

From: [Diane Dakin](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: comments on park plan
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 4:44:58 PM

I sent my comments in reply rather than you so here they are.

The parks plan is a amazing document. It is really interesting. I learned a lot about parks I never knew existed out of my neighborhood.

The plan seems to have many excellent goals and is trying to listen to the local population as well as those who are not often involved in such plans.

For my 2 cents, I have recently discovered Kaiser Woods. What a jewel. One truly feels like you can HIKE and get a work out within city limits. Don't develop it too much. I like it because of the uneven trails and multiple connecting area. (I even like the sense I could get lost so I did not go on my own with friends until I had gone many times with someone who knew her way around) Currently it seems like hikers and mountain bikes co-exist well with many trails being off limits to hikers meaning we are safe!. It also seems like it is an excellent area to get kids who do not know about hiking out into nature through after school or summer camp programs. Maybe someday a boy scout or camp fire or Y overnight camping out there somewhere for elementary age kids. It is hard to believe that acreage wise it is much smaller than Priest Point park where I walk regularly .

Thank you for all the hard work the entire team does.

Diane

From: marketgardens@comcast.net
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: FW: Reorient Tennis / Pickleball courts at Stevens Field to make them more playable
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:48:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hello Ms. Keehan,

This is a follow up to our conversation of today. Below is the email that I mentioned which should help put racquet sport players on notice of the City's new parks plan and their opportunity to make input. I hope the City is making its own outreach as well.

Please consider this note a my own input to the City on its draft parks plan. I would urge the City to put the Stevens Field reorientation project in its new plan and make it a high priority to realign the courts to a north/south axis. The cost of doing so should be minimal and it will be a cost-efficient way of bringing two more pickleball/tennis courts on line which are presently little used.

One other reason for doing this is equity--to address the inequality that the City has created at Stevens Field. Over the last few years the City has spent substantial public money on other parts of the field (soccer field, baseball diamonds, playground equipment) but has neglected the racquet sport players. Reoriented the pickleball/tennis courts would rectify this situation and demonstrate that the City values and serves racquet sport players who use Stevens Field as much as the baseball players, soccer player, and big toy users.

Thank you.

Jim Goche'

From: marketgardens@comcast.net [mailto:marketgardens@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:20 AM
To: 'south-capitol-neighborhood@googlegroups.com'
Cc: 'jprevost1@yahoo.com'
Subject: Reorient Tennis / Pickleball courts at Stevens Field to make them more playable

Greetings,

This note is directed to Olympia's Pickleball players, Tennis players and residents of the South Capitol Neighborhood and is in regard to the racquet courts at Stevens Field.

Stevens Field has two very nice Pickleball/Tennis courts but they get little use because they are oriented east/west which means that for much of the day, the sun is in the eyes of the players on one side or the other. Recently some of the folks who play on the courts have asked the City to reorient them north/south in the same way that the City's newer courts are aligned (at Woodruff Park, et. al.). The cost of such a project should be nominal since it only involves moving the nets and repainting the court so it's a quick and inexpensive way for the

City to bring two more courts online that are not used much now and expand the facilities available to our local Pickleball and Tennis communities.

The bad news is that according to the City Parks Director Paul Simmons, if the City is to undertake this project it has to be included in its “Park, Arts, & Recreation Plan” which at present it isn’t.

The good news however is that Olympia has just completed drafting a brand new Parks, Arts & Recreational Plan (below) and is presently looking for public input during the month of September. The city staffer on point for this is:

Laura Keehan – (360) 570-5855 – lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us

Director Simmons has said that if there is public support, the City will include this project into its Plan. Therefore this email is going out to interested groups and people in hopes that they will contact the City through Ms. Keehan before Sept. 27 and make their thoughts known.

Regards,

Jim Goche’

<https://engage.olympiawa.gov/parks-arts-recreation-plan>

(This is the current text in the City’s new draft Parks, Arts & Recreational Plan that acknowledges that racquet sports, especially pickleball, are growing in popularity and something that the City needs to accommodate by providing facilities.)

Pickleball

Pickleball is a sport in which players use solid paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball, like a whiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules like tennis, with a few modifications. It is rapidly growing in popularity and, according to The Economist, it is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. (Jan. 30, 2021 edition). In 2020, Olympia opened its first dedicated pickleball courts (four courts) at Woodruff Park. Pickleball lines are striped on tennis courts at Stevens Field and LBA Park. Proposed Action: As neighborhood parks are developed, dedicated Pickleball courts will be considered during the design process. This plan also budgets funds for a Phase 1 Athletic Field complex project at Yelm Highway Community Park in 2024. Pickleball courts are likely amenities for that project, as well as at a future neighborhood park at the Lilly Road parcel. Because of the numerous community requests for Pickleball lines on tennis courts, the Department will add painted lines on the remaining tennis courts in Olympia parks (as time and resources permit) to allow for both uses on courts.

