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**From:** Liam Dunfey <[ldunfey@gmail.com](mailto:ldunfey@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 2:17 PM

**To:** Parks and Recreation <[parksandrec@CarlsbadCA.gov](mailto:parksandrec@CarlsbadCA.gov)>; Teresa Acosta <[Teresa.Acosta@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:Teresa.Acosta@carlsbadca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Updated Parks & Recreation Department master plan 🌳

Thanks for passing this along.

In the La Costa Valley HOA (1000 homes), we've had noise and nuisance problems with pickleball, and it has divided our community. In addition to the controversy, there is pending litigation, security costs, and Board/staff time allocation to this recreation. I strongly suggest keeping pickleball off of existing tennis courts and away from people's homes. I'm sure struggling strip malls and/or the Carlsbad mall would welcome creating pickleball courts/lines in their unused parking lots to drive back business and keep the noise and nuisance away from others that don't want to hear it.

Warm regards,  
Liam

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**From:** Curtis Popp <curtis.popp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** Parks and Recreation <parksandrec@CarlsbadCA.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Parks & Recreation Department master plan

Can we just get more fields for sports practice because I'm tired of driving 20 minutes to La Costa, I mean South Carlsbad, for freaking soccer practice.

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023, 13:22 City of Carlsbad <[parksandrec@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:parksandrec@carlsbadca.gov)> wrote:



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**Comment**  
I love Pointsettia Park and Aviara Park. However, I don't see a "stage" at Aviara park and that's mentioned in the accomplishments. (I'm there almost every day.) It would be great if you could include a project for improvements to the website in the plan. It is not very user-friendly and it's difficult to find and register for parks and rec offerings, like classes. I'm completely in favor of adding more shade and planting more trees, as specified (especially in the dog parks). I love to see a project to replace the mulch at Agua Norte dog park with grass. The number of dog parks is sufficient, so I agree with not adding more. Thanks for all your hard work on creating this plan and getting stakeholder input :)

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Existing park facilities  
Other

Full Name  
Howard Krausz

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**Comment**

The Parks and Rec Master Plan update preface or introduction should clearly state what is considered a park. What is considered park acres needs to be consistent throughout city documents such as the GMP and the CFIP. Carlsbad will only meet the GMP performance standard of 3 acres/1000 residents in each quadrant once Veterans' Park is completed and its acres are divided equally among the four quadrants to on paper make up for a deficit in the SW quadrant. But given roughly 3 acres/1000 residents, figure 61 labeled "park acres" on page 81 is patently false and misleading. Maybe Carlsbad owns or manages 11.85 acres of open space but that can't all be parks. This benchmarking needs to be corrected and clarified. Finally, a map that shows exactly where the parks are located, not circles around them would be helpful as would a map of population density so the two can be compared. That would give a graphic picture of the proximity of parks to where people live. Obviously much commendable effort has gone into this comprehensive update. Only a little more work is needed to make it much more transparent.

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Existing park facilities  
Planned park facilities

Full Name  
Emily Barnes

**Organization (if applicable)**  
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**Comment**  
Hi, Please make sure HOAs and neighbors are not having to deal with the increase of noise from pickleball courts because the city is t providing enough in suitable areas or indoors. HOAs and long time residents shouldn't have to shoulder this responsibility of city parks and recs. We are a pickleball fam and have buy relatives in the business, but we still do not want the noise close to our houses, or to have to keep telling people to go to courts for pickleball and not tennis. Thanks.

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Existing park facilities  
Planned park facilities

Full Name  
Leigh Needham

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**Comment**  
Carlsbad needs to institute a reservation system for the pickleball and tennis courts at Poinsettia Park. I live 7 houses from the park and have never been able to play because the lines are endlessly long - particularly with Pickleball. And you have to play-in to the pickleball courts (akin to a quarters pool table at a dive bar) - which means families and groups of friends are unable to play opposite each other. Beginners would also never be able to play consistently because they'd never win a game. People can get pretty heated over there - which is not good for community relations. A nominal charge of \$1-\$3 an hour would fix this problem and pay for the reservation system. If La Costa Greens can have a reservation system for their 4 courts I would think the city of Carlsbad could do it too! Thank you.

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Existing park facilities

Full Name  
Christine Kerrest

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**Comment**  
We'd love to see an update to stagecoach park!

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Existing park facilities

Full Name  
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**Comment**  
For outdoor pickleball courts I recommend sites that are 500 feet or more from the closest residence. I am a homeowner whose HOA is allowing pickleball play on existing tennis courts. A professional noise study confirmed the noise levels are above allowable residential levels per the San Diego County noise ordinance. The HOA and I are heading to court. It has been a long, unpleasant, and still ongoing process to regain my right to peaceful use of my home. By the way, indoor pickleball courts are great!

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Planned park facilities



Full Name  
Emelyne Sablan

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**Comment**

Please add more pickleball courts. I appreciate the Poinsettia Park courts, however it is often busy with a long wait to play on the 6 courts. Meanwhile the excessive tennis courts mostly are empty but take up a lot more space. It would be relatively inexpensive to add portable nets and to paint pickleball lines on 2 or 3 of those courts. Please consider this so that we can share the underutilized courts and serve more of the community. Also if the city is looking to make money if a larger pickleball facility is built with bleachers then Carlsbad can host and charge for PB tournaments. This would also bring more tourist dollars to the area. Similar to other areas with multiple courts 20+ such as Palm Springs, Phoenix, St George, Naples etc. Of course Carlsbad is a more desirable area and could be a very popular pickleball vacation destination. I am also over 50 and appreciate the senior recreation programs.

Which of the following does your comment apply to?

Adult 50+ recreation programs

Existing park facilities

Planned park facilities

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**Subject:** Website Question

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**From:** K J <[korbysmith@gmail.com](mailto:korbysmith@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 4, 2023 4:56 PM

**To:** Parks and Recreation <[parksandrec@CarlsbadCA.gov](mailto:parksandrec@CarlsbadCA.gov)>

**Cc:** K J <[korbysmith@gmail.com](mailto:korbysmith@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Website Question

Who do we need to speak with about turning a couple of the tennis courts into pickleball courts at Poinsettia? It is ridiculous how many people are wanting to play pickleball there and you walk around the tennis courts and the majority are not even being used.

Seems like this should have already been done? Are you guys not aware of the need?

Thanks -  
KS

Full Name  
German Gutierrez

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**Comment**  
It would be nice to have public soccer and basketball courts.

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Adult 50+ recreation programs  
Adult recreation programs  
Existing park facilities  
Planned park facilities  
Youth recreation programs

Full Name  
ELIZABETH ROBINS

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**Comment**

Hello, I am writing to continue the dialogue regarding converting unused tennis courts (2) into 8 pickleball courts specifically at Poinsettia Park. It is such a beautiful facility, but the frustration lies in the very fact that on any given day at any given hour, there is an extraordinary demand for courts while so many tennis courts sit empty. The reality is that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. It is fun and appropriate for ALL ages and fitness levels, and if managed properly could be a revenue generator with regards to clinics and friendly tournaments! I come from Chicago which has now finally embraced the times and has added several new courts as well as converted several tennis courts across the city. They now host the Chicago Open generating \$\$\$ for the City. Truly it's a WIN WIN for all, and the hesitancy and resistance to this just doesn't make sense any more. The research on the demand, the impact on the community, and risk/reward for the Carlsbad Park District has long since been done. It's past time to take action on this!!!

Which of the following does your comment apply to?

- Adult 50+ recreation programs
- Adult recreation programs
- Existing park facilities
- Planned park facilities
- Youth recreation programs

Full Name  
Alex Hamner

**Organization (if applicable)**  
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**Comment**  
Please add more pickleball courts to Poinsettia Park. There is a serious need and the cost/benefit of the space utilization is better than pretty much anything else you could do with public space. And put in 8+ courts at any and all new or existing parks. The sport is fun and accessible for every age and ability. I've offered my assistance to help plan:design courts before, for free, and have the pickleball background to support my assistance. (Playing for 15 years, multi-time national champion, inducted into the pickleball hall of fame, friends with one of the sport's founding family...) Carlsbad is very low on the court per capita scale and there is no excuse for it. Pickleball is an activity that families can do together, women can play equally with men, there can be leagues, lessons, tournaments, or purely social play for every age. Let's GO!

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Adult 50+ recreation programs  
Adult recreation programs  
Existing park facilities  
Planned park facilities  
Youth recreation programs

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**From:** Gary Schneir <[garyschneir@gmail.com](mailto:garyschneir@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 11:13 PM  
**To:** Council Internet Email <[CityCouncil@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@carlsbadca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Master Plan City Council Meeting comments

Hi,

I first moved to Carlsbad in 1990 and over the past 30 years have taken advantage of a number of the activities offered by the Parks and Recs department, primarily at both Stagecoach and Calavera Hills parks. I have recently taken up Pickleball and have been a frequent user of the courts at Poinsettia park. However due to the number of players there, I have been searching for less crowded facilities and often play at both Brengle Terrace and even Melba Bishop, even though those are up to 30 minute away from my house, I rarely wait more than a few minutes for a game at those locations compared to up to a 30+ minute wait at Poinsettia.

I would welcome additional pickleball courts in Carlsbad and avoid a 30 minute drive to play.

From what I understand Carlsbad Parks and Recs has the contract to manage the San Dieguito Union Sports Complex on Calle Barcelona. I also heard that San Dieguito Union School District is considering putting Pickleball Courts at that location. I know noise is an issue, but there are places at this location which are at least 500 feet away from any homes in all directions. Has or can the City of Carlsbad consider a partnership with the School District and look into using this site for additional Pickleball courts. It would not be removing any tennis courts, and a 500' buffer should avoid any noise related issues but it may still be worth budgeting some sound mitigation material regardless of the location.

Sincerely,

Gary Schneir

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Steven Wagner

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**Comment**  
Please add more outdoor pickleball courts!!!! Preferably around La Costa area. Thank you

Which of the following does your comment apply to?  
Planned park facilities