating or building h bathrooms nearby. The cost of the old Desert Sun site and the creation of both indoor and outdoor courts is unknown.

We urge the Measure J Commission to work with City Staff to determine the location, size and scope for making this important investment in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Feltman and Mary Barsaleau

(Jerry Keller's name was added later by email)

**Name:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Monday, November 5, 2023, 2:42:09 AM

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Jared  
Can we get someone to check this?

Thanks,  
Anthony

**From:** Anthony Majja <Anthony.Majja@psdmpr.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** Matt Salje <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** [redacted]

Hi Matt,  
I am forwarding your question to Jennifer Kay, Interim Parks and Recreation Director, for a response.  
Thank you,  
Anthony Majja  
City Clerk

On Feb 1, 2023, at 7:39 PM, Matt Salje <[redacted]> wrote:

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Hi, some of the lights also need replacement. Do you know when the city is going to fix them?  
Thank you





On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 8:50 AM Anthony Mejia <[Anthony.Mejia@cityofpalm.com](mailto:Anthony.Mejia@cityofpalm.com)> wrote:

Your email has been received and will be provided to the City Council and included in the official record. Thank you.

**Anthony J. Mejia, MEMC**  
City Clerk

**From:** Mattie Roberts  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 9:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[Anthony.Mejia@cityofpalm.com](mailto:Anthony.Mejia@cityofpalm.com)>  
**Subject:** Tennis courts support

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Hello,

My husband and I are Palm Springs residents and we support tennis and we don't want to lose any courts to pickleball.

We currently play at Ruth Hardy park 3 times a week at least.



**From:** [RecInfo](#)  
**To:** [Jeannie Kays](#); [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Demuth Pickleball Court improvement  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 7:57:01 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robles [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 7:57 AM  
To: RecInfo <[RecInfo@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:RecInfo@palmspringsca.gov)>  
Subject: Demuth Pickleball Court improvement

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Hi PS Rec Info:

I'm a resident of Palm Springs and would like to express my disappointment with the Pickleball courts at Demuth. Here are some of my concerns:

- 1) Windbreakers are needed to shelter the courts
- 2) Two entry gates at the beginning of each quad of courts should be available for better foot traffic.
- 3) The growing pickleball sport needs additional courts at Demuth or somewhere in Palm Springs.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Larry Robles  
Palm Springs resident since 2014

**From:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**To:** [Janet Burns](#); [Evelyn Beltran](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:44:29 AM

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## Agenda Correspondence

**Anthony J. Mejia, MMC**  
City Clerk

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**From:** karen hacker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider adding 12 new lighted pickleball courts in Pal Springs. We support the community initiated proposal to the Measure J Commission to construct these courts. Please distribute my email to all city council members and each member of the Measure J and Parks and Recreation Commissions.

Thank you,

Karen Hacker  
Resident, Palm Springs

**From:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**To:** [Janet Burns](#); [Evelyn Beltran](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pickleball Courts Needed in Palm Springs  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:17:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[PickleBall Letter of Support-2022.docx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Agenda Correspondence

**Anthony J. Mejia, MMC**  
City Clerk

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**From:** Molly Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <CityClerk@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts Needed in Palm Springs  
**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Aftab Dada, President of the Board of Directors for the Palm Springs Hospitality Association, PSHA would like to submit this formal letter of full support for adding more pickleball courts within the City of Palm Springs. If you could please forward this email to the entire City Council, the Parks & Recreation Department and also to those associated with the Measure J Commission.

Thank you for your time,

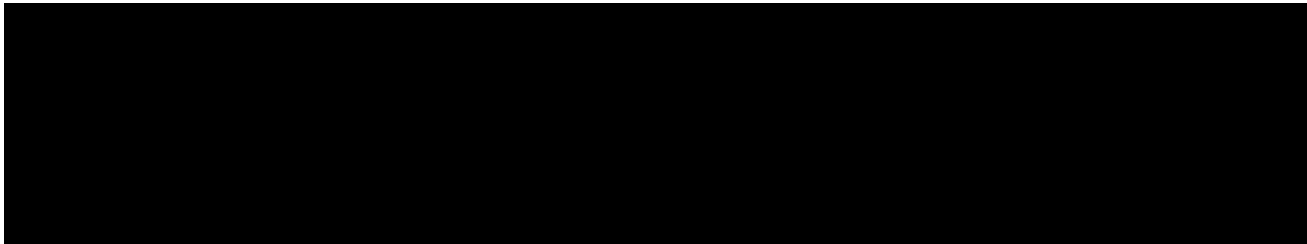
***Molly Anderson***

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February 23, 2022

Members of the City Council, Measure J and Parks and Recreation Commission:

The Board of Directors of the Palm Springs Hospitality Association (PSHA) is writing to express our support for the proposal to build 12 additional pickleball courts in Palm Springs.

PSHA represents all facets of the hospitality community from hotels to restaurants and attractions.

One of the most important things for attracting tourists to Palm Springs is the quality of our facilities for use by our visitors and citizens alike.

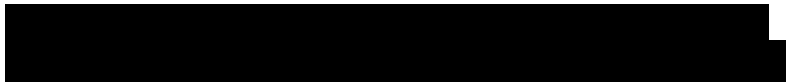
With the ascendance of pickleball as a sport played by people of all ages, we believe it is important that the facilities in Palm Springs keep pace with the enormous growth that is occurring.

We are especially interested in drawing tournaments to the City that will result in more people staying overnight, eating in our restaurants, and taking part in a wide array of activities of which pickleball is just one of the draws that brings them here.

There was a proposal recently submitted to the Measure J Commission for \$600,000-\$1,000,000 in support of further development of pickleball facilities and we encourage you to take the necessary steps to move this proposal forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aftab Dada



**From:** [RecInfo](#)  
**To:** [Jeannie Kays](#)  
**Cc:** [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** FW: For Inclusion in Public Comments Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 2/28/22  
**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:50:57 AM

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**From:** Tim Giuliani - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:50 AM  
**To:** RecInfo <RecInfo@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** For Inclusion in Public Comments Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 2/28/22

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Commissioners,

I would like to register my frustration at the lack of constructive communication and subsequent action between The Director of Maintenance and Facilities and Dog Park Patrons . I have emailed the Director frequently on behalf of many regular Dog Park Patrons in regards to general upkeep and constant problems within the park. My last three emails have gone unanswered. It is evident they are being received as some of the requests are being met, others ignored. Past efforts with various emails have had a similar pattern of either vague, incomplete or no followup information.

Despite our best efforts to gain the attention of city officials about the state of our dog parks and the need to take action, little to nothing gets done to correct the deficiencies and hazards. While we acknowledge the replacement of most garbage cans and a few lost trees in the City Hall Park as well as repairs of some benches and tables, the ground cover remains a disgraceful mud pit because of overuse, overwatering and lack of a drainage system, there's no picnic table or new trash cans for the little dog park, nor a shade structure installed at the entrance of the little dog park , all of which we've been asking for over the course of the past six months. These requests come as a result of an extensive survey conducted by a group of dog park volunteers this past fall and to which you commissioners, city council members and the city manager have all been informed of.

While we acknowledge an attempt at a clean up and dumping of some sand at Demuth Dog Park, it is far from what is needed to make this a viable alternative to the City Hall Dog Park. A shade structure, additional ground cover, and updated fencing is all needed to make this park usable. You've heard this all before, it's way past time to actually do something to have Dog Parks we all can be proud of as well as safe and functional for residents and visitors alike to appreciate. We are certainly willing to work with city officials that will be responsive to our requests that produce results.

Timothy P Giuliani  
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**From:** [Tim Giuliani](#) - [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Staci Schafer](#)  
**Cc:** [Jeannie Kays](#); [Janet Burns](#); [alcornadaptive@gmail.com](mailto:alcornadaptive@gmail.com); [gpsjohnnyc@gmail.com](mailto:gpsjohnnyc@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Dog Park Improvements  
**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2022 3:29:33 PM

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Thank you. I'm aware of the Commission and it's purpose, having listened in on several of the immediate zoom meetings and as I plan to again tonight. I've realized by going through copies of the meeting minutes and listening for the past year that the dog parks come up in conversation frequently, but nothing ever seems to go beyond that.

We have applied for \$250,000 of funding through the Measure J Community Initiated Project directed at Demuth Dog Park improvements. I have again listened in and offered public comments at Measure J Commission meetings over the past several months. I've requested updates in regards to Palm Spring's Demuth Dog Park application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant which at last note was subject to the state's completion of the federal environmental cultural study of the project site. I recall someone was appointed to follow-up on this at the Parks & Recreation Commissioners meeting a couple of months ago. I received no response when I inquired direct via email to The Parks & Recreation Director and have heard of no follow-up information on this grant. We are doing what we can as volunteers to try to get Dog Park improvements in the City of Palm Springs.

