

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2014
SUBMITTED TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
SUBMITTED BY: JANEEN LAUDENBACK, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PREPARED BY: DAVID C. DOMINGUES, FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT & CONCESSIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: WORTHY COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN REVISION

Statement of Issue: The Community Services Commission is to consider revising the Worthy Community Park Master Plan. The new plan will include converting the two (2) existing basketball courts for use as Pickleball courts. Staff is seeking Commission approval of the revised master plan and to form a recommendation to City Council to do the same.

Funding Source: Park Acquisition and Development Fund.

Recommended Action: Approve the Revised Worthy Community Park Conceptual Master Plan to designate the hard courts for exclusive use for Pickleball.

Alternate Action: Do not approve the Revised Worthy Community Park Conceptual Master Plan to designate the hard courts for exclusive use for Pickleball and direct staff on how to proceed.

Analysis:

Worthy Park is located at 1831 17th Street (Attachment 1). Worthy Park presently includes a children's play area, open turf; picnic tables; two lighted basketball courts, a lighted softball field and a 48 space parking lot. The park also includes a 10,000 square foot building which was formerly used as a pay to play indoor racquetball facility. The building has been closed since 1997 and is planned for demolition. The City of Huntington Beach conducted a public input meeting at the July 10, 2013 Community Services Commission and approved a Master Plan for minor reconfiguration of the park. (Attachment 2). The proposed plan includes enhancements to the area adjacent to the parking lot to create a plaza, linking the various park amenities. The plan will also improve the playground area to include new play equipment and add a picnic gazebo. In order to address the need for team sport practice areas, the plan proposes to demolish the 10,000 square foot former racquetball building and utilize the space along with an open turf area to the west of the building to create a lighted practice field. A new permanent restroom is being proposed as part of the reconfiguration of the park. The east side of the park will be enhanced to include new picnic tables and a new park identification sign facing Main Street.

The plan also proposed re-striping of the existing hard courts to accommodate both basketball and Pickleball. As part of Commission’s previous action, one of the two existing courts would be set aside for exclusively for Pickleball. The other would accommodate both basketball and Pickleball based upon a set schedule and priority system. Since the time of Commissions last action, staff has received communication from the public, including communication from Diana Abruscato as representative of the Pickleball players in Huntington Beach requesting Commission consider including eight (8) permanent and dedicated pickle ball courts in the master plan. Should Commission consider this alternative, both hard courts would be identified as permanent pickleball courts. Costs for further alterations, additional hardscape and lighting would also have to be taken into consideration given the current funding amount for the project. Since the previous action by Commission only addressed one of the two courts for Pickleball, identifying the second court for exclusive use is considered a Master Plan modification and therefore, requires Commission review and approval.

Environmental Status: Reconfiguration of the park will be subject to the required environmental analysis as part of the entitlement process.

Attachment(s):

	1	Location Map
	2	Revised Worthy Park Master Plan
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