From: [Rachel H](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: comments on draft P&R plan
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 8:22:30 PM

Hello Laura,

I completed the online survey but since we previously corresponded about the removal of tennis courts at Woodruff Park, I thought I'd also send my comments directly to you. Over a year later, I can confirm that tennis courts at Woodruff remain hard to come by. The draft plan does nothing to address the shortfall of tennis on the westside, and indeed would exacerbate the problem with the plan to add pickleball lines to all existing tennis courts. I hope this will be addressed in the next iteration of the plan.

My survey comments are pasted below.

Thanks for continuing to consider this issue,
Rachel Hastings

[Survey comments:]

The current plan is missing some key infrastructure around tennis. Here are my recommendations:

1. In 2020, 2 tennis courts were removed from Woodruff Park without any use studies or consultation of court users or neighborhoods. At their public meetings, the Parks Advisory Committee falsely claimed that the plan to remove tennis courts from this park was part of the previous Parks plan (it was not). What is currently needed are more tennis courts on the westside (there are only 2 public courts on the west side; school courts are not a substitute--they are in use by school teams for much of the year). Other westside parks should be evaluated for tennis, for example Burri Park and Decatur Woods Park. If these won't work, then long-term, the Woodruff courts need to be brought back to all-tennis, as pickleball is added elsewhere.
2. The draft plan recommends adding pickleball lines to all existing tennis courts in Olympia. There are two problems with this. First, it is already hard to find a tennis court, particularly in West Olympia--having spillover of pickleball players onto the tennis courts will make this even more difficult. We will now be waiting not only for tennis players to vacate the courts, but also for pickleball players. Second, pickleball lines make it harder to play tennis--they are distracting.
3. Instead of continuing to take over tennis courts with pickleball, proceed with the better idea that is also in the draft plan, which is to add pickleball to parks (such as downtown) where tennis courts don't fit. This is a perfect idea.

An important underlying issue here is that the tennis community is apparently more scattered and less organized than the pickleball community. It is great that we are accommodating pickleballers with needed facilities; that we are doing so at the expense of tennis is not so great. Recreational tennis players are individuals, families, and friends, who like to play tennis and can't necessarily join the USTA or pay for private club membership. We don't have a unified lobby, which means the City may get a skewed perspective on court use.

From: [DAVID BONAUTO](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Cc: [Katie Hurley](#); [shanty slater](#); [chris_snyder42@hotmail.com](#); [Lester Power](#); [hillaryallen@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:38:32 PM

Laura,

Thank you for your presentation tonight. I'm president of the Supporters of Olympia Community Sailing (SOCS) (olympiacomunitysailing.org) and many of us are very excited that there is inclusion of a sailing center in the draft plan.

A few comments.

1. While I feel that community access to sailing opportunities on Budd Bay is the primary mission of the center, it really is meant to include other non-powered watercraft opportunities (e.g. kayaks, paddle boards). So perhaps the header (p.112) should be titled 'Community Boating Center' or 'Community Watercraft Center.'
2. Currently OPARD operates summer sailing camps out of Olympia Yacht Club - many of our children get exposed to sailing through these great summer camps. At this point OYC is running out of space and enrollment is being capped. Perhaps there is an opportunity to have some of the 2022 sailing camps to operate out of the OPARD kayak facility at OAR? In other words, the development of an interim plan to meet community need for youth sailing/boating programs is probably a good idea.
3. I didn't notice a plan statement - an italicized statement about what will be done - for the sailing center. I'd be happy to assist in identifying community groups interested in a boating center and assisting in developing a planning statement for inclusion in the final report.

Thank you,
Dave Bonauto
360.350.8269

From: [Buffie Finkel](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Priest Point Park
Date: Friday, September 17, 2021 7:53:39 AM

Good morning,

I read in the draft plan that OPD wants to upgrade the playground at Priest Point, but...isn't it already a brand new playground? I walk past this park frequently and the bright new equipment and open accessibility looks only a few years old. Just curious if the plan shared online us the most recent?

Thank you

Buffie Finkel

From: [Autumn Joy](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Re: Equity in our parks
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:02:19 AM

I have traveled a lot in my younger years, and have seen places where parks dep had little trolley like service that would run between popular destinations. one of the same type busses that our IT uses for dial a lift would work for the purpose of making sure that there is equal access to ALL people who would like it. I guess what I'm asking is you either put pressure on IT to have more equity, or create the path yourselves as part of your 6year plan. IT is a lame joke. I voted a couple years ago to give them more tax money because they said it would create more bus routes. Turns out what they meant was more busses on existing routs, and new routs that did get created were only put in place to support commerce, treating low income people as worker ants for business, not necessarily to help people enjoy the city we live in. My low income doesn't make me any less of a person, but all the biased decisions seem to treat me as less. Thanks for nothing. I'll continue fighting the biased elitist city of Olympia until it actually resembles what it pretends be, a place for everyone, without biased policy.

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021, 9:43 AM Autumn Joy <todumn@gmail.com> wrote:

thank you for responding. no, it was not helpful. the water by the docks does not provide a peaceful beach experience. I cannot "beachcomb" for treasures like aggets and shells and beach glass. Burrfoot park has an Olympia address. as do other large beach parks in our area (priest point park to just name one). It seems to me that nobody has any interest or intentions to address the pure discrimination being allowed. why should my taxes pay for a park I'm effectly kept away from? it feels like both discrimination and theft. if there is supposed to be no taxation without representation then where is my (and others like me) representation? LBA might be nice, but absolutely not part of my cherrished memories related to growing up in Olympia. It seems to me like everyone just wants to ignore this giant lapse in equity. Or perhaps "equity" is just a political catch phrase, not meant to create social change for the better after all. I have no choice but to believe that you are all in agreement that our best parks are just too nice for poor people to gain fair access to. I mean I know you could help create a path if you chose to be inclusive for real rather than just using the word as a platitude. Elitists win always, and you are helping make sure that they are treated with preference. Shameful.

On Mon, Sep 20, 2021, 4:42 PM Laura Keehan <lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. Sorry I did not get back to you sooner, but we do not work over the weekend.

As you mention below, Intercity Transit, is the agency that determines bus routes. I'm not sure how those decisions are made.

I did want to let you know that Burfoot Park is a County-owned park (it is not located in the City of Olympia).

In Olympia, Percival Landing is along the water and is accessible to nearby bus routes.

The Washington Trails Association just completed a barrier-free trail at LBA Park that provides a nice forest experience.

I hope this information is helpful.

Laura Keehan

Parks Planning and Design Manager

Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation

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From: Autumn Joy <todumn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Laura Keehan <lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: Re: Equity in our parks

still waiting for a response to my earlier message about how our best parks are being treated as only for people with cars? No response just proves me right as far as I'm concerned. I'm tired of being ghosted just because I'm not wealthy elite. Please respond

On Fri, Sep 17, 2021, 1:58 PM Autumn Joy <todumn@gmail.com> wrote:

I keep looking for some sort of acknowledgement of the rediculas situation where not one single one of Olympias beach/wooded trails parks is accessible via public transportation. This effectly keeps many (mostly low income and disabled) people from being able to visit these beautiful so called public spaces. I feel completely discriminated against as it seems only certain people are allowed access to these parks

(that ALL our taxes pay for) while being told I can walk on the docks or visit a different park. I would like to have safe access to at least one of those large beach parks via public transportation as I am a person with a disability that depends on a bus to get me where I need to be. As I have been told, when trying to gain transport via bus to one of my childhood favorite places Burrfoot park, the people who live out in that area voted to not have a bus run out there. This isn't right that a few are allowed to cut off access for the many, turning our giant and beautiful beaches and trail parks into basically neighborhood parks. Intercity transit seems to not care how unfair this is. Please make room in your 6 year plans for everyone to be included. Making inclusive playgrounds doesn't help if people have no access to these places. It would also help create a path to addressing climate change as it would create an alternative to people driving to these parks and anything to help end the addiction to car culture is a good idea. Please do respond. So few do, it really makes me feel like if you don't have wealth in Olympia you just don't matter.

From: [LINDA HADERLI](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 3:52:34 PM

I support lining the current tennis courts for Pickleball courts at Woodruff park. I am amongst the many people waiting in line to play while the tennis courts sit empty. I appreciate your support in this manner.

Linda Haderli

From: [William Hunt](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Affirm the plan to stripe the tennis courts for pickleball as well as tennis
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 3:57:37 PM

From: [Steve Ryan](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Woodruff Park
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:07:46 PM

I'm one of the many people who frequently uses the pickleball courts at the park. The courts are so popular that on many days there can be up to 30 people waiting their turn to play. At the same time there are rarely any tennis players on those courts. We would truly appreciate it if the district would paint pickleball lines on the tennis courts?

Thank you for a wonderful facility!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [sandra fabry](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:21:01 PM

The city of Olympia has seen the success of the remodel of Woodruff Park as it relates to Pickleball. However often 4 to 8 players are waiting to get on the courts. Striping of the tennis courts for Pickleball would help alleviate this. Please consider this request also for new park planning. Thank you.--
Sandi Fabry 360-528-1650

From: [Edward Olson](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Woodruff Pickleball
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:51:29 PM

We are so appreciative of the new courts at Woodruff Park. We have formed many friendships with players who gather there. It's a great opportunity for socializing and keeping active. We are now experiencing the need for more playing surfaces and feel the existing tennis courts could be lined for those waiting for play and more added pickleball courts would also help with waiting time and allow for tournament play. This sport is growing with no slowing down in the future and focuses on all ages and abilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Ed and Deb Olson
Pickle ball Addicts

From: [Shirley Rickman](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Need for more PickleBall Courts in Olympia
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:48:05 PM
Attachments: [image0.jpeg](#)
[image1.jpeg](#)
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Good Afternoon, Ms Keehan,

My partner, Jeffrey Hoffman, and I (in our 70's) moved to this area last fall to spend our retirement years in Thurston county and to avail ourselves of the many quality outdoor activities available. We are avid PickleBall players and were among the first to enjoy the opportunity to play on the new courts at Woodruff Park. In the year since we began playing there, we have seen the demand for court time grow exponentially, including many new, younger players.

