

Q4 Please share any general thoughts you might have about these three proposed master plan changes.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No tree removal. No additional hard surfaces. There is no description of current pickleball facilities, number of people served, projected increased need and why, and who would be served. Too much geographic concentration of one type of facility. No financial information - capital cost and operating cost. How does this fit with MPRB equity plans. Which neighborhood or other local organizations support the plan.	1/6/2022 10:23 PM
2	I love pickle ball! It is so much more accessible to the masses. It's fun and fairly easy to play. Please provide pickle ball courts wherever possible, but specifically near Nokomis:) any thought of indoor courts that can be used in winter months?	1/6/2022 9:43 PM
3	Keep tennis courts for tennis. There are no pickleball stripes on the golf courses or baseball diamonds or in swimming pools or on basketball courts or soccer fields.	1/6/2022 7:37 PM
4	I'm a big fan of racquet sports, and it's great to see the enthusiasm around pickleball. Because of the noise the plastic balls make (much louder than tennis balls) from early in the morning until evening, it is important to site the courts as far away as possible from homes, such as in the interior of parks. (Other communities have had issues with pickleball noise...see Star Tribune article.) It looks like that has been done with a couple of the plans, but it appears that new courts would be right across the street from homes in the plan for Minnehaha Reg. Trail/50th & 16th.	1/6/2022 6:30 PM
5	I think that existing and future tennis courts be used solely for tennis as there are limited court options already. Pickle ball striping to courts Will further limit capacity. I would favor the creation of new, separate pickle ball courts.	1/6/2022 1:50 PM
6	This is great! A much more accessible sport for all vs tennis.	1/6/2022 1:26 PM
7	In the Nokomis and Hiawatha lakes area, we need additional tennis courts so that the Roosevelt High School Tennis program has adequate courts spring, summer and fall in addition to having enough tennis courts for the community. Because the Roosevelt tennis program is growing (yay!) and our Minneapolis community deserves to have strong public schools with easy accessibility to sports for all students regardless of income or accessibility to a car!! It would be fabulous if there was an additional set of tennis courts built right at the Lake Hiawatha location so that the tennis team can host both Varsity and JV. The courts are within walking distance of Roosevelt and that is hugely important! I'd like to take this moment to also suggest that as you plan other parts of the city parks, that there should be enough well maintained tennis courts in proximity to each of the Minneapolis Public High Schools. This is an equity and community building opportunity!! Thank you!	1/6/2022 11:13 AM
8	We already do not have enough tennis courts in the city so I would oppose any effort to replace current tennis courts or increase competition for tennis players with pickleball players. My daughter plays for the Roosevelt HS tennis team and this is a continual problem. Would like the city add/expand more tennis courts rather than adding pickleball resources.	1/6/2022 6:01 AM
9	If you were to make The Nokomis recreation Center courts from tennis to pickle ball specific then you must keep the courts at Hiawatha tennis specific. And then possibly add more tennis courts at Hiawatha because you have more people both teams and the general public playing at Hiawatha without the courts at Nokomis.	1/5/2022 8:37 PM
10	Please look at whole park system. I think we need pickle ball courts in EVERY park district. It is a growing and popular sport for all ages. What about Longfellow or Minnehaha Park?	1/5/2022 8:26 PM
11	Please add Pickle Ball courts in all districts. Recommend District 3 (one of these) Longfellow Park Brackett Park Minnehaha Park As possible expansion ASAP.	1/5/2022 8:15 PM
12	Tennis courts are already in shortage. Adding pickleball to the mix adds more competition for	1/5/2022 8:09 PM

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	courts that already aren't enough.	
13	We need more tennis, not more pickleball. Please.	1/5/2022 7:59 PM
14	Continue to fast track recreational facilities that are high use, low programming expense and multigenerational like pickle ball, futsal, skateboarding and soccer.	1/5/2022 5:21 PM
15	Not in favor of converting Nokomis Tennis courts to pickleball specific courts. There is competition from Roosevelt High School tennis programs and other youth summer programs at these courts and at Lake Hiawatha. MPS and MPRB should better collaborate on these shared community facilities in order to provide consistent court opportunities district-wide.	1/5/2022 3:54 PM
16	We need more courts, not re-lined courts that we have to fight over. Additional courts that are kept up are what is needed.	1/5/2022 3:44 PM
17	Repair tennis courts and add more courts at Hiawatha	1/5/2022 3:23 PM
18	If we are investing in courts I would really like to see the tennis courts at Hiawatha expanded. They get a ton of use by all age ranges and would, in my opinion, be a huge benefit for the whole community.	1/5/2022 3:20 PM
19	I feel like this is a pretty typical move by MPRB. If the board feels the interest in a sport or activity is waning, they devote less and less resources toward it. Of course, interest in sports ebbs and flows. But MPRB has made its mind up that a sport - let's say tennis, for example - is on the wane. And they close courts, convert courts to bike courses (are you kidding me??), let the courts deteriorate and crumble - and now, now they want to flood the tennis courts with a brand new sport that may or may not last - pickleball. So, even if interest in the sport is on the rise, nobody wants to play on the courts in the Minneapolis park because a) they are all in some state of disrepair, unkept, cracking, unmaintained and b) crowded. So, MPRB creates a self-fulfilling prophecy. "Tennis is waning, let's repurpose our courts (that we have left falling apart, closed and crowded). What's hot right now? Pickleball? My grandpa plays that! Let's build change all the tennis courts to pickleball." How many high schools use the MPRB tennis court system? What is the rent paid on those courts? How many courts does MPRB provide for them? Is it enough to host practices or a match efficiently? The answer to the last question is no. In fact, the MPRB courts are a complete (sad) joke when compared to EVERY OTHER high school court system around. Look across the river. The tennis courts are first class citizens. They have BEAUTIFUL facilities. The MPRB high school tennis courts are in HORRIFIC condition by comparison. There are NOT ENOUGH courts to serve them. In addition, for example, the courts at 43rd St and 27th Ave serve the Minneapolis Roosevelt girls tennis team. This team had 30+ members this year and is growing every year. The courts there are neglected - just like all MPRB courts. There are 5 courts there. MPRB is the de-facto tennis court system for MPS. There has been a long-term agreement and financial deal between the two parties. MPRB has an obligation to support MPS with modern, well-kept facilities. This includes maintaining and EXPANDING their offerings. Not diminishing and adding competition for access. A high school match consists of 7 matches. That means the minimum number of courts needed is 7 courts. Most (all?) of the MPRB de facto MPS tennis facilities have less than that. The aforementioned Lake Hiawatha location has five. Not only can the team not efficiently host a home match, but Roosevelt couldn't possibly consider re-creating its historically successful boy's program, because they would have no place to play. There is a STRONG NEED for more courts at this location. Not pickleball. Intercity tennis, Roosevelt high school and the community are in constant competition for access to these courts at Lake Hiawatha. The former two have reservations, so the community is left shut out often. Those courts get use. Lots of use. They need MORE COURTS there.	1/5/2022 2:52 PM
20	Pickleball courts for pickleball only. Tennis courts for tennis only. No additional stripes on tennis courts anywhere.	1/5/2022 12:50 PM
21	I like the idea of having dedicated pickle ball courts. I don't like the idea of shared pickle ball/tennis courts. For tennis players, the pickle ball lines and noise are are a distraction. Also, it makes tennis courts less available.	1/5/2022 11:54 AM
22	Please don't penalize tennis players by removing their ability to enjoy their sport in the parks. Encouraging pickleball participation is great but not at the expense of tennis players, especially those who have worked hard to obtain funding so that they can enjoy beautiful courts in our parks.	1/5/2022 11:43 AM
23	Any new pickleball courts should be standalone courts outside the immediate vicinity of the tennis courts.	1/5/2022 11:41 AM

