



City of Carlsbad California 2023 - 2030

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DECEMBER 9, 2021

Question	Answer
You mentioned no trails talk...does that include trails within a park?	Trails are part of a separate Trails Master Plan and not part of this plan specifically
What will this presentation be covering?	We are collecting public input for the Parks & Recreation Department master plan update.
What about special use areas such as the lagoon, school sites, etc.?	No lagoon; however we considered shared use (MOU) school sites as part of the master plan update and park inventory.
A big part of many of the parks are loaded with trails as an amenity, like a basketball court would be or otherwise. example, Veterans Park. I thought veterans park was up for discussion as well?	We are currently developing the Master Plan for Veterans Memorial Park as well which will include the trails through the park.
Pickleball is not listed on the MPI chart.	ESRI is not tracking pickleball yet for MPI but for overall participation trends it continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country.
If the pandemic has taught us anything, we value outdoor space and activities, especially including mountain biking, trail running and open space activities, how do we accelerate and kickoff Veterans Park and increase additional park initiatives to include more trails and access for these activities?	We are currently working on the Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan. We anticipate bringing it to Planning Commission and City Council for adoption in late summer 2022
Is Monroe Swim Pool to be improved?	Please find the following information on our website regarding Monroe Street Pool Improvements: https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/parks-recreation/programs/aquatics/monroe-street-pool-improvements
Why was Cycling/Mountain Biking not on any of the activity charts?	We tried to list as many options as possible but wanted to provide an "other" option that may be added via chat and we will record it. Thank you.
Cycling has not been covered or included in the statistics or the presentation, what about cycling? You're missing a large user group.	Did you answer cycling in chat? We will make sure to record your reply. Thank you.
Is the vet park master plan discussed tonight? that's why I'm here...I heard it was.	The Veterans Park Master Plan is not on tonight's agenda. That will be coming very soon

Question should reflect lack of time available at facility.	As a barrier to participation? We've got it. Thanks for adding.
Monroe Pool is shut down to 4 hours during the week not enough available swim time.	Your answer is understood and we've recorded it. Thanks.
I understand this isn't about trails but for the record: kids are riding bikes to get around town and as a sport. Connected bike infrastructure to trails is important. Thank you.	Live answered.
Open Swim access that does not conflict with the over-usage by private swim clubs at Alga and Monroe.	Thank you for your comment. We've got it.
Why is there limited time at Monroe pool - the hours on the weekend are devoted to sports clubs and just to a few hours on weekdays.	Thank you for your patience as we work on securing additional lifeguard coverage at Monroe Street Pool. We understand this situation has been frustrating and are doing everything we can to restore pool hours as much as possible as soon as possible. As we are exploring options, please know that only staff fully qualified and certified to perform pool lifeguard duties will be put in that role.
Again, pickleball is not listed as a choice?	We have limited space for listed amenities. Select other and enter "pickleball courts" in chat box.
Additional outdoor pickleball courts.	Appreciate the comment.
What's the status of locked school yards as part of parkland?	The school field use is in collaboration with the districts, and they have first priority for use.
Thank you for Veterans Memorial bike park plans. Please don't think that one facility is all it takes and checks the box as done. Look at cycling as a recreational need in Carlsbad and the connectivity of existing parks and open spaces. Local bike pump tracks and skills courses can be sited throughout the community. Will you address this in your master plan?	We will consider all input received (from a multitude of sources) as we develop our master plan update. That includes facility priorities that may include bike pump tracks and skills courses.
Carlsbad is in desperate need of a decent mountain bike trail system / bike park. Since these last 15 years. Trails access in Carlsbad has drastically decreased. As a result, conflicts between residents and different conservation organization arising, developing stay unresolved.	Thanks for your comment. We've added it to the other input we've collected tonight.

