

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Julie Dahlen, Director, Library and Recreation Services
SUBJECT: Permanent Pickleball Facility at Centennial Park
DATE: April 15, 2014

Needs: For the City Council to authorize converting the roller hockey rink at Centennial Park to a permanent, dedicated, five-court Pickleball (PB) facility.

Facts

1. Invented in 1965, PB combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong; it is considered to be the fastest growing sport in America.
2. For nearly 2 years, Jack Hodges has conducted a PB program in the roller hockey rink at Centennial Park as a contract class. He was authorized to paint stripes on the existing roller hockey rink surface and is currently providing his own portable nets.
3. As a contract class instructor, Mr. Hodges completed a vetting process with the City, is required to carry liability insurance, provides a set schedule of play, charges a participation fee and supervises the PB program. The city receives 25% of his class proceeds, and Mr. Hodges provides routine maintenance of the courts.
4. Mr. Hodges' class has enjoyed steadily increasing popularity, prompting the formation of the Paso Robles Pickleball Club (PRPBC).
5. On January 13, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) approved a proposal from Mr. Hodges on behalf of PRPBC to fund the conversion of the roller hockey rink at Centennial Park to a permanent, dedicated, five-court PB facility.
6. The PRAC recommendation includes the following provisions:
 - a. The conversion of the facility shall not displace any other formal recreation programs. Recreation staff confirmed that no formal play has occurred in the roller hockey rink for several years. An informal poll of drop-in players indicated very little use overall.
 - b. The PB courts shall still be considered a public facility and will not be for the exclusive use of PRPBC. Recreation staff will unlock the facility between 6 am and 8 am on weekdays and lock the facility at dusk. As is the case with existing tennis courts, informal use of the PB courts may occur at any time outside of the contract class schedule. Special arrangements for weekend tournaments may be made with Recreation staff.

- c. PRPBC shall abide by the maintenance requirements as determined by Public Works staff.
- 7. Public Works staff has favorably evaluated the feasibility of the project and has set the following maintenance terms:
 - a. All daily maintenance including blowing, sweeping and litter pickup is the responsibility of the accountable PB group.
 - b. Any required maintenance and/or refreshing of the PB court lines and/or specialized surfacing is the responsibility of the accountable PB group.
 - c. Any required sport supplies are the responsibility of the accountable PB group;
 - d. Repairs to the concrete due to cracking judged significant by City staff or damaged fencing judged dangerous by City staff is the responsibility of the City.
 - e. Emptying of permanent facility trash cans is the responsibility of the City.
- 8. The City does not provide security or regular monitoring of the tennis and PB courts. PRPBC has indicated a willingness to establish a volunteer patrol among its members along the lines of a Neighborhood Watch group so that any instances of vandalism or illegal activity on the facility can be reported to the Paso Robles Police Department in a timely fashion.
- 9. No City funds will be expended for this project; PRPBC members are currently raising funds to cover the estimated cost, not to exceed \$18,000.
- 10. PRPBC is currently seeking three competitive bids for the improvements and has been informed that the project is subject to prevailing wage requirements.

**Analysis and
Conclusion:**

Jack Hodges has successfully conducted PB as a contract class in the roller hockey rink at Centennial Park for nearly 2 years. Noting the rapidly growing popularity of PB and the absence of public PB courts in Paso Robles, the Paso Robles Pickleball Club has proposed that the current roller hockey rink at Centennial Park be converted to five permanent PB courts. No other formal programs are currently held on the roller hockey rink, and PRPBC intends to fund this project with no financial assistance from the City. PRPBC has also agreed to provide routine maintenance of the courts, refreshing of court lines, resurfacing and all required sport supplies. PRPBC will seek 3 competitive bids for the project and abide by prevailing wage requirements. PRPBC will establish a volunteer group to monitor the courts in order to minimize vandalism and report illegal activities in the vicinity in a timely fashion.

Fiscal**Impact:**

PRPBC will cover all costs associated with converting the facility to a permanent, dedicated, five-court Pickleball (PB) facility. PRPBC is responsible for all costs for routine maintenance and sports equipment for the courts.

Options:

- a. Adopt Resolution #14-xxx authorizing the Paso Robles Pickleball Club to convert the current roller hockey rink at Centennial Park to a permanent, dedicated five-court Pickleball facility.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments

- Proposal from PRPRC
- Site map
- Resolution

Our Goal.....

We have received a quote of \$18,000 to make the Roller Hockey Rink a permanent, dedicated, five court Pickleball facility similar to the picture below.

We started 15 months ago with two courts marked off with painter's tape. The tape lasted two months. We received permission to paint permanent lines in Jan. of 2013. One of the reasons for allowing us to paint permanent lines was because the Roller Hockey Rink was seldom used.