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24	Don't mix with p-ball lines on tennis courts. Keep them separate. I play both but prefer tennis over pb because tennis more overall skill and conditioning. And tennis is enjoying a resurgence and is a wonderful sport that is lifelong. The Morgan Court use is big and a good example of how investing in good tennis courts works. Build it and they will come. But when I play pb, I play in St. Louis Park where the courts are pb specific. Minneapolis should do the same. I am glad pb reaches folks who might not play a racket sport, and by keeping the courts separate, you can avoid hard feelings.	1/5/2022 10:55 AM
25	We need to keep the tennis courts, better yet add more.	1/5/2022 10:53 AM
26	I think adding pickle ball courts are fine, I know there aren't that many outdoor courts and it's hard to find some indoor courts so I approve on adding pickle ball lines, i think it should be a distinct different color though so it's clear to see. But I approve and is exited! Thanks for all you do. -Local neighbor	1/5/2022 10:23 AM
27	We need to keep the tennis courts, better yet add more.	1/5/2022 10:19 AM
28	Putting pickleball stripes on tennis courts, effectively ruins the courts for tennis. The tennis community has supported the maintenance of tennis courts over the years, it is not free. If you put pickleball lines down, you forsake the tennis community and we will no longer support those courts.	1/5/2022 9:48 AM
29	Lots of sports come and go, but tennis has stood the test of time. No pickleball striping on tennis courts. Pickle ball player want pickle ball for free, but they don't understand that the tennis community has worked for decades to keep our courts updated.	1/5/2022 9:46 AM
30	Separate pickleball courts are preferred, but not at the expense of losing tennis courts.	1/5/2022 9:44 AM
31	It's not fair to the tennis players who have worked hard to raise funds to maintain the tennis courts.	1/5/2022 9:32 AM
32	I would like to see more pickle ball specific courts, and less pickle ball striping on tennis courts. Re #3: I strongly approve of pickle ball specific courts, as long as the tennis courts across the street from the proposed pickle ball courts are revitalized. I believe they are currently a bike challenge area. Keep tennis and pickle ball separate! And respond to the growing interest in pickle ball with new courts!	1/5/2022 9:12 AM
33	I am in favor of pickleball courts but they need to be stand alone courts, specific to pickleball. I think that the best thing the MPRB could do would be to build a multi court pickleball facility in a separate location, away from neighborhoods that would be affected by the noise. Larger banks of courts would allow for organized tournament play.	1/5/2022 9:03 AM
34	I enjoy playing tennis at Loring Park and would hate to lose the opportunity due to competition for court time with pickle ball players. Better to build separate courts.	1/5/2022 9:02 AM
35	While I support pickleball, I am a tennis player and believe that the existing tennis courts should remain tennis courts. I support building pickleball specific courts. I do not support converting existing tennis courts into pickleball courts. Drawing lines is one thing, but don't limit tennis play on tennis courts.	1/5/2022 8:57 AM
36	It can be difficult to find well maintained tennis courts especially for youth. If they see them with pickleball players all the time they may not play tennis. If you can add smaller courts just for pickleball it would be preferred over taking up the courts that are already usually full with tennis players on evenings and weekends	1/5/2022 8:50 AM
37	Pickle ball and tennis need separate courts. Noise from playing pickle ball makes it difficult to hear the tennis ball being hit. Both good activities. Can be nearby but not side by side.	1/5/2022 8:50 AM
38	Please leave the much used and free tennis courts alone and do not convert to pickleball.	1/5/2022 8:44 AM
39	There at least 6 tennis areas that are unplayable along the creek within a mile of Bloomington. Why can't U put Pickleball in those locations and leave our Bloomington courts alone since the community raises the money to resurface them to play tennis, not Pickleball.	1/4/2022 4:46 PM
40	Important to keep Minneapolis parks up-to-date on new, popular sports that appeal to a wide range of users, especially in older-age related activities.	1/4/2022 2:08 PM
41	I would strongly approve of re-striping existing tennis courts to be used as pickleball courts I would not want to lose trees to build new courts	1/4/2022 12:05 PM

