

From: [Scotty Wood](#)
To: [Gerald Bowers](#)
Cc: [Mary Gibbs](#); [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Re: construction of apartment building adjacent to Meadows of Estero
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:56:08 PM

Hi Gerald- Thank you for your email. The Planning, Zoning & Design Board is scheduled to conduct a Public Information Meeting (PIM) on July 25, 2023 regarding the property that you have referred to. No decisions are made at PIMs. The applicant makes a presentation and then stands for questions from to Board, and public input is invited afterwards. We will see that your email is part of the public record.

Sincerely,

Scotty Wood, Chairman

From: Scotty Wood <wood@estero-fl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:46 PM
To: Gerald Bowers <drgmbowers54@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: construction of apartment building adjacent to Meadows of Estero

From: Gerald Bowers <drgmbowers54@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Scotty Wood <wood@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: construction of apartment building adjacent to Meadows of Estero

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It is disturbing to learn that there are plans to build 200 apartments adjacent to The Meadow of Estero. We are hoping that it is not a High Rise building and you require a major setback from the Meadows. property line. It is already dangerous for residents of Pelican Sound and the Meadows to exit onto route 41 from Pelican Sound Blvd. With the addition of 200 plus cars exiting on 41 the danger of an accident occurring when we exit will be significantly increased. Please consider putting a stoplight at Pelican Sound road. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:27:41 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Self

Date

07/18/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

DOS2023-E002 , Cheesecake factory COP

Comments

My wife and I are in support of the Cheesecake factory, and their request for alcohol consumption on premise including patios. We feel this is consistent with the existing other large restaurants and former ones as well, in the same shopping mall.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 1:14:30 PM

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Village Council Meeting

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Representing

Larry and Judy Stenzel

Date

07/22/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Genova Gate

Comments

We are very concerned about the change that is proposed for the Genova Gate. This is our only way to enter the community and traffic is getting much worse on Via Coconut Road. Cars are speeding and they will be building another development right across from Genova. If cars can't get through our gate and are backed up, it will be very dangerous for the drivers on Via Coconut and the Genova residents. Please consider these safety issues when making your decision. We are opposed to this change.

Larry and Judy Stenzel

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:04:38 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Dianne Hand

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07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Genova Gate Modification

Comments

Dear Board Members:

I purchased my condo at Genova pre-construction. I retired from the Department of State to live here in Estero. Genova has had problems being built out, but there are plans for it to be completed in the near future. The buildout will require much more visitor traffic (tradesmen, deliveries, moving trucks...) going through the gate. This presents big problem with cars not being able to access the resident gate and having cars backed up at both gates. Currently, our guard is able to allow residents to use the visitor gate while he works to complete what is necessary for the driver to enter the community. An automated system would not be able to juggle these cars to quickly get them through. This situation is not limited to just the buildout, it would permanently cause access problems. Often there are trucks parked in the access lane, making it very difficult to turn in the driveway. The visibility at the entrance is very limited, as you cannot see the entrance until you are practically on top of it. Cars backed up to Via Coconut Road is

a very dangerous situation. The safety of everyone is at stake here. I urge you to deny this request.

To: Mary Gibbs
Village of Estero, Community Development
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Ester, FL 33928

From: Cynthia LoMonaco
21530 Strata Nuova Circle
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Ester, FL. 33928

ZONING AMENDMENT FOR GENOVA GATE ACCESS

Mary,

I will be submitting an eComment Card on this topic but felt that a more informative letter was needed to ensure that the proposed zoning amendment be fully understood by the Council members.

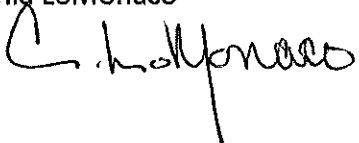
As a resident of Genova I am against this request for several reasons; the most important is the change in direction from what I was told when purchasing my property. It was important to myself and my Husband that we buy in a community with guard oversight on the premises. As Genova is designed today there are many loopholes to gain entry and an on-site guard can assist in deterring any potential nonresidents from entry. And with the building of Genova 3 those residents believe there is an on-site guard which as it stands right now, they have no knowledge of what is being proposed. I do not believe the builder should be speaking for these new community members who are paying considerable money for this phase of the build. The town should at least wait until Genova 3 is finished and then address this item based on the finished community not partial.

Our property owner rep for this proposal has since sold her unit and is moving into the Fort Meyers area. She was very instrumental in wanting this change which I feel she no longer has the right to speak on this topic. I wonder if her new residents has a manned guard house; most likely yes because this is the way of the future in real-estate.

We purchased in Estero because of the high-quality offerings that the town has today and continues to add. I believe to continue to enhance the image of our town we must keep a consistent look and feel within Estero and with our surrounding communities.

Regards

Cynthia LoMonaco



RECEIVED
BY: _____
JUL 21 2023
VILLAGE OF ESTERO

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:16:45 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Ian and Deb Johnston

Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Genova Gate

Comments

My wife and I have lived in Estero for the past 20 years. We watched the formation of Estero and when we sold our home in the Brooks, we made a conscious decision to stay in Estero. We purchased our unit at Genova with a 24/7 manned guard gate, advertised as a luxury condominium. To change this is to make a material change to what we purchased.

A more important issue is that of safety. Genova's entrance is located just beyond a curve on Via Coconut Road. As cars approach the entrance, there are only seconds where a clear view of the lane and entrance can be seen. When trucks park in this lane, it is a difficult maneuver to access the entrance. Landscape trucks park there every week. Any large trucks have to use this lane because they cannot maneuver the circle. As the community builds out, this situation will become more frequent, as this is the only entrance. Trucks that can access the community would have to use the resident lane because of height restrictions. The driver would have to go back and forth from the truck to the virtual machine in

order to gain entrance. This poses a huge issue, as it has residents backed up in the queue. Having a guard on duty allows the residents to pass through the guest gate, as the guard opens it for each car while processing the truck.

This dangerous situation is compounded by speeders on Via Coconut Road and more so by the development planned for directly across from Genova. Their entrance/exit is planned for right past Genova. Cars exiting will be turning left, close to Genova entrance. The traffic on Via Coconut will have to maneuver incoming (and going into Genova) and outgoing traffic from both sides. Cars stacking at this entrance pose a significant risk to drivers on Via Coconut Road.

In the end, this is not a Genova Budget issue for the board to consider, it is an Estero safety issue.

From: [Ronald Lento](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickle Ball at VCC
Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 11:32:14 PM

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Dear Board Members,

I must first say that it's important to know that an "inclusive environment" is a building block of great communities. Bocce, tennis & even golf were at one time criticized and had opposition for their unique playing properties within the sport umbrella, within club communities. **Pickle ball**, on its own right, has now ascended to the top of the recreational physical activity list, **nationwide**, and that in itself speaks volumes for strong consideration by the Board for it to be added onto the list of amenities offered at VCC.

When deciding on a community to live, location will always be number one, along with knowing the community is financially solvent. The next is AMENITIES offered. In today's environment the list is; **resort pool, tennis, Pickle ball, walking trails, water aerobics, dog park, club activities, dining, golf, beach access, boat club, etc....** The more you have, the more you look attractive.

The evolution of change can only be done by forwards thinking individuals who have the best interest at hand for the longevity & sustainability of VCC.

I offer my support in VCC to adopt a permanent Pickle ball location within the grounds of The Villages of County Creek.

Respectfully,

Ron & Donna Lento

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Betty Cook](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:20:45 AM

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Please allow pickle ball at the Village of Country Creek. This would be an asset to our community. Thank you very much. Betty Cook
21013 Butchers Holler.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Margie Tipsword](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickleball.
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:38:30 AM

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Good Morning,

We love this growing sport and would love to see it at Country Creek.

Thank you,

Margie and Bob

Sent from my iPad

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:48:52 AM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Pickleball requests

Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball on tennis court

Comments

Please consider the importance of sharing the tennis court with such an up and coming pickleball sport that has been pursued by this community with such hard work and perseverance by everyone who wants to have this home court. It is an added positive amenity for Country Creek, and we totally support this project.
Thank you
Darlene Shick

From: spohnch@aol.com
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickleball at VCC
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:25:29 PM

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Hello,

I want to let you know that my husband and I support pickleball at the Villages of Country Creek.

Constance Spohn
21058 Oxbow Bend
Estero, FL

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 3:42:07 PM

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Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Village Council Meeting

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Myself

Date

07/17/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Picked ball at Country Creek

Comments

I am vote IN FAVOR of adding pickle ball availability at VCC utilizing under used tennis court #5.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:30:52 AM

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Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Village Council Meeting

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Representing

homeowner

Date

07/18/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Use a tennis court for pickleball at Villages at Country Creek

Comments

I ask that you approve the request to approve pickleball on our tennis court in Villages at Country Creek. It would be an enjoyable amenity that would add value to our community.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:40:12 AM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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homeowner

Date

07/18/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Request Pickleball on tennis court at Villages at Country Creek

Comments

I ask you to approve the request to use a tennis court for pickleball at the Villages at Country Creek. I believe adding pickleball to our community amenities will add value to our homes. I play pickleball and would like to be able to stay in my community to play. It would give all our members the opportunity to play near their homes.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 12:08:00 PM

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Representing

Myself

Date

07/18/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball approval

Comments

I am in support for Pickleball in our village. During the summer months I play 3 times a week and would like this opportunity to play. in my Florida community.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 5:10:13 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Village County Creek

Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball play here in VCC on one of the Har-Tru courts

Comments

Just moved here from Orlando and played Pickleball 3 times a week. PLEASE

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 7:47:50 PM

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Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Village Council Meeting

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Pickleball

Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball court

Comments

I am in favor of allowing pickleball played on court near the main pool.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:38:21 AM

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Representing

self

Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Use of one existing tennis court for pickleball

Comments

I support the use of one of our 5 existing tennis courts for pickleball. One of the reasons that we love Country Creek is that we don't need to leave the neighborhood to enjoy golf, tennis, swimming pools and spa, restaurant and social activities at our clubhouse. Our pickleball players want to stay in our community to enjoy their sport also with their friends and neighbors too. I know many of our neighborhood pickleball enthusiasts, and they will be respectful of the facility, they will use the quietest equipment available, and will abide by any restrictions regarding hours of play.

The use of one tennis court for pickleball is reasonable. Please support this initiative.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:55:31 AM

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Village Council Meeting

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Representing

Self

Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball Court Addition Request

Comments

I am in favor of the Estero Council approving this request.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:52:43 AM

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Village Council Meeting

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Representing

Self

Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball Court at VCC

Comments

I am in favor of the Estero Board approving this request.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 12:14:16 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Myself

Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball on court

Comments

I would look forward to playing at our courts in our community. After some research, I saw that some pros played on the same Har-Tru surface. That being said I looked into facts for our courts at VCC:

- 1) underutilized
- 2) surface is virtually undisturbed as with tennis
- 3) we have the surface cleared and smoothed each early morning by an independent contractor

Thank you for holding this meeting on a sport that is growing worldwide and enjoyed by many. What a wonderful amenity to have!

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:03:35 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Self

Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle Ball

Comments

Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport in the US and will only help our property values. For those of us who play there is no reason to be forced to leave our community to play when we have courts that are very suitable for the sport in a recreational location right at our finger tips. Our biggest issue seems to be the tennis group who do not feel the need to share the court. For really serious players being pickle ball or tennis this is really a non issue. There really is no reason that we can't share in a camaraderie spirit. Thank you for this consideration

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:08:36 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Pickleball

Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball at VCC

Comments

After searching any available locations within our community, the Har-Tru courts located in our recreational zone space by the golf course and close to our Clubhouse seem to be suitable to play. The heavily vegetated area surrounding the courts provide the perfect sound barrier for either tennis and pickleball. Our Board of Directors had approved this space for play.

Thank you!

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 6:23:43 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Richard & Wendy Candy

Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball

Comments

Pickleball has been great exercise and a social gathering since we moved to Country Creek. Since I work full time with a 30 minute commute, it would be so nice to change clothes and go play a game or two without having to drive. Pickleball would be a very good amenity for new comers to VCC. It is an ageless sport.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 6:56:40 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Myself

Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2022 Eo44

Comments

I vote in favor of adding a pickle ball court.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:09:42 AM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Representing

Resident

Date

07/24/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball

Comments

Good morning, may I first start off, saying that I am not a Pickleball player. I am a tennis player. I currently sit on the tennis committee board. Several years back, I was the chairperson of the villages of Country Creek's recreation committee. At that time it was my duty to start investigating Pickelball at Country Creek. I did endless hours of research, individual noise, studies, surveys etc. to see if this was a possibility in our community. Let me tell you that I have never worked with a more obliging group of people. Those wishing to play pickle ball here offered to do it on any day available at any time possible. They were willing to accommodate peoples naps, cocktail hours, and landscaping hours. Years later, the fight is continuing! And years later they continue to be accommodating, offering to take scraps from the Tennis community.

I have always been the type of person who likes to error on the side of tolerance. As all activities in our community are for everyone to share I see absolutely no reason why a schedule cannot be made for them to use one tennis court. They have offered to play in the evenings when there are no matches, and even will adjust that schedule, if there is a special event.

They have offered to play on a court that is not the correct surface, they have offered to have temporary lines as not to interfere with tennis courts, They have done everything in their power to be a good neighbors. Yet, even though I am one, I find the tennis players are unmoving. I think they fear that they will lose more courts to the popularity of Pickelball.

With all that said, I recommend a one year temporary permission be granted for the Pickelball's to use one har tru tennis court. At that time reevaluate the wear and tear on the court, schedule conflicts and community opinions.

Regards,
Faith Bauer

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:49:31 AM

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Date

07/24/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2002-E044

Comments

1. Out of six courts we should have available to us one to play pickle ball on.
2. every individual pays for these courts and the upkeep.
3. all year I ride my bike every morning and walk in the evening . I pass all courts and there are many times when no one at all is using them seems to me we can work out a time for Pickleball.

- 4 we are more than willing to work around the tennis community. The area that they provided uses kids tennis rackets is not the accurate dimensions of an actual Pickleball court but smaller ball bounces so much there is no movement just tapping the ball -so is not accommodating what Pickleball actually is.

- 5 we are happy to work out a schedule for Pickleball
6. I have driven down to the courts by the airport on 41 and the line is wrapped around the entire complex. I have gone to the courts on three Oaks and they are Packed. I have gone to the rec center, but playing on a gym floor is not ideal and always full of people. The courts that are opening up cost money

and won't be available for probably another year.

we are asking for 1 court with a schedule to accommodate our community we are more than willing to create rules

thank you
cynthia krause

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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07/24/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

pickleball

Comments

I think pickle ball at the court near the main pool is a great idea. It has become a very popular sport and VCC should support the folks who want to play it.

From: [marks](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickleball at VCC
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:08:29 AM

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I am hopeful that the village of Estero will approve the use of one tennis court for pickleball here at country creek. There are many of us who enjoy pickleball, who do not have the skills for tennis, who would love to be able to play. Unfortunately the indoor court play at the community park is scheduled at the same time as ladies league. Please consider the large number of people who would enjoy this sport and allow a shared court at Villages of country creek.

Patricia Marks
9741 Sassafras Court

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From: [Kimberly Riley](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Villages at Country Creek Pickleball
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:08:31 AM

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It is my pleasure to express my support for pickle ball in VCC.

As a community member I believe that pickleball will provide another great opportunity for all to stay active and social.

The proposed plan utilizes a tennis court in an area that is already deemed recreational with a pool and golf course alongside.

I personally can not see any negatives this would have on the community or any individual.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Riley
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From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

2022-EO44

Comments

I disapprove of having pickleball on the clay tennis courts at Country Creek.
There are currently other pickleball courts available close by for pickleball players..

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 4:40:27 AM

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Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

2022-EO44

Comments

I disapprove of pickleball on clay tennis courts at Country Creek.
This would be very disruptive to the current longstanding tennis community at Country Creek.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:35:22 PM

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Date

07/22/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

pickleball on the tennis courts at VCC

Comments

i moved to vcc because of the tennis and golf amenities here at vcc. I also live within 500 feet of the tennis courts which a few residents feel should accomodate the use of pickleball. (20870 Andiron Place). I disagree. the courts are made for tennis (Har-Tru) balls and all VCC members pay our dues to maintain the courts so they are tennis ready. The noise from pickleball could be heard from my lanai when my fellow board member greg vanderlaan was allowing people to "try pickleball" on the tennis courts. I also use the main pool adjacent to the proposed psuedo-pickleball courts and do not want to hear the loud pop pop barrage sound throughout the day. Putting sound barriers will only decrease the airflow for the current tennis players and increase the temperatures throughout the year, especially during the summer months. the few individuals who would play pseudo pickleball have been going elsewhere for years and now we have the barbar manzo facility just minutes away, the Estero Rec Center, and the future Williams Road Park facility. Please do not allow pickleball and the expenses associated with it become an added burden on vcc residents. Steve Zielinski, VCC Resident, Vcc Condo owner, Master Board member

Director at large

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball at VCC

Comments

After searching any available locations within our community, the Har-Tru courts located in our recreational zone space by the golf course and close to our Clubhouse seem to be suitable to play. The heavily vegetated area surrounding the courts provide the perfect sound barrier for either tennis and pickleball. Our Board of Directors had approved this space for play.

Thank you!

From: [Gary Broska](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Planning, Zoning and Design Board Case Number LDO 2002-E044 Villages of Country Creek Rezoning Proposal
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:25:23 PM

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Good afternoon Tammy

We live on Blacksmith Forge in the Villages of Country Creek.

First of all, we would like to apologize to the Board for what you must think is a significant waste of your time considering a ridiculous proposal brought by a minority group of Country Creek residents for reasons that must be difficult to rationalize.

We don't understand why these people are proposing this zoning change. They have made no effort to be transparent with the residents of Country Creek and the reasons we have heard don't make any sense at all.

The City of Estero has beautiful indoor regulation pickleball courts less than a mile from Country Creek. And we understand that the city is also planning to build more outdoor regulation pickleball courts less than a mile from Country Creek.

So why would true pickleball players want to convert one tennis court to a pickleball court that will not be regulation size? And who would want to play pickleball inside a barrier erected to suppress the noise but will also prevent air circulation on the court?

We don't understand. Are we missing something? Why would committed pickleball players want to play under such circumstances?

We have three other concerns. First of all, we understand the noise studies that were conducted failed. What does that mean for the residents close by the court? The pickleball people tried to bully the residents on my street a few years ago by telling us that pickleball was going to happen on the court which has a group of homes less than 50 feet away. We were happy when that proposal was defeated in a vote by the entire Country Creek community.

The second concern we have is that these pickleball players will find the tennis court modifications unacceptable and, after Country Creek spends considerable funds, no one will even use the court.

And finally, what precedent will this create if this zoning change is approved? Will every other

community in Estero want their own private pickleball court? If you approve this request, will you be obligated to approve every other request potentially from every community in the city and then extending to surrounding communities? Wow.....that would be a lot of work for the Board.

We are not at all opposed to people playing pickleball. We strongly believe that people should enjoy every recreational opportunity available to them. However, we do oppose ridiculous proposals that don't make any sense at all.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. We hope the Board will see how ridiculous and unnecessary this proposal is at their meeting on July 25 and vote to deny the zoning change appeal. The City of Estero has many other options to play pickleball on regulation courts. There is absolutely no reason to have such an option in Country Creek. It was voted down once before and many residents still oppose it.

Sincerely

Gary Broska and Mary O'Toole

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 3:49:46 PM

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Date

07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball court

Comments

We do not wish to have pickle ball in Country Creek because it is too loud!

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 3:53:49 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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07/23/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball court

Comments

No pickleball court! Tennis is loud enough. We can go to the local park if we want to play.

Had it before, hated the noise. It was awful.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:40:01 AM

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Date

07/24/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball at Country Creek

Comments

Our community has discussed and studied how to site a court on the property for many years. Changing one or more of the har tru surface courts is a radical change to existing, active use that has been a popular amenity for more than 24 years; using the one hard surface court, surrounded at close proximity by homes, is clearly an unacceptable violation of the right of those homeowners to the quiet enjoyment of their property
I would encourage efforts and investments to create courts outside the community for access by the general public as many of us do for other activities like basketball, bowling, softball, kayaking, etc.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:47:32 AM

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Village Council Meeting

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Gary LaRocque

Date

07/24/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

tennis/pickle ball

Comments

I moved to VCC in 2015. For the first 3 yrs I played tennis on 2 different leagues. Then decided to put a group of friends together who had similar playing abilities. In the past 5 yrs this group has grown to about 30 players. During the season we use all 4 courts on Wed & Sundays from 8:30 am - 11 am and can't always accommodate the number of players who want to play. Some play twice a week, some once a week and others just occasionally. We also enjoy having family members or friends who are visiting join us, including players in their 80's and even teenage Grandchildren.

At times we do have to adjust the schedule when VCC hosts visiting teams for league play. The tennis courts stay very busy during the season and it doesn't seem like there would be much time available to pickle ball players.

Also, if there was a sound abatement screen placed around the court, that would become a problem. It would really limit the air flow on the court which is extremely important, especially in the summer months.

Some of the senior players have health issues and the lack of air flow could be very detrimental to their health.

Sincerely,
Gary LaRocque

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:28:02 AM

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07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Disapproval of Pickleball on clay court

Comments

It has come to my attention that action will be taken on usage of #2 Clay Court at Country creek for Pickleball usage. I have several concerns over this proposal.

1. A vast majority of our residents are at their summer homes and may not be aware of any such action being taken. I feel this important decision should be discussed and voted on during "in season" time period.
2. The clay courts at Country Creek recently were redesigned with an underground watering system with a tennis only application (Pickleball has vastly different dimensions).
3. A satisfactory location for pickleball courts has been an ongoing issue for several years. We were told there was no appropriate place in our entire community to secure a location due to a noise constraint - how can the clay tennis court suddenly be OK?
4. Other options for Pickleball play: Three Oaks has a new Pickleball outdoor facility 10 minutes away as well as the indoor facility across the road from our main entrance at the Estero Recreation Center.

I have been an active member of the tennis community in Country Creek since my retirement in 2009.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

10/15/2015: This message appeared on the Village of Estero's 100-9020-12345 on July 27 at 4:18 PM.

Ann. 10/15/2015

I am sending this email to you in connection with the Village of Estero's public hearing for public bid on July 27 at 4:18 PM.

I am aware of the use of any materials at the Village of Estero's public bid and am aware of the materials which are presently on file as well as the past year.

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From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Case # LDO 2022-EO44 (Disapproval of pickleball on clay tennis ct in Country Creek).

Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Planning and Zoning Board

We are residents of VCC, in Blacksmith Forge, where we have been fighting the insistence by the Pro-PickleBall lobby to be allowed to play PickleBall in VCC for several years (5+).

The fact remains, after a previous study and assessment VCC is a relatively small community in terms of area where, given the number of residences, there is NOWHERE in VCC where PickleBall can be played without significantly disrupting and annoying the quality of life of the impacted existing VCC residents; who do not want or need PickleBall foisted upon them. Particularly as some of the PB proponents (who have more than 1 property) have argued that it will increase their property values/rents! Not for those however, who would be impacted by close proximity of PB.

This latest attempt to inflict PB on the community is even more egregious as PB played on a clay court is

non-conforming, likely disappointing, and will not allow for PB league play. It would however seriously disrupt the VCC Tennis league play at our main tennis courts and facilities.

We both urge you to reject this latest, misguided application to play Pickleball in VCC. Especially as now there are several local conforming PB courts available, with more coming in the near future, located in areas where PB noise will not be an issue and there is close access for VCC residents.

Yours Truly,

Stu and Sylvia Allen, 20879 Blacksmith Forge

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2022-EO44

Comments

I am expressing a no vote on the issue of using Court 2 @ VCC for pickleball use. I do not believe it is an appropriate use of the clay court and there are 6 new PB courts within a few minutes of VCC.

Thank you for your consideration!

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Village Council Meeting

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Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

FL pickleball

Comments

We do not want any pickle ball courts within the Villages at Country Creek. Those of us on Andiron Place live close. The noise would be terrible. It would ruin all our visits to the pool as well as enjoying our lanais.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:39:36 PM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Andiron Place residents at VCC

Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

FL

Comments

FL
Please do not allow the pickle ball courts in VCC. Too noisy, we can go to other local parks to play.

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Case LDO 2022-EO44 July 25 Pickleball Hearing for Village of Country Creek
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:58:19 PM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:57 PM
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Subject: Case LDO 2022-EO44 July 25 Pickleball Hearing for Village of Country Creek

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Hello Estero Board Members,

We have been owners at Villages of Country Creek since 1996. Our address is 20671 Persimmon Place. We love our neighborhood.

We are writing in strong opposition to pickleball at the Villages of Country Creek. I am a tennis player as well as a pickleball player and strongly oppose the idea of using a clay tennis court to turn it into a non-regulation pickleball court. It just does not make sense to accommodate people wishing to play pickleball when there are numerous regulation pickleball courts so close to our neighborhood. Our neighborhood has addressed this issue many times over the years and it's just not feasible. I question their persistence in wanting this amenity for higher property values when at the same time it will decrease the property value of those living within earshot of that court. Sound barriers will only decrease air flow for the tennis players and those courts were built to be tennis courts. There is no place to build a pickleball court and the courts we have for tennis are used regularly for tennis. There are courts, however, within walking distance of our neighborhood, also courts within a few miles of our neighborhood on Three Oaks Parkway and more coming to the area on Williams Road. Please consider voting 'No' to a makeshift pickleball court in Villages of Country Creek. Having this issue declined once and for all will create harmony in our neighborhood and those wanting to play pickleball both for fun and league play can do so on regulation courts where

it's meant to be played.

Thank you,

Jody and Bob Egan

20671 Persimmon Place

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball

Comments

Hello..This pickleball has been going on over 7 years there is NO PLACE in Country Creek where this should be played..They never give up and pickleball can be played very close to our community which you could walk or ride your bikes too.. Houses,pools,cabanas,no where to park is the problem so let's NOT PASS THIS ...
Thank you.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:13:12 PM

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Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball

Comments

I wrote a comment a few days ago. I live near the tennis court that they want to change to pickle ball. I have lived here over 30 years. Don't I have the right to a peaceful life. Most of the people who want the pickle ball, don't even live near the court. They can go home and enjoy sitting on the lanai. What about the people sitting by the pool or the people playing golf. Because of the noise, please consider all of us, not just the ones that want their way.
Thank you.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball at Country Creek

Comments

Conversation of one of the 4 har-tru tennis courts is a very bad idea. They are now used for social tennis each morning and for league play by both men and women's teams after that. Losing a court would really compromise our tennis program.

If the plan is to share a court by tacking down pickle ball lines over the tennis lines that would create a safety issue. In an aging community tripping and falling is serious.

Pickle ball is not a sport intended for clay type surfaces. There are now regulation courts available nearby on Three Oaks Pkwy and at the Community Center.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
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07/22/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Using community tennis courts for pickleball

Comments

My husband and I are against this proposal. Country Creek is a very small, close community, the noise from the pickleball games would disturb many neighbors. People purchased their property knowing a tennis court was nearby but not a pickleball court. While many argue that tennis makes as much noise, we strongly disagree - pickleball is much louder and more annoying. In addition, the tennis courts proposed for this use directly abut the largest pool in the community. Again, the noise from the pickleball games would be a disturbance for anyone wanting to sit and relax at the pool.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

pickle ball

Comments

no pickle ball on the tennis court

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07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball court

Comments

I live at Villages at Country Creek. I am against of the proposal to have pickleball. We don't need it!!

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2022-EO44 (Disapproval of pickleball on clay tennis ct in Country Creek).

Comments

I, Sylvia Allen & my husband are residents of VCC, in Blacksmith Forge, where we have been fighting the insistence by the Pro-PickleBall lobby to be allowed to play PickleBall in VCC for several years (5+).

>

> The fact remains, (after a previous study and assessment conducted by pro and anti Pickleball residents) that VCC is a relatively small community in terms of area where, given the number of residences, and there is NOWHERE in VCC where PickleBall can be played without significantly disrupting and annoying the quality of life of the impacted existing VCC residents; who do not want or need PickleBall foisted upon them. Particularly as some of the PB proponents (who have more than 1 property) have argued that it will increase their property values/rents! However, there would be more owners/residents who would be impacted by the close proximity of PB and would see a decline in property values

>

> This latest attempt to inflict PB on the community is even more egregious as PB played on a clay court

is non-conforming, likely disappointing, and will not allow for PB league play. It would however seriously disrupt the VCC Tennis league play at our main tennis courts and facilities.

>

> I urge you to reject this latest, misguided application to play Pickleball in VCC.

> Especially as now there are several local conforming PB courts available, with more coming in the near future, located in areas where PB noise will not be an issue and there is close access for VCC residents.

>

> Yours Truly,

> Sylvia Allen, 20879 Blacksmith Forge

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To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2022-EO44

Comments

Voting no to the proposed pickleball court at VCC. We have new courts nearby. Concerned about the noise disruptions to nearby residences.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball at VCC

Comments

there is no space for pickle ball and the tennis courts cost us a fortune to put in and maintain..they will be ruined by pickle ball play on them. The only single court that could possibly be used is close to homes and owners don't want the noise. There are plenty of places to play nearby.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO2002-E044

Comments

This has been going on for over seven years, One minute its settled and absolutely no pickle ball aloud in Country Creek and then you are having another meeting to open Pickle Ball again, I thought this was fiinal and here we go again, Im sure you are gettiing tired of this I know I am. Pickle Ball is a great sport as long as its away from resident that would live there. Why is this being brought up again. This has got to end we are tired of this constantly being reopened again and again. WE DO NOT WANT ANY PICKLE BALL EVER IN THE VILLAGES AT COUNTRY CREEK. This is breaking up our great community and it got to stop. There is no space in Country Creek where it would not bother someone. We all know PICKEL BALL will be coming to Estero soon. So please put this problem to sleep and leave it alone! Im sorry that this has turned out and caused so many problems for the City and Country Creek,. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball

Comments

The sound of people playing pickleball is a noise annoyance, especially to those who live near the courts. With the community of Estero building new tennis and pickleball courts nearby, why must this topic be revisited? According to a June 3rd NY Times article, pickelball is becoming a disturbance and many lawsuits are bring initiated to stop it. Do we heed to go down that street?

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To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Zoning Amendment for Genova Gate Access

Comments

As a resident of Genova I am against this request for several reasons; the most important is the change in direction from what I was told when purchasing my property. It was important to myself and my Husband that we buy in a community with guard oversight on the premises. As Genova is designed today there are many loopholes to gain entry and an on-site guard can assist in deterring any potential nonresidents from entry. And with the building of Genova 3 those residents believe there is an on-site guard which as it stands right now, they have no knowledge of what is being proposed. I do not believe the builder should be speaking for these new community members who are paying considerable money for this phase of the build. The town should at least wait until Genova 3 is finished and then address this item based on the finished community not partial.

Our property owner rep for this proposal has since sold her unit and is moving into the Fort Meyers area. She was very instrumental in wanting this change which I feel she no longer has the right to speak on this

topic. I wonder if her new residents has a manned guard house; most likely yes because this is the way of the future in real-estate.

We purchased in Estero because of the high-quality offerings that the town has toady and continues to add. I believe to continue to enhance the image of our town we must keep a consistent look and feel within Estero and with our surrounding communities.

Regards
Cynthia LoMonaco

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball at Villages at Country Creek

Comments

I am opposed due to the noise level of the game affecting the neighbors as well as home values in the neighborhood.

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To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

July 25 meeting pickle ball at village of country creek

Comments

I wanted to Xpress my opinion on allowing pickleball to become an amenity within my community a Country Creek. Pickleball is not currently allowed within our community and I would prefer that it not be allowed. I am not in agreement to convert an existing tennis court into two Pickleball courts. I feel the Noize is harmful to the community and the homes around the main pool. It will stop people from relaxing at the pool or be able to read at the pool. For five years we've had to tolerate people trying to get pickleball within our community and every single place that we reviewed the sound and the parking hurt residence. please I beg you to please vote no to allowing in pickleball so none of the residents within the community will have to listen to the sound, or deal with the parking or have to put up with the pain of this sport. Also, since Pickleball is not an approved amenity within our community, I would like to see how much more money is going to cost the community homeowners with their HOA costs. Since we now have to protect players playing pickle ball pickle ball is the up-and-coming sport in the country and it is also currently causing major medical problems for people that are playing. I do not want my HOA cost to go up because of an increase in insurance cost due to pickle ball when less than 50 people play pickle ball.

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Cc: [Mary Gibbs](#)
Subject: FW: LDO 2022-E044 July 25th for The Villages at Country Creek
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 12:31:49 PM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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Dear Mr. Hart,

I am responding to you in connection with the The Villages at Country Creek public hearing for pickle ball on July 25 at 4:30pm.

I am not in favor of using a tennis court at The Villages of Country Creek for pickle ball because of noise issues and the ensuing ventilation issues with the proposed noise abatement plan.

1. The perfunctory noise study conducted some months ago was inadequate in that it considered the noise nuisance factor for the houses behind the tennis court but not for the pool, cabana, putting green and clubhouse patio on the opposite side of the tennis court in question.
2. The proposed noise abatement material (at a now expired quote of \$20,000) considers the deflection of the noise from the houses behind the tennis court. It does not consider the reflection of the noise in the direction of the pool, cabana, putting green and clubhouse patio. These amenities are even closer to the proposed court than the closest house referenced in the noise study.

3. Furthermore, the addition of any type of noise abatement material on the tennis fence will lessen the ventilation on the court, making it a less agreeable venue for tennis play. The court in question is Court 2 for league tennis play as well as for recreational play in the community.

I must also add that I am not against the sport of pickle ball. It is a great addition for people of all age groups and abilities. With the addition of courts at the Three Oaks tennis center and the Estero Recreational Center in the winter season, as well as invitations to clubs where pickle ball is active, the community is adequately served at present. Estero's proposal to provide additional pickle ball facilities is also welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Jim Hart

Re: Case: LDO 2022-EO44 July 25 for the Villages at Country Creek

Dear Mr. Hart,

I spoke to you on the phone last Thursday, July 6 about the public hearing about pickleball in Country Creek. To remind you, I am a Florida resident, owner in Country Creek but unfortunately will not be in town for this very important meeting. Although I am an Avid pickleball player as well as a tennis league player, I am very Opposed to allowing pickleball in Country Creek on Court 2, a designated clay tennis court. I hope to be precise on my various reasons for my opposition to allowing pickleball in Country Creek.

1. A needed noise ordinance! I don't know if the Village Board members know that Ct.2 is ONLY about 50 feet from the big main pool and the Cabana where cards, mahjong, some social gatherings occur. Ct. 2 is also less than 100 feet from nearby houses that are behind some trees. I'm aware that our Master Board paid to have a sound check performed on Ct. 2. We were told that it did Not pass the test. Unfortunately, we residents were told that the results might not be upheld because the man doing the test was not from a Florida company. Whether the man was from Florida or not, the test Did show that there was excessive noise. Therefore, I hope that you consider that this surely verifies that this Ct. 2 location is Not suitable and pickleball should not be allowed. The Village Board has had the same pickleball noise complaints some years ago. In short, Country Creek is a confined small area community which offers NO far away sites for pickleball and the noise it emits.
2. The original request for pickleball in Country Creek came last Spring 2022 which was brought forth by some 6-8 interested residents. I WAS at the hearing. Resident Tom Boos stated that he "just wanted some place to play pickleball as there were no public courts nearby and...he didn't enjoy playing indoors at the Estero Rec Center." He further said "That he could Not Wait for Estero to build some proposed outdoor courts on a Williams location because he might not live that long". Well, please realize that his original reasons for "a place to play" are no longer legitimate. 6 new official permanent public pickleball courts were built and finished by the end of March 2023. These beautiful courts on Three Oaks are Only 10 mins from our Country Creek doors. EVERYONE should be elated and happy to use these courts now. I, incidentally, having been playing 3 days a week inside the Rec center for the last 6 years. I am so thankful for the 3 mins from my house in Country Creek to the Estero gymnasium to be able to play on 9 courts with a wonderful variety of pickleball players. I also was the one to contact Jesse Lavender, then Lee Cty Parks & Rec director, 2 years ago about the possibility of public outdoor courts in Estero. We were in communication via phone and emails. This past October he informed me that 6 courts WOULD be constructed as soon as the lan debris was cleared from the Three Oaks Cts. This EXCITED me to know that ALL would have these official permanent courts so close to play on. When I called the Lee County Parks & Rec Dept to

thank Jesse Lavender personally, I was told that he is no longer Director but has assumed a new job in the Department. Anyway, we appreciate the fast work of the Lee County Rec Dept. What a needed treat for Estero!

3. The “group” for pickleball in Country Creek has argued that offering this amenity would make renting/selling their property more appealing. But quite frankly, that would be False Advertisement. Playing pickleball on 1 makeshift, nonofficial clay tennis court surface does Not constitute a true pickleball amenity.
4. Even though this hearing is about pickleball, I would like the Village Board to know how much the 4 clay tennis courts are used in Country Creek. We have 3 men’s league tennis teams and 2 women’s tennis league teams utilizing the courts Monday – Friday. We have men’s and women’s Social play Monday – Saturdays. There is Sunday morning Competitive play. There are occasional mixed doubles evening play. There are about 100 residents (longtime and seasonal) and renters and guests involved and enjoying the many tennis offerings and activities. Therefore, we would really Regret that Ct. 2 be used for pickleball. We fear that any “proposed” sound barrier wall constructed on or around Ct. 2 would constrict the airflow for the tennis players, not to mention the unexpected monetary costs.

In conclusion, I feel that there are “WANTS” and “NEEDS”. The pickleball advocates “Want” pickleball on a nonofficial clay surface tennis court. But they don’t “Need” this unnecessary request anymore as there are NOW excellent, real, nearby courts with...More possibilities coming to Estero in 2024(which would be Only 5 mins. from our Country Creek Gate). Lastly, the pickleball Noise emitted and the poor location in Country Creek really should encourage the Village Board to NOT approve this request.

Thank you for taking the time in reading my reasons and...for forwarding this email to the other Board members so they can read and contemplate it in advance of the July 25 hearing.

Sincerely,

Joan Blaschke
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From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2002-E044

Comments

I am writing to voice my strong objection to pickleball in our neighborhood of Country Creek. This has been a hot button issue for a few individuals in our neighborhood for some time now. Pickleball is a growing sport and rec centers and private sports facilities are quickly addressing the need for more regulation courts in our area. For example, we have a recreation center directly across the street, within walking distance of our community, that provides indoor courts for pickleball. We now have 6 beautiful, newly developed designated pickleball courts a couple miles away on Three Oaks Parkway. There are also plans in the works to add a pickleball facility on Williams Road. I do not see the need to allow a small group of people to transform a clay court tennis court into a makeshift pickleball court. The proposed tennis court sits beside our main pool and pool cabana where people come to swim, read books, play card games, hold meetings and parties and the constant sound of a pickleball will not be welcomed or appreciated. Furthermore, the sound study that was performed for that area did not pass allowance specifications for sound. Please keep in mind the residents that live adjacent to that particular court. This can only create more problems for our neighborhood.

Please vote "No" on allowing pickleball in the neighborhood of Country Creek.
Thank you

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
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07/18/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO. 2022-EO44

Comments

Dear Board members, I am NOT in favor of pickleball on a clay surface tennis court in Country Creek. The 6-8 people who desired a "place to play pickleball" thought... why not on a clay tennis court. But 1 1/2 years later, there are 6 new official permanent pickleball cts built on Three Oaks only 10 mins from Country Creek. Problem solved...there IS a "place to play" pickleball in Estero. We should ALL utilize these nearby courts! Secondly, there is NO place in Country Creek for noisy pickleball due to proximity of houses behind Ct 2 and the extreme closeness to the Main Pool and Cabana. I ask for your NO vote. Thank you

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

To use one existing tennis court to play pickleball

Comments

My position is pickleball should be played on public courts unless an isolated area is available to accommodate the noise level. The tennis court to be used is near a community swimming pool, the noise from tennis players is intrusive, when you are either napping or reading a book or simply relaxing. Now the pop pop pop from pickleball whacks from 100 feet away can reach 70 dBA (a measure of decibels), while everyday background noise outside typically tops off at a "somewhat annoying 55 dBA." The high pitch of a hard paddle slamming a plastic ball and the erratic, often frantic rhythm of the smacks can also contribute to its uncanny ability to drive bystanders (swimming pool users) crazy. Then what time of the day can they use this court, is 3 am or midnight acceptable?

"Pickleball creates vibrations in a range that can be extremely annoying to humans", and your going to have folks of all ages at the swimming pool enduring these conditions. I play pickleball and I am not opposed to pickleball, some 9 million people played pickleball last year. However, the courts need to be away from homes and community amenities. The noise is a real issue, therefore I am opposed to using the tennis court for pickleball. There is an excellent article "Shattered Nerves, Sleepless Nights: Pickleball

Noise Is Driving Everyone Nuts” authored by Andrew Keh in the New York Times published 6/30/2023 describing the problems with pickleball across our nation. Once you approve it, it can't easily be reversed. You have public pickleball courts at Three Oaks Park, The Recreation Center and soon 10-15 courts on Williams Road. If the area in the Village of Country Creek was more isolated, my opinion would be different. The Brooks has pickleball, but the court is rather isolated.

Thank You

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2022-EO44 Pickleball in Country Creek

Comments

I am requesting not to allow pickleball playing in Country Creek. With Lee County building new courts at Three Oaks Park, having indoor courts at the Estero Rec center and the plan to build new opportunities at the planned new park on Willams Rd., there is plenty of places for residents to play pickleball near our community. I am a pickleball player, and when Country Creek would not allow our community to play pickleball, I found many near by outlets that offered pickleball. It seems foolish to allow 8-10 residents who want to play on our clay tennis courts with a possible large sum of money to put up sound barriers, when there are many sites to play within 10 minutes of our community on official hard court surfaces.

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To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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07/19/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO-2002-E044

Comments

I am not in favor of allowing pickleball to be played on tennis courts in Country Creek. There are 5 existing courts on the property all of which are within earshot of residences and /or recreation areas. If a new court in an appropriate area were to be built, I would withdraw my objection.
Lawrence Brush

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:33:58 AM

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Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball at country creek

Comments

We are a landlocked community and do not have room. The noise factor of it is too close to everyone. Now that there are new public pickle ball courts close to country creek this is not needed in our community.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Villages at Country Creek LDO

Comments

My wife Jacquelyn Powell & Myself STRONGLY OBJECT to this pan. We have played Tennis at Country Creek for over 20 years. I have been Tennis Committee chairman & we both have been Team Captains for many years. We have as many as 7 competitive teams playing out of Country Creek. Playing Pickle Ball on our HarTru courts is a bad idea.

- 1 It is not like playing on a hard court, the ball does not bounce like it does on a. hard court.
2. We cannot have more permanent lines on the HarTru court. The tennis ball bounces differently when it hits a line.
3. Country Creek only has 4 HarTru tennis courts and we need all 4 to play our competitive teams. Taking one away would severely damage our Social Tennis & Competitive Tennis programs.
4. Even though the Board tells us they will not put permanent lines or convert a court to hard surface ,most tennis players (we have nearly 100) are not convinced it will not happen, which again, will severely damage our tennis program.
5. It gets hot to play tennis, If it is required to put up sound barrier on the fences it will cut off much of the

breeze we have now.
Thank you for your consideration
Jared & Jacquelyn Powell

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball Hearing- July 25 for VCC
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:07:13 PM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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Subject: Pickleball Hearing- July 25 for VCC

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Hello

We have been owners at Villages at Country since 1995. We originally owned at 20874 Blacksmith Forge and then bought at 20700 Horse Hame Hollow. We have been aware of the pickleball requests over the years. Originally it was requested at a hard tennis court near Blacksmith Forge where there is a pool and now near the Clubhouse and main pool where there are 2 clay tennis courts. Both locations have been considered and rejected and the later is being considered again. It all comes down to one main concern- NOISE. There are homes directly behind the tennis courts on 1 end of Andiron Place. There is a nice pool to relax at where we also have water aerobics, a cabana used for cards and other gatherings.

In addition there are numerous areas near our community with opportunities to play pickleball, both indoors and outdoors. All are within a close distance.

We would like to go on record that we oppose using Tennis Court #2 at VCC as a pickleball court. We feel very strongly that the noise level would impact the homes nearby as well as the many people who use the main pool and the tennis courts that are also used by many.

Thank you for your consideration to vote NO in this matter.

Susan and Paul Neatrou
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: [Mary Gibbs](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Jim Hart](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote NO for pickle ball at the Village of Country Creek
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:55:09 PM

For upcoming meeting

From: Patricia Oconnor <buka@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Please vote NO for pickle ball at the Village of Country Creek

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First, thank you for your service to our town. I appreciate you allowing our residents to email and comments on whether they want pickle ball within our community.

Pickleball at the Village of Country Creek (VCC).

The individuals who are pushing pickleball at have been able to get the town planning board to heard testimony about using one of the tennis courts near the main pool for pickleball. The hearing is set for July 25th per the sign posted at Country Creek. It is frustrating that this is being pushed when more than 60% of our residents are not at Country Creek and unable to attend the town meeting. It does seem fair.

Since I moved to VCC, pickleball has been a frustrating topic. Many people have researched where to place the court without hurting our residents. The areas reviewed for the previous boards were:

1. Remove the bocce court and install a pickleball court. You would have parking already there. The sound and parking would affect the villas, the estates, the golfers, and the houses across the street. Plus, we would lose a originally approved and installed amenity. This was ruled out.
2. Install a new pickleball court by the side gate. There is enough room for a court and parking. The sound and parking would affect the villas. This was ruled out.
3. Tennis court 5 was reviewed. There are 14 houses within 50 feet of the court. The pickleball people suggested that a wall or thick fencing could help reduce the noise. The homeowners would lose their view but the pickle ball people did not care. The sound, parking would affect multiple homes on Blacksmith, and the

people who use the blacksmith pool. You could not read a book or relax. Thanks to the town, this was ruled out.

4. Install a new pickle ball court by the villa pool. There is parking. Problem, cost to install pickle ball for less than 100 tennis players. The sound, parking would affect many homes within the villas area, and the people who use the villa pool. You could not read a book or relax. This was ruled out.

5. VCC has over 400 players that use the Estero Community Park bocce courts. Using the town pickle ball courts was raised by a lot of residents instead of implementing noise and costs for the residents. The pickle ball payers refused to even consider this option.

6. Tennis court 2 is now the latest review. That is the court that the town will vote on. Good luck with hosting water aerobics three days a week over the noise. Good luck reading at the main pool. Good luck parking at the club house. If the pickleball people want to host events against other community, there goes the parking spaces for our residents. Don't we already have a parking problem on Wednesday due to so many events at the club? The sound will affect the home on Andrión. People already park on the side of the river where we are not allowed to park so I don't understand why the town would approve an other amenity that will cause residents and non residents to park where the town have told us NOT to park. There is not enough parking at the club house for the current amenities.

Everywhere people have looked within our community to host pickleball it hurts / affects our residents.

Lastly, my question is about VCC insurance. Pickleball is not an approved amenity for our community. Meaning our insurance currently does not cover that amenity. If the town approves pickleball for VCC, will our residents be paying more money to include pickle ball. Since injuries are on the rise due to pickleball how does that affect our insurance and HOA costs?

Finally, our town has approved the installation of new outdoor pickleball courts within the are of our park. Hundreds of VCC bocce players have no problem going to the park for bocce so why can't the VCC pickleball players do the same.

Please support ALL our VCC residents by voting NO for pickleball with the VCC community. Stop the noise, parking problems, and insurance cost increases for non-pickleball players.

Have a beautiful day!
Patricia O'Connor

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To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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07/19/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball

Comments

I live at country creek across from tennis courts and we definitely can hear the balls !
It is so much louder than tennis.
When they did a sound test they did not test behind our house! Country creek does not have enough land to allow pickle ball as the houses are too close and it would be unbearable to live with the noise.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball

Comments

I do not understand why this is being considered. I live directly behind the tennis courts and hear them playing. I do not want pickle ball courts with all the sound issues. This issue was voted down by the homeowners. There are local courts that can be used in Estero. If homeowners voted against pickle ball why is Estero community voting on this issue?

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle ball

Comments

I am concerned about the noise that we will have to listen to while they are playing ball all day long. We can hear the noise from the tennis players, so I feel like this will be much more annoying and I am very opposed to this game in our backyard.

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Mary Gibbs](#); [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Fwd: Country Creek Pickle-Ball
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:24:23 AM

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From: Bob Barber <rsbarber1961@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 5:42:51 PM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Country Creek Pickle-Ball

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Dear Mr Hart,

This message is regarding a zoning change at the Villages of Country Creek. Request is rezoning a portion of the property to allow pickle-ball on existing clay tennis courts.

Seventy (70) per cent of Country Creek owners are seasonal residents. However, most have declared Florida as their primary residence and are registered voters who vote in local elections.

All owners in Country Creek should have the opportunity to be heard regarding this matter. Therefore, we request this matter be rescheduled for the month of January. This would allow a fair and honest hearing.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:49:46 AM

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07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball in Country Creek

Comments

Pickleball and a lack thereof has been an issue in our community for some time and has caused many arguments among residents because of the location and the sound. We have no space adequate for it and taking a clay tennis court for it is ridiculous. We have almost 100 listed tennis players plus guests in season and social and league tennis is scheduled. The vocal pickleball players pushing for use of a tennis court is only about 10 people. They have other options for play - the Rec Center and now the courts on Three Oaks. For them it is a want to have it onsite and not a need. Please do not let one of our tennis courts be used for this. We only have 4 courts and they aren't even in one location which is rather inconvenient for league matches but we manage. Thank you for your consideration in putting this heated issue to bed.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:42:09 PM

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Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

To use one existing tennis court to play pickleball.

Comments

I do not support using court 2 clay tennis court for pickleball. The Villages of Country Creek (VCC) have 4 tennis courts which are used frequently by tennis players. Playing pickleball on clay courts can damage the courts. Recently 4 pickleball courts were added on Three Oaks about 10 minutes from VCC. Also Estero Recreation Center has 9 indoor courts. It would be great if outdoor courts were built at the Estero Rec Center. Thank you for allowing me to comment. Phil Riskin, 847-400-4222.

From: [Mary Gibbs](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickle Ball in Villages of Country Creek
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:45:01 PM

From: Ron Wicks <ronwicks53@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:18 PM
To: Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>; Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickle Ball in Villages of Country Creek

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Villages of Country Creek is an old community, with limited space for Pickle Ball. One clay tennis Court has been selected for limited Pickleball play. The court is close to public areas and private residence. It has already failed a sound test. It is not only about the volume, but the type of sound it projects. Allowing pickle ball has caused much controversy in Country Creek. Estero has developed many close areas for Pickleball in the Village. I feel not allowing pickle ball in the Villages Country Creek would be the best benefit for all residence.

Thank you,

Player of all sports activities And resident of Country Creek.

Ronald Wicks

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Considerations and Concerns Regarding Tennis Court Elimination and Sound Study Validity

Comments

Eliminating one of our four tennis courts effectively results in the elimination of two courts. The close proximity of adjacent tennis court 1 creates a situation where the noise levels generated by pickleball play on court 2 would significantly disrupt and negatively impact tennis play on the remaining court. This would pose a substantial challenge for tennis clubs in our leagues, impairing their ability to compete within our community. Tennis holds significant importance as an integral part of our Community at Country Creek.

I have reservations regarding the validity of the sound study conducted. The study was conducted at 5 pm, a time when the number of individuals swimming is considerably lower compared to earlier in the day. Additionally, the study failed to incorporate simultaneous tennis play on the adjacent court. Furthermore, the study was carried out by a pickleball referee, despite the fact that the professional engineer overseeing the study possesses commendable credentials. However, it remains unclear whether this engineer is a licensed Florida engineer.

Given these considerations, I kindly request that the Estero board carefully take into account the aforementioned factors in any decision-making process.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball at Village at Country Creek

Comments

I am not sure why the Village of Estero is trying to make a square peg fit into a round hole by accommodating a pretend pickleball (changing court surface, changing paddle, changing ball) to fit on a clay tennis court.

There are new beautiful PB courts just up the street on Three Oaks and the Village is building many more within the new project off Williams Road along with additional recreation activities. All of this within minutes of VCC.

Let me address a few issues with PB at The Villages at Country Creek:

Noise impact:

- To homes around the court
- To the pool area
- To the cabana

This means not only the noise from PB play itself but from the larger numbers of people on the court and

in que to play at any given time. The average length of a game is 15-20 minutes. That means 8 people on the court and at least 8 people in que. The noise from play and players and spectators can get quite loud. Any sound barrier considered will directly reflect the noise to the gathering areas mentioned above.

Health of Tennis Players:

- Proposed sound barriers
- Proposed Shrubbed

Tennis is played 7 days a week and at least 300+ days a year. We have leagues that require 3-4 contiguous courts available in season. The ball machine is used frequently also. We also play all summer long in this brutal heat and there is a proposal to put up a barrier! Are you trying to kill us! We need as much air flow as possible since there a days right now at 90+ degrees and humidity of 80+. An air flow study needs to be required before moving any further on the PB consideration.

Parking:

- VCC does not have enough parking already
- Cars currently park on the grass along Country Creek Dr
- PB will bring more cars around the clubhouse and streets

The Village has already banned PB on one court. Why is the issue being moved to another area?

I live on Andiron and within 500 ft of the proposed court. I am strongly opposed to PB at The Villages at Country Creek.

Also, when you copy Sharon Boos (PB) on any notes, please copy me as well

(BettySayad08@gmail.com) and I will forward to tennis people. It is only fair both sides receive the same info.

Thank you

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
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Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickle all Courts

Comments

Not needed... there are new courts down the road and indoor courts at the Rec Center.
Our clay courts are not conducive for pickleball.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:21:12 AM

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Date

07/20/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickelball at Country Creek

Comments

I would love pickelball in Country Creek but there does not seem to be a suitable place to play pickelboard.

I have played at Three Oaks Park and indoor at Rec Center. I do not like playing indoor.

I would prefer outdoor courts at Recreation Center or new park proposed on Williams Rd.

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:29:54 AM

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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VCC Tennis

Date

07/21/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Pickleball at country creek

Comments

As the chairman of the tennis committee at country creek, I want to comment on the use of a tennis court for non tennis activities.
The courts are used throughout the year but are busiest from October to May.
Social play is scheduled 6 days per week and all 4 har-tru courts are in use, typically 8:30 to 10:30 am.
Players sign up in advance and are scheduled to play on a court and time.
Court usage on Sunday is scheduled week to week by several groups of friends that enjoy playing together.
Round robin play is scheduled throughout the winter season.
VCC tennis players participate in a number of men and ladies leagues and and home games are scheduled to start between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. These matches usually run for about 2 hours and are followed by a brief social gathering of all teams in the pool cabana.
Tennis court maintenance is performed 5 evenings per week, year round. Normally the 4 courts are

services after 7pm by an outside contractor.

Tennis players are free to use the courts during unscheduled times for for serving practice, ball machines work and lessons.

The tennis committee at VCC is very concerned about any alterations to the courts, limitations on the use of the courts, and any use that may be detrimental to the conditions of the courts.

Pickleball is a hard court game and these are not hard courts nor can they be lined properly for pickleball.

Lawrence P Brush

Resident

Tennis Player

Captain of men 2.5 tennis team.

Chairman, VCC Tennis Committee

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
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07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2002-E044

Comments

The New York times had an article about Pickleball, that is worthy of a read. The Village of Estero has public pickleball courts at the Community Park (6 I believe) 9200 Corkscrew, and at Three Oaks Park (6 I believe). Then you have the proposal from Chicken & Pickle to put 10-15 pickleball courts on Williams Road. I am a pickleball player and the ball and paddle noise is real and seriously a concern for anyone living close to the courts. The attached New York Times article explains the many problems incurred across the nation with pickle ball courts. It's worthy of a read. I'm torn about pickle ball courts in a neighborhood community with close housing to the courts. The Brooks had pickle ball courts but they are isolated from the homes. Once approved, it can't easily be taken back. So I believe public courts are the best answer unless the courts can be isolated from homes.

Shattered Nerves, Sleepless Nights: Pickleball Noise Is Driving Everyone Nuts
The incessant pop-pop-pop of the fast-growing sport has brought on a nationwide scourge of unneighborly clashes, petitions, calls to the police and lawsuits, with no solution in sight.

(Published June 30th in the New York Times)

It sounded like popcorn warming in a microwave: sporadic bursts that quickened, gradually, to an arrhythmic clatter.

"There it is," Mary McKee said, staring out the front door of her home in Arlington, Va., on a recent afternoon.

McKee, 43, a conference planner, moved to the neighborhood in 2005 and for the next decade and a half enjoyed a mostly tranquil existence. Then came the pickleball players.

She gestured across the street to the Walter Reed Community Center, less than 100 feet from her yard, where a group of players, the first of the day, had started rallying on a repurposed tennis court. More arrived in short order, spreading out until there were six games going at once. Together they produced an hours-long ticktock cacophony that has become the unwanted soundtrack of the lives of McKee and her neighbors.

"I thought maybe I could live with it, maybe it would fade into the background," she said of the clamor, which began around the height of the coronavirus pandemic and now reverberates through her home, even when her windows are closed. "But it never did."

Sports can produce all kinds of unpleasant noises: referees' whistles, rancorous boos, vuvuzelas. But the most grating and disruptive sound in the entire athletic ecosystem right now may be the staccato pop-pop-pop emanating from America's rapidly multiplying pickleball courts.

The sound has brought on a nationwide scourge of frayed nerves and unneighborly clashes — and those, in turn, have elicited petitions and calls to the police and last-ditch lawsuits aimed at the local parks, private clubs and homeowners associations that rushed to open courts during the sport's recent boom.

The hubbub has given new meaning to the phrase racket sport, testing the sanity of anyone within earshot of a game.

"It's like having a pistol range in your backyard," said John Mancini, 82, whose Wellesley, Mass., home abuts a cluster of public courts.

"It's a torture technique," said Clint Ellis, 37, who lives across the street from a private club in York, Maine.

