

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING
LANGLEY CENTER
400 WEST EMERSON AVENUE
MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754**

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2024
6:00 PM**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respect to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Jesse Chang, Gary Lau, Paul Lee, Peter Lin, and Barbara Ngai

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATIONS

1-A. STAFF UPDATE ON UPCOMING CITY SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS - DISCUSSION ONLY.

[2.] OLD BUSINESS – NONE.

[3.] NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Recreation and Parks Commission consider:

- (1) Approving the Minutes of the June 3, 2024, Regular Meeting; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-B. PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE – DISCUSSION ONLY.

[4.] COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

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ATTACHMENT:

- 1. 3-A – June 3, 2024 Minutes

ATTACHMENT 1

3-A: June 3, 2024 Minutes

**MINUTES
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 3, 2024**

The Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular meeting of the Commission at Langley Center, located at 400 West Emerson Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Recreation Manager Alatorre called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Gary Lau led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Recreation Manager Alatorre called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Jesse Chang, Gary Lau, and Peter Lin

Commissioners Tardy:

Commissioners Absent: Paul Lee, Barbara Ngai

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION - None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1-A. STAFF UPDATES ON UPCOMING CITY SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Recreation Manager Alatorre updated the commissioners and spoke briefly of City programs and events for the months of June and July.

2. OLD BUSINESS – None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

Action Taken: The Commissioners approved the minutes for the regular meeting of May 6, 2024.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Lau and seconded by Commissioner Chang, motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Chang, Lau, Lin

Noes: Commissioners: None

Absent: Commissioners: Lee, Ngai

3-B. EXPANSION OF PICKLEBALL

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- Bill Tang stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes Park. He would like one tennis court dedicated for tennis for seniors and youth.
- T.H. Chong stated they are against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes Park. They would like the last tennis court dedicated for tennis only and that the pickleball lines cause confusion.
- Anita Lee stated she would like the third court to be dedicated for only tennis. She stated she would like clear lines for seniors and that the park is for everyone.
- Jane Lee stated that she is against pickleball lines on the last tennis court, she plays tennis and it is her community, and she feels she is slowly being pushed out.
- Jeri Fukumoto stated she is against pickleball lines on the last tennis court and has already cut sets short to allow others to play tennis.
- Hoover Ng stated that he is against the expansion of pickleball courts on the last dedicated tennis court. He mentioned tennis court access is key for new players.
- Brandon Wong stated that he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that tennis courts are crucial for training as a high school tennis player. He would like the City to look into alternative options.
- Ping Guan stated they are against the expansion of pickleball courts. He mentioned the last dedicated tennis court should remain because there is still a need for tennis courts.
- E. Surmont stated they are against the expansion of pickleball courts. They stated that reducing tennis courts is not the answer but appreciates the expansion of the current courts available. They would like the City to look into alternative options.
- Chris Fairbanks stated he is against the expansion of pickleball. He plays tennis at various courts in the City and does not want tennis to be taken away in order to expand pickleball.
- Phillip Kim stated he is against the expansion of pickleball. He would like to see new tennis courts.
- Dante Dan stated he is against the expansion of pickleball. He frequently plays tennis at Barnes Park and would like the dedicated tennis court to remain.
- Albert stated he is against the pickleball expansion.
- Mary Zhang stated she does not want any other tennis courts to be taken by pickleball at Barnes and George Elder Park.
- Aisha Gaten stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts and would like only dedicated tennis courts at George Elder Park.
- Dimple Thakkar stated he is opposed the expansion of pickleball. He would like a transparent and inclusive study to consider all park users and requests a public forum to be held on this matter.
- Lan Lam stated she against the expansion of pickleball courts. She would like the commission to reconsider adding courts to George Elder Park.
- Christina Cisneros stated she against the expansion of pickleball courts. She does not want the residents near George Elder Park to hear the noise created by pickleball. She stated she would like George Elder Park to be dedicated to only for tennis.
- Sheetal Dhanapal stated they are against the expansion of pickleball courts. They mentioned the reduced access to tennis courts and compatibility issues with tennis. They would like the City to consider alternative options for pickleball.
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- Anita Lee stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She stated that the tennis courts are busy at George Elder Park with tennis play and additional lines interfere with play.
- Jay Chow stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that the tennis courts are in demand at George Elder park and would like to keep the courts dedicated for tennis.
- Ethan Chow stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that the tennis courts are crowded and would like to keep the courts dedicated for tennis.
- May Chan Foo stated that she is against the expansion of pickleball courts in all parks in the city.

He stated that the tennis courts are in demand at George Elder park and would like to keep the courts dedicated for tennis. She would like to keep a dedicated court at Barnes park for residents who do not drive.

-Kumiko stated that they are against the expansion of pickleball courts and that there are courts currently being shared.

-Bill Tang stated that he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He mentioned it makes too much noise and traffic problems. He suggests to add pickleball courts to the vacant land north of Garvey Ranch Park on Orange Ave.

-Edwin Foo stated that he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He mentioned the difficulty to see the lines, the pickleball noise, and the reduction of tennis court access for youth.

-Teresa Ngan stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She mentioned the reduced access to tennis courts, compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Jan Alotte stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She mentioned the reduced access to tennis courts, compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Bernard Leak stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He would like tennis to continue to remain a priority.

-Emily Chui stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes Park and George Elder parks. He mentioned the value of having tennis courts available.

-Devi Smith stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She mentioned other courts available for pickleball and would not like the tennis courts being taken over.

-Candi Gomez stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes and George Elder Parks. She mentioned the reduced access to tennis courts, compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Tiago Valente stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that the tennis courts are at peak use, that there is no data supporting the need for more courts, compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

Eleonore Clavero stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes and George Elder Parks. She mentioned the reduced access to tennis courts, compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Christopher Fairbanks stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that the pickleball lines interfere with tennis, there is no data supporting the need for more courts, there are compatibility issues, other cities have increases demand for courts, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Hoover Ng stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He stated that the pickleball lines interfere with tennis, other cities have increases demand for courts, that there is no data supporting the need for more courts, there's compatibility issues, and would like the City to look into alternative options.

-Loong Lin stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She mentioned that space is limited for tennis and new designated tennis courts should be built.

-Amy Choi stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes and George Elder Parks. She stated her children play tennis and rely on the courts for exercise, recreation and community building. She mentioned that there are limited tennis courts, multiple court lines are a distraction, compatibility issues, and would like the City to explore alternative options.

-Valerie Dinh stated she is against the expansion of pickleball courts. She mentioned the growing pickleball facilities in and around the city, the pickleball lines hindering tennis play, and leaving the tennis players with limited courts to play on. She is a tennis high school player.

-Matthew Hui stated he is in favor for additional pickleball courts. He plays tennis and pickleball. He believes the community will benefit from more pickleball courts at Barnes Park.

-Alan Tsang stated he is against the expansion of pickleball courts. He mentioned he and his son play tennis and would like to space to be preserved.

-Amy Chen mentioned she is against the expansion of pickleball courts at Barnes Park. She stated that multiple lines are confusing and Barnes Park is for everyone to share.

Action Taken: The Commissioners approved the expansion of pickleball by adding lines at George Elder and Barnes Parks.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Lin and seconded by Commissioner Lau, motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Lau, Lin

Noes: Commissioners: Chang

Absent: Commissioners: Lee, Ngai

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed the Go MPK application.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm pm. The next scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, June 3, 2024.

Christina Alatorre, Staff Liaison

Approved on _____ at the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting.