



AGENDA MEMO
10/19/2021 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sean Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Williams Tennis Court Repurposing

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the sport of pickleball is exploding in popularity. The sport continues to grow worldwide and locally as many new clubs are forming and municipalities are increasing pickleball court development annually

As a part of the ***July is Park and Recreation Month*** festivities in Summer 2021, the Williams tennis court was home to a pickleball clinic that yielded maximum attendance. Park staff received overwhelming positive responses and feedback regarding the need for increased pickleball play in the City of University Park.

As a result of the feedback received, staff began looking into ways to increase pickleball play opportunities in University Park, nevertheless, not impact the high volume of tennis play that takes place in our park system. Staff is proposing to repurpose the two (2) tennis courts at Williams Park to six (6) pickleball courts. This will increase the amount of pickleball play to up to twenty-four (24) players actively playing at one time. The remaining tennis courts in our park system (e.g. Burleson, Caruth, Curtis, Germany, and Smith tennis courts) will be repurposed for tennis only using a phased in approach as funding becomes available.

Staff conducted surveys and received 543 responses with 60% of residents surveyed being in favor of this repurposing. Staff received a Buy Board quote from Master Systems Courts to repurpose Williams tennis courts for \$29,970.

In August, the Park Advisory Committee approved this request to repurpose Williams tennis courts. Funds to cover the cost of this will come from existing allocated Capital Projects budget assigned to Parks.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the repurposing of Williams tennis court and contracting with Master Systems Courts for \$29,970 to construct six (6) new pickleball courts.