From:	mike myers <mmyers146@live.com></mmyers146@live.com>
Sent:	Friday, January 14, 2022 12:05 PM
То:	City Clerk Group
Cc:	JoAnne Plummer
Subject:	Jan 18 2022 City Council Meeting Pickleball Submission
Attachments:	Businesses Supporting GVCC PickleBall.pdf

Hello,

I would like to submit this document to the City Council Meeting regarding the resurfacing of the pickleball courts at GVCC.

This is a letter of support signed by 54 local businesses.

Thank you

Mike Myers 6199874629



Goleta Business Support Pickleball Courts at GVCC

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From:	Jan McGuire <janolingy@aol.com></janolingy@aol.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:27 AM
То:	City Clerk Group
Subject:	Support for Pickleball Courts at GVCC

my input, please

As I age, Pickleball has been a wonderful sport for me to take up. Being able to play at GVCC is so convenient. The courts always seem to be occupied, so a great number of others are also enjoying this sport!

I feel the courts have been a 'plus' to our community.

Thank you for keeping and maintaining them. Looking forward to being able to utilize them for years to come.

Jan McGuire 1427 Camino Rio Verde SB, CA 93111

From:Mary Gilmour <mgilmour53@gmail.com>Sent:Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:19 AMTo:City Clerk GroupSubject:Pickleball courts

I am writing to lend my full support for item D1-(21-526) on the council's agenda at tonight's meeting. I support keeping the Pickleball courts at the Goleta Community Center open and made permanent and ensuring they are well maintained to ensure the safety of the players. I utilize this valuable community asset weekly playing pickleball two hours each week with friends. It is a fun and a great way to get exercise outdoors while socially distancing. In fact I am playing on them this afternoon. Please vote to support keeping and maintain these Pickleball courts. Thank you, Mary Gilmour, mgilmour53@gmail.com, 805 451-5607

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Fritz Pinney <fritzpinney@gmail.com></fritzpinney@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:17 AM
То:	City Clerk Group
Subject:	City Council Meeting Pickleball

To members of the Goleta City Council

Re: maintaining pickleball courts at GVCC

I am 73 years old and no longer able to play tennis, which I enjoyed for many decades. Pickleball has been a wonderful sport for me and playing at GVCC is easy to schedule and very convenient. The courts allow up to 20 people per operating hour to exercise and enjoy social contacts.

I feel the courts are a tremendous asset to our community and a good investment in the health and well being of its members.

Please support keeping and maintaining them.

Thank you, Nancy ("Fritz") Pinney

From:	DARIN BIAMONTE <dlbiamonte@comcast.net></dlbiamonte@comcast.net>
Sent:	Monday, January 17, 2022 11:16 AM
То:	City Clerk Group
Subject:	Pickleball noise

Hello,

I am a fan of recreation and appreciate the recreation options Goleta has for its residents. However, I ask that the unusual noise associated with Pickleball play and its impact on nearby residents and business owners like myself be considered and respected. Much of my small business is done buy phone and via Zoom. The constant pickleball noise requires windows to be closed due to the disruption to business caused by pickleball play. As important as recreation is for the mind and body of Goleta residents, so is peace and quiet while building our businesses and enjoying our fresh air and outdoor spaces.

Please consider noise mitigation measures for Ekwill businesses and residents as well as non-play quiet hours throughout the day.

Thank you in advance,

Darin Biamonte Winslowe Goleta

From:	Katie Pazan <katie.pazan@gmail.com></katie.pazan@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 17, 2022 10:43 AM
То:	City Clerk Group
Cc:	James Kyriaco
Subject:	Written Participation City Council Meeting: Pickleball proposal at Goleta Community Center

To Goleta City Council,

In response to your ongoing discernment process regarding the pickleball courts at the Goleta Community Center: This is the second letter I have sent to City Council. The first highlighted the many concerns residents of the Winslowe Community in Old Town have regarding the current pickleball courts and the proposal to add additional courts. As mentioned previously, our community, Ekwill Street in particular, is directly next to the pickle ball courts. We hear the ball hit the racket all day long. It is impossible to ignore. 4 courts equal 8-16 players and 4 balls hitting rackets, non stop. We also hear the players chatting and yelling to one another throughout the day. Some play music. However, it is the ball hitting the racket that is a noise nuisance. We have been told that noise mitigation efforts were going to be put in place. That was a year ago and nothing has been done. And you propose adding an additional court?

While many in our Winslowe community agree that pickleball is a great sport and provides an opportunity for wellness and social connectivity, please consider the placement of the courts. I don't know anyone in Winslowe or even all of Old Town who use the courts. I won't use them because they are a burden to our Winslowe community (and my family loves pickleball). Have you assessed who is using the courts? Are players coming from outside of Old Town? Is the income generated by court usage driving decision making? Are children residing in Old Town using the courts? Have you tried to find a different location for the courts, one that is not surrounded by homes and businesses? What (really) are the noise mitigation efforts you plan to implement if you move forward?