"Living here is hell," said Debbie Nagle, 67, whose gated community in Scottsdale, Ariz., installed courts a few years ago.

Modern society is inherently inharmonious — think of children shouting, dogs barking, lawn mowers roaring. So what makes the sound of pickleball, specifically, so hard to tolerate?

For answers, many have turned to Bob Unetich, 77, a retired engineer and avid pickleball player, who became one of the foremost authorities on muffling the game after starting a consulting firm called Pickleball Sound Mitigation. Unetich said that pickleball whacks from 100 feet away could reach 70 dBA (a measure of decibels), similar to some vacuum cleaners, while everyday background noise outside typically tops off at a "somewhat annoying 55."

But decibel readings alone are insufficient for conveying the true magnitude of any annoyance. Two factors — the high pitch of a hard paddle slamming a plastic ball and the erratic, often frantic rhythm of the smacks — also contribute to its uncanny ability to drive bystanders crazy.

"It creates vibrations in a range that can be extremely annoying to humans," Unetich said.

These bad vibrations have created an unforeseen growing pain for pickleball, which emerged from relative obscurity in recent years to become the fastest-growing sport in the country.

The sounds were even dissected last month at Noise-Con 2023, the annual conference of North American noise control professionals, which featured an opening-night session called "Pickleball Noise."

"Pickleball is the topic of the year," said Jeanette Hesedahl, vice chair for the conference.

The same story, the same jarring sound, has echoed across American communities like rolling thunder. Sue-Ellen Welfonder, 66, a best-selling romance novelist from Longboat Key, Fla., once enjoyed listening to the singing birds and the gentle swish of trees during her daily walks — her "soul balm time" — through a local park. The thump-thump of a tennis match never bothered her, either. But the arrival of

pickleball this spring, she said, shattered her idyll.

"Pickleball has replaced leaf blowers as my No. 1 noise nuisance," said Welfonder, who has been sketching the outlines of a new novel, set in the present day, with a couple of pickleball-loving characters: "I'm making them really nasty people."

The complaints were equally dramatic at a Feb. 6 city council meeting in West Linn, Ore., where residents have been vexed by the constant click-clacking from Tanner Creek Park.

"One of our neighbors who lived directly across from the courts and was dying from cancer noted the pickleball noise was worse than his cancer," Dan Lavery, a West Linn resident, said at the meeting. "Sadly, he recently passed."

Scores of similarly suffering Americans are finding their way to a rapidly growing Facebook group, also started by Unetich, where upward of 1,000 frazzled users exchange technical advice, let off steam and engage in a sort of group therapy.

"We try to keep it civil," Unetich said, "because it gets pretty emotional."

A few lessons have crystallized within the group. Soundproof barriers — a go-to solution for many at first — can be expensive and are often improperly deployed. New paddles and balls designed to dampen noise have had marginal uptake among players. Moving pickleball far away from human life may be the only surefire solution — but many are slow to reach that conclusion, which presents its own hurdles.

Irritated homeowners, as a result, often resort to fighting pickleball courts in the courts of law.

Last year, Rob Mastroianni, 58, and his neighbors in Falmouth, Mass., filed a lawsuit against their town claiming that the courts near their homes violated local sound ordinances. They won a temporary injunction, which has closed the facility for now. By then Mastroianni had already sold his house and moved to a different part of town to escape the noise.

"I was Google Mapping the new house, making sure there were no courts nearby," Mastroianni said.

In Arlington, McKee and her neighbors around the community center are waiting to see what happens next. They shared their pain with the county, which for now appears to be moving forward with plans to spend close to \$2 million to make the pickleball courts permanent.

The players there sympathized with the residents' plight — but only to an extent.

"If I had that home, I'd be mad, because it is annoying — it's obnoxious," Jordan Sawyer, 25, a dietitian from Arlington and an avid player, said between games this month. "But I don't feel bad because I want to play, and this is the best place to play. Honestly, I just feel like it's unfortunate. It's unlucky for these people."

Sawyer described herself as a "rule follower." But McKee and the others recounted being woken up at 3 a.m. by middle-of-the-night pickleball matches. Another time they listened to a player banging a tambourine on the court, apparently to taunt those who had complained.

Armand Ciccarelli, 51, who often walks his dog, Winona, around the community center, said that anybody downplaying pickleball noise should try hearing it for 12 hours a day.

"I know this seems like a small thing in the grand scheme of the world, where we're dealing with big things, like climate change," Ciccarelli said. "But, as you can see, it's a nationwide problem."

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Mary Gibbs](#); [Tammy Duran](#)
Cc: [Maryann Devanas](#)
Subject: FW: Pickle Ball
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:00:04 PM

Below is a comment for the 7/25/23 PZDB meeting for Villages at Country Creek Pickle ball.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Jim Hart, P.E.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Clark <carolabob@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:51 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickle Ball

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Please end this constant back and forth with Pickle Ball one minute you say absolutely no Pickle Ball allowed in Country Creek and then you're having another meeting to approve it. This game is a nuisance in Country Creek there are no areas to play the game that won't bother the neighbors. There are lots of areas that will be opening up for Pickleball . Please end this battle with Pickleball permanently with Country Creek and do not approve any Pickle Ball there NEVER!!!

Carol Clark
20971 Blacksmith Forge
Estero

This has gone on for over seven years.

Country Creek
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Mary Gibbs](#)
Cc: [Maryann Devanas](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball In the villages of country creek
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:18:40 PM

Below is a comment for the 7/25/23 PZDB meeting for Villages at Country Creek Pickle ball.

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From: Nancy Range Anderson <nancyrangeanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball In the villages of country creek

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Dear Mr. Hart,

As a resident of the Villages of Country Creek I would like to express my displeasure about pickleball play in our community. We have gone around and around on this topic for several years and each time it has been determined that pickleball is too loud for the neighbors surrounding the courts and beyond. I am attaching a New York Times article from June of this year, which explicitly defines the noise annoyance from the game. I <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/30/sports/pickleball-noise-complaints-lawsuits.htm>

I love sports of all kind, including pickleball. However, pickleball courts are sprouting throughout the Village of Estero. I join my neighbors thinking those courts are more than enough. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Anderson

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Mary Gibbs](#)
Cc: [Maryann Devanas](#)
Subject: FW: Pickle-ball
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:20:33 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: thebarci306@gmail.com <thebarci306@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:58 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickle-ball

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Dear Mr Hart, please do not let Pickle-ball in Country creek.
Thank you for your time,
Catherine Barcus
20930 Blacksmith Forge
Estero, Florida
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Maryann Devanas](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pickleball at Village of Country Creek Estero
Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023 11:03:06 AM

Fyi

Jim Hart, P.E.

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From: gerald.barrone <gerald.barrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 10:28:25 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball at Village of Country Creek Estero

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My name is Gerald Barrone I live in Country Creek they played pickleball for a couple years at the court by us it's too loud too annoying no parking and our community is landlocked we have no place to put put pickleball and not bother homeowners we bought in this community not dealing with this noise and still do not want to thank you

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball and Villages of COUNTRY Creek is a Detriment
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:12:41 AM

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Thank you,



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From: Steve Zielinski <stevez340b@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:00 AM
To: Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>
Cc: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball and Villages of COUNTRY Creek is a Detriment

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The use of sound barriers on the surrounding fences will not impact what I hear at my nearby home and the barriers will also cause the tennis courts to retain heat and raise the temperature, since it will be acting as a wind barrier, preventing the tennis players from having proper air circulation needed during their matches.

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Thank you.--
Steve Zielinski
312-502-2692

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Mary Gibbs](#)
Subject: FW: Pickelball
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:16:56 AM

I assume this is for the Villages at Country Creek Pickleball.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Bartlett <anniebart33@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2023 10:43 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickelball

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Response to a July 25th town hearing about pickleball at VCC
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:17:09 AM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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From: Jeanette Miller <MillerJay2019@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 9:09 PM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Cc: diane.fox23@yahoo.com
Subject: Response to a July 25th town hearing about pickleball at VCC

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Hi Mr. Hart,

I am writing this due to a public notice at the Villages of Country Creek regarding a use for a tennis court to be also used as a pickleball courts.

We have been though this every year since I have been in in 2019. I keep being told that this has not been approved and it will not happen. Then here we go again it keeps being brought up.

We do not have the parking for this and the noise is loud and distracting.

At one of our courts it state: PICKLEBALL PROHIBITED BY THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PER CODE: 2051-01

This is to let you know that we are not happy about this possibility & we hope this will end and not move forward in our development.

I appreciate your time in this matter.

Diane Fox -20954 Blacksmith Frg, Estero FL

Jeanette Miller-20955 Blacksmith Frg, Estero FL

From: [John Hart](#)
To: [parrish](#)
Subject: [Chart](#)
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017, 9:17:01 AM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



From: parrish carter <pcarter@estero.ca.gov>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 8:12 PM
To: John Hart <chart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject:

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Date: November 16, 2021
To: The Villages at Country Creek Master Board
The Estero Planning, Zoning and Design Board
From: Pam Curtis, 20859 Blacksmith Forge, Estero, Florida 33928

Because I have a doctor's appointment on Thursday, October 21, 2021, I will not be able to participate in the monthly Villages at Country Creek Master Board Zoom Meeting. However, I need to share my concerns about the proposed suggestion to hire a lawyer to appeal to the Estero Planning, Zoning and Design Board to ask them to rezone Tennis Court #5 located in the quiet, residential neighborhood of Blacksmith Forge for the purpose of allowing pickle ball to be played on it which is located between 50-60 feet away from my lanai.

My first question is Why? This issue has often come before previous VCC Boards for many years and no action has ever been taken for various reasons. From what I have heard at the other VCC board meetings I attended, the initial request to the VCC Board several years ago was to let Pickleball be played on either Tennis Court #3 or Court #4 located near the Condos which are much further away from residents than is the 50-60 feet Tennis Court #5 is from my lanai and they could accommodate parking and seating.