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42	i strongly agree pickleball should be a recreational resource. please also consider indoor areas such as community centers. Crystal community center has time 3 days/week and charges just \$3/person, but there is a huge demand.	1/4/2022 10:40 AM
43	Please add pickleball at Loring Park!! And clean up tennis court at Loring School in North Mpls. MPB would never let a court or nets be in such disrepair in South Mpls.	1/3/2022 3:07 PM
44	I think given the huge popularity of pickle ball, it would be a great asset to add courts- specifically for this sport in Mpls Parks. This is a sport that attracts people of all ages, and because of it's popularity, additional courts would be a a fabulous asset for the community. Thank you, Pam Canning, Mpls	1/3/2022 2:12 PM
45	Highly approve of pckleball in Loring Park to avoid driving other places. We are trying to use our car as little as possible. Furthermore, the neighborhood pop is growing. Appreciate efforts by the Park Board to offer more activities such as art, bird watching, etc., as well Thank you!	1/3/2022 12:18 PM
46	It is my opinion that going forward tennis and pickleball should be supported equally, if not slanting towards pickleball as it has a little more support in the later years when more time to play is available. Pickleball is easier for many to play and is being widely adopted.	1/3/2022 12:04 PM
47	We're hoping so much for some pickleball courts in Minneapolis! We live down by Nokomis Rec center and have been using chalk on the tennis courts to play pickleball. At the moment I drive to Richfield and golden valley to play outdoor. Pickleball specific courts at Nokomis would be amazing!!	1/3/2022 11:59 AM
48	Pickleball is far and away more popular with all age groups than tennis	1/3/2022 11:09 AM
49	I'm in favor of adding new pickle ball courts, but hope they are not coming at the expense of current tennis courts. I'm eager to learn if the Loring Park tennis courts will be resurfaced. thank you.	1/2/2022 11:58 PM
50	Share the striping at Nokomis. Do not add pickle ball at Loring. This is a unique park, that gives respite to the city noise. Pickle ball is a noisy sport and will forever alter the peaceful nature of this park. We do not need more hard scape in our parks.	1/2/2022 10:09 PM
51	Pickleball has exploded and can be enjoyed by all ages. I welcome lines on many more tennis courts and hope even more pickleball specific courts are considered. When I play with my friends in the suburbs the pickleball courts are packed!	1/2/2022 7:44 PM
52	Please conduct thorough surveys before making changes. Contact all major stakeholders ~ like area schools. Do they need these tennis courts for their team? Try to avoid conflict up front by being ~ well, Upfront Thanks	1/2/2022 6:49 PM
53	Old and young people love pickleball. Serve them!	1/2/2022 2:50 PM
54	Strongly request the addition of more tennis courts as current number in the Nokomis/Hiawatha parks area is inadequate.	1/2/2022 2:16 PM
55	what about north minneapolis	1/2/2022 12:14 PM
56	I am in support of the plans to update and maintain the tennis courts to include pickle ball or even convert some of the tennis courts into pickle ball specific as long as Minneapolis Parks... + maintains an attractive recreational space (people do not want to use courts that are dilapidated) + a balanced approach that tends to favor multi-use over singular purpose use for broader enjoyment + leverage community insights and data to fulfill the needs of the neighborhoods and encourage safe and active use of our parks	1/2/2022 11:42 AM
57	Please please repair tennis courts that are unplayable, for example 34th Ave and the creek, the ones nearby on 46th St and 32nd, and the Creek and 30th Ave. and please keep all tennis courts repaired and playable! You're adding pickleball when you don't even keep up with courts you have!	1/2/2022 11:25 AM
58	I am planning to play outdoor pickle ball next Spring and like the idea of adding striping to existing tennis courts. I do NOT support the idea of eliminating tennis courts (like the suggestion at Nokomis).	1/2/2022 9:28 AM
59	It's terrible that we almost always have to leave the Mpls Park System to play Pickleball. More courts are desperately needed.	1/2/2022 8:58 AM
60	I like the changes. I think the courts might get more use as pickleball courts. Any opportunity	1/2/2022 8:35 AM

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to rent equipment? I suspect you don't want to take that on.

61	I am 70 years old, live close to the proposed Nokomis pickleball courts, and my wife and I would certainly play there. We have seen lots of folks play pickleball on the old tennis courts there and would be very happy if quality pickleball courts were created there.	1/2/2022 8:14 AM
62	I would definitely like to see pickleball courts at Loring Park.	1/2/2022 7:47 AM
63	Why not make both Nokomis and Bloomington similar? Both have striping for pickle & tennis? Can't believe there's higher pickle ball consumption than tennis.	1/2/2022 4:37 AM
64	Approve adding pickle ball striping to existing tennis courts so the courts can be used both ways	1/2/2022 2:20 AM
65	It would also be nice if the tennis courts at 34th Ave and the parkway could be rehabbed.	1/1/2022 9:39 PM
66	We live across from the Bloomington Tennis courts and have been interested in seeing how often the courts are used for Pickle Ball vs. Tennis. I can say that the tennis courts on Bloomington are used for tennis play over 95% of the time. There is very little use of the courts for Pickle Ball (usually the same family and their guests, once every couple of weeks). The Pickle Ball players come with chalk and draw the lines they need. After a rain, the chalk lines are washed away. Maybe there could be a box on the fence with a measuring rope (specific for Pickle Ball lines) and chalk to use. The surrounding neighborhood rescued these tennis courts (once stated to be demolished), after proving how often they were used for tennis. The surrounding neighborhood raised the money through donations and grants to secure and improve the tennis courts. Patty Heimbold on 50 & 16th would have the history on the restoration of these courts. Thank you for exploring this issue.	1/1/2022 6:06 PM
67	So you want to cut down some more trees (displacing wildlife that lives in Loring Park), lay down a large square of tar or cement and then, what ... post TikTok videos of people using the pickle-ball court as a dog park? I know I could Google it but, what the hell is pickle-ball? And who the hell is demanding it? But why stop there? I think there are a few old trees left on the southeast corner of the park. You should fell them and build a mini golf course out of the wood from the felled trees. That area just south of the dog park would be great for bumper cars. If you really want to spend money on Loring Park, I have some ideas: 1. Dig the ponds deeper so they don't turn to green sludge every summer 2. Repair the walking and biking paths that Holidazzle destroyed 3. Repair the dock that fireworks destroyed 4. Plant more trees! 5. Create wildlife-habitat areas so park visitors can observe and learn about our vanishing natural world Loring Park is not as big as you seem to think it is and every time you you replace a tree with plastic and cement, it becomes less a green park and more an amusement park. No to pickle-ball in Loring Park.	1/1/2022 10:50 AM
68	I would love to have dedicated pickleball courts in Minneapolis. Since I live near 2 of the proposed plans, I know that I will use them multiple times a week. I expect that the courts will be in high demand.	12/31/2021 11:59 PM
69	People still play tennis	12/31/2021 2:58 PM
70	Please keep our tennis courts in south Minneapolis alone! Add pickle ball courts, sure, but don't infringe on the rights of tennis players, we who have so few courts left!	12/31/2021 1:37 PM
71	Please leave Bloomington Ave tennis courts as tennis only. It is always full when our family goes there to play tennis, and pickleball will only take more time away from tennis players. We have no good tennis courts in this area; this court is the neighborhood's best by far, and could still use improvements. These courts were also resurfaced with private funds, specifically for tennis. Please create a pickleball only court near the Nokomis Rec Center. If you add lines to the courts, it will be difficult to play tennis next to pickleball players. Would you put figure skaters next to hockey players just because they are both ice sports? There are also courts along the creek at 30th Ave S and Minnehaha Creek and trails that are in dire need of being redone. Please don't take space away from tennis players. Thank you!	12/31/2021 1:28 PM
72	Pickleball courts require more expensive equipment. We definitely need more basketball courts. Tennis court equipment can be less expensive than pickleball. I usually observe that those playing pickleball are white people. Look at increasing activity for youth and teens, please.	12/30/2021 9:58 PM
73	I live in a condo in downtown Minneapolis. During the warm weather months, I play pickle ball 3-4/x week and often drive 16-20 minutes one way to a court in one of a multitude of suburbs.	12/30/2021 5:14 PM

