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From: Ping Chin <pchin945@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:33 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment for Feb 6 - not related to agenda item

Honorable Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council Members,

I am Ping Chin and have been a Fremont resident for over 30 years. I am one of the millions of pickleball players who learned the sport during the pandemic and have become addicted to the game. If you haven't tried pickleball, I suggest you visit the morning drop-ins at the Fremont Tennis Center (FTC). You will see why the game has attracted so many new players, young and old.

With Fremont being the most populated city in the East Bay, the city has zero regulated pickleball courts. The pickleball courts at FTC are junior tennis courts with striped lines. The city has a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was approved by the City Council in February 2022. The plan shows the service level for pickleball at 16% with the 3 substandard courts at FTC. If I were to discount those 3 non-regulation courts, the service level would be 0%. Three pickleball courts are nowhere close to meet the pickleball community's needs. At times, there are over 24 players sharing just the 3 courts. Irvington Community Center has recently reopened its indoor pickleball facility. However, the court dimensions are smaller than regulation size and there is insufficient space between the boundary and the walls.

The City Council has approved \$750K for a CIP project (WCP9067) to provide pickleball facilities in 2022/2023. The project lacks progress and timetable for completion. Meanwhile, Horner Middle School has twelve newly built pickleball courts that are likely unused during non-school hours. I ask for the City Council and FUSD to share vital resources and offer access to Horner's pickleball courts to the Fremont public community.

Because of the rapid growth of pickleball interest, availability of pickleball facilities has lagged behind. As an interim solution, many bay area schools collaborate with their respective city and offer their facilities to the public for a nominal fee during non-school hours. The access is typically managed by a liaison from the area's pickleball community. Here are a few examples:

- San Ramon Iron Horse Middle School offers 6 indoor courts on Sunday afternoon for a \$5 entry fee.
- Castro Valley Creekside Middle School has 4 indoor courts on Sunday Morning for \$5.
- San Mateo High School offers 6 indoor courts Sunday mornings for \$4.

I congratulate Horner Middle School for its hindsight in building these wonderful pickleball courts. I am not aware of outdoor pickleball facilities in any other bay area school. With upcoming summer months when school is not in session, the pickleball courts are not likely in use. The courts would meet the growing number of pickleball players. I urge the City Council and FUSD to work together in providing a critical resource for the pickleball community. I am one of two USAPA ambassadors who interface with the pickleball community. I am sure we can provide assistance for access in any way deemed necessary. Please give us the support to make this happen.

Regards,

Ping Chin

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From: Guy Moy <gym@comcast.net>
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To: citycouncil
Subject: Fremont's Pickleball Courts?

Fremont City Council

My name is Guy Moy and I have been a residence of Centerville/Fremont for 67 years. 5 years ago, I was introduced to pickleball and have been playing ever since at Fremont's make shift pickleball courts. At one point it was considered a senior's sport but recently its has exploded in popularity and is now being played at all ages. Fremont's Parks and Recreation is exploring plans to create temporary pickleball courts. However, as you might expect, this progress is very slow. My request to City Council is to help expedite efforts for an interim solution which may include collaboration with others e.g. FUSD. Fremont is significantly behind in making real pickleball available to the community when compared to other cities in the Bay Area. Many of us are playing in neighboring cities (e.g. Milpitas and Hayward) to play on real regulation pickleball courts. Any help in facilitating a temporary pickleball court solution and support for Fremont's pickleball future in our community is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Guy Moy
Pickleball Enthusiast