

Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator
From: Tom McCarthy
 Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts
Date: 12/2/2021
Re: Central Park Pickleball Court Location Discussion



Attached is information to help in the discussion of finding a home for the six pickleball courts that are to be installed in Central Park, which are funded by the ARPA money and part of the updated Central Park Master Plan. I have attached the Central Park conceptual layout that was provided at our last Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council meeting on October 27 for your review with some additional information to help in the conversation. Attached you will find the updated layout of the courts and some additional pictures of traditional pickleball courts to help in the discussion. There were three other locations mentioned.

- One (1) was the pool parking lot, which would reduce the parking in the main parking for the pool, pavilions and playground by fifty spaces leaving us with only 138 spaces for parking.
- The second spot (2) was the green space between the two pavilions, south of the parking lot and just north of the playground. This space is actually not large enough for the six pickleball courts.
- The third (3) space which was mentioned was southwest of the pool maintenance house. There are several issues here; building on a hill is tough, no parking or restrooms nearby.



- KEY**
- 1 ENTERTAINMENT PLAZA AREA
 - 2 ICONIC PAVILION / SHADE STRUCTURE
 - 3 MAIN REINFORCED EVENT LAWN / OPEN TURF
 - 4 KEY ENTRANCE PLAZAS
 - 5 CENTRAL CIRCULATION SPINE / PLAZA
 - 6 POTENTIAL STAGE SETUP LOCATION
 - 7 SLOPED / TERRACED SEATING LAWN
 - 8 STREET BUILDOUT, VENDOR / EVENT STAGING
 - 9 EXISTING STREET / CIRCULATION MAINTAINED
 - 10 REMOVE EXISTING STREET CONNECTION
 - 11 OVERLOOK PLAZA / PERGOLA
 - 12 POTENTIAL FUTURE PARKING
 - 13 ACCESSIBLE PARKING
 - 14 ENTRY SCULPTURE / FEATURE
 - 15 SCULPTURE / ARTWORK INCORPORATION
 - 16 PICKLEBALL COURTS (6 TOTAL)





Six pickleball courts Central Park in Parcels 2 & 4 on the south side of Parks Circle Drive and the Parkway.



There is one other item that we need to discuss and that is the fencing around the courts. On all the courts around town and across the country black vinyl coated fencing is preferred which prevents the balls from leaving the court space and has a pretty good visual appeal at a reasonable cost versus an aluminum five-foot picket fence that would also require a mesh or net to keep the balls in the court. This would be a maintenance concern, yearly cost and have more of a wall look around the courts. With the traditional black vinyl fence we would put in landscaping to surround the perimeter of the courts to enhance the park setting using trees and bushes. I was unable to find any courts in town that use a picket fence around courts. Below are the two cost comparisons for the two styles of fencing.

5' Black Vinyl Coated Fencing 480'	\$22,000
5' Black Aluminum Picket Fencing with netting 480' (netting would need to be replaced every other year. Current cost for netting is \$5,000)	\$45,000



Des Peres Pickle ball courts at the main entrance to their City Park where City Hall is located off Manchester Road. Black vinyl fencing



Warson Woods Country Club pickleball courts with the black vinyl fencing



Manchester Parks and Recreation Pickleball courts in the main park at the entrance with black vinyl fencing.



Kings Point with vinyl fencing



Tower Grove Pickleball courts with black vinyl fencing

With your approval I would like to move this forward to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council and I will be requesting that the committee approve a location for the pickleball courts, parking for the courts and also make a recommendation on the fencing to be used for the courts. If the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council approves this I would request that we move this on to the full Council for their approval on these items so I can then move forward.