Every unit on Ekwill Street is zoned for business. The first floor of Ekwill units have a home office or a current business. Currently, to my knowledge, there are 8 businesses and more are trying to establish themselves. The pickleball noise can really be a nuisance to our businesses as well. I read a Noozhawk newspaper article that mentioned that the noise may be disruptive to residents' sleep during the day. While this is a well intentioned sentiment, most of our residents and business owners are not sleeping. The noise is a disruption to our work productivity and potentially our ability to rent spaces to businesses or have productive businesses ourselves. More and more people are working from home as a result of the pandemic as well and this may not change. Imagine trying to work with a client, providing a music lesson, a psychotherapy session, or a financial advisor consultation with the constant pickleball noise.

These are just some additional factors I hope you will consider when making decisions. If you move forward with the proposed plan, please ensure that the surrounding businesses and residences will not hear the ball hit the racket through your noise mitigation efforts. Using a different type of ball will not be enough. When the City Council approves new live/work developments such as Winslowe, they should do everything in their power to ensure the businesses can thrive.

Current businesses that I know of on Ekwill:

Bonnie lee Books (<u>bonnieleebooks.com</u>) PetPotion (<u>petpotion.om</u>) Shanna Spencer Style (<u>shannaspencerstyle.com</u>) Central Coast RBS (<u>centralcoastrbs.com</u>) Coco Rose Design (<u>cocrosedesign.com</u>) SR Technologies (<u>gosrtech.com</u>) Deep Blue Bikini Co. (deepbluebikinis.com)

Thank you very much for considering my concerns and for your ongoing commitment to the City of Goleta.

Katie Pazan, Winslowe Resident

Public Comment for the Goleta City Council Meeting Tuesday January 18, 2022

To: Goleta City Council From: Charlie Johnson, Acting General Manager GVCC RE: Public Comment for 1/18/22 City Council Meeting regarding Pickleball January 17, 2022.

This evening at a Board of Directors meeting for the GVCC, I was requested to provide a short synopsis on what actions the GVCC has taken regarding addressing citizen complaints about noise on the outdoor temporary pickleball courts at the Community Center and to highlight what actions we might further consider.

- The first noise complaint came from a resident at the Willow Creek Condo complex. Her complaint was that players were on the courts before 7am in the morning and she wanted to know if we could not start playing time until later in the morning, she felt that most businesses do not open until 8am. I responded to her via email after Mike Myers, myself and my staff talked about the issue of what hours of operation were best. We adjusted the playing time by having a start time no earlier than 8am and we also looked at the closing time which initially went to 10 pm and decided that an 8:30 end time would be reasonable. We took additional steps to secure the courts with locking gates, we developed a GVCC Policy that our custodial staff would close and lock the gates each evening at 8:30 PM seven days a week. We also put the court lights on an automatic timer set each evening to shut off at 8:35pm
- The second complaint came from the Winslowe Development, complaining about the pickleball noise. Their request was to stop evening play at 6pm. I responded via email to the citizen complaint telling her that what she was asking us to do would negate all the work and effort we had put into upgrading our courts for better nighttime play. I explained that the biggest request for playing time was after work hours and night-time play and that we had just invested several thousand dollars to upgrade our lighting from expensive halide bulbs to LED lights that provided better lighting, reduced energy consumption, and significantly reduced our maintenance cost. I explained that one of the City of Goleta directives to the GVCC was to improve the recreational opportunities on the campus, that Pickleball and the renovation of the back field was part of the effort to provide more recreational opportunities on the campus.
- The GVCC was provided information from many different sources, about various products available that have been known to help reduce sound on the Pickleball Courts. We gathered information and did online research on the suggested products, we consulted with several different manufactures and asked for sample products to be sent to us for closer inspection and evaluation. We contacted several Pickleball

Complexes about measures they had taken to address noise complaints and asked for their recommendations. We made visits to various pickleball courts to see first-hand how different products were used to help reduce the noise. Some products did not do what they claimed, instead of deadening the sound, the product reflected the sound in a different direction creating a new problem. Several products brought about other concerns for the safety of players and safety on the courts. Some products did not allow wind to pass thru and essentially create a giant sail that on windy days would present a serious problem for the integrity of the fence it would be hung on. Another issue was that the product also reflected heat directly on to the court and playing surface. The products were evaluated for Cost vs Benefit, and most were very expensive and did little to reduce the noise complaint. What we did learn is that none "eliminate" the sound.

- The GVCC experimented with trying different "Open Play Times." Open play is when the greatest number of players show up as compared to "Reserved Time," which only allows for twenty people at any one time to be on the courts or waiting to play. The side benefit we derived from this change was a lull in players mid-morning to early afternoon. We now typically have a one-and-a-half-hour break where there is no one on the courts. So, we have restricted the open play to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-8pm, two times a week and no open play on weekends. This reduces the number of players playing thus reducing the accumulated noise generated by many players, five out of 7 days a week.
- The GVCC does have plans to add a thicker mil windscreen on the south facing fence that we believe will help reduce sound and that will allow wind to pass thru without becoming a giant sail. Currently the south fence has nothing on it, just the chain-link metal material, so sound is not at all buffered.
- We also know that the new surfacing material to be applied to the courts will make the court surface softer and will help deaden the pickleball sound.
- We have done an educational outreach to our players, talking about the citizen complaints encouraging players to be "good neighbors" do what you can individually to help reduce noise in and around the courts, respect the fact that while the GVCC is in a dedicated commercial zone, there is a residential element in the surrounding areas and to be respectful of their concerns.
- The GVCC is aware of different paddles and balls that reportedly are quieter, we plan to share that information and encourage players to be good neighbors and use those products whenever possible. We are aware that serious Pickleball players find the paddles and balls to be inferior in performance and have been reluctant to use them or buy them especially for tournament play.
- We have taken the initiative to do our homework, to get bids to resurface the courts, paint, and stripe, and install new permanent net post and nets all to make the

Community Center Courts the best courts around. We are financially prepared to move forward with the changes we have proposed.

