



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION

SPECIAL MEETING
OLDEMEYER CENTER
986 HILBY AVE (SEAHORSE ROOM)
Monday, April 18, 2022
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

PARKS AND RECREATION

Franco Pacheco	Chair
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair
Rich Cadigan	Commissioner
James White	Commissioner
Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Commissioner
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner
Chris Moulton	Commissioner
Robert Daniels	Commissioner
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 21, 2022 Minutes

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Discuss process for notification to neighborhoods when trees are being planted in parks

B. Discuss having a Park & Recreation table at the Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 30, 2022

6. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF

7. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
May 16, 2022
5:30 PM

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**MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING
Oldemeyer Center (Seahorse Room)
986 Hibly Avenue, Seaside
Monday, March 21, 2022
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Franco Pacheco	Chair	<u> X </u>
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair	<u> X </u>
Rich Cadigan	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
James White	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Chris Moulton	Commissioner	<u> </u> (Excused Absence)
Robert Daniels	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner	<u> X </u>

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X

3. GUESTS:

- * Marilyn Mancini
- * Sung Choi
- * Dustin Knight
- * Yolanda Montes
- * Wendell Montes
- * Pamela Miller
- * Constance Constable
- * Dale Lewis
- * Alex Sumners
- * Donna Bomarito
- * Judi Marotta
- * Matt Seidenzahl
- * Mark Anderson
- * Ramona Olaeta-Reed
- * David Schmalz
- * Virginia Yip
- * Grace Silva-Santella
- * Joyce Giuffre

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

* None

5. APPROVAL OF February 28, 2022 MINUTES:

* Bobby Maxwell/Alicia Gaines/Lynch M/S/P (A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with the corrections of the spelling of the word Soliz – 8/0 with 1 excused absence).

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required)

* **Business item C “Discuss and consider having a special meeting in April 2022.** Bobby Maxwell/Robert Daniels M/S/P (A roll call vote was taken & the motion passed – 8/0 with 1 excused absence).

7. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Review and Discuss the trial period for Pickle Ball at the Wheeler Street Courts, and make recommendations to the City Council for future use:

* Staff received eight emails of public comments from Danielle Nabozny, Sandy Ordonio, Linae Ishii-Devine, Marilyn and Gene Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Bellangers, Jeanie Johnson, Cathy White and Sung Choi. Please see attachments.

* Public Comment:

** Marilyn Mancini stated she is excited that they are making good use of the courts by having tennis and pickle ball. The parking is on the street and opened to the public. She suggested that there could be a parking arrangement to park inside the Park. She feels that pickle ball belong at the courts.

** Sung Choi stated he feels that pickle ball absolutely does not belong at the courts. He agrees that it is a growing sport. He stated that he and his neighbors and are outraged for two years and feed up with it. He complained about the garbage in their yards, parking and public indecency.

** Dustin Knight stated he agrees with Marilyn Mancini said. The courts should be shared with tennis and pickle ball. The rules should be followed by all.

** Yolanda Montes stated she is a pickle ball player and plays at the courts. She just wanted to know if there has been any other complains other than the parking complains.

** Wendell Montes stated he stated there is one person in the area that complains and they make sure they do not park in front of the person's house. He disagrees with the complaint about indecency and feels that is uncalled for. When he see trash, he picks it up and puts it in the trashcan.

** Dale Lewis stated he is concerned about the courts are deteriorating. He would be grateful if they could utilize all the courts.