Often times there will be extensive waits, 30+ minutes to get on a court for a 10-15 minute game, while the adjacent Tennis Courts are mostly idle.

RE: Your current proposal: "the Department will add painted lines on the remaining tennis courts in Olympia parks (as time and resources permit) to allow for both uses on courts"...We strongly urge the OPARD to line any available Tennis Courts in the City, for use as PickleBall courts, in order to help accommodate this growing demand. PickleBall plays a critical role in the physical and mental well being of its players, and the return on investment is well documented.

We urge you to please consider adding many more courts to your overall offerings and to (in the interim) provide the opportunity for PickleBall play on all Tennis Courts in the City, that are often idle while long lines form for PickleBall play.

Thank you for your consideration,
Shirley Rickman & Jeffrey Hoffman
206-799-8120

We recently hosted a one year anniversary of the Woodruff courts to show our appreciation for this major improvement to the PickleBall Community in 2020. THANK YOU!



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Terry Stempson](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Relining tennis courts
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 6:18:43 PM

Hello Laura,

I have heard that Tennis Courts specifically at Woodruff are going to be relined to accommodate dual play for Pickle ball and tennis.

I support this decision whole heartedly. More often than not, we wait in line to play Pickleball when the tennis courts are empty.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Terry Stempson, an enthusiastic pickle ball player.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sharon Cratsenberg](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Stripe tennis courts for pickleball
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 6:33:00 PM

Woodruff courts are beautiful but often early hours means lots of time waiting to play. Tennis courts most of the time not used. Please consider striping them for pickleball use when tennis players are not using them

Sharon Cratsenberg

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim and Denise](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Olympia Parks Plan
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:01:59 PM
Attachments: [image0.jpeg](#)

I like the plan to line all tennis courts for pickleball. I play at Wooddrift Park at least three times per week and they are always full in the morning until at least noon and seldom are any of the tennis courts being used in the mornings. Pickleball definitely needs more courts. Thank you for helping to increase the opportunities for pickleball.

Sincerely,

Jim Brennan

Below is a picture taken recently when I arrived at about 11:00 AM. All courts were full and 12 to 15 people waiting.



Sent from my iPhone

From: jersalhig@netscape.net
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: pickleball courts stripping
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 3:38:29 PM

Common sense should dictate additional striping for pickleball courts on the tennis courts to relax the overflow of players limited to the 4 courts. If tennis players are on site to play, they have first right of usage. Additional striping would also be useful for tournament play. Jerry Higgins

From: [Gail Frare](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: More Pickleball courts and/or tennis courts striped for pickleball
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 6:51:02 PM

I play Pickleball year round and often there are tennis courts sitting idle while the Pickleball courts are stuffed with people waiting. Please consider striping and and all available tennis courts for Pickleball so they can be used for either purpose. This is done at the Rainier Vista part in Lacey and it works very well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gail Frare
7305 Spurgeon Creek Rd SE
Olympia, Wa 98513

From: [Bruce Bennett](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#); [Bruce Bennett](#)
Subject: More pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:29:42 PM

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation as well as locally. Courts are always in use and you have to reserve them well in advance.

Please continue to increase the number of Pb courts. It will be very welcome and enjoyable. Thanks so much!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Loveless](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Lining Woodruff Park Tennis courts for [more] Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:52:59 AM

Hi,

I'd like to express my interest in having the tennis courts at Woodruff Park lined for pickleball. During Summer mornings, pickleball courts are full with people waiting in line, while tennis courts are not always used.

Also it would be great if there were more indoor places to play pickleball in Olympia.

Thanks for your consideration,
Steve Loveless

From: [Bruce & Lorraine Kimmel](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Striping of Tennis Courts - Woodruff
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 3:55:32 PM

We understand you are the person to contact regarding the tentative plan for striping tennis courts to use as pickleball courts. Woodruff is a highly used pickleball arena, with people lining their paddles up waiting to play. With that said, at the times the pickleball players are playing (the majority is in the morning), the tennis courts are not being used or are under utilized.

We are in favor of striping some tennis courts to accommodate the volume of pickleball players.

Thank you for your involvement in this project.

Bruce and Lorraine Kimmel

From: satrimble500@gmail.com
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Park, Arts and Recreation Plans
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:06:58 AM

Laura:

I've reviewed the current plans and believe that the increased focus on Pickleball is appropriate. Visit a park (e.g. Woodruff) and count the people engaged in tennis vs. those engaged in pickleball, and there is no comparison. Space allocated for pickleball is used by many, many more residents than tennis. And, pickleball takes up 25% of the space of tennis.

Pickleball has become the racquet/paddle sport of the masses. The city's support for the sport is appreciated and appropriate.

Thank you.

Steve Trimble

From: [Janice Petra](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: More pickleball courts, please!
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:37:16 AM

Hi,

I have been playing pickleball for two years and have seen the number of new players swell in our area. I've played at several area venues including Stevens, Woodruff, Rainier Vista and more. The pickleball courts often have a substantial wait line while the tennis courts are available. I'd love to see them all striped for pickleball but would really enjoy a covered facility.

Thank you,
Janice Petra
360-951-0099

From: [Barb Litchfield](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Pickleball lines Woodruff Tennis Court Olympia
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:57:56 PM

Love to see Woodruff Tennis courts have pickleball lines also.
We are tennis players & pickleball players but pickleball lines never have bothered us.

Barb & Vaunn Litchfield
360-402-3031
barblitchfield@comcast.net
Sent from my iPhone

From: [George Barnes](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Cc: [Denis F. Ganey](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts - Woodruff Park
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:50:36 PM

I really appreciate the new pickleball courts the City constructed at Woodruff Parks, The City did an excellent job of constructing the new facility. We are snowbirds who now live in Olympia for the months of May-Sept, this summer the four courts we have at Woodruff have been well used during the morning hours generally seven days a week at least between the hours of 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We frequently have 16 players on the courts with another 4-12 players waiting for a turn to play. Most of the time the courts run smoothly with our self imposed rules of playing a maximum of 2 games per player before each of us relinquishes courts to the waiting players and everyone is willing to abide by “Open Play” meaning all players from beginners to advanced players will play together which helps the lower level players gain the needed play experience to become better players. Occasionally we do have players come who do not want to play with the open group, sometimes having only 2 players playing as singles vs. the double player teams the rest of us play. When there are 20-30+ players at the courts waiting for the chance to play, taking a single court away from us has a very significant negative impact on all the rest of the players.

WE have heard the City is possibly considering at least adding pickleball court lines on the two tennis courts as they used to have them marked in the old park would give us at least 2 more potential courts to use during our busy play periods. There are a lot of days when no tennis players are using the courts, so having the lines available will not have a major impact on the tennis community.

Another significant addition to play at the courts would be to have some basic rules for use of the courts (including the tennis courts), here are a few suggestions:

- Mon – Fri between the hours of 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM all four pickle ball courts are to be used for open play only, provided there are enough players available to fill all the courts.
- Open Play means: All players are welcome on all four courts during those hours regardless of their skill level, gender or age
 - Four players will play on each court, provided there are 16 or more players there to play
 - When more than 16 players are present each player is limited to 2 games in a row, regardless of whether they win or lose each game
 - When there is a maximum of 16 players or less two players will leave each court at the end of each game to play on another court to allow all the players to compete as many different people as possible, in the spirit of Open Play.
 - Players who are waiting to play will put their paddles in the paddle racks which will determine the priority order for when they will be able to play
 - Each Rack holds enough paddles to fill two courts with new players, when there are more than 12 players waiting, the rules switch from two players coming off the court at the end of each game to all four players getting to play only one game at a time.
 - Switching four players at a time keeps the turnaround between play time significantly shorter so those waiting don't have to stay off the court an exceedingly long time.
- After 11:30 AM Mon – Fri and on the weekends, players or groups of players may

continuously occupy one or more courts no longer than 90 minutes if there are other players waiting to play.

- Anytime pickleball players are using the tennis courts, if enough tennis players come to the courts wanting to play, the pickleball players will relinquish the court(s) to the tennis players when they complete the game they are currently playing.

I'm sure there are a lot more rules limiting the courts use to Pickleball and tennis only. WE have food and drink waste stuck on the court surfaces at times which takes a fair amount of rain to wash that away. I have found one racket ball on a pickleball court, plus we have seen soccer players using the tennis courts for a modified game of soccer/tennis – that's a very heavy ball with a lot of force when they hit the tennis nets, stressing and stretching them.

Thank you very much,
Geo. Barnes

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: jacobsoly@aol.com
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Cc: lehnert-reddick@comcast.net; karen@karenmessmer.com; mariaruthbooks@comcast.net; jacobsoly@aol.com
Subject: Transmitting My Comments on the Draft PAR Plan
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:18:42 PM

Hi Laura --

I have completed my review and comments on the draft PAR Plan and will be sending five comment emails to you soon.

I've done the best I can to understand the draft and provide comments that I hope will be useful to you in working toward the final version. However, working alone and without staff is a challenge. If any of my comments are unclear, please feel free to call me at 360-352-1346.

And please let me know if you would like to borrow my copy for editorial suggestions that I did not include in my comments.

Best,

BobJ

From: jacobsoly@aol.com
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: BobJ Comments on Draft PAR Plan -- 1 m-- General Comments
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 5:45:47 PM

Hi Laura --

I will be sending my comments on the Draft PAR Plan in several installments, numbered in the Subject lines.

This is #1, and includes general comments.

1. This draft is in very good shape technical writing-wise, as I mentioned when we spoke yesterday. I thought it had been edited by a professional editor. There are few problems with spelling, punctuation, word choice, etc.
2. Comments on spelling, punctuation, word choice, etc. are NOT included in my written comments unless they seem important enough. However, my marked-up copy of the draft is available to staff for final polishing if desired. Just call me at 32-1346 and I can deliver it.
3. The pictures in the draft are very nice -- good quality and relevant. But I do wonder if we need so many.
4. With few exceptions I didn't comment on the Performance Measures, pp. 138-161. I assume they are included for reference, not comment. However, I did look at a few and think they have serious problems. In some cases they are not really performance measures as that term is usually understood. I request that I be allowed to comment when these are next reconsidered.
5. I noticed that there is no mention of the proposal to change the impact fee calculation methodology. That proposal is central to this draft. I (and others) would like to have a chance to meet with the consultants and discuss their work before any actions are taken. I left the presentation on this topic quite confused and concerned.

Best Regards,

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Subject: BobJ Comments on Draft PAR Plan -- 2 -- Neighborhood Parks
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:23:55 PM

Hi Laura -- Here is the second installment of my comments on the Draft PAR Plan.

As I mentioned when we spoke recently, the area of the Draft Plan about which have the most concerns and suggestions is Neighborhood Parks.

The current description of Neighborhood Parks derives directly from work I led when I was a member of PRAC (PAC at that time) about 30 years ago. The idea was and is to have small parks within walking distance of all residences to the extent possible.

The primary focus of the definition is playground equipment to serve small children. The mental image I have is that of a young family with a little child or children walking to the park on a nice day and spending time together. Of course, facilities for other demographics are appropriately included.

My concerns and suggestions regarding Neighborhood Parks are as follows:

1. I suggest that the definition of Neighborhood Parks be clear that they are to include playground equipment for young children. This is not to exclude activities for older children and adults, but I think this should be a minimum. Facilities for this group are limited elsewhere in the community.
2. Starting about 30 years ago, the problems caused by sprawling development have increasingly been recognized, first by passage of the Growth Management Act and subsequently by other legislation at both state and local levels. This activity has increased substantially in recent years. The result is that housing in our community will increasingly be focused more on multi-family housing and small lot single family housing. Neighborhood Parks have become more and more important to our quality of life because recreation opportunities "at home" are less available than they were when single family houses on quarter-acre lots were the norm.

As land in the Urban Growth Area is developed, land available for parks has become increasingly rare. It is urgent that Neighborhood Park sites be acquired as soon as possible to meet the half-mile standard, even if they will not be developed for decades. The quality of life for residents in the future depends on it. With that in mind, I suggest the following:

- a. Continue and even strengthen the urgent pursuit of Neighborhood Park sites in the city and UGA.
- b. Use the city's eminent domain powers if necessary to assure that as many as

possible current and future residences will have access to Neighborhood Parks per the Level of Service Standard. The need for Neighborhood Parks is sufficient to justify this. The desires of a private land owners today should not be allowed to consign hundreds and thousands of future residents to a life without these parks.

c. Formally recognize the fact that it will not be possible to achieve 100% compliance with the Neighborhood Parks standard. Some areas, like my own neighborhood, were built out long ago, leaving no land available for parks. And some other areas will be left out simply because of the geometry of the standard. But areas that still have available land should not be added to the permanent deficit of Neighborhood Parks.

d. Eliminate the second Performance Measure (p. 141), which calls for all residences to be "within 1/2 mile of a park or open space". While this is a worthy goal, it is so similar to the Neighborhood Park LOSS as to cause confusion (see text on pages 19, 58, 75,76, and 107). Worse, because it is easier to achieve, it detracts from the pressure to achieve the Neighborhood Park LOSS. If for some reason it is not possible to eliminate this internal Performance Measure, the Plan should explain in both the Neighborhood Park section and the second Performance Measure that these are two different goals for different purposes, one for park planning and the other for internal performance measurement.

e. Eliminate the first sentence on page 75 and its accompanying Map 5.1 on page 77. Insert a new Map 5.1 that shows distances from residences to neighborhood parks, not all parks.