 The GVCC continues to evaluate various products that may help deaden the sound on the courts and while our research shows that the sound generation on the courts is below the City of Goleta standards for noise, we will provide the city with information about a product they may choose to purchase and install on the courts to help address citizen complaints about noise. The product we have looked at is from a company called eNoise Control and it is a vinyl noise barrier. The cost estimate is \$27,000.00 for the product and shipping cost of \$2,118. For total purchase price of \$29,118.00, note this does not include installation. The GVCC has safety concerns about the weight of this product on the existing fence and we have concerns about how it will be affected by wind, that being said this product does have sound absorbing qualities.

Respectfully,

Charlie Johnson, Acting General Manager

From: kathy calhoun <<u>calhounmama@hotmail.com</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:15 AM
To: City Clerk Group <<u>cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org</u>>
Cc: City Clerk Group <<u>cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org</u>>
Subject: Pickleball courts at GVCC

Hello,

Our family has been living in Goleta since 1985 and we love the goodland. As part of the active community here, we have taken advantage of the great recreational facilities. Living near the Kellogg courts provided us a great spot to play tennis until we had to quit due to age related injuries. When you put the Pickleball in at Wallace it was a dream come true!

We could play at lunchtime or after work because it's close to our family business. When the courts and reservations were established at GVCC, we were over the moon!! Thank you, thank you. Please keep our courts open. Everyone I know is happy to pay the fees for keeping them open and maintained.

Thank you, Kathy Calhoun 805. 886-0785

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From: Tad Clark <<u>tad@ams-events.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:08 PM To: City Clerk Group <<u>cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org</u>> Subject: 1/18/22 GOLETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

I am writing in support of the pickleball courts. They are a huge benefit and have significantly more participation than the tennis courts ever did. I have not hear of a single valid reason to not approve permanent pickleball courts.

I don't yet know if I want to speak at the meeting - that will be determined by what else is going on. I want to make I am counted as supporting.

My name is Tad Clark, my email is tad@ams-events.com and my phone is 805-637-1170

Warmly Tad

Tad Clark



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-----Original Message-----From: Florence Napoles <fnnapoles@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 4:06 PM To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org> Cc: James Kyriaco <jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org> Subject: Pickleball at Goleta Community Center

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Florence Morris. I understand tonight is the final meeting regarding the fate of the pickleball courts in Goleta. I wrote to someone at the city of Goleta last year and I would like to say something again before you make your final decision. I live in the Winslowe community behind the community center. It has come to my attention that one of my neighbors may be trying to speak for the entire community in regards to the noise coming from the pickleball courts and she does not speak for anyone in the community other than herself. I live on Bolinas Way and can tell you that from my house I do not hear a single ping coming from the courts. I frequently walk on Ekwill with my daughters and the ping from the courts are barely audible. When my husband and I bought our home in October of 2019 we knew exactly what was around us in terms of noise pollution. We saw the courts behind the trees on Ekwill when we were doing our due diligence before we purchased our home and decided we could live with whatever noise came from our immediate surroundings. It's wrong to take away a public amenity to our community because a few people who live nearby failed to do their own due diligence before purchasing their home. Those courts were physically there before us, they should have thought of the noise that would come from it when they are being played on. My husband and I are members of the pickleball group and love that it is right there for us to utilize. I am the mother of 2 so it is unrealistic pay for a sitter to try and go to the closest park that has pickleball when there is no way of knowing whether the court is in use. I love that I can reserve a court at the community center. The next closest courts are in Santa Barbara which are already utilized by the people who live in Santa Barbara. This sport has helped me lose the baby weight and find a mutual interest with my husband. We've met so many lovely people on the court who love it as much as we do. If you decide to close the courts based off of the noise complaints from neighbors who did not do their research when choosing their home then you are choosing to honor the needs of few over the needs of many. Thank you for your time.

From: Laurie C Johnson <<u>laurieannjo@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:43 PM
To: City Clerk Group <<u>cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Goleta City Council Meeting Confirmation

Pro Pickleball please.

Nothing but GOODNESS, COMMUNITY, EXERCISE, LAUGHTER, GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE, WONDERFUL SPACE (with a little needed love yet to come) and IT IS A GAME THAT INCLUDES ALL AGES,

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING,

LAURE JOHNSON

It is such a wonderful thing in this life that needs to be supported. It is a growing good thing! I have meant so many wonderful people!