- ** Pamela Miller stated she lives in Seaside and the parking and trash issue is throughout the city, not just at the courts. She is a racket ball player and wanted to play pickle ball for long. Other parks in Seaside have soccer fields, baseball fields, a skate park, etc. If pickle ball is not allowed, the community may start saying we should not have the skate park, soccer fields and baseball fields. She feels that pickle ball should be allowed at the courts and be opened up to more days.**
- ** Constance Constable stated she has been enjoying playing pickle ball at the courts. She stated they respect the neighborhood. She requested to have the inside corner where Carson Street meets Wheeler be painted as a no parking zone. She sees trash at times and it looks like neighborhood trash, not pickle ball trash. She wanted to know if there was a plan to resurface the courts because the courts surfaces are deteriorating. She wanted to know if paddle racks could be put up in the future.**
- ** Alex Sumners stated she has lived in Seaside for 23 years and lives across the street from the courts. She feels that Wheeler Street Tennis Courts were the most under-utilized park. Then Pickle Ball player came along and it has has been fine. They come in the morning to play at the Public Park and park on the public street. They are there for a few hours and then they leave. There has not been any property damage, riot, deaths or other problem. She feels the pickle ball player should be there and maybe add some more days for them to play. Alex does not appreciate that when she gets home from work she is unable to go across the street to the courts to play because it is not pickle ball day.**
- ** Donna Bomarito stated she is hoping that we will go out to the courts and see the joy, the fun that people are having, and the exercise they are getting within the community. Opening up more time for pickle ball at the courts and respecting each other would be great. It is a welcoming sport and she would hate to see it go away.**
- ** Judi Marotta stated she thinks that most of the problem is parking. There is one neighbor that does not want anyone to park in front of his house. She is one of the regulars and they respect his wishes. Unfortunately, they get visitors that do not know they should not park in front of his house. She stated they have no control over the others that go to the courts. She thinks that signs should be put up stating the allotted times for pickle ball and for tennis. The signs should also say that any other times that the courts are not being used, anyone can play. That would thin out the group of pickle ball players. There are more activities at that park beside pickle ball. They are willing to contribute to the paint if they plan to resurface the courts.**
- ** Matt Seidenzahl stated he has lived in Seaside for about 22 years across the street from the courts. There has not been any issue with parking of what he has seen. There is plenty of parking on the other side of the street. There is minimal amount of trash in that area. The pickle ball players are respectful of the property. He owns a business and a house in Seaside and feels that he is being limited as a citizen for using a public park that he pays taxes for. He feels it is not right to discriminate against pickle ball because of one person has a problem. Pickle ball should be open up for more days.**

- ** Mark Anderson stated that pickle ball is enjoyable and fun. It is a very welcoming atmosphere and he has met some cool neighbors and friends.
- ** Ramona Olaeta-Reed stated she lives four houses down from the courts and she does not have a problem with parking. She stated that when the people come from out of town to play pickle ball, she hope they use the stores and restaurants while they are in town.
- ** Virginia Yip stated she and her husband plays pickle ball a lot at the courts. We are happy people and having fun playing. Pickle ball has become their main recreation activity. It keeps them healthy and connected to the community and they have made a lot of new friends. She stated that they are good and respectable people. They hope that pickle ball can stay at the Wheeler Street Tennis Courts because they do not have anywhere else to go. She hopes that the times for pickle ball is extended so they have more time to play. She hopes the courts can be resurfaced. She stated the their group may be able to help with the resurfacing.
- * The Commissioners voted and accepted to recommend to the City Council to open up the Wheeler Street Tennis Courts every day for Pickle Ball from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. In addition, add more trashcans and strip all courts for Pickle ball. Provide signage of what the rules are and about the tennis program having priority over Pickle Ball. Alicia Gaines-Lynch/Bobby Maxwell M/S/P (A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed) – 8/0 with 1 excused absence).

B. Make final recommendations and approve the 2022-2023 Work Plan to submit to the City Council:

- * The Commissioners and staff reviewed and discussed what should be adjusted and added to the 2022-2023 Work Plan.
- * Moved to prior year accomplishments as completed:
 - ** FY 21-22 CIP and budget review
 - ** Promote public input in 2021/22
 - ** Seek grant funds in 2021/22
 - ** Work cooperatively with FOSPA and other City Commissions: Homeless, NIC, SAHC, Environmental in 2021/22
 - ** Seek Input for needs within Recreation Depart. & funding for those needs
 - ** Attend workshops in 2021/22
 - ** Work with environmental commission for tree (planted 30)
 - ** Implement a water safety program for local youth
 - ** Signs for parks
 - ** Community garden
- * Updated items on Work Plan:
 - ** FY 22-23 CIP and budget review – April 2023
 - ** Promote public input - Ongoing
 - ** Seek grant funds - Ongoing
 - ** Work cooperatively with FOSPA and other City Commissions: Homeless, NIC, SAHC, Environmental - Ongoing

- ** Seek Input for needs within Recreation Department & funding for those needs – March 2023
- ** Attend workshops – Ongoing
- ** Explore Trail System in Seaside at Havana Soliz Park, Lincoln Cunningham Park and Manzanita Stuart Park – Ongoing
- ** Review greenspace area along GJM Blvd – Low – March 2023
- ** Park Clean up – High
- ** Review Seaside Municipal Code section 9.08 – June 2022
- ** Blues in the Park collaboration – Spring/Summer 2022
- ** Institute Adopt a Park program – June 2022
- ** Work with environmental commission for 15 trees – 2023
- ** Implement a water safety program for local youth – Summer 2022/Winter 2023
- ** ADA Playground Equipment – Ongoing
- ** Irrigation for parks – Ongoing
- ** Community garden – Ongoing

* Add to Work Plan:

- ** Wheeler Street Tennis Courts and Pickleball
- ** Youth involvement in parks

- * Commissioners voted and accepted to submit the 2022/2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan with all the updates and additions. Alicia Gaines-Lynch/Bobby Maxwell M/S/P (A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed – 8/0 with 1 excused absence).

C. Discuss and consider having a special meeting in April 2022:

- * Have a Special Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Bobby Maxwell/Dianne Nielson M/S/P (A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed – 8/0 with 1 excused absence).

6. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF:

- * Staff reported that they lost one for their recreation supervisors. That person went on to big and better things in a different city. The City Council approved to have five new fulltime position in the recreation department. The positions are for an Administrative Assistant, two Program Coordinators, a Youth Center Supervisor and a Custodian Promotional Opportunity.
- * Staff proposed a plan at the last City Council meeting to open up Eucalyptus Road in Seaside. That will provide more access to the Fort Ord Monument. Vehicles traffic will be able to drive closer to the entrance. That proposal was approved and they are working on the plan. Staff is in the final stages working with the grant consultant for wrapping up the Urban Greening Grant for Lincoln Cunningham Park. This money would be for the trails, trees, shrubs, LD lighting, and water fountains that will help that park. Staff is waiting for the estimate for the basketball court at Lincoln Cunningham Park. Staff is applying for the Recreational Trail Grant for Laguna Grande Park to improve the trail at that park.

- * Staff reported that Spring break is going on and they have Spring Camp at Soper. They are having their first STEAM Camp at the Oldemeyer Center. STEAM Camp focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Both camps are full. On Friday, March 25, 2022, they will be having Movies in the Park at Laguna Grande Park. The movie will be "Encanto". They are having the Golden Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Oldemeyer Center. They are planning International Day in May 2022.

7. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF:

- * Staff reported that the Highland Otis Park improvements which includes a new playground, swing, bottle rocker, new wood fiber, concrete pathways, a new bench and ADA parking. It is substantial complete. The playground is scheduled for March 22, 2022. It is staff understanding that there will be a ribbon cutting on Earth Day, April 30, 2022 in the morning.
- * Staff reported that the work at Laguna Grande Park is in process now. That includes a new drinking fountain with a bottle filling station, concrete walkways, the accessible merry-go-round and play surfacing. However, they are still expecting a delay on the equipment. The City Council just approved the additional funding at the last meeting. The concrete walkway should be completed by the end of the week. The fountain should be installed by the end of the month. The play equipment should be installed in the next two weeks or so. It looks like the ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 25, 2022.
- * Staff reported the Ellis Park improvements has been delayed for the equipment, however, mobilization for the contractors begins on April 18, 2022. The improvements include new playground equipment, picnic areas, sport court, ADA parking, and landscaping.
- * Staff reported that Cutino Park is getting a new parking lot with ten stalls with one ADA stall. The park is also getting new playground and equipment for 2 years to 5 year old children and 5 years to 12 years old children. They are doing storm water retention, accessible bleachers, accessible pathway from the sidewalk at the Noche Buena driveway entrance, solar lighting and walkways. They have received the additional funding from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City Council approved an additional \$4,000.00 to the original \$246,000.00 which means that council will distribute \$250,000.00 for the fiscal year 2023/24. The design of the project is 60% complete.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- * Commissioner Daniels reported that Blue Zone is holding a marquee project on Thursday, March 24, 2002 in the morning at 8:30 a.m.
- * Commissioner Maxwell congratulated Commission Daniels and Commissioner Nielson for all the work they are doing. He reported that he attended the last FOSPA meeting with Commissioner Daniels. They got a lot of good information. Commissioner Maxwell stated that he tries to attend most of the City Council meeting. He thanked Dave Fortune and his staff for all their efforts. He thanked all the Commissioners and staff for their hard work.

