



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting Date: September 4, 2018

Agenda Item 9-A

Approvals: \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager [Signature]

Dept. Head [Signature]

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Finance JV

**Department:** Beaches, Parks and Recreation  
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**Subject:** *MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT TO SAN LUIS REY PARK AND SAN GORGONIO PARK FOR THE PLANNED USE OF PICKLEBALL ON TENNIS COURTS.*

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes. The cost of adding pickleball striping to two (2) tennis courts is estimated at \$600, with additional costs to update court signage not to exceed \$500.

**Summary:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve a park master plan amendment to San Luis Rey Park and San Gorgonio Park to add pickleball as a planned use of the parks. The purpose of this amendment is to meet community demands for pickleball facilities, while also preliminarily meeting the recommendation of the 2018 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Maser Plan.

**Background:** The adopted 2018 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan has established a need to add pickleball facilities to San Clemente public parks.

At its May 21, 2018 budget workshop meeting, the City Council directed staff to consider striping two courts at San Luis Rey Park (SLR) for consideration of allowing tournaments to take place. Additionally, Council requested the cost to do a permanent conversion of one court to pickleball, alongside a single dual-lined court.

At its June 7, 2018 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a staff report to recommend a master plan amendment to the SLR site specific plan to allow pickleball on two tennis courts at SLR. Staff recommended the addition of pickleball striping on two courts. After discussion, the Commission requested the cost to convert one existing tennis court into four permanent pickleball courts as well the consideration of other sites within the City.

At its July 10, 2018 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a staff report which included the estimated cost of one tennis court conversion to a pickleball court at approximately \$12,000. The Commission recommended approving the permanent conversion of court #4 at SLR and requested that staff return with a proposal on rules and regulations for a possible dual-line lined court on court #3 (Attachment 1).

At its August 14, 2018 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a staff report which included a proposal on possible rules and scheduling of a dual-lined court at SLR or San Gorgonio Park (SG). After hearing public comment, the Commission rescinded its recommendation from the July 10, 2018 meeting to

convert a SLR tennis court to a permanent pickleball court and recommended approving the conversion of court #2 at SG to four permanent pickleball courts and court #1 as a dual-lined pickleball/tennis court (Attachment 2).

**Discussion:** SLR has four lighted tennis courts and SG has two unlighted tennis courts available for public use. In the coming months, the tennis courts at SLR and SG are budgeted to be resurfaced at an approximate cost of \$23,000 and \$16,000, respectively. These resurfacing projects provide an opportunity to revisit the court striping to provide lines for the play of pickleball. The addition of lines will cost an additional \$300 per court.

To increase accessibility of potential pickleball courts within San Clemente, staff recommends dual-lining one court at SLR and one court at SG. In doing so, the pickleball level of service would be available in both south and north San Clemente. The staff recommendation to add pickleball as a planned use of these parks would involve adding lines in a contrasting color to one existing tennis court at both SLR and SG. Each tennis court would be striped for four pickleball courts creating eight total pickleball courts in San Clemente. Temporary nets would be required for pickleball play and would not be provided by the City.

To manage the play time on the dual-striped court, staff recommends that two days out of the week be designated as priority to pickleball. Based on the court usage, it is recommended that Sundays and Thursdays be the designated days at SLR and Mondays and Wednesday at SG. This allocates a total of four days to priority pickleball use within the City. By designating a select number of days, the public is better able to regulate which group has priority play. It is also recommended that the recommended play time be considered a "pilot pickleball program", with an option to return to Council in one year to review the success of the program and address any issues that may have evolved since implementation.

At that this time staff is not recommending that two courts be lined at a single site to accommodate tournaments. Currently, tennis courts are for public drop-in use only or City classes. Courts are not available for private reservation or rental, and tournaments are not allowed. Staff intends to review the potential for tournaments once permanent courts are established and a fee study is completed to secure appropriate rates.

As requested by Council and recommended by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission, the cost to permanently convert one tennis court to four pickleball courts is estimated by staff between \$12,000 and \$15,000. This cost includes adding net infrastructure (coring and sleeves), court striping, pickleball equipment (four nets and eight poles), and contractor's insurance requirements. All work is estimated at prevailing wage. The existing tennis net may need to be removed and replaced with a low barrier fencing. Additionally, the replacement schedule is considered when constructing a new amenity. It is estimated that the nets would need to be replaced every 12-18 months and the posts and sleeves every 15 years or sooner depending on natural corrosion.