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Now that it's "indoor season" for pickleball, I drive 14 - 21 minutes to play, either in a suburb or in NE Mpls. Let's just say that any outdoor pickleball courts that are added in the city of Minneapolis will be a welcome addition, and they'll immediately be used!

74	You cannot have enough pickle ball specific courts in Minneapolis. Please add more. Thanks Tim	12/30/2021 3:55 PM
75	Pickleball (PB) specific courts are always the preferred option as the striping of both tennis and PB on the same court can be confusing/hard to distinguish. Differences in net height and length are also considerations.	12/30/2021 3:01 PM
76	I have wanted to try pickleball and courts close to me will be good incentive.	12/30/2021 2:43 PM
77	More pickleball	12/30/2021 1:01 PM
78	It would be nice to have courts added at Lyndale farmstead in addition to the tennis courts.	12/30/2021 11:35 AM
79	Pickleball specific is of course better for pickleball, but it is also important not to deplete the availability of tennis courts in the city. A combination of mixed-use and specific is best. One advantage of specific is that many courts can be packed together, Richfield and Bloomington have created very nice pickleball spaces at a few parks. Minneapolis should have some "destination" pickleball locations with 8+ high-quality, dedicated courts but also provide options at neighborhood parks that offer both tennis and pickleball.	12/30/2021 10:41 AM
80	Pickleball courts will get more use than tennis courts. Especially if designed for only pickleball. Just keep them some distance from housing, as it is a noisy game.	12/30/2021 9:44 AM
81	Please add pickleball courts to Kenwood Park!! Thank you!	12/30/2021 9:42 AM
82	Offering high quality tennis courts with PB striping increases access to both sports for more people. If equity and access are the goals for MPRB for our parks, we must offer both. I play both. For the past few summers, I've been involved in Tennis in the Parks which has been highly successful. Why would MPRB offer one court over the other. Do both - tennis with striping so there are more options and more access for all.	12/30/2021 8:55 AM
83	The tennis courts along the creek are in desperate need of resurfacing. We don't need all of these courts, but at least some of them need resurfacing and regular maintenance. It would also be nice to have backboards at some of the courts for solo people to practice their strokes.	12/30/2021 7:38 AM
84	From biking by the tennis courts at Nokomis, I think it's ok to make changes south of the road. I do see quite frequent use of the courts north on the Hiawatha side that became a pop-up skate park area. I would worry about displacing a spot for youth recreation in favor of an activity favorites by older users.	12/30/2021 7:29 AM
85	I'm really not in favor of pickle ball striping at Nokomis. I think it should remain tennis only on the courts closest to the rec center, and leave the other as the bike course. My kids use that bike course every summer and love it. In fact, I see more kids and families there using the bike course than using the other tennis court. So leave the one tennis and the other the bike course.	12/30/2021 7:23 AM
86	I think an even and fair amount of both based on usage for each sport	12/29/2021 8:45 PM
87	There are so few tennis courts in the area around lake Nokomis. These should be retained as tennis courts. Additionally, courts across from the Nokomis Community Center should be resurfaced for use for tennis. There are so few places for the growing Roosevelt team to practice, making a low cost sport unavailable to many students. Please retain these courts and consider pickle ball at courts around the neighborhood courts- which also need to be resurfaced. Please retain the tennis courts.	12/29/2021 5:32 PM
88	Great Ideas	12/29/2021 4:48 PM
89	We need dedicated tennis courts and separately dedicated pickleball courts. If you add pickleball striping to existing tennis courts, then tennis and pickleball players have to fight for court time. There are already not enough tennis courts for our community as it is. And, since there are already not enough tennis courts as it is, there cannot be an option to convert the already minimal number of existing tennis courts to pickleball courts. The high school players are using the community/parks courts and there isn't even enough courts for them to practice altogether and play matches on, let alone have courts for community members to use. The reason some of the existing tennis courts are not being used is because they are not being	12/29/2021 4:39 PM

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maintained in a safe playing condition. We shouldn't have to go out to the suburbs to enjoy nice tennis courts. Adding separate pickleball courts is the only equal option to not take away from the already minimal tennis court options in our community.

