AGENDA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 11, 2019

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff and Commission member announcements, reports and updates of status.

- 4-1. Music in the Park
- 4-2. Ocean View Park Redwood Tree Work & Memorial Park Tree Removal
- 4-3. Friends of Albany Parks Update
- 4-4. Albany Local Week Events

5. PRESENTATIONS:

5-1. Background on Albany Waterfront Planning

Staff will present background on the Albany Waterfront.

Information Only

6. STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICANTIONS:

6-1. Street Tree Removal for (1) Bradford Pear at 1259 Brighton Ave (Albany Middle School)

Recommendation: Approve the Street Tree removal permit.

6-2. Dead Tree Removal Report

Staff will present a list of dead trees that need to be removed and replaced.

Informational Only

7. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

7-1. Update on Funding Sources

Staff will provide a brief status report on existing funding sources and potential Prop 68 grants.

Information Only

7-3. Update from the Community Garden Subcommittee

Sub-Committee members will report back to the Commission on the following:

- Community Garden-Background and Overview of the Issues
- Report on subcommittee activities and Information gathered to date
- Possible Proposed Solutions and early learnings
- Next Steps

Discussion Only

7-2. Proposal to convert Ocean View Tennis Courts to dedicated Pickleball Courts The Commission will receive a report from Staff and presentation from the Pickleball representative.

Recommendation: That the Commission receive public feedback, discuss and possibly take action on one of the following options:

- Approve the proposal to convert the Ocean View Tennis courts to dedicated Pickleball courts or approve with modifications (approval of between 4-8 courts) and direct staff to return to a future meeting with court design and potential funding sources;
- 2) Take no action on the proposal/no change to Tennis Courts at Ocean View;
- 3) Give staff direction to provide more information and defer the item to a future meeting

7-4. Dog Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee members will report back to the Commission regarding the Council's decision and input.

Information Only

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioners announce requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items.

9. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2019 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Please Note: there are no public meetings in August.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: 7:01 pm; Absent Marten, Cooper

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 13, 2019

Motion to approve: Commissioner Abbott

Seconded: Vice Chair Sardiñas Vote: Favor All; Motion carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff and Commission member announcements, reports and updates of status.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

5-1. Discussion of Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Strategies
Staff presented an overview of the planning process and actions in the draft Climate
Action and Adaptation Plan.

Commissioners provided feedback to Staff.

6. STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICANTIONS:

6-1. Memorial Park Tree Removal for (1) Acacia

Motion to approve: Chair Patterson Seconded: Commissioner Abbott Vote: Favor All; Motion carried

6-2. Street Tree Removal Application for (1) Camphor at 808 Ramona Avenue

Motion to approve: Commissioner Noble

Seconded: Chair Patterson Vote: Favor All; Motion carried

6-3. Street Tree Removal Application for (1) Jacaranda at 968 Talbot Avenue

Motion to approve: Commissioner Abbott

Seconded: Commissioner Noble

Vote: Favor 4: Motion carried (Commissioner Chang Frank not present during

vote)

7. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

7-1. Terrace Park Replacement Tree Options

Staff presented three tree replacement options for the area west of the basketball court in Terrace Park.

Motion to approve the planting of 1 Big Leaf Maple: Chair Patterson

Seconded: Commissioner Noble Vote: Favor All; Motion carried

7-2. Dog Sub-Committee Recommendation

Sub-Committee members presented their recommendations to the Commission.

Motion by: Chair Patterson to approve Section B designated as an official Dog Park in Albany and approve recommendations to develop a detailed plan for minor improvements to the area as noted in the Subcommittees report:

- 1. No change in current hours or rules
- 2. Add additional signage in area about rules (larger & clear)
- 3. Add a double gate entry and benches in area
- 4. Relocate entry to the gate near the athletic field and add auto-locking entry gate
- 5. Plantings around perimeter of area and trees for shade in area

Seconded: Commissioner Abbott Vote: Favor All; Motion carried

7-3. Albany Hill Interpretive Signage Sub-Committee Update

Sub-Committee presented a plan to move forward and received input from Commissioners.