3. Consider using the 1/2 mile LOSS rather than acres in calculating impact fees.

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Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:25:32 PM

Hi Laura --

As page 6 of the draft points out, the informational materials for the 2004 voted utility tax included a goal of acquiring 500 acres of park land. I believe this goal was reaffirmed when the Olympia Municipal Parks District was voted into existence in 2015. (I refer you to Karen Messmer and Jim Lazar if there are any questions about these voted parks funding issues.)

The city continues its efforts to achieve this goal, which is appropriate.

I have been concerned from the beginning that the city could focus on achieving this goal instead of focusing on the need for parks in Olympia now and in the future.

I also have concerns about the appropriateness of this goal for the following reasons:

1. The OPARD staff members who initiated the goal informed me years ago that it was a very rough estimate of the number of acres and was quickly discovered to be inadequate at that time.
2. Olympia's population has grown significantly in the meantime, making the 500-acre goal obsolete.
3. The idea of the voted issue was to purchase land, whereas the data on pages 6 and 7 of the draft include acreage that was gifted to the city. Thus, the table on page 7 overstates the city's performance.
4. Perhaps most importantly, the goal was calculated to fund the deficits from the city parks standards at that time. This means the number is a combination of expensive and cheap land. Thus, by focusing just on the total acres the city could appear to reach this goal while missing it by a lot.

I hope to find time to do a more thorough analysis of this issue before the Plan is voted on.

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Subject: Comments on Draft PAR Plan -- 4-- Chronological Comments A
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Hi Laura --

Having covered specific major areas of particular interest to me, I will now provide comments starting at the beginning of the Draft and working thru to the end. These chronological comments are labeled #4 with alpha subheadings A and B.

1) Page 10, second column, second full paragraph. This paragraph says only that the FCI is used to communicate park condition. Seems like it would be used operationally also, e.g., for prioritizing projects. But that function is attributed earlier in the paragraph to CAMP. I suggest this paragraph be revisited.

2) Page 11, lower left corner, seems like "liaison to PRAC" should be added as a function of Planning and Design.

3) Page 33, add Washington Middle School to the list of school names. Check to see if any elementary schools are missing.

4) Page 37, caption. A nit. I think our state flower is the native rhodie, the one with small pink flowers. The ones in the picture appear to be non-native species.

5) Page 53 -- The first paragraph under "The Olympia Center" says TOC is "home to OPARD". That used to be the case, but now?

6) Page 62 -- The last two bullets under the heading "42% of respondents . . ." appear to refer to The Olympia Center. Could be fixed by indenting them under the second bullet.

7) Page 69, paragraph headed "Significance for the Plan". I suggest you add after the second sentence an additional sentence such as: "Therefore, there is a need to acquire park land as soon as possible to assure that future residents will have adequate park access." This statement of fact is critically important; it was the basis for the passage of the two voted park funding issues.

8) Page 70, fourth-last line. "Build future phases of Percival Landing" sounds to me like additions. I think the "re-visioning" will be entirely or mostly about renovation/replacement of the existing facilities, like the two projects that have already been completed. I suggest the intent be made clear.

9) Page 73. The Neighborhood Park section should start with the official definition of neighborhood parks, or at least a reference to the definition on page. 31.

10) Page 78. The Community Park section should start with the official definition of neighborhood parks, or at least a reference to the definition on page. 31.

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[Item numbering continues from Chronological Comments A]

11. Pages 79 and 80. The sentence starting at the bottom of page 79 and continuing at the top of page 80 does not make sense. Why would more competitive level complexes cause fewer tournaments?

12. Page 80, Figure 5.5, the acreage under Yelm Highway is wrong. Total may also be wrong. Needs correction.

13. Page 82, the Open Space Parks section should start with the official definition of Open Space Parks or at least refer to the definition on page 31.

14. Page 83, Figure 5.8, Shouldn't the Kaiser Woods Parcel be classified as a Community Park rather than Open Space?

15. Page 91, the text under "Madison Scenic Park" should call it a community park rather than a neighborhood park.

16. Page 107, top paragraph. The last sentence of this paragraph appears to imply that we would consider developing a neighborhood park site that is already served. I don't understand this.

17. Page 125, Figure 7.1. Typical annual revenue for grants and SEPA mitigation fees are shown as "varies". True, but not very helpful. Impact fees can also vary greatly but show an amount. I suggest that this Figure show the average annual grants and SEPA fees over the past five years, with a footnote that includes the range of annual revenues from these sources. Same for impact fees.

18. Page 126, first bullet. Strike the last sentence and replace it with "Capital projects receive no General Fund support".

19. Page 126 - 129. It is unclear to me whether the CIS section is needed, but it doesn't seem to hurt anything.

20. Pages 138 - 161, Performance Measures. I have not made comments on this section because it is an internal evaluation system that is included in this document for information, but not to be edited. The pen comments on my copy were made before I realized this and can be ignored in the editing process. As an aside, however, I think some of these measures are questionable.