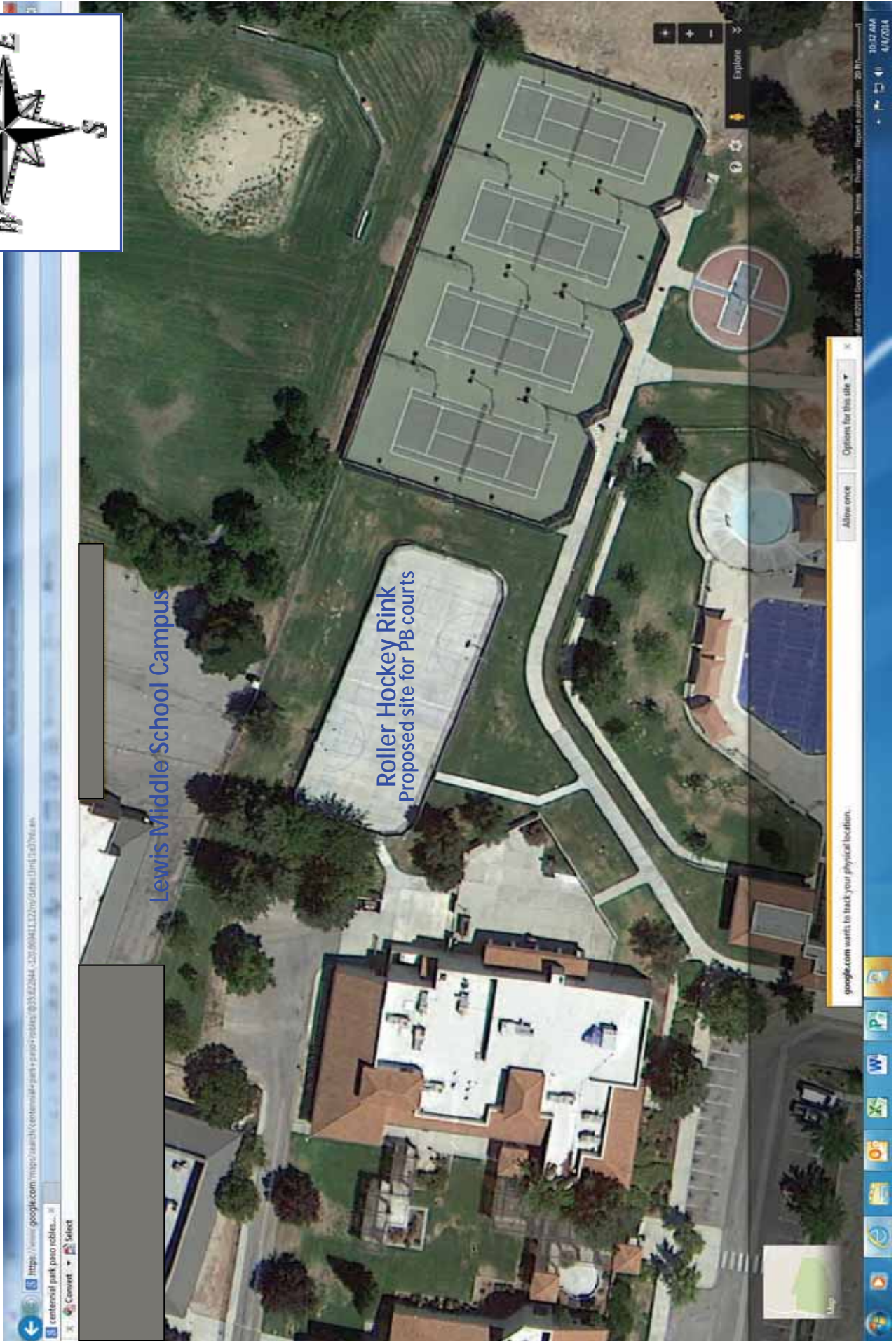
In the 15 months of our Pickleball class, we have only seen roller hockey players on three different occasions. They told us they play in a league in San Luis Obispo.

We honestly believe this facility will attract people of all ages. This is a great game for youngsters as well. We envision clinics for the youth of Paso Robles and adjoining cities.

"If you build it, they will come." (Field of Dreams). We would like to have a first class facility to attract locals and visitors from across the country. Another goal.....to conduct 2-3 tournaments per year attracting players from all over the western states. A definite boost to our local economy.



CENTENNIAL PARK — 600 NICKERSON DRIVE



RESOLUTION NO. 14-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
TO AUTHORIZE CONVERTING THE ROLLER HOCKEY RINK AT CENTENNIAL PARK
TO A PERMANENT, DEDICATED, FIVE-COURT PICKLEBALL FACILITY

WHEREAS, Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong, is considered to be the fastest growing sport in America and was invented in 1965; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 2 years, Jack Hodges has conducted a PB program in the roller hockey rink at Centennial Park as a contract class, was authorized to paint stripes on the existing roller hockey rink surface and is currently providing his own portable nets; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hodges' class has enjoyed steadily increasing popularity, prompting the formation of the Paso Robles Pickleball Club (PRPBC); and

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WHEREAS, the PRAC recommendation includes the following provisions:

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WHEREAS, no City funds will be expended for this project; PRPBC members are currently raising funds to cover the estimated cost, not to exceed \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, PRPBC is currently seeking three competitive bids for the improvements and has been informed that the project is subject to prevailing wage requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, to authorize the Paso Robles Pickleball Club to convert the current roller hockey rink at Centennial Park to a permanent, dedicated five-court Pickleball facility.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 15th day of April 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk