



AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting Date: November 9, 2023

Agenda Item: 1B

Department: Beaches, Parks and Recreation

Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject:

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONAL USE OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SAN GORGONIO PARK AND DESIGNATION OF LIMITED-USE GUIDELINES AND FINDING THE ACTIONS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Summary:

The pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park are currently closed based upon previous Council direction. In order to provide for some limited transitional use of some of the pickleball courts, the Council must approve their reopening. The purpose of reopening the pickleball courts would be to provide a transitional facility that will allow for beginning/intermediate play with limited hours of operation while city staff and the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission consider options for expediting an additional expansion of pickleball within the San Clemente park system.

Background:

At its June 6, 2023, meeting, the City Council directed staff to close the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park on or before November 7, 2023, in conjunction with the opening of the new courts at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park.

At its November 7, 2023, meeting, the City Council directed staff to provide a recommendation on hours of operations and conditions for play at four pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park. Council expressed an interest in considering reducing pickleball use during peak park usage and utilizing the courts for beginning/intermediate players and/or lessons.

Staff recommends the Council consider the following operational structure and conditions for play on the transitional pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park:

- Weekday play (Monday-Friday), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Play will be managed through a rotation system with no challenge court, therefore providing for beginning and intermediate play only.
- City lessons will be offered at this site to encourage beginner play.

The hours of operations detailed above will be applied to the tennis court facility as well due to the setup of the court facility.

It is further recommended that these courts be established on a limited/transitional basis while the City evaluates options to permanently construct additional courts at either Richard T. Steed Memorial Park or against the freeway at San Gorgonio Park. With Council direction, staff intends to bring an item to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at its next regularly scheduled meeting to consider these options.

Council Options:

- Adopt Resolution No. 23-133, directing staff to re-open four pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park on a transitional basis under specific use parameters of weekdays only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with no challenge court, and directing the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission to consider options for expediting future pickleball facility expansions and establishing revenue sources within the existing court system, and finding the actions categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- Modify and adopt the Resolution.
- Continue the Item with direction given to staff related to the rules of play of the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.
- Deny the Resolution.

Environmental Review/Analysis

Establishing use parameters and rules for play upon the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the use of the courts is consistent with the approved site plan and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing purpose.

Recommended Actions:

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-133, which will:

1. Direct staff to re-open four pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park, located on Court #2, on a transitional basis with limited use parameters; and
2. Find that establishing parameters and rules for pickleball court use is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA guidelines; and
3. Limit the court operations to weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with no Challenge Court established within the four-court setup; and
4. Direct the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission to consider options for expediting the future expansion of pickleball facilities and opportunities to establish revenue through the existing court system.

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 23-133
2. Park Property Map

Notification:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 23-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, REOPENING FOUR TRANSITIONAL PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SAN GOROGNIO PARK, AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS OF PLAY ON A LIMITED BASIS, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT UNDER CLASS 1 (14 CCR SECTION 15301)

WHEREAS, the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park were closed on November 7, 2023, in conjunction with the opening of the pickleball courts at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the site-specific park master plan for San Gorgonio Park, as amended by Council adopted Resolution No. 23-132 continues to allow for the use of four courts for the play of pickleball at San Gorgonio Park on Court #2; and

WHEREAS, at its November 7, 2023, meeting, the City Council directed staff to further consider options for limiting the use of play at the courts by providing reduced hours and parameters of play.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Clemente does hereby find, determine and resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds that the above recitations are true and correct.

Section 2. The four pickleball courts located on Court #2 of the courts established on the northwest side of San Gorgonio Park as shown on the attached Exhibit A are to be opened for play on a transitional and limited basis.

Section 3. Use of the pickleball courts and adjoining tennis court will be available on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for beginning and intermediate play only. The courts shall be utilized in a rotation system with no challenge court. The rotation system will not apply to City recreation class instruction.

Section 4. The Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission will further consider the best options to expedite the development of future pickleball court facilities, while also evaluating options to establish revenue within the existing pickleball court system.

Section 5. Based on the entire record, the City Council finds that the actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under 14 CCR Section 1 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA guidelines because they consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use or are otherwise not a “project” under CEQA. The actions will not have any substantial direct or foreseeable indirect effect

on the environment.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of
San Clemente, California

Mayor of the City of San
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
 COUNTY OF ORANGE) §
 CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE)

I, LAURA CAMPAGNOLO, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente held on the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this _____ day of _____, _____.

 CITY CLERK of the City of
 San Clemente, California

Approved as to form:

 City Attorney

EXHIBIT A



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