Commission approved Commissioner Abbott joining the Subcommittee

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Non-Emergency City Tree Removal Application Albany Unified School District

Owner's Name:	
1259 Brighton Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94706 Property Address: Phone:	
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No permit to remove a living City Tree may be issued unless one or more of the met:	ne following criteria is
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CITY OF ALBANY PARKS RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: September 12, 2019

Reviewed by: ____

SUBJECT: 1259 Brighton Ave Tree Removal

REPORT BY: John Hawkridge, Urban Forester

SUMMARY

On June 28, 2019 I received a request to review a tree removal for the proposed ADA parking retrofit at 1259 Brighton Ave. There are 11 tree planting basins along this property, all equally spaced, all constructed with steel framework and tree grates. The tree in question is located in tree basin #8 (counting in direction of travel). Of the remaining trees, tree #1 and tree #6 are dead. Trees #8 to 11 are all in fairly good condition at this time.

The retrofit is to be constructed according to the California Department of Transportation Revised Standard Plan for accessible parking on-street.

Although the tree appears to be in good health, there seems to be no alternative to the placement of the ADA retrofit.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approves removal of the tree per section 2.1.f of the City Tree Removal Policy and Procedures.

DISCUSSION

Removal of tree #8 will result in 3 of the original 11 trees either dead of missing. Tree #1 and tree #6 are dead. Since the removal of tree #8 will result in loss of a planting site, I would propose that tree numbers 1 and 6 be completely removed and stumps ground, and 2 new trees planted in these locations as part of the removal and replacement requirements. Replacement species should be a more appropriate species such as Trident Maple, which is the replacement species planted in basin #3

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

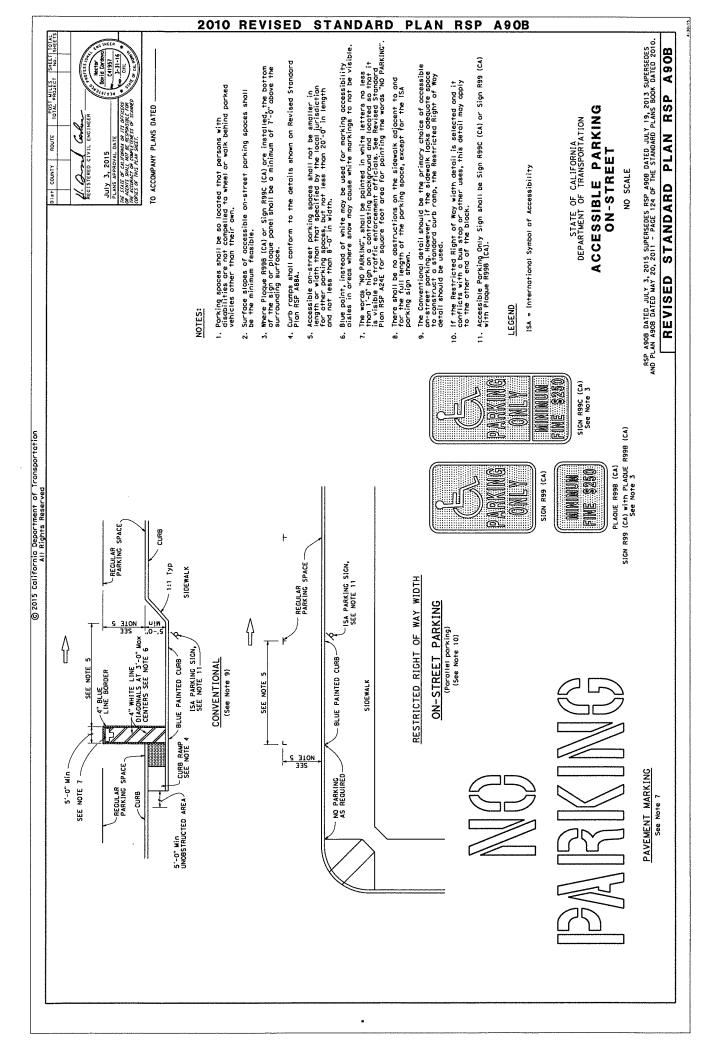
This project will result in the loss of one tree planing site for the city. Species to be removed is problematic (Bradford Pear) due to fireblight, and tendency to lose limbs.