* Commissioner Pacheco reported they he is enjoying some of the Recreation Programs like the Parent/Tot swim lessons.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at: 7:32 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED,

Terry Navarro, PRC Clerk

Franco Pacheco, PRC Chair

Next Special Scheduled Meeting

April 18, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Oldemeyer Center

Attachments from the March 21,
2022 Meeting

Sign In

Merrilyn Mancini

Sung Choi

Dustin Knight

Yolande Montes

Wendell Montes

Pamela Miller

Constance Constable

DALE LEWIS

Alex Sumners

Donna Bernhardt

Judi Marotta

MATT SEIDENRATH

Mark Anderson

Ramona Olachs Reed

DAVID SCHMALZ

Daniel Meewis - Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

From: Danielle Nabozny <neilleann@aol.com>
To: "dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us" <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/20/2022 12:23 PM
Subject: Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

This has turned out to be a perfect timing for this meeting because there has been an uptick of the parking issues once again.

To be fair, the last several months have seen an improvement in the issues with the people that use the courts three times/week.

But now that the weather is getting better, the situation is once again worsening; and of the 3 days that are assigned to Pickleball usage, Sundays are the very worse.

The issue for us have always been the parking of all the cars, especially on this end of Carson Street (the parking rarely goes beyond the curve in the road where Carson Street straightens out). When there are cars lining both sides of the street, it makes the useable portion very narrow and unsafe. And it does not deter the traffic that uses this street. Unfortunately decreased visibility and maneuverability does not result in slower and safer driving.

If we want to get either one of our cars out of our driveway on these days (and I must say there are less parking issues on the other days of the week) we have to park one of them on the street. We are not happy with that because we do not see it as a safe alternative. There also is no where close for family or friends to park if they would come to visit on the 3 days - we discourage visitors from coming on Sunday mornings because they would be forced to park and walk much further to visit us, then the players are apparently willing to walk to play their sport.

Monday is trash pickup for us. If we are going to be gone for most of Sunday we typically try to put our trash cans out before we leave, rather than waiting until our return. On Sundays, unless we put them out before the arrival of the players, this is an impossibility because the cars will try and find any place to park - including the short strip of curb between our driveway and that of our neighbor.

Councilmember Pacheco was very involved with our complaints last year. One of the solutions he brought up was to paint the curved portion of the curb red where Wheeler Street and Carson Street intersect. I dont know what happened with that, but discouraging people from parking on the curb would definitely help with visibility of traffic, as well as being able to safely make the turn at that intersection.

I have always been taught if you see a problem, also try to recognize a solution. My solution is to have parking restricted. To have the players park down at Oldemeyer Center (which I think was proposed in the past) and the players walk the 2 blocks to the courts. And if they are unable to walk the 2 blocks, then the Pickleball Organizers can supply some sort of shuttle service for them. The majority of the cars come with a single occupant but encouraging car pooling is apparently not a viable solution;

Another solution, which I really dont want to see, is to restrict parking to resident parking only.

This house has been in my family since it was built. That results in many decades of paying property taxes on this property. I believe that gives us the right to have our opinions listened to, and responded to. I would love to see a poll of where the majority of the people who come to play pickleball live. I would be very surprised if the majority live in Seaside. And I would also bet that the majority of those who do not live in Seaside, do not spend time or money shopping in Seaside on the days they play pickleball. Therefore the city does not benefit monetarily from their use of the courts unlike every other city property that requires payment, whether you live in town or not, to rent the use of the property.

And again, because we have heard rumors about Pickleball Tournaments, we would like to voice our opposition against any tournaments at all because we feel this would only result in a negative outcome for this small neighborhood. There are other courts available throughout the community that have better parking than our narrow streets here.