<p>I also would like to reiterate that all trails are not equal and a boring gravel path/service dirt road does not offer the type of recreation Carlsbad residents are looking for.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Why isn't there a coastal park south of 5 in the south of Carlsbad? Wasn't there supposed to be a 6-acre park there to serve that community as well as the 62% of citizens who live in the southwest quadrant? Even those who live inland want a park to hang out by the beach and watch the sunsets.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>But these fields are often locked when no one is using them.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Are there any plans to expand the park standard (acres/1000 people) in Carlsbad?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Thank you PROS Consulting and Carlsbad Parks & Rec for your continued support in our community.</p>	<p>Thank you. We appreciate you joining us tonight.</p>
<p>What plans are there to add more parks in SW quadrant?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Any plans for an expanded park at power plant site</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Is there any thoughts about transferring management of the Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve to the city of Carlsbad?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>

DECEMBER 11, 2021

Question	Answer
When will more pickleball courts be added to poinsettia park? We desperately need them!!	Good morning - we do not have any plans to add more pickleball courts at Poinsettia Park.
Are Community Gardens included?	Yes, community gardens are included in the master plan update process.
Can we make the existing tennis courts multi-use to include pickleball players? That would allow more use of the courts, which is better use of the community assets. Many seniors and high schoolers are doing that now at the High School, but we get kicked off by tennis players. The courts should be available to everyone in the community not just an exclusive group.	We have previously explored converting tennis courts to multi-use to include pickleball and the concept was not well received by either group.
All other Cities in San Diego County allow pickleball players on tennis courts. Why doesn't Carlsbad? Pickleball is the fastest growing sport, but it has not been addressed by Carlsbad, even though low cost options are available. No other City has mentioned noise as a factor to keep pickleball out of parks. Why is this an issue with Carlsbad?	We have previously explored allowing pickleball on tennis courts and it was not well received by either group. Additionally, it would require a change in the Conditional Use Permit for the park.
Thank you!	
Due to the shortage of pickleball courts has the city considered converting one or more tennis courts to pickleball courts? You can get 4 pickleball courts on 1 tennis court. The City of Encinitas has done this with stripping on tennis courts to accommodate and include pickleball courts. They use nets kept on the court in a locked storage box to assemble and disassemble after use. Most tennis players in Carlsbad enjoy singles play while pickleball is popular as doubles court play. Therefore, you have 2 tennis players utilizing the same space as 4 x 4 = 16 pickleball players. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and Poinsettia Park courts are usually at maximum capacity with a large group of people waiting to play. Games are to 11 so turnover is fairly quick when there aren't overflow crowds waiting to play.	Please see previously answered questions.

<p>As I understand it, that was before COVID. Since then, pickleball has skyrocketed in popularity. The purpose of this meeting was to get an update, correct? Check out other cities around us, they all allow pickleball players on their courts. Orange County has tons of pickleball players and it is increasing here very quickly.</p>	<p>Benchmarking other cities will be part of this master plan update, including consideration of all feedback received in meetings and surveys.</p>
<p>Why isn't Pickleball on this slide?</p>	<p>It is such a new sport that ESRI has not begun tracking it yet.</p>
<p>Pickleball is the fastest growing sport!</p>	
<p>With pickleball not even on your charts, what are you doing to try to assess the need?</p>	<p>These questions are the same questions asked when we started the process in Dec. 2019 (for consistency). You may add pickleball in the comments (as you have) or specify "other" in the polling.</p>
<p>Why is pickleball not listed on the graph?</p>	<p>It is such a new sport that ESRI is not tracking it yet</p>
<p>These slides were shown in Feb 2020 at Alga Norte and Pickleball wasn't shown and you told us that it would be added? It has not been added, why?</p>	<p>These questions are the same questions asked when we started the process in Dec. 2019 (for consistency and comparison). You may add pickleball in the comments (as you have) or specify "other" in the polling.</p>
<p>Which groups are not receiving the need for more pickleball courts well? and why?</p>	<p>Historically, tennis players.</p>
<p>Why no Pickleball on this?</p>	<p>These questions are the same questions asked when we started the process in Dec. 2019 (for consistency and comparison). You may add pickleball in the comments (as you have) or specify "other" in the polling.</p>
<p>BTW I tried to submit questions in advance and computer rejected pros.consulting@proconsulting.com as a correct address? You might have not received some participation if there was a problem.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>That doesn't answer my question, how are you tracking pickleball?</p>	<p>Meetings like this, website (carlsbadparksplan.com) input, surveys, etc.</p>
<p>The only thing I care about is pickleball. The courts at poinsettia are beyond capacity (people waiting to play) all day long. Please - this is the biggest and most important thing you can do. Add more pickleball courts or convert tennis courts.</p>	<p>We will soon be starting the master planning process for Robertson Ranch Park and I am sure that pickleball will be explored for that park.</p>