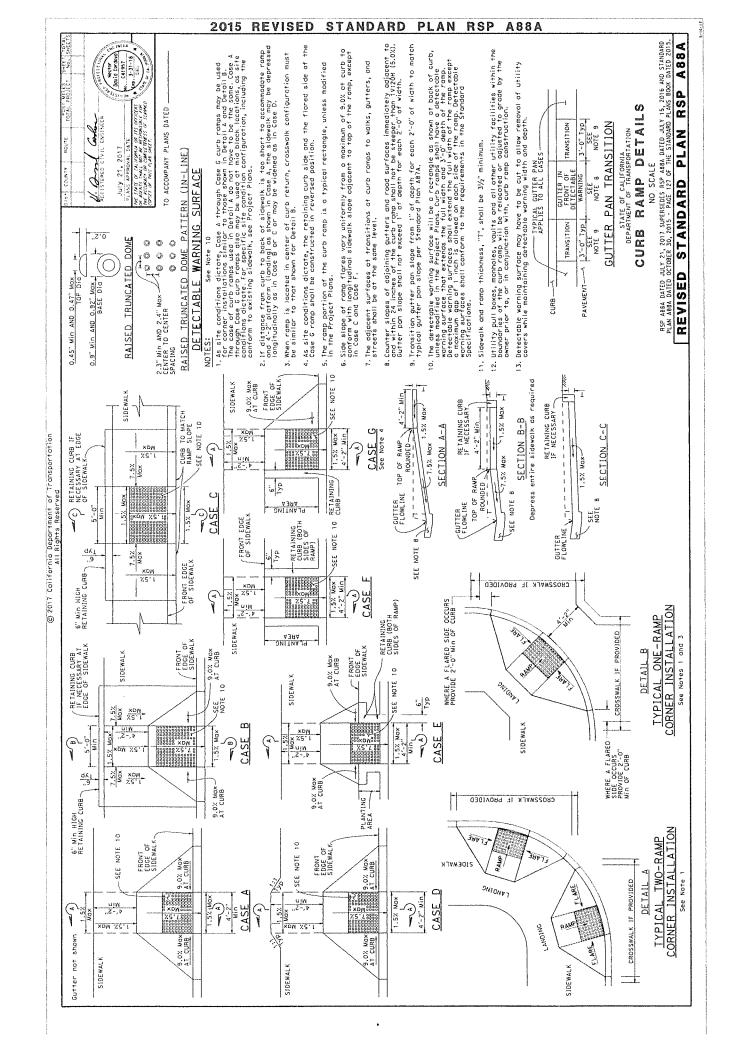
FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs to be incurred by the project

Attachments

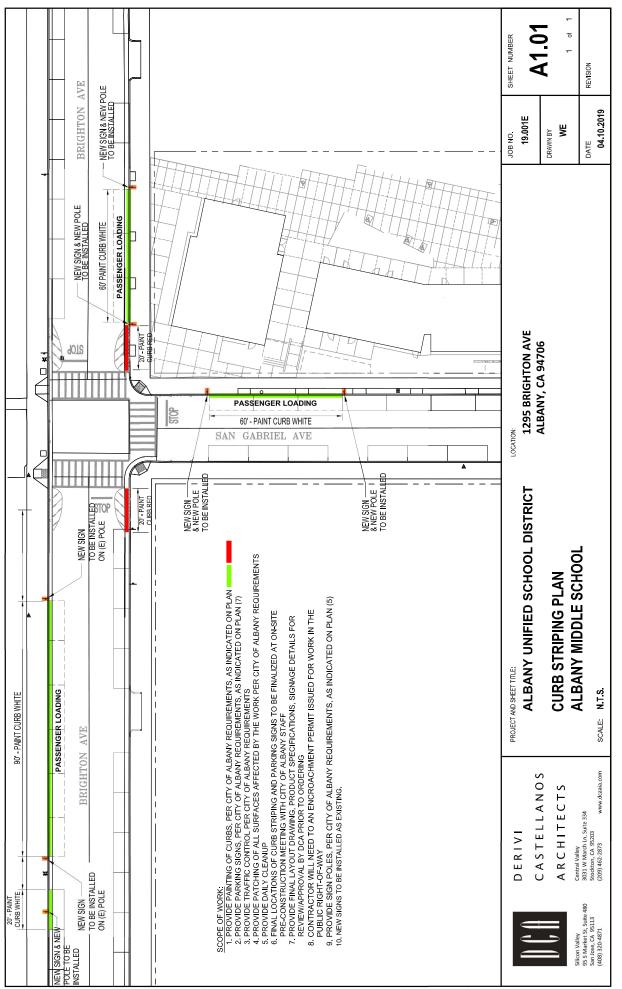
Albany Middle School Curb Striping Plan CA ADA Standard for On-street Parking

