



Rancho Santa Fe Association

Board Meeting

Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club – Request Approval for Re-location of Pickleball Courts

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Item: Request Approval for re-location of Pickleball Courts

Executive Summary:

Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club introduced a pickleball program in 2016. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and can be played by old and young together. Over the past year our pickleball program has grown, providing a popular new recreational venue for the community and an additional source of revenue for the Tennis Club. Pickleball not only offers our tennis members a different activity but has provided an additional recreational outlet for our older and injured members, and for younger families to play together.

Background / Discussion:

- In March of 2019 courts 11 & 12 were resurfaced and painted with pickleball court lines. These courts were chosen after consulting Steve Dawson, pickleball consultant, as to where on our campus to put our courts and how to set up our programs. At the time, this choice of courts was thought to be ideal as they do not disrupt the flow of tennis with a different sport mid-campus.
- In March of 2020 we became aware that pickleball on courts 11 & 12 had become an annoyance to some neighbors. As a result, we implemented several immediate steps to address and mitigate those concerns:
 - Manage the hours of pickleball play.
 - Move the pickleball courts from Courts 11 & 12 to Courts 7 & 8, thereby increasing the distance from the pickleball courts to the neighbors.

- If necessary, apply a product called Acoustifence to the fencing surrounding the courts if necessary. Acoustifence has been developed specifically to attenuate noise emanating from pickleball courts. Installation of Acoustifence was not necessary.
 - Perform a study to determine the best long-term location of the pickleball courts.
- During our trial run of re-locating the pickleball courts to our mid-campus courts 7 & 8 we have found that it is disruptive to our flow of tennis for league and adult and junior clinics. We believe that by moving the pickleball program to 3 & 4 we will have a better flow among the tennis courts and be able to provide our members with better areas to view tennis play.
- Furthermore, we believe that having pickleball on courts 3 & 4 will create a pickleball-centric area and better differentiate the two sports.

Fiscal Impact:

- In relocating the pickleball courts to courts 3 & 4, we have to resurface 11 & 12 as well as 7 & 8, converting 11 & 12 and 7 & 8 to tennis courts and 3 & 4 to pickleball/tennis courts. Although this is not an unsubstantial change, this is good for the Club in the long run because we will have Courts 11 & 12 with bench seating, which can be used for tournament play and for our junior programs. We will offer seating and shade. We will build a small patio off of 8 for tennis viewing, like we have on 3 & 4 to satisfy our tennis members and allow for comfortable seating in a patio like format. Furthermore, we will be able to better accommodate our growing pickleball contingent by offering them more courts and space to spread out. Currently we have 221 tennis members and 36 pickleball members.
- The funds we have available for this would be from our reserves which currently amount to \$9,000 for 7 & 8 and \$4,000 for 3 & 4. Due to our AB5 conversion and Covid-19 we are in no position to draw from our operating funds.
- The relocation project is projected to cost about \$65,225, with up to an additional \$24,000 if Acoustifence is needed.

Recommendation:

The RSFTC hereby requests approval of an amount not to exceed \$89,225 in funding as shown:

Tennis Club Reserves: \$ 13,000

Association Funds: \$ 52,225 (this does not include Acoustifence)

Total: \$65,225

Acoustifence could cost up to \$24,000 in additional Association funds if needed.

Please note that the RSFTC has already spent \$5,700 from our operating funds to put up a heavier screen on the pickleball courts and re-paint 7 & 8 to be pickleball courts so that we could move in an expedited manner to quickly accommodate our neighbors.

COST ANALYSIS:

Resurface 11 & 12 to tennis courts - \$8,400

Bench Seating - \$10,225

Shade Awning - \$11,000

\$29,625

Resurface 7 & 8 to tennis courts - \$9,600

Patio Area outside 8 - \$14,600

Fencing - \$1,800

\$26,000

Resurface 3 & 4 to pickleball courts - \$9,600

Acoustifence - \$12,000 to \$24,000 (this is if we need it up to all four sides)