


Memorandum



Date: October 28, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Report on Feasibility of Constructing Pickleball Courts at County-owned Parks,
Directive 213123

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 2(B)(1)
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Executive Summary

On February 1, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-135-22, from the prime sponsor Danielle Cohen Higgins and Co-Sponsor Sally A. Heyman, directing the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report within 90 days to examine the feasibility of constructing pickleball courts at County-owned and operated parks. The report shall include at a minimum the number of pickleball courts currently in County parks, the demand for pickleball courts, and the potential fiscal impact of constructing pickleball courts. The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) has prepared this report in response to the resolution.

In 2021 pickleball grew to 4.8 million players in the U.S., a 14.3% increase from 2020. As a result, PROS is moving forward with two strategies to provide for the growing demand for the sport. In summary, the strategies and the total number of pickleball courts are as follows:

- 1) Blended lines: adding blended lines to existing tennis courts in various parks, resulting in 28 pickleball courts for public use.
- 2) Dedicated courts: funded and unfunded courts at various parks for public use.
 - a. Funded - 22 pickleball courts
 - b. Unfunded – 18 pickleball courts

The total number of pickleball courts that include PROS existing inventory, and additional pickleball courts from the two strategies (blended lines and funded and unfunded dedicated pickleball courts), will be eighty-eight (88) pickleball courts.

PROS Pickleball Courts - Existing Inventory

Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department has the following existing pickleball courts in the system:

- 1) Blended Lines: total of 5 pickleball courts:
 - Two (2) courts at Miller Drive Park (CD10), two (2) courts at Kendale Lakes Park (CD10), and one (1) court at Arcola Lakes Park (CD2)

- 2) **Dedicated Courts:** total of 16 pickleball courts
Four (4) courts at Haulover Park (CD4) – funding provided by Commissioner Heyman, eight (8) courts at Water Oaks Park (CD11) – funding provided by District 11, and four (4) courts at Tropical Park (CD10).

PROS Pickleball Courts - Proposed

The following are proposed capital improvements for pickleball courts.

- 1) **Blended Lines (funded)**
It is proposed that PROS add blended pickleball lines to fourteen (14) existing tennis courts resulting in twenty-eight (28) new pickleball courts (see Attachment A).
 - Total number of blended line pickleball courts: 28
 - Estimated cost: \$33,600.
- 2) **Dedicated Pickleball Courts (funded and unfunded)**

Funded:

Four (4) new dedicated pickleball courts at Highland Oaks Park (CD4), four (4) new courts at Greynolds Park (CD4), and four (4) new courts at Haulover Park (CD4) – funding provided by Commissioner Heyman, six (6) new courts at Tamiami Park (CD11) – partial funding provided by District 11, and four (4) new courts at Arcola Lakes Park (CD2). (see Attachment A).

- Total number of pickleball courts: 22
- Estimated cost: \$1.1M (\$50K each)
- Includes the following:
 - Concrete curb base/asphalt courts
 - Color application
 - Lining courts
 - Posts/nets
 - 4ft. court fence divider
 - Walkways
 - Perimeter fence with two access gates

Unfunded:

It is proposed that PROS construct four (4) new dedicated pickleball courts at North Pointe Park (CD1), two (2) new courts at Continental Park (CD7), four (4) new courts at Debbie Curtin Park (CD8) and an additional eight (8) new courts at Tropical Park (lighted) (CD10), for a total of eighteen (18) new dedicated pickleball courts. (see Attachment A).

- Total number of pickleball courts: 18
- Estimated cost: \$900K.

- PROS will work with OMB to identify funding for the construction of the proposed courts.

See Attachments:

- Attachment A: Program Details
- Attachment B: Site Map

This memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda, without committee review, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65. If additional information is needed, please contact Maria I. Nardi, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at 305-755-7903.

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ATTACHMENT - A

Commission District	Park Name	# of blended Pickle Ball Courts Currently	# of Dedicated Pickle Ball Courts Currently	# of PROPOSED blended Pickle Ball Courts	# of PROPOSED existing facility conversions Dedicated Pickle Ball Courts	# of PROPOSED New Construction Dedicated Pickle Ball Courts	Current & Proposed Pickle Ball Courts
10	Miller Drive Park	2	0	0	0	0	Completed
10	Kendale Lakes Park	2	0	0	0	0	Completed
2	Arcola Lakes Park	1	0	0	0	0	Completed
4	Haulover Park	0	4	0	0	0	Completed
11	Water Oaks Park	0	8	0	0	0	Completed
10	Tropical Park	0	4	0	0	0	Completed
2	Martin Luther King Memorial Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
3	Marva Y Bannerman Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
13	Norman & Jean Reach Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
9	Colonial Drive Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
10	Coral Estates Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
12	North Trail Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
10	Ruben Dario Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
7	Devon Aire Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
9	Modello Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
8	Princetonian Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
9	Sgt. Delancy Service	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
2	Father Gerard Jean Juste Community Center @Oak Grove Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
9	Goulds Park	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
13	Country Club of Miami	0	0	2	0	0	Funded
4	Highland Oaks Park	0	0	0	0	4	Funded
4	Greynolds Park	0	0	0	0	4	Funded
4	Haulover Park	0	0	0	0	4	Funded
11	Tamiami Park	0	0	0	0	6	Funded
2	Arcola Lakes Park	0	0	0	4	0	Funded
1	North Pointe Park	0	0	0	0	4	Unfunded
7	Continental Park	0	0	0	0	2	Unfunded
8	Debbie Curtin Park	0	0	0	0	4	Unfunded
10	Tropical Park	0	0	0	0	8	Unfunded
		5	16	28	4	36	

Number of current Pickleball courts

Multi-use courts
Dedicated courts

5
16

Number of proposed Pickleball courts

Multi-use courts
Dedicated courts

28
40

Grand Total (Current + Proposed)

Multi-use courts
Dedicated courts
Total

33
56
89

Note: at Arcola Lakes Park, 1 existing blended line pickleball court will be converted to 4 new dedicated pickleball courts

Grand Total

-1
88