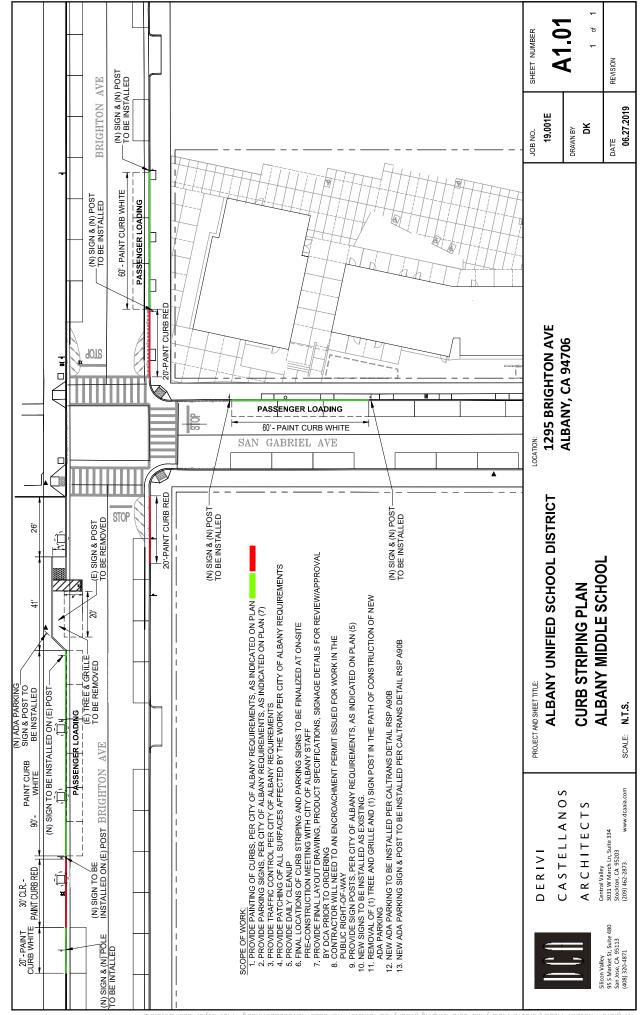


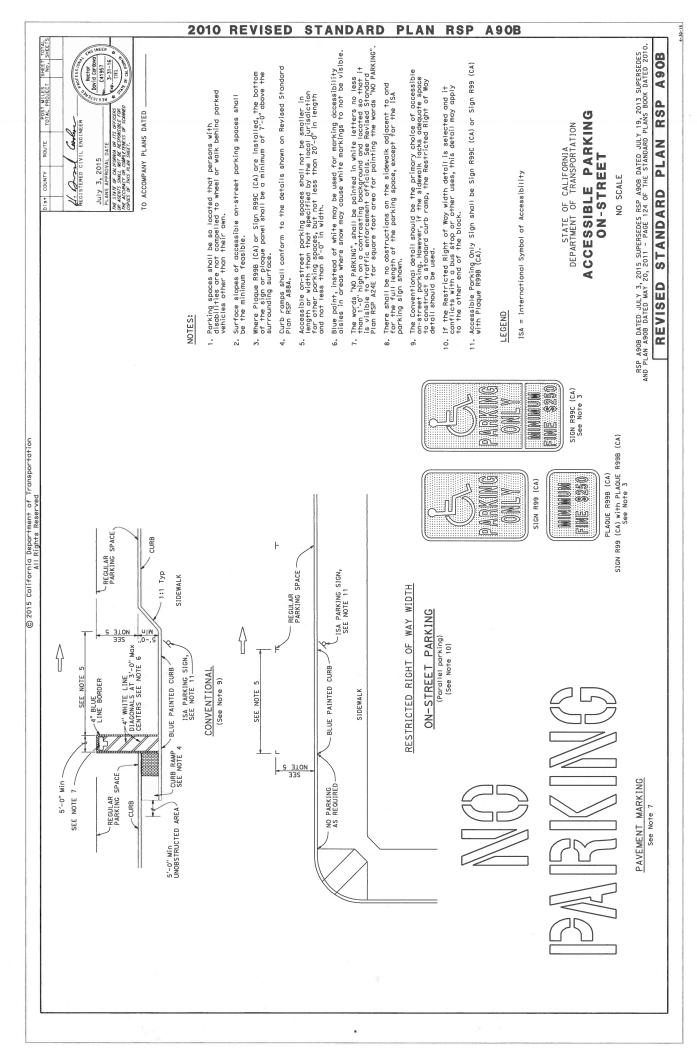


Existing Striping at Albany Middle School Note: Items marked in blue are affected by proposed ADA parking.

A1.01 ō SHEET NUMBER REVISION 04.10.2019 19.001E WE JOB NO. DATE 1295 BRIGHTON AVE ALBANY, CA 94706 FOR REFERENCE LOCATION: ONLY ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26.5' STOP Ţ **ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL CURB STRIPING PLAN** PROJECT AND SHEET TITLE: 131' PASSENGER LOADING SCALE N.T.S. BRIGHTON AVE CASTELLANOS ARCHITECTS Central Valley 3031 W March In, Suite 334 Stockton, CA 95203 (209) 462-2873 www DERIVI 30' Silicon Valley 95 S Market St, Suite 480 San Jose, CA 95113 (408) 320-4871







Survey of dead trees that need to be removed and replaced – August 2019 List was presented to PROS on Sept. 12, 2019

- 1) 955 Castro on Madison Redbud
- 2) 512 Curtis Camphor
- 3) 1036 Curtis Redbud
- 4) 1120 Portland (on Kains) Redbud
- 5) 836 Key Route, opp Trident Maple
- 6) 840 Key Route, opp Trident Maple
- 7) 1131 Neilson Australian Willow
- 8) 955 Ordway Trident Maple
- 9) 1006 Ordway Hawthorne
- 10) 555 Pierce, opp coast Live Oak
- 11) 712 Pomona Chinese Pistache, (tree fell, dead since 2011)
- 12) 1244 Portland redbud, recently dead
- 13) 1467 Portland (on Curtis) Trident Maple
- 14) 1545 Posen Purple Leaf Plum (this is a Berkeley address)
- 15) 1451 Solano (on San Carlos) Trident Maple
- 16) 1044 Stannage Redbud
- 17) 738 Talbot Flowering Cherry
- 18) 1441 Thousand Oaks (on San Carlos) Redbud
- 19) 1008 Ventura Hawthorne (removed, by owner?)
- 20) 1221 Washington (on Talbot) Bradford Pear

Additional dead trees to be removed and replaced (as of 9/18/19):

1003 Curtis - Buckeye

- 934 Fillmore Jacaranda (<3" diameter, removed by UF)
- 923 Ramona Crape Myrtle (<3" diameter, removed by UF)
- 945 Castro Flowering Cherry (<3" removed, by UF)
- 732 Madison Redbud (<3" diameter, removed by UF)

CITY OF ALBANY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: September 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposal to Convert Ocean View Tennis Courts to dedicated pickleball Courts

REPORT BY: Chelle Putzer, Recreation & Community Services Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive public feedback, discuss and possibly take action on one of the following options:

- 1) Approve the proposal to convert the Ocean View Tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts or approve with modifications (approval of between 4-8 courts) and direct staff to return to a future meeting with court design and potential funding sources;
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BACKGOUND

Pickleball is a sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It is played with a perforated plastic ball like a wiffle ball and a composite or wooden paddle. First created in 1965, it is a multi-generational game that according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association had 3.1 million players in 2018 which was a 12% increase over 2017.