90	I am, of course, being selfish in my responses. I presume you're also asking tennis players their opinion on the subject.	12/29/2021 3:27 PM
91	I'm in favor of pickleball courts, I'm not sure about getting them by converting tennis courts. AND I do not know much about tennis court usage on the existing courts. So maybe converting them is the best plan.	12/29/2021 2:28 PM
92	Thank you for reaching out to get the community's input! Good luck with it all.	12/29/2021 12:13 PM
93	I will use these courts with my kids and with my husband!	12/29/2021 11:33 AM
94	full tennis courts with pickleball striping makes sense	12/29/2021 10:42 AM
95	I'm in strong favor of more pickleball courts in our parks. It's an easier game than tennis for all ages - thank you!!	12/29/2021 10:02 AM
96	Please do not gentrify the parks— part of the beauty of the Hiawatha/Nokomis area is that some of it is still nature— kids and adults need to explore and experience nature and natural (not man made or urban) beauty without signs and pavement and controlled activities and designated sports constructed for us..... Let nature be. And let people be in it. It cannot be improved! :)	12/29/2021 9:40 AM
97	Mostly interested and excited about the plan for Pickleball courts at Nokomis. Bike course currently on tennis courts is a nice idea, but takes up a lot of valuable rec space for a small group of users. Pickleball courts in Richfield are always busy and hard to get on. Yes to Pickleball!!	12/29/2021 9:39 AM
98	I apologize...I didn't look into this deeply, but is there a way for the Nokomis courts to accommodate both tennis and pickleball instead of only one?	12/29/2021 9:28 AM
99	Need more and better skate parks!	12/29/2021 8:22 AM
100	All these plans are moving in the right direction. Minneapolis is definitely lacking in pickleball courts.	12/29/2021 8:18 AM
101	We love pickleball!	12/29/2021 6:27 AM
102	The tennis courts at Nokomis are in high demand. They are used extensively by summer programs for youth, the Roosevelt High School team, and the community in general. I would love to see more tennis courts in this location and would be devastated to see them be converted.	12/28/2021 11:04 PM
103	I think that the tennis courts should be resurfaced so they can actually be useable. I am part of the Roosevelt High School tennis team and we have tried to practice at Nokomis before the season, but it's impossible with all the cracks. I totally agree with the implementation of pickleball courts, but in ADDITION to the tennis courts.	12/28/2021 10:48 PM
104	I believe the parks should work to create and maintain more tennis courts which can be used for both tennis and pickle ball play. Consider making a tennis hub at Lake Hiawatha by doubling the tennis courts available	12/28/2021 10:42 PM
105	I believe that Pickle Ball is a fad and it has no place in our parks. I would be interested to know how this sport was introduced to our park system. Many residents go to Loring Park to look at the flowers and local wildlife. It is a peaceful place where people can relax and unwind. We already have many festivals that take over the park in the summer, so let's not make it busier by carving out a space for a sport that has a limited shelf life. Please help to keep our parks peaceful, uncluttered and green.	12/28/2021 10:39 PM
106	My answer to #3 is neutral because I am uncertain what will happen to the bicycle course currently in use. Is there a way to keep the bicycle course or recreate the space nearby?	12/28/2021 9:11 PM
107	Please keep tennis courts	12/28/2021 9:05 PM
108	We need more tennis courts in the area not less!!	12/28/2021 9:03 PM
109	Where possible it seems to make sense to add striping instead of fully removing tennis options unless there are plenty of options very close by. Are you adding classes for those who	12/28/2021 9:00 PM

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	want to learn more about pickle ball?	
110	We need more tennis courts in south Minneapolis!!! The only decent courts within 2 miles of our house are at Hiawatha and if it's a nice day they are usually full!	12/28/2021 8:17 PM
111	My family plays tennis and the only decent courts in our area at at Hiawatha, and they are often all being used. We would really like to see more tennis courts! And would love to see the deteriorated-unusable courts (such as along the creek toward the Falls) restored. We have also played a little pickle ball on tennis courts and that worked well for us. That was at the courts that are now a bike course, so it was a few years ago. It would be really disappointing to see Pickle-ball specific courts when we need more tennis courts. Thank you for all your work and for gathering and considering your neighbors' opinions.	12/28/2021 8:04 PM
112	We need more tennis courts, not fewer in Minneapolis parks. More people are using the courts since the pandemic started and it is often hard to find available space. Many of the courts need to be resurfaced and have fallen into disrepair. Creating a tennis hub of 6-10 courts in one location would be helpful to cut down on having to drive around to multiple single or double courts to look for availability.	12/28/2021 7:39 PM
113	I generally support adding pickleball courts, but am opposed to reducing the number of tennis courts to do so. I support restriping to allow both pickleball and tennis on the same court.	12/28/2021 7:15 PM
114	I just started playing pickleball. I was a tennis player years ago. Pickleball is great. As soon as I started playing I met so many people who have welcomed me into the sport. What a great sport to promote -- one that almost anyone can play with a real sense of belonging that welcome new players with open arms. You could pick a better sport to promote.	12/28/2021 7:14 PM
115	pickleball lines on tennis courts are confusing	12/28/2021 6:25 PM
116	I'm very happy to hear we're adding more courts! I would like to see pickleball striping added to all tennis courts in Minneapolis. I walk by the tennis courts at S. 34th Ave. and E. 47th St. often and I never see anyone using them. Please add pickleball striping if it is not there already! Same with the courts at S. 32nd St. and E. 46th Ave. Those seem to be used a little more often.	12/28/2021 6:01 PM
117	Keep the tennis courts but stripe them for pickle ball. That way they can be used for both activities.	12/28/2021 5:36 PM
118	Where will high school tennis teams practice when you have removed all the tennis courts?	12/28/2021 4:37 PM
119	Good to see we are rolling with the times	12/28/2021 4:02 PM
120	Loring has a lot of retired folks that would love to have Pickleball	12/28/2021 3:15 PM
121	I feel strongly that tennis courts should be modified to be used as either pickle or tennis. Most pickleball players are used to using tennis court nets at the slightly height Also- please repair/ increase the courts at Hiawatha school park on 43rd Ave and 42nd st. They are in REALLY bad shape yet are used a lot even with ripped nets and very many divots in the surface.	12/28/2021 2:22 PM
122	The city is severely lacking in dedicated pickle ball courts. As the popularity of the game increases, it only makes sense to stay on track with the trend and provide these course. I live near the Nokomis Rec center and more people play Pickleball than tennis. Thanks for considering	12/28/2021 1:58 PM
123	Tennis all the way.	12/28/2021 1:53 PM
124	We play tennis regularly on several courts in the Nokomis area and would strongly encourage you to keep them.	12/28/2021 1:20 PM
125	Really enjoy pickleball and although I have played tennis, it's hard to have a good matchup so I rarely played. I play a lot of pickle ball now and it is still fun even if not the same experience level as someone else (lower barrier to being able to just play). The people I play with mostly live around Uptown and we all drive to Washington Park in Richfield to play.	12/28/2021 1:16 PM
126	I think if the tennis courts are maintained at Nokomis then people will play tennis there. The courts at Bloomington are so close to the Nokomis ones so they can be pickleball. I think a mix of pickle and tennis is good. Model it after the pickle courts in Richfield on 78 Street.	12/28/2021 1:01 PM
127	It's a more accessible sport than tennis... would be great to have	12/28/2021 12:58 PM

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128	It is hard to play pickleball on striped tennis courts. Designated pickleball courts are much better. Parking is difficult around Loring Park neighborhood.	12/28/2021 12:08 PM
129	It's hard to play pickleball on striped tennis courts. Designated pickleball courts are superior.	12/28/2021 11:52 AM
130	If you're making the courts at Nokomis specific to pickleball, then will the courts across the street that currently has a bike course be converted back to tennis? What about all the dilapidated courts along the creek (at 30th, 34th, etc). Will they be brought back to a playable condition? Converted to something else??	12/28/2021 11:50 AM
131	Can you please repair the tennis courts in the Nokomis area (along Minnehaha Parkway) between 28th Ave and 34th Ave? There are two sets of courts off of the trail in disrepair	12/28/2021 11:35 AM
132	I believe we need more pickle ball courts, in general. As a tennis player, I know I can find courts but pickle ball needs more space as it is growing faster.	12/28/2021 11:18 AM
133	There are unused tennis courts along the M'haha Parkway near 34th. Make those pickle ball too. We moved to the TC in June 2020 and pickle ball is a great way for us to connect with new people.	12/28/2021 10:59 AM
134	I don't like this at all. Please place any new pickleball courts away from the beach. Put in new pickleball courts north of Minnehaha Parkway.	12/28/2021 10:57 AM
135	The reason I strongly disapprove of adding Pickleball striping at the Bloomington Avenue courts is because this is a heavily used tennis court...for tennis. There are also no other activities for or amenities for Pickleball players. I view Pickleball as a fad, that will fade away over time. It is more of a social event than it is an actual sport. Therefore, I think it makes more sense for Pickleball courts to be placed in areas such as Loring Park, or by the Nokomis community center, or other areas that may be more likely to be social centers with restaurants or coffee shops, etc nearby. The tennis courts on Bloomington Ave have none of this and are used by serious tennis players every day and evening of the spring, summer, fall seasons. I also think that adding Pickleball striping to tennis courts makes it more difficult for tennis players. I also think that Minneapolis has done a horrible job keeping up tennis courts over the years, with most in the area in unplayable condition (Todd park, by Nokomis community center, along the Minnehaha creek between 28th ave and 34th ave, are three I can think of off hand). Even the courts on Bloomington Ave could use some work as there is cracking in areas.	12/28/2021 10:56 AM
136	Great plan	12/28/2021 10:52 AM
137	I'd love to see tennis facilities improved AND pickleball added.	12/28/2021 10:49 AM
138	MORE courts is BETTER! Would like to see MORE both tennis and pickleball courts in and around Minneapolis downtown area.	12/28/2021 10:45 AM
139	I've played PB on the decrepit courts at Lake Nokomis and would LOVE to see resurfaced and updated courts there. It's not used often by tennis players, and there's a lovely tennis facility adjacent to Lake Hiawatha. Currently, many of our PB cohort drives to courts in Richfield for decent playing surfaces.	12/28/2021 10:33 AM
140	Tennis courts should not be shared with pickleball.pickleball should have separate courts.	12/28/2021 10:21 AM
141	Very excited for dedicated pickleball courts in Minneapolis!! I've played at the tennis courts that have been modified with lines added for pickleball. The lines for pickleball are hard to see and the tennis net is not adapted to pickleball height. Using those courts are doable but not as enjoyable as a dedicated pickleball court.	12/28/2021 10:18 AM
142	There are two other tennis courts that are languishing from lack of use at 34th Ave just north of the bridge and right at the end of the culdesac on 29th Ave and 46th St. Why aren't these considered for pickle ball courts since they have so little use. I walk by the Nokomis court and see tennis played there frequently. If you are to transform the court, keep the tennis lines and also put in Pickleball lines.	12/28/2021 10:16 AM
143	These changes would be great. I've played pickle ball at the nokomis Rex area but the courts are so cracked, I usually drive to Saint Paul. But I could easily bike to nokomis.	12/28/2021 10:08 AM
144	Loring: put new pickleball courts someplace where they will not negatively impact trees, like Bryn Mawr Meadows or underneath I-394 behind Spring Lake or the ice arena. Or stripe the existing tennis courts for pickleball like is proposed for M'haha Creek. Keep the trees and pervious surfaces of the park. Bloomington Ave on the creek: striping is a low cost solution to	12/28/2021 9:26 AM

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accommodate pickleball players Nokomis: people still play tennis on the very old concrete courts so what about replacing these courts with new tennis courts that are also striped for pickleball? and that way the courts north of the parkway could be completely removed and given back over to green space or a different use (like creating an expanded bike skills park here instead at 34th & the creek so that cyclists have access to other amenities like restrooms & water. MPRB would have to amend the M'haha Creek plan accordingly.). what are the other choices for amending the master plan for Nokomis? what other options were considered for this space? who was consulted?

145	We take tennis lessons at Lake Nokomis! Other tennis courts are not nearby or being used for a very popular bike track. I want to see striping for both sports. People use these courts.	12/28/2021 9:22 AM
146	They all look great! Pickleball is a fast growing sports and existing courts around the metro area are quite often full with multiple players waiting to rotate in. Additional courts would be very helpful.	12/28/2021 8:56 AM
147	I am a young adult who enjoys playing pickleball. It is a fun way to stay active and connect with a multigenerational group of community members. I regularly go to Edina or Richfield to play due to the lack of courts in Minneapolis. I support any efforts to add pickleball courts in Minneapolis. Those that have pickleball striping rather than changing from tennis to pickleball are just ok. The lines can be confusing or distracting. In addition to these proposals, I encourage the MPRB to consider courts in all areas of the City. If you don't live within walking distance, Loring Park can be a pain to access (limited parking, etc.). Thank you!	12/28/2021 8:51 AM
148	I am very excited about and in strong support of increasing the number of pickle ball courts in Minneapolis parks! It is a very accessible sport to people of all ages and abilities.	12/28/2021 8:48 AM
149	Pickleball > tennis	12/28/2021 8:47 AM
150	Adding striping is great, but please don't pave more park space.	12/28/2021 8:40 AM
151	Pickle ball striping on tennis courts is fine; prefer dual Use	12/28/2021 8:18 AM
152	I love pickleball! I'm 48 and just discovered it this year.	12/28/2021 7:56 AM
153	I like plans that allow for both tennis and pickle ball, not one over the other.	12/28/2021 7:54 AM
154	Loring Park is a green space and an oasis in the heart of the city. It's a space where people go to relax, breath deeply and find respite in the natural beauty of the park. Adding more recreational activities which requires removing trees, paving over the grass and further desecrating the park will lessen the natural beauty and serenity those who visit Loring Park are seeking. I am opposed to the cutting down of the trees and the further desecration of the land.	12/28/2021 7:48 AM
155	To build multiple small venue's of 6 courts just dilutes an opportunity to build larger facilities with more courts at one central location of 16 to 18 courts .this would allow easier separation of skill levels and support tournaments.	12/28/2021 7:36 AM
156	Everyone loves the pickleball!	12/28/2021 7:33 AM
157	Sounds great	12/28/2021 7:21 AM
158	I don't know the current level of use that tennis courts get, and that is critical to understand before they are possibly REPLACED with pickleball courts.	12/28/2021 7:20 AM
159	Pickleball allows 4 players per smaller court than tennis versus 2 for larger court - more people per square foot. Adding striping to a tennis court - who has priority? Are nets adjustable for pickleball? I am a Mpls resident playing pickleball 7 days a week including winter OUTSIDE. Minneapolis is way behind in offering and understanding of the demand and the game.	12/28/2021 7:15 AM
160	How about we bring some courts to NORTH!!!	12/28/2021 7:09 AM
161	Please do not add any court space to the parks. People go to the parks to enjoy green spaces...and who on earth is going to play pickle ball anyway??? Sincerely, lifelong Minneapolis resident and park user	12/28/2021 7:08 AM
162	Make dual-purpose courts as much as possible. Tennis / pickleball court layout would be great.	12/28/2021 6:58 AM
163	Like pickelball and think more people are able to play it than tennis. Glad you're doing this	12/28/2021 6:58 AM
164	I see weeds on the tennis courts, lets see if pickleball can eliminate that weeds!	12/28/2021 6:42 AM

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165	Keep ALL green space/trees intact.	12/28/2021 6:21 AM
166	Loring Park has already lost too many trees to disease. The once lush park has become more and more barren with each passing season. Loring Park's main feature (a natural green spot in the middle of the city) is slowly eroding. It's as if the MPRB is determined to turn it into some sort of paved over theme park. I always thought the pickleball court was to be incorporated into existing tennis courts. But the drawing shows a swath of open green space between tennis courts and garden to be sacrificed. Not only is this precious open space valued for lounging, picnicking and strolling, but it contains some of the last remaining old trees. Stop cutting, paving-over and destroying. Going to a park isn't just about being entertained. It's also a place for communing with nature and quiet contemplation. No to Loring park pickle ball.	12/28/2021 1:10 AM
167	For persons playing tennis on courts that have been painted for both pickleball & tennis it can be very confusing for the players to distinguish what courts are in play due to multiline confusion even if painted different colors.	12/27/2021 11:10 PM
168	DEAR SIR.I RESIDE AT COIMBATORE, TAMILNADU,INDIA. HENCE NOT APPLICABLE. THANKYOU RAJAN. CS. CBE-42. 28-12-2021	12/27/2021 10:58 PM
169	Bringing courts to these locations would be a great way to encourage younger families to try the sport of pickleball!	12/27/2021 10:44 PM
170	I believe pickle ball courts will be highly utilized over tennis courts. I live in downtown Mpls and I drive to the suburbs to play - it's time to have pickle ball courts in Mpls.	12/27/2021 10:42 PM
171	Courts should be pickleball specific.	12/27/2021 10:19 PM
172	Converting existing sports fields or courts to meet changes in popularity is fine, as is adding them to replace hardscape, but eliminating natural areas or even trees must be avoided.	12/27/2021 10:16 PM
173	Pickleball is a fast growing sport. Why? Because it's easier to play and FUN!! I'm 70 and love it. I used to love tennis...but now, it's just too hard to play. I love pickleball.	12/27/2021 10:09 PM
174	At Nokomis create dual tennis courts / pickleball courts. Since most of the tennis courts in the Nokomis / Hiawatha neighborhood are garbage (not maintained) please fix the tennis courts next to the Nokomis Community center such that they are usable as tennis courts and add striping for pickleball to them as you propose at Bloomington Ave.	12/27/2021 10:08 PM
175	I have watched the lack of use and weeds growing in the Nokomis Hiawatha area tennis courts. Time for pickleball courts to become available to all for use. Access to all ages and races for no additional costs would be critical since the residents are paying for support of the park board improvements.	12/27/2021 10:00 PM
176	The more pickle ball courts the better. Suggest there be indoor for winter as well.	12/27/2021 9:40 PM
177	Add pickle ball everywhere!!!	12/27/2021 9:34 PM
178	We need more tennis courts. We should built 5 more tennis courts at lake Hiawatha park so we have 10 courts there	12/27/2021 9:32 PM
179	Would like to keep two tennis courts next to Nokomis Rec Center and add Pickeball.	12/27/2021 9:23 PM
180	We need more Pickleball courts all through Minneapolis. I would like to have Pickleball striping done on the new courts at 52nd and Logan. Carolyn Bowles and Craig Roth	12/27/2021 8:52 PM
181	I think you should add pickle ball in addition to tennis.	12/27/2021 8:13 PM
182	there is not a need for two courts so close together at the Nokomis site...should be one of each.	12/27/2021 8:09 PM
183	There are so many unused tennis courts that could be pickleball courts and utilized so much more	12/27/2021 8:04 PM
184	Mpls is 10 years behind the pickle ball movement,get with it please!	12/27/2021 8:04 PM
185	I see a lot more pickleball being played than tennis. Lines on a tennis court are ok. . .pickleball specific courts are definitely preferred. It's great to see areas like Washington Park with 8 specific courts. There are frequently 40-50 people rotating and playing. Great use of community resources!	12/27/2021 8:01 PM
186	Everyone, young and old, can play Pickleball	12/27/2021 7:45 PM

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187	As a tennis player, I hate to see tennis courts converted to pickleball courts (unless they've been in dis-repair and not used for years). But as a pickleball player, I love seeing more court available. Lining existent courts seems like the perfect solution.	12/27/2021 7:36 PM
188	This would be amazing!	12/27/2021 7:36 PM
189	Pickleball is a very fast growing sport. All of these locations seem wellsuited.	12/27/2021 7:31 PM
190	Anything done to increase park utilization is a good idea. Considering the low cost to install pickleball courts and the low cost for beginners to get set up, this is an even better idea. Keep in mind that pickleball is a very social activity for older folks. Please include access to potty's and picnic tables in the plan.	12/27/2021 7:28 PM
191	Everywhere I go around the metro I see full pickle courts and empty tennis courts. The game is so accessible to everyone this trend will continue to expand.	12/27/2021 7:19 PM
192	Pickleball is exploding through out the country. I hope this is the start of more dedicated Pickleball Courts.	12/27/2021 7:19 PM
193	More pickleball!!!!!!	12/27/2021 6:58 PM
194	Pickleball is a fun, approachable game! Please add pickleball courts!!! :)	12/27/2021 6:57 PM
195	At Nokomis Rec Center - keep one tennis, make one pickleball.	12/27/2021 6:54 PM
196	I would prefer that the courts along Bloomington stay as tennis only courts. I've observed pretty steady use by tennis players as the courts are one of the few that are in good shape. Adding pickle ball striping would likely take these to a point that tennis would be de facto pushed out for the most part. The courts near the nokomis community center Would add that facility type to the area without disruption to tennis.	12/27/2021 6:51 PM
197	While popular for now, pickleball should not usurp tennis in the parks. Loring Park can do without the noise and disruption; money would better be spent on planting trees and other vegetation.	12/27/2021 6:37 PM
198	Great idea!	12/27/2021 6:34 PM
199	The pickleball courts can be easily shared with the tennis courts.	12/27/2021 6:29 PM
200	Pickleball dedicated courts without losing tennis is preferred. I wish you'd add pickleball to more parks throughout the city	12/27/2021 6:26 PM
201	Please consider pickle ball courts in SW Minneapolis.	12/27/2021 6:24 PM
202	Minneapolis has a significant need for pickleball courts. I appreciate you addressing this need.	12/27/2021 6:22 PM
203	As a tennis Pro and HS Girls & boys tennis coach in south Mpls - we have for decades raised money from several groups to keep court playable —Morgan courts costs 300k - pickleball players and courts must have their own courts and be challenged to raise the funds to build their own courts. From April to Oct with HS, inter City programs and public use 6 South Mpls court sites see 16,000 plus visits each year. I've been Tennis Pro for 50+ years, live on Irving Ave So for 35yrs	12/27/2021 6:16 PM
204	Are you planning on moving canoe storage on the north side of Nokomis to the west side of the sidewalk the way it's indicated on the map I believe that would be a mistake people prepare their stuff where you would put the boat storage it's not in the way now keep it the way it is.	12/27/2021 6:14 PM
205	A strong preference for tennis with striping to allow for pickleball	12/27/2021 6:08 PM
206	I am learning my about this State and its Communities.	12/27/2021 6:07 PM
207	I generally approve of any pickleball specific courts. I am not a fan of adding pickleball striping to existing tennis courts if the plan is to use the tennis net. While I want more pickleball specific courts, I hate to see them come at the expense of losing tennis courts because tennis courts IN GOOD CONDITION are in short supply in Minneapolis.	12/27/2021 6:05 PM
208	Consider adding courts near Bde maka ska (plenty of space without affecting trees near volleyball courts) or other parks in SW Mpls please	12/27/2021 6:03 PM
209	I have a strong interest in learning to play pickle ball. It would be great to have courts in the	12/27/2021 6:03 PM

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area and a way to reserve them online. Thank you for including pickle ball courts in the park system!

210	I strongly oppose any modifications to existing tennis courts in mpls. If pickle ball courts are needed...they should be created in new spaces away from residential property; due to the noise associated with the game. All of the courts mentioned in this survey (in closing the courts at Lake Hiawatha) need to be resurfaced so I don't have to drive across town to play on the new Morgan courts. Lights should also be a consideration for the courts at the Nokomis rec center.	12/27/2021 6:02 PM
211	Pickleball is much more popular than tennis among seniors and the benefits of the social interaction it creates for older adult is amazing! The more pickleball the better. Also need to set up space within the pickleball complexes for socialization between matches and during tournaments. Food truck parking pads and tables/seating. Also need more golf for seniors - again, the social benefits are essential to healthy aging.	12/27/2021 6:00 PM
212	It's a great sport for all ages and activity levels	12/27/2021 6:00 PM
213	The courts at Nokomis are home tennis courts for Roosevelt. Keep the courts for tennis only	12/27/2021 5:53 PM
214	I feel that half of the tennis courts in Minneapolis should be converted to pickleball, but pickleball striping should NOT be added to tennis courts. The condition of most tennis courts in Minneapolis are in poor condition. When repairing them, convert half to pickleball.	12/27/2021 5:52 PM
215	I live in the city near Loring Park so I am most familiar with it and the need for Pickleball Courts in the city. Actually I think that 2 are