Danielle & Tom Nabozny

Good Evening,

This is in regards to the letter I received regarding extending Pickleball for an additional year at the Wheeler Street tennis courts. I reside at 1009 Carson St., I have absolutely no problem with the Pickleballers. I feel they only play a few times a week for a few hours. Why not let people get out and get some fresh air and exercise especially after the crazy couple of years we have all been through, they're not bothering anyone. I don't believe there has been any problems or trouble with them playing there. Of course there is a little more traffic but we all need to be careful when we drive at all times and all locations. I'm for extending it!

Thank You,
Sandy Ordonio

Daniel Meewis - Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

From: LINA E & JOHN DEVINE <eanil@sbcglobal.net>
To: "dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us" <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/6/2022 7:27 AM
Subject: Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

Dear City Council,

Having the tennis courts used by the Pickleball group is so wonderful to see! My family and I live down the street from the courts, and as a life-long resident, it is refreshing to see the courts being regularly used by both tennis players and Pickleball players alike. I walk regularly around the area and enjoy seeing the facilities being utilized vs. having them sit empty. That is why we have facilities like these to be used correct?

The majority of the group seems to consist of older adults although they welcome anyone to join. They are very friendly players and it is wonderful to see an activity that our older population can enjoy as well. Physical activity is so important to one's health, and I love that our local courts can provide a place to encourage this type of physical activity. I know it also carries over to everyone's mental well-being as well. The Pickleball players all look so happy to be participating in the games and their positive attitudes bring a warm feeling to the area. They liven up our neighborhood in a good way, showing what a wonderful community Seaside can be to live in. They have welcomed our family to play, and we joined them for a Saturday or two. We do not play regularly with but it is nice to know it's an available option. The group is respectful, and take good care of the facilities.

On another note, my two sons wanted some volunteer work and Pickleball has provided an opportunity to do so. They help setup the Pickleball nets on some Sundays when the group needs help. This has taught them the invaluable lesson of volunteering and helps to build our community up. For this and all the above reasons, I feel that the courts should continue to remain open to Pickleball players as well. It is such a valuable asset for our neighborhood! Also, I am aware they are limited to certain days/hours at the courts. It would be nice if they could just play on any day especially if the courts are not being used because there are many times the courts go unused.

Thank you for your time.

Linae Ishii-Devine
 Resident, 1048 Carson Street, Seaside, CA

From: Marilyn <mason.marilyn@yahoo.com>
To: <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/5/2022 4:58 PM
Subject: Pickleball extension

We support the continuation of Pickleball at Wheeler Tennis courts. We live just 2 blocks away and take daily walks through the easement going by the tennis courts and often see people playing Pickleball. They are quiet and good citizens and are getting good exercise, it's a fun sport and healthy, especially for older folks. There are no parking issues, there are enough street parking spaces for them, even when there is a large group. Please keep it. Thank you.

Marilyn and Gene Mason
915 Toro Ct.
Seaside, CA 93955

From: Rachelle <chellepea@gmail.com>
To: <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/5/2022 2:59 PM
Subject: Public Comment Item Pickleball

Dear Seaside City Council & Parks & Recreation Commission-

My husband and I live a few houses down from the courts on Wheeler.

We welcome and are thankful for the addition of pickleball. We enjoy tennis and have started to play pickleball as it has increased in popularity. We feel that allowing pickleball as well as tennis at the neighborhood courts encourages use of the courts and is more inclusive of all athletic abilities & interests in our community.

Thank you for considering our input and considering continuing to allow pickleball at the courts. We hope to meet more community members out at the courts enjoying this great resource that our community is fortunate to have.

Thanks again,
The Bellangers

From: jeanie johnson <banditjaax44@gmail.com>
To: "DMeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us" <DMeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/5/2022 2:00 PM
Subject: Public comment item " pickle ball"

When the city first put this park here they were aware the land was not sufficient to accommodate a athletic park.

Size and access being a hugh problem. No room for needed facilities to support it.

Causing problems and disruptions to the quality of life to this neighborhood.

The worst thing is this was known and done regardless. Catered once again to a small group over the well being of this neighborhood.

The amount of people coming and going here is excessive. This can not be fixed it needs to stop.

Who's idea was it for people to park at the rec. center and walk? Really? Didn't happen.

I do understand these people want to play at no cost but they are ignorant to the fact that we pay for their privilege along with everything else this park draws here.