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From: [Debbie Hathaway](#)
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Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 5:58:40 PM

I have been playing pickleball for about a year now and absolutely love it along with many others. I helped with a beginners clinic at Rainier

Vista last week and there were 12 eager learners. The sport is very popular, as I'm sure you know, so popular that it's getting harder to show up and find open courts.

I saw that there's a few new pickleball courts planned. It would also be nice to stripe the tennis courts at Woodruff Park for additional play there. We use the tennis courts frequently at Rainier Vista. I like how they created two pickleball courts out of one tennis court. It's nice to run less to retrieve the ball.

While I'm at it here, I'd like to suggest a sign be posted at Woodruff with some basic rules. There have been a few guys doing soccer drills for hours in the pickleball courts and no one feels comfortable telling them to go elsewhere. Having the rules posted would help. Also, it would be nice if the protocol for including other players or sharing the courts was posted. Thank-you, Debbie Hathaway

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Don Volkmann](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 10:24:09 AM

Hi Laura,

As a longtime tennis player, now mainly playing pickleball, I support the striping of the public tennis courts with pickleball lines. This will promote a fuller usage of all of the courts and more opportunity for all.

Thanks for listening,
Don Volkmann

From: [Elizabeth Klumpp](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#); [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:09:56 AM

September 19, 2021

Mayor, city councilmembers, and Laura,

I want to write to first say, “Thanks for all you do.” You are public servants and I appreciate that serving the public can be a challenging, as well as rewarding job. So, in general – thanks!

Being able to be outdoors, and be active while not driving miles is so important to our individual health and our community health. It has been especially important during the restrictive pandemic. And really, the more activity and joy we can find within our own community could reduce the miles we travel to recreate farther away, which ultimately can help us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

My family loves the new pickleball courts at Woodruff Park. As a working adult I manage to use them a few times a month, but they are very regularly in use – and there are often lines of players waiting. It’s been a joy to see people enjoying Woodruff Park this past summer. We played pickleball at 7:45 pm to dark one August evening and I noticed 2 people shooting basketball hoops, one family group having a picnic, several kids playing at the water fountain area, 3 pickleball courts in use by groups of four people each, and one tennis court in use. There was racial and age diversity among the park users that evening. It was lovely to see everyone out and to see the park getting used as designed.

Here’s why I encourage the city to line ALL of the cities’ tennis courts ASAP for pickleball play. It’s an accessible sport to so many people. Think of it as a small investment in athletic social justice. (Separately, schools could line courts on their properties and easily introduce the sport to youth.) Tennis can be a game of privilege for people who can afford to take lessons and yes, it is more physically demanding. Nearly anyone can play pickleball and have fun. Sure, some people are super talented, nimble, aggressive, strategic players. But others are just good enough and still having a lot of fun being active and outdoors.

I’ve heard that players are asking the city to re-orient pickleball courts at Stevens Field so players can see – and not be blinded by the sun when it’s out. I encourage the city to make this investment to reduce the demand on the Woodruff courts and make pickleball courts available in more neighborhoods.

On the Westside, where we live near Capital High, I love the Garfield trail and West Bay Park in addition to Woodruff Park. West Bay Park is the only public access location to the Puget Sound for paddling on the Cooper Point peninsula (that I’m aware of). Additionally, I love the conservation habitat areas and trails that OlyEcosystems are creating in Olympia and I encourage you to partner with them on some projects.

I appreciate that the city has big concerns like providing water, sewer, and shelter. But, public

investments in creating accessible, local recreational opportunities, like supporting walking, hiking and biking paths, dog parks, pickleball courts, water access, etc. supports the health of all of our community members, including residents without cars.

Thanks for all you do.

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Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 6:40:40 PM

Just wanting to give my support for the striping of tennis courts at Woodruff Park for use by pickleballers also. I play pickleball almost every morning from 8 to 11 a.m. and a lot of the time there are 8 to 16 people waiting to play while at the same time there is hardly ever anyone playing tennis. The striping does not take away the tennis courts, it just enables use by pickleballers when they are empty. I know tennis players don't want to deal with extra striping but pickleballers do it all the time (Olympia Community Center for example) and it only takes a game or so until you are used to the different stripes.

From: [J G Penner](#)
To: [Laura Keehan](#)
Subject: pickleball
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:32:36 PM

Hi Laura,

As a senior (almost 80 years old) pickleball is my primary way to keep in shape. Besides being a whole lot of fun, it is a social sport, especially on the sidelines. It's a sport that I can play competitively with anyone, the ultimate diversity sport. The new pickleball courts at Woodruff Park are fantastic!! As you have probably seen, these courts are being used every day of the week, weather permitting. At times there are 10 to 12 people waiting to play while the tennis courts are empty. I would like to see the T courts striped for pickleball so that waiting times could be shortened.

Thanks for listening to an old guy,
Gerry Penner