My second question is Why would the previous VCC Boards understand that the recommended National Standards and Guidelines from most Pickleball Associations state that the game should be located several yards away in a non-residential area to avoid the noise and other issues like those raised by VCC Condo owners and residents years ago? If that was the case then for denial of Pickleball in VCC and to respect the wishes of the Condo owners, please explain to me and the other residents throughout Country Creek the reason and need to spend \$800.00 of our fees to request a rezoning of Tennis Court #5 now which meets absolutely none of the National Standards and Guidelines.

I became involved in VCC Board meetings five years ago when I moved to VCC. I loved the idea of watching families playing tennis, golfing across the street and people walking their dogs on Country Creek Drive. Never did I envision that I would have to spend the next five years requesting that Tennis Court #5 remain the tennis court for which it was zoned and intended. I would have not chosen to live VCC if I had known about the Pickleball issues because I had lived in two other communities where Pickleball was played and understood the effects it would have on the Blacksmith Forge neighborhood which surrounds Tennis Court #5 in an oval shaped, parklike setting.

At one of the first meetings I ever attended, I was told by a Pickleball proponent that Pickleball was very popular and that I should just stay in my home and close the doors and windows while they were playing. It was also suggested that wrapping the court or putting up barriers might be helpful. The only thing that barriers would accomplish would be to prevent each of us in our neighborhood from enjoying the views we see each day. Since sound rises, it would still be heard no matter what type of barrier would be put in place. It should also be noted barriers would ruin the ambiance of Country Creek Drive

that residents and visitors value nor could it provide needed parking or seating for competitive, outside playing teams coming in due to a lack of space.

Proponents say they would only use Tennis Court #5 at certain times during the week. However, if their membership numbers are as large as they estimate, Tennis Court #5 would never satisfy their need for long. Soon they would again be asking for more concessions and Court space.

Anyone seeking to live in a Pickleball community would not be impressed with what Tennis Court #5 has to offer. If the VCC Board is serious about wanting to promote itself as a Pickleball Community, then the time has come to establish a second reserve account to be funded over a few years to purchase land that could be away from homes yet easily accessible for VCC Pickleball Players' needs and usage.

The other option is to know that the Villages at Country Creek is an amazing place to live with numerous amenities to keep residents busy every day and to appreciate and support the wonderful golf course and tennis teams for which we are well-known and do attract new residents every year.

I ask you seriously consider my concerns before moving forward with any more plans to add Pickleball in the Villages at Country Creek. This issue has gone on for way too many years and needs to be put to an end for good as it stands now until a well thought out plan is designed and funded.

My final question to every VCC board member and owner through out the community is Would You In Good Conscience and Truth Vote to Have Pickleball In VCC if You Knew It Was To Be Located in Your Neighborhood and Possibly 50-60 Feet From Your Lanai. The Condo owners stood up and were heard. I hope the Blacksmith Forge Neighborhood will be heard and receive the same respect for a nice and quiet place to live.

Sincerely,

Pam Curtis
20859 Blacksmith Forge, The Villages at Country Creek
Estero, Florida 33928
(515) 401-2368

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball in VCC
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:18:10 AM

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Thank you,



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From: patty.barrone <patty.barrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball in VCC

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Good afternoon. My name is patty barrone and my husband and I own two places in village of country creek. We are currently dealing with an issue of pickle ball once again as we do almost every year after over half of the residents are gone which I believe is a under handed way of doing business. There should be a definite quorum of attendance to deal with anything of this magnitude. Please know that this community was not ever designed to host pickleball nor should it ever be sanctioned here. The noise is the number one complaint along with parking. Please be empathetic and realize the impact this would have on your life if it was happening to you and your home thank you for your time. Patty Barrone.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball at Villages of Country Creek
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:18:55 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Knafel <jkleftover@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball at Villages of Country Creek

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Good morning Mr Hart,

I am writing to express my displeasure of the possibility of pickleball at VCC.

There is no place in our community that would allow enough space pickleball. The close proximity of homes does not facilitate the noise that goes with pickleball. We reside one block from court 5 and could hear it when they briefly played there.

The consideration of court 2 would also affect the main pool, the club house and the golfers.

Parking is a huge negative. The parking at the clubhouse is near capacity almost everyday.

Three Oaks Park recently added 6 courts and with the proposed courts in Estero it brings the count up substantially for the area.

I realize the sport is growing faster than the construction of courts. But why add the noise, traffic and take a court away from the current tennis players.

Please do not vote for the courts.

Janet Knafel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Gibbs](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball and Villages of COUNTRY Creek is a Detriment
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:28:09 AM

For PZDB

From: Steve Zielinski <stevez340b@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:00 AM
To: Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>
Cc: Jim Hart <hart@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball and Villages of COUNTRY Creek is a Detriment

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312-502-2692

From: [tomw1022](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Fwd: Country Creek Pickleball
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:44:59 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: tomw1022 <tomw1022@aol.com>
Date: July 17, 2023 at 11:22:58 AM EDT
To: hart@estero-fl.gov
Subject: Country Creek Pickleball

Dear Ms. Duran

I am writing as a 26 year full-time resident in Country Creek. I have played both tennis and PB in Country Creek. (Pickle-ball on the hard court before it was banned by the club and the village because of the noise)

My wife and I have been playing PB on the new courts in Estero Park. They are great courts ! I believe we have played there some 20 times and only had to wait (maybe 10 minutes) twice on weekend days. With the news that additional courts are in the near future there is no reason, in my opinion, to play PB on clay courts - built for tennis.

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The videos show the PB group played anyway ... using BOTH courts and not seeming to be concerned about potential damage to the courts or injuries.

We are a community built before PB .. The Village has provided excellent courts. The court (s) they want will create noise affecting our main pool, cabana, and #1 golf tee.

Thank you!

Tom Whelan
20565 Candlewood Hollow
239-994-4905

Sent from my iPad

From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:47:56 AM

Comments must be received by noon one day before the actual meeting and they will be distributed to the Council/Board but will not be read at the meeting.

Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

Name

Lee Eisenberg

Address

20589 CANDLEWOOD HOLW
ESTERO 33928
United States
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Community

villages at country creek

Email

L...7@gmail.com

Phone

(201) 787-8772

Representing

self

Date

07/25/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

LDO 2002 E044

Comments

I am against allowing this change.
The hard tru courts are not for pickleball. In addition if these are the court tobe changed, it would effect the times when all 4 courts are needed for both recreational and league matches
If the hard court is selected the noise is unacceptable

thank you

lee eisenberg

From: [Margaret Farmar](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: Pickle Ball Court at VCC
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:52:15 AM

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Ms Duran

There really is no room for Pickleball at the villages of country Creek. The proposed area next to the pool and the homes will negatively impact that area due to the noise that pickle balls and rackets make.

People go to the pool for peace and quiet not to hear the continual banging. Also there are pickle ball courts, very near country Creek, and soon will be more off of Williams Road. I do not see the need to go through this and disturb the quiet that people moved to Villages of country Creek to enjoy.

Sincerely

Margaret Farmar
20881 Rivers Ford
VCC

Sent from iPhone

From: [Mary Gibbs](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#); [Jim Hart](#)
Subject: FW: Country Creek Pickleball
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:07:03 PM

For PZDB

From: tomw1022 <tomw1022@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Country Creek Pickleball

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The videos show the PB group played anyway ... using BOTH courts and not seeming to

be concerned about potential damage to the courts or injuries.

We are a community built before PB .. The Village has provided excellent courts. The court (s) they want will create noise affecting our main pool, cabana, and #1 golf tee.

Thank you!

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Margaret Farmar](#)
To: [Mary Gibbs](#); [Jim Hart](#); [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: pickle ball court at VCC
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:08:05 PM

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To my Estero Gov Reps

I am very concerned about the possibility of having a pickleball court adjacent to the main pool area in VCC. I go to the pool daily to relax, read, and enjoy the peace and tranquility that VCC offers. Please consider the rest of the owners/inhabitants of VCC before allowing a few to take away that solace. There are numerous courts in the vicinity: the rec center, the new courts on three oaks, as well as, the soon to be a large venue off Willams Rd. Where is the need to disrupt the lives of so many?

Thank you for your consideration

Joseph Farmar
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From: [Jim Hart](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball in Villages of Country Creek?
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 2:38:20 PM

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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Subject: Pickleball in Villages of Country Creek?

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We are residents of Village of Country Creek and I understand as usual for the past few years we have a small number of residents that want to continue to pursue pickleball courts within Country Creek even though there is literally no good place to play because of the inherit noise given the current proposal is way too close to the club house/pool area not to mention residents' personal residences on lower Andiron Street.

The development was never designed 30 years ago for it and it still is not designed for it however again it is a minority of people that continue to push this out of 966 doorknobs.

I ask that you think about this when deciding about allowing this to come to a community that has voted against this multiple times over the past several years for good reason and the fact you are going to build more courts on Williams Road plus there are existing courts in Estero park.

Thanks for listening.

**Regards,
Chad and Teresa Hageman**

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From: [Village of Estero, FL](#)
To: [Tammy Duran](#)
Subject: ECOMMENT
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 6:03:50 PM

Comments must be received by noon one day before the actual meeting and they will be distributed to the Council/Board but will not be read at the meeting.

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Representing

those against a pickleball court at VCC

Date

07/17/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Using a tennis court to install a pickleball court at the main pool at VCC

Comments

The court they are trying to take over will negatively affect the atmosphere at the club house pool. The noise will be a hindrance to the homes nearby, and those interested in reading and relaxing at the pool. There are already many opportunities for pickleball in the vicinity: the rec center on Corkscrew and the new courts at Estero Park on Three Oaks. Soon there will be more off Williams. This is an older community not set up for pickle ball. I enjoy both tennis and pickle and feel pickle should not be played on soft courts, damage will occur and require more maintenance and costs at a time when the residents have many other priorities that will need funds.