In 2012, Albany was the trailblazer in starting the very first pickleball program anywhere west of the Berkeley Hills. The original sessions at Ocean View were on Tuesday afternoons and each week the pickleball lines were marked with masking tape for 1 court, then 2, 3, and 4 courts as attendance grew. In the fall of 2015, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission approved the addition of painted pickleball lines for four courts at Ocean View Park. In January of 2015, there was enough demand the City added a second weekly session, on Sundays at the Albany High School Gym. The pickleball group continued to grow beyond the City-run program over the past four years and has expanded regionally. In August of 2019, the City of Berkeley opened four dedicated courts at Cedar Rose park which has increased the number of available pickleball sessions to twice a day—rotating between Cedar Rose, Ocean View and Castro Park in El Cerrito.

The pickleball group reports an increase in their mailing list from 180 to 307 since the opening of Cedar Rose courts.

DISCUSSION

The City of Albany has a total of eight tennis courts: two lighted tennis courts at Ocean View Park, four lighted tennis courts at Memorial Park and two non-lighted tennis courts at Terrace Park. Courts can be reserved through the Recreation and Community Services Department. The hourly rates, as set forth by the City of Albany Master Fee Schedule, are:

- Rental: \$8/hour (Residents); \$10/hour (Non-residents)
- Private/Commercial Use: \$20/ hour (Private instruction, 3rd party classes/camps)
- Pickleball Rental: \$16/hour (Residents); \$20/ hour (Non-residents) *Due to the layout and equipment, pickleball must rent both courts because concurrent use by tennis is not possible)

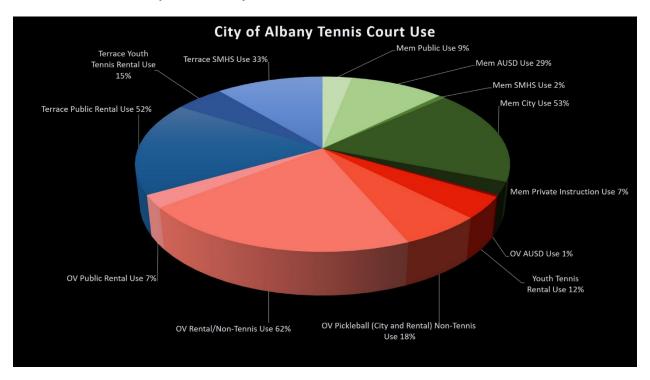
The Memorial Park courts are the highest used courts by the public, city camps/classes and High School Tennis teams. Due to its proximity to Albany High School, the courts are used by PE classes and the Albany High School Men's and Women's Tennis teams. Saint Mary's High School Tennis teams also rent Memorial Park courts for their matches. For High School tennis matches, four courts are required. Terrace Park courts are primarily used by the public, an after-school tennis class (rental) and Saint Mary's High School Tennis practice. Ocean View Courts are used by the public, a pickleball group, the City's Adult Sports Drop-in pickleball, an after-school tennis class (rental) and Fitness Boot Camps.

The following chart includes data for official reservations made through the Department's facility reservation software from July 2017 to July 2019. In the chart below, the blue is Terrace Park, green is Memorial Park and red is Ocean View Park. It is important to note that drop-in use (reservation made) of the Tennis Courts is very popular and cannot be tracked. The use of the courts by Albany Unified School District (AUSD) is free per the Joint Use Agreement between the City and AUSD.

The type of use (tennis vs non-tennis) at Memorial and Terrace is 100% tennis, while Ocean View is 20% tennis vs 80% non-tennis. The amount of tennis use vs non-tennis use at Ocean View Park courts leans heavily toward alternative use of the courts mainly due to the low number of reservations made over the years for tennis use. To maximize the use of the courts and generate revenue, the Department started scheduling alternative uses on the courts so that the courts wouldn't sit empty. Converting the courts to pickleball would not impact the Boot Camp or City Use of the courts. In the 2019-2020 seasons, please note that the "Youth Tennis After-School Rental has switched to teaching pickleball and the Saint Mary's High School rental at

Terrace has been cancelled. The Youth Tennis after-school program switching their program to a pickleball class will shift the percentage of non-tennis use closer to 93% at Ocean View.





The local group of pickleball players have been tracking their attendance over the past year and note that at least 180 difference pickleball players have come to play at the Ocean View and Albany High School Gym. Each week, 20-40 players go to the gym and 12-20 at each of the sessions at Ocean View. Players who have participated range in age from 10-90 years of age with an average age between 50-75 years old. According to the Healthy Alameda County website 41% of Albany's population is between the ages of 45-84 years old.

The Recreation and Community Services Adult Sports Coordinator, Bell, offers an introductory pickleball lesson to any newcomer. In 2018, Bell taught 148 new players, and is averaging 8 new players a week in 2019.

The City has made several improvements to the Tennis Courts in Albany and the Public Works Department has a weekly routine maintenance schedule for each of the courts. Improvements over the past 7 years include:

- Conversion of Memorial Park lights to LED
- Surface rehab of Memorial Park courts 3, 4

- Repaired Ocean View Park light poles
- Patch/repairs at Ocean View court surface
- Resurfaced Terrace Park courts
- Miscellaneous bench, nets, windscreen replacements

ANALSYS

The standard size of a pickleball court is 20' wide x 44' long, which allows potentially four pickleball courts to overlay one Tennis Court. Since Ocean View Park has two tennis courts, the maximum number of courts that would fit would be eight. Currently, the four painted pickleball courts at Ocean View consist of a pickleball court on the middle of each tennis court and a court on each end of the tennis courts. The courts in the middle utilize the existing tennis nets and the courts on the ends require temporary nets to be set up for play. Although this layout attempted to reduce the number of nets to be set up and limit the number of overlapping courts lines (tennis vs pickleball) it has not been an ideal layout. The existing tennis nets are lower than a standard pickleball net and the two courts on the ends are oriented facing east and west which causes sun to be in the eyes of the players.

Existing Ocean View Pickleball Layout:



Standard Pickleball 8 Court Layout (on 2 Tennis Courts):



The installation of eight courts at the Ocean View would allow for the City to host tournaments and league play. The pickleball group recently held an 8-week league this summer which had to be held at the six El Cerrito courts due to its popularity and need for more than four courts. Being able to offer league play or tournaments through the Recreation and Community Services Adult Sports program would generate additional revenue for the Department through registrations and/or tournament fees. Court rental fees would also be added to the Master Fee Schedule and revenue would be generated from those reservations.

While Ocean View Courts can accommodate eight courts, it may also be possible to convert one tennis court to four pickleball courts and maintain the existing tennis court. Although the main entry to the courts is a gate on the northwest end of the courts, there is an additional gate on the northeast that could be utilized. Some planning would need to be done to provide a separation of the courts for concurrent tennis and pickleball play.

Ocean View Park is the site for most of the City's Adult Sports leagues that run 4 to 5 nights per week (Softball, Kickball, 5 Aside soccer). Ocean View Park is already home to the Friendship Club, youth and adult sports and the community garden—the addition of new Bocce courts, new

outdoor table tennis and potentially dedicated pickleball courts would completely activate all areas of the Park.

Community outreach for this agenda item included:

- Email list all court users who have made a reservation with us since July 2017 (40 recipients).
- Public meeting notice signs posted at all 3 City courts
- Email to pickleball representatives
- Agenda posting locations at Community Center, Senior Center, City Hall
- Agenda posted on City website and enotification categories: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission (299 subscribers), Public Meetings (298)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff requested one estimate of \$43,400 for converting two tennis courts to eight dedicated pickleball courts with eight pickleball nets installed. Additional estimates would need to be obtained. The pickleball group has put together a fundraising campaign for the courts that has generated \$8,000 to date. No funding source has been identified at this time.