**Recommended**

**Action:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council

- 1.) Approve a master plan amendment to San Luis Rey Park and San Gorgonio Park to add pickleball as a planned use of the park; and
- 2.) Approve a pilot pickleball program that includes the addition of lines for four pickleball courts at San Luis Rey on Court #4 and for four pickleball courts San Gorgonio Park Court #2; and
- 3.) Designate the priority use of pickleball at San Luis Rey Park on Sundays and Thursdays and at San Gorgonio Park on Mondays and Wednesdays for the duration of the pilot pickleball program.

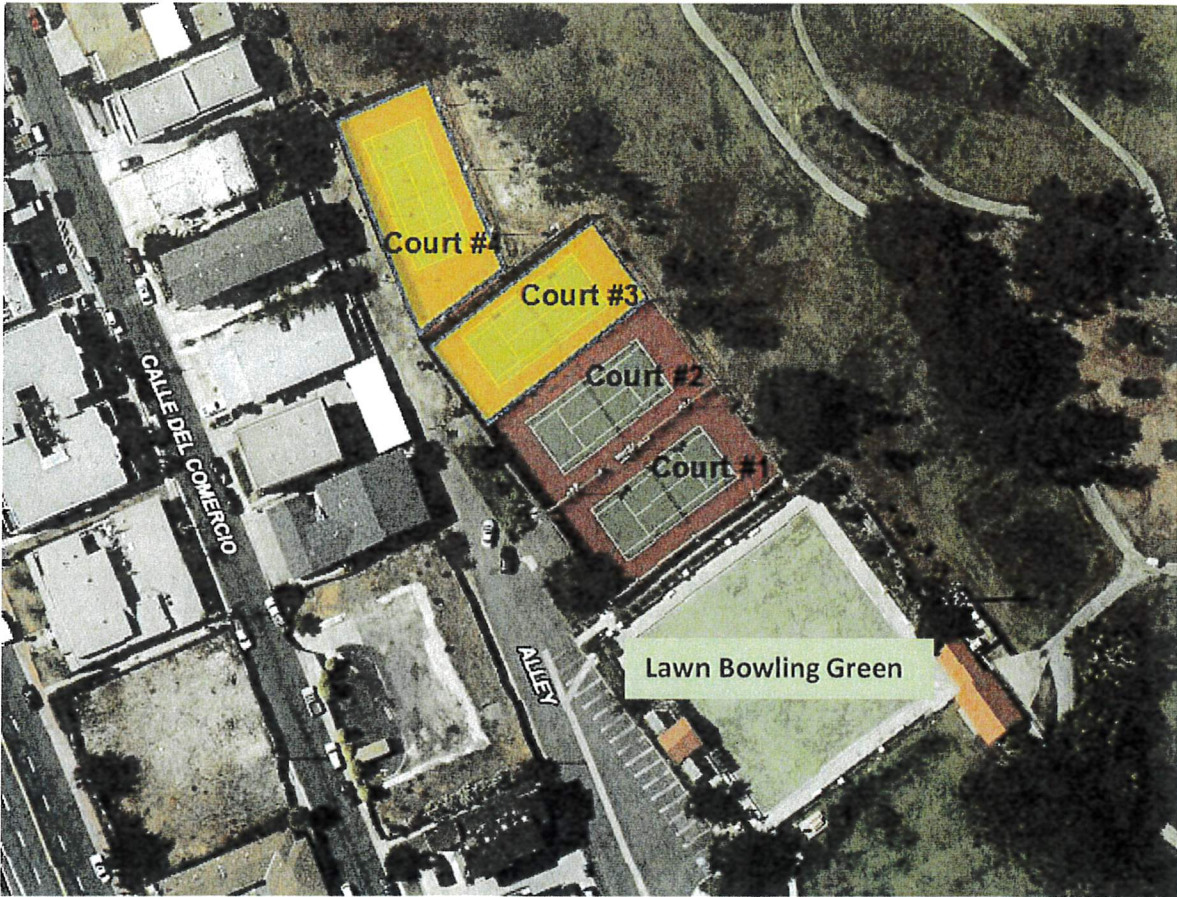
**Attachments:**

1. San Luis Rey Park Site Map
2. San Gorgonio Park Site Map

**Notification:**

Interested Parties  
Properties within 300 feet of San Gorgonio Park and San Luis Rey Park

# San Luis Rey Park



# San Geronio Park