The city has caused the daily loss of peace here and has now added pickle ball to make it 100 time worse. Over a game, one group. All so they can play free. That is all that matters to them and you back them.

Over the past year I have sent emails and pictures. Roberta and Dave have hopefully past them to council members.

To bad I don't have the option to not pay my taxes as a penalty to the city for ruining my right to a certain contentment here before the city damaged it in 2008.

At one time I looked out for this property, I will not ever again. We will see by what you do here who you are looking out for.

Jeanie Johnson

Daniel Meewis - Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

From: Cathy White <white-cathy@sbcglobal.net>
To: "dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us" <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/21/2022 11:52 AM
Subject: Public Comment Item "Pickleball"

My name is Cathy White. I have been a Seaside resident since 1996. I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but would like to voice my support for extending the Pickleball trial at the Wheeler St. courts for another year. Pickleball has been a positive addition to the Seaside community that provides an opportunity for Seaside residents to maintain health and fitness in their own town and much needed social interaction in a time that healthy social interactions have been difficult to manifest. The Pickleball community has taken pride in the Wheeler St. courts and dedicates time to sweeping and maintaining the courts on a regular basis. It is my opinion that the inclusion of Pickleball at the Wheeler St. courts has brought a fresh, new, positive energy to the City of Seaside.

Regards,

Cathy White

Daniel Meewis - pickleball as a public menace that must end immediately

From: Sg Ch <sgch411@yahoo.com>
To: "dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us" <dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us>
Date: 3/21/2022 1:53 PM
Subject: pickleball as a public menace that must end immediately

This letter serves as a summary document of the non-viability of, and endless and intractable problems created by, what the city of seaside refers to as it's "pilot pickleball program." For nearly two years, our neighborhood has been overburdened by an invading army of dozens of affluent baby boomers from monterey, pacific grove, carmel, pebble beach, as well as participants from cities as far as away as santa cruz and san jose.

For the better part of a year, this group completely disregarded and abused their 3 day a week access, instead utilizing the courts all 7 days of the week, typically for 8 hours or more each day. They arrived for set up at 8:30 AM and often did not finish up 12:30 or 1 PM. Even so, many would not leave the area, preferring to loiter in the street for hours on end after the pickleball activity had ended (I use the term very loosely since most participants' lives revolve around this game). By 3 PM or so, dozens would return to the courts and would not leave until sunset.

It was only until there was a public hearing on the matter in march and april of 2021 when such activities were appropriately checked. By this time, nearly 9 months had passed during which there was absolutely no enforcement whatsoever, and the ostensible recreation director himself had no knowledge of which days this group did or did not have access to the courts. Dan Meewis took a most cavalier approach to the matter, stating that "you can do whatever you want to on public property." This statement reflects the complete and utter disdain that the servants of the city of seaside have for the law, which is to say none whatsoever.

The public hearings in the spring of 2021 were poorly publicized and once again, dan meewis freely admitted to his own negligence, stating that he took only the most minimal of measures to publicize them.

In written and phone correspondence, dan meewis continued to display confusion, negligence and ineptitude in his role. He assured the residents that he would rectify any problem that emerged and that he should be contacted immediately when there were problems. However, he informed the city manager that the park was completely unsupervised and that he would not offer any oversight of any activities taking place there.

Although dan has stated that he will do absolutely nothing to rectify the severe problems, regarding this correspondence moot, I nonetheless offer a very brief overview of the endless problems created by this "pilot pickleball program."

These include:

- bringing 3 dozen vehicles per morning and 4 to 5 dozen vehicles per day into a quiet residential neighborhood
- targeting myself and my family for abuse and harassment

- littering in the yards of every home within walking distance
- littering in the streets, throwing water bottles, sports drinks and their contents, paper bags, napkins and other personal effects into the street
- blocking the driveways of many of the homes within the vicinity of the park on an ongoing basis, despite endless warnings and police visits
- accessing and utilizing private driveways to make illegal u-turns
- parking illegally at the park, blocking the gate and park access
- public indecency and nudity, including urinating in public and changing into and out of clothes on the sidewalk
- parking illegally on the sidewalk
- loitering in the middle of the street and on the sidewalks for many hours
- for the better part of two years, they have completely ignored their own participants' requests such as from Matt Seidenzahl, not to park in front of residential homes, or on the corner.
- in polite conversations, they have made it completely clear that while a small minority of the participants might pay lip service to "being respectful" to the neighborhood, they are so addicted to the game, they cannot bear the thought or possibility of acting in any way which is incompatible with their desire to maximize their own pleasure.
- not related to the wheeler courts in particular, but the city of monterey has received triple digit signatures in opposition to pickleball, yet another sign of the overwhelming opposition to this most noxious of activities.

Aside from their complete contempt for respectful and legal use of public space, there is the problem of the endless noise from their activities. The noise echoes and rings out from the park to a distance of several hundred feet away. Aside from the noise from the plastic ball and paddle, there is the incessant screaming for hours on end from the game's participants. Even with all windows and doors closed, the sound of this activity can be heard clearly.

Matt Seidenzahl, one of the participants, and a resident in the area, says he can hear the game being played inside his own home, even though he is 4 houses down the street.

These pickleball players have told me that this is the only activity that they can participate in, not too subtly implying that they are disabled and should be granted special privileges or extra consideration from a practical perspective if not from a legal one. Yet, none of the vehicles parked have disability placards. Also, their claims of being disabled are nullified by the fact that many of them have visited the park, in violation of the law, 7 days a week and often remain on premises 7 to 8 hours a day. This is equivalent to a full time job plus 20 hours of overtime, yet they have the complete and utter gall to try to claim disability!

I have overheard tennis players claiming that the pickleball players took measures to make

them feel unwelcome. I have also been informed by the families of youths who take tennis lessons that they are bothered by the noise of the pickleball and have quite playing tennis at the wheeler tennis courts.

The pickleball players say the courts should be available to THEM since they are a part of public property, yet when tennis players attempt to access the courts, they are treated disrespectfully. Regardless the noise and parking discourage tennis players from playing tennis at the wheeler tennis courts.

Rest assured that the city of seaside's public servants are held in utter contempt by my neighborhood. When I have mentioned Dan Meewis' name to my neighbors, the reaction is all too predictable. Normally mild mannered folk become enraged as their faces turn red, their veins in their temples bulge as they instantly go into fight or flight mode.

Others yell out a string of expletives upon hearing his name.

The city of seaside's public servants have made it completely clear that their mission is to destroy the quality of life of the people of Seaside. You can rest assured our neighborhood will never let that happen.

This so called "pilot pickelball program" has proved an epic failure in every conceivable regard. It is time to put an end to this pilot program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sung Choi



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CITY OF SEASIDE

Park and Recreation Commission

FY 2021-2022 Work Plan

&

FY 2020-2021 Accomplishments (Delayed due to COVID-19)

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Seaside Recreation and Parks Commission is to promote and advocate for parks and recreation services in an advisory capacity, to advance and preserve parks and recreation services, and to ensure safe parks and recreation facilities are available for all residents and visitors to the City of Seaside.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside Recreation and Park Commission consists of seven appointed members who hold office for three years. The Commission was established by Ordinance No. 1 on October 13, 1954. At that time SECTION 1-218 authorized the creation of three special committees of three members each; Recreation and Parks Committee, Public Works Committee and Financial Committee. Since then the committee structure was replaced by a Commission structure. Currently the duties of the Recreation and Park Commission are:

1. To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, Recreation Director and the boards of trustees of the school districts and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound park and recreation planning and programming.
2. Recommend policies on recreational services and facilities to the Recreation Director and the City Council;
3. Consult with the Recreation Director on matters relating to the administration and development of recreation areas, facilities, programs and improvements.
4. Make periodic inventories of recreation services that exist or may be needed and interpret the needs of the public to the City Council, the school boards of trustees and to the Recreation Director.
5. Aid in coordinating recreation services with the programs of other public agencies and voluntary organizations.
6. Advise the Recreation Director in the preparation of the annual budget and a long-range recreation capital improvement program.
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8. Advise the City Council on matters regarding trees, plants, landscape, etc.
9. Develop, keep current, and aid in the facilitation of a plan for the development, conservation and care of trees, trails, and parks.
10. Develop and review annually a long-range plan for trees and parks, both naturally occurring and planned.
11. Review, in cooperation with other City Commissions, plans for landscape, planting, trails, etc.
12. Coordinate or conduct planned projects for the advancement trees, parks, and other outdoor recreational areas.
13. In collaboration with other City Commissions, inform residents regarding landscape projects and care.

FY 21-22 WORK PLAN

The Seaside Recreation and Parks Commission desires and encourages community participation in the decision making process.

<i>GOAL/OBJECTIVE</i>	<i>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</i>	<i>PRIORITY RANKING</i>	<i>TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION</i>
FY 21-22 CIP and budget review	To review, consider and endorse recommended budget for FY 21-22.	High	April 2021
Promote public input	Gather, review, and endorse needs.	High	Ongoing
Seek grant funds	Advocate and seek public funds available through the Office of Grants and Local Services and National Recreation and Park Association, etc.	High	Ongoing
Work cooperatively with FOSPA and other City Commissions: Homeless, NIC, SAHC, Environmental	Collaborate with other City Commissions and FOSPA.	Medium	Ongoing
Seek Input for needs within Recreation Department & funding for those needs	Gather, review, and endorse needs and funding for inclusion in FY 21-22 budget.	High	March 2021
Attend workshops	Encourage Commissioner attendance.	Medium	Ongoing
Explore Trail System in Seaside	Look for areas of improvement and connectivity	Medium	March 2022
Review greenspace area along GJM Blvd	Research possible uses for area	High	March 2022
Park Clean up	Have commission lead park clean up days	Medium	Monthly

Review Seaside Municipal Code section 9.08	Make necessary amendments to code	High	March 2022
Blues in the Park collaboration	Have commission have more of a hands on approach with	Low	Spring/Summer 2021
Institute Adopt a Park program	Put together policies and guidelines for a community base program	Low	Spring/Summer 2021
Work with environmental commission for tree plantings	Goal of planting at least 15 new trees in City parks	Medium	Spring/Summer 2021
Implement a water safety program for local youth	Twice per year field WSI and screened volunteers to run a drown proofing for the community	High	Summer/Fall 2021 Winter 2022
Signs for parks	Get signs to parks that do not have signs	Low	March 2022
ADA Playground Equipment	Add ADA Playground equipment to the parks	High	April 2022
Irrigation for parks	Look into long term irrigation for the parks	Medium	April 2022
Community garden	Work on a community garden	Medium	February 2022

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING GOAL	STATUS
Submitted SPP Grant	Submitted a competitive grant in order to encumber funds available to underserved CA communities.	Completed
Provide doggy bag stations at all parks	Allocated funding and personnel for installation.	Completed
Major renovation of Cutino Park	Opened to public August 2019	Completed
Improve Highland Otis Park	Allocated funding for Playground structure, BBQ, ADA, volleyball court improvements	Completed
Improve Metz Park and Rubio Field	Allocated funding for ADA improvements, Basketball and Futsal resurface and stripe	Completed
Roberts Lake ECO Park Peace Pole	Provided funding and locations for Peace Poles	Completed
Improve Durant Park	Allocated funding for Playground structure, ADA and BBQ improvements	Completed
Community input regarding Manzanita Stuart Park	Public forum held regarding facility additions and construction.	Completed
Community input regarding Ellis Park	Public forum held regarding park improvements	Completed
Improve basketball court at Capra Park	Allocated funding for resurface	Completed
Attend Parks and Recreation Workshops during FY 19-20	Five members attended various workshops	Completed
Submit CDBG Grant	Submit a competitive grant in order encumber funds.	Completed

ONGOING PROJECTS

<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>ACTIVITIES</i>
Manzanita Stuart Park	Continue to seek community input into park as required by grant
Recreation and park facilities	Encourage attendance to all parks, recreation center, pool and facilities.
Promote recreation and park activities	Blues in the Park, youth, adult and senior activities.
Monitor park improvements	Ellis Park, Laguna Grande, Capra Park, Highland Otis Park, and Manzanita Stuart Park.
Work collectively with Environmental Commission	Promote and recommend flora in parks and around the City
Work collectively with Homeless Commission	Provide solutions to ensure parks, trails, landscape, and adjacent park areas can be enjoyed by all
ADA playground equipment	Provide ADA playground equipment at Laguna Grande Park

2021