<p>I read the tennis court guidelines and 2 players (singles) or 4 players (doubles) can have exclusive use of a court for 90 minutes if people are waiting to play. This seems like recreational tennis players are permitted to have extended use of the facilities for long periods of time. Pickleball players use of courts is much briefer with games to 11 and then rotate off the courts (with a two game maximum when people are waiting) on the social courts. Therefore, pickleball players are allowed much less time to enjoy their sport. Why can't we take steps to equalize the use of the facilities?</p>	<p>The City of Carlsbad's rules for tennis courts and pickleball courts are consistent with the rules in other cities.</p>
<p>During the presentation in 2019 it was stated that Pickleball would be added to the slide deck presentation and it has not been added. The slide deck should have been updated.</p>	<p>The questions remained the same for consistency and comparison. Please be assured, we receive and record all input (including pickleball).</p>
<p>This meeting seems to be more about statistics and survey of city services. Why isn't the moderator including the discussion and questions regarding pickleball?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Has the consultant been given all the correspondence from the last year regarding the lack of pickleball courts? The letters I sent to City Manager and Parks Department?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Why can't we make some of the underutilized tennis courts, double use with tennis? many other parks have done this.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>My comments refer to pickleball. How about league/tournament? Indoor pickleball in multiple use gyms. Convert unused tennis courts</p>	<p>We offer indoor pickleball at several of our community centers.</p>
<p>Pickleball courts</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>...and why does our cry for more pickleball courts keep being shut down? Is anyone walking the park to evaluate the need and to see firsthand the desperation of demand?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>Thanks</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>

<p>Convert 1-3 tennis courts into permanent dedicated pickleball courts. This would be very inexpensive and shouldn't take 6 years like it did to construct the existing 6 dedicated courts. Also please include an expert pickleball player as part of the planning so we don't end up with unused covers on the courts that were made a part of the courts.</p>	<p>We've received your comment/request. It has been added to the master plan update project file. All comments will be tallied and considered. Appreciate you joining us today.</p>
<p>Are you going to present and or send to the city council of Carlsbad a statistically correct survey that doesn't have pickleball? Are you going to send out a mailer/questionnaire/survey without Pickleball?</p>	<p>Pickleball will be included on the statistically reliable and online surveys.</p>
<p>If multiuse of tennis courts with pickleball courts was not well received, what groups or individuals prompted the city to disregard the needs of pickleball enthusiasts? As I see it the City hasn't even included pickleball in their graphs. How can it be a consideration if you aren't using a metric to measure popularity with city residents?</p>	<p>At the time it was a combination of tennis players and pickleballers that didn't like the idea of shared tennis court use and/or conversion.</p>
<p>Four years ago, I submitted a request to the city with a petition of signed residents to exclude seniors from having to pay to play indoor pickleball at Calaveras Park. The Park and recreation manager didn't even consider my proposal. How is this inclusion of city resident input?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>What can the pickleball community do to get the quick response basketball got at pine avenue for outdoor facilities?</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>I'm very active in the pickleball community and engage with hundreds of players. Not one of them that I know, would object to dual use of a couple tennis courts.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>
<p>It was the park and recreation manager who dropped the ball on my proposal for waiver of fees to seniors.</p>	<p>Live answered.</p>