Timothy Giuliani  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Staci Schafer <[Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**To:** Tim Giuliani - [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Jeannie Kays <[Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov)>; Janet Burns <[Janet.Burns@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Janet.Burns@palmspringsca.gov)>; Jerry Alcorn <[alcornadaptive@gmail.com](mailto:alcornadaptive@gmail.com)>; Johnny Coladonato <[gpsjohnnyc@gmail.com](mailto:gpsjohnnyc@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Mon, Feb 28, 2022 2:53 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park Improvements

Tim,

I am copying Jerry Alcorn and Johnny Coladonato on this email, as they are the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission and this is the group that generally provides recommendations to the City Council on all future plans, upgrades and Park improvements. I will check with our ADA Coordinator to get clarification on the amount of room required for the picnic bench.

Thank you,  
Staci A. Schafer  
Director of Maintenance & Facilities  
City of Palm Springs  
O. 760-323-8170



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**From:** Tim Giuliani - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 2:31 PM  
**To:** Staci Schafer <Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Dog Park Improvements

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Thank you Staci. As of today, it seems all trash cans have been replaced on the large side, tops have been secured with chains and the flaps have been removed from all lids so this is no longer an issue and has been resolved. Still need one trash can replaced on the small side.

Not certain anyone agrees with your assessment on benches being blocked with the installation of a picnic table - there seems to be ample room.

We would appreciate being kept apprised of potential upgrades to the parks. Just knowing someone is actually doing something to improve our parks will help ease the tension and frustration so many people have. We do know you are doing what you can to improve these parks and it is greatly appreciated. Somehow I've become the unofficial contact between daily dog park users and city officials. When I have nothing to report they get frustrated and mad at me and think I'm not doing anything to try to get improvements made. Just please keep us informed as developments progress so we all have something to look forward to. Thank you!

Timothy Giuliani  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Staci Schafer <[Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**To:** Tim Giuliani - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon, Feb 28, 2022 1:18 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park Improvements

Hi Tim,

We are still waiting on the delivery of the remaining trash cans and as soon as they are delivered, they will be installed. The tension on the lids cannot be adjusted, as they are designed to close from the weight of the lid. I understand your concern about some of the residents using them however, so I will ask staff to evaluate the option of adding some type of pulley system instead. The chain is in place temporarily, as the cables did not come with the delivery.

As for the picnic table, I do not believe we can install that without blocking the access to the benches. I am working with the staff to create a draft of potential upgrades to the Parks for City council review and on that list I have included shade structures, as well as other Dog Park improvements.

Thanks,

**Staci A. Schafer**  
Director of Maintenance & Facilities  
City of Palm Springs  
O. 760-323-8170

**From:** Tim Giuliani - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 20, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Staci Schafer <[Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Staci.Schafer@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Dog Park Improvements

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Staci,

Just a quick note to thank you for continuing to replace the trash cans in the dog park. Looks like there's only maybe two left that need to be replaced. One of the newest cans nearest the entryway on the south side of the park did not have the top attached like the others with a chain. Unfortunately it could only be a matter of time before some unruly attendee might just take that top and throw it over the fence like they do the chairs that litter the park from time to time. Additionally, is it possible to loosen the tension on the closure flaps? They are very tight and difficult for some of our older patrons to manipulate and nearly impossible to use if one uses the pooper scoopers. One has to completely remove the lid to empty a pooper scooper and this is where those chains holding them attached to the bottoms come in handy. I never received a response concerning the picnic table for the small dog park - please advise. Thank you!

Timothy P Giuliani  
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**From:** [RecInfo](#)  
**To:** [Jeannie Kays](#); [Janet Burns](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle trail improvements for Palm Springs  
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**From:** G Beckley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2022 5:55 PM  
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**Subject:** Bicycle trail improvements for Palm Springs

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My wife and I are snowbirds from Oregon and have been riding the bike trails in the city for years. There are 2 areas that need improvement:

1. Belardo Rd starting at Alejo Rd is very dangerous. Bicyclists are forced to ride close to the parked cars, exposing them to car door openings. Please remove the parking on Belardo and replace with a bike lane. Or talk the golf course into giving the City 15 ft along Belardo so a bike lane can be built. This is a heavy traveled road by bikes.
2. Bike Lane signs encouraged us to ride opposite the airport on Gene Autry Drive. But the sidewalk is not completed and we were forced to attempt to ride in deep sand which was impossible to do. Signage should direct bicyclists across Gene Autry at the Air Museum where the sidewalk is completed and in very good shape all along the street when headed North.

We appreciate the effort the City has expended in making bicycling a fun activity in Palm Springs. These 2 improvements would make bike riding safer for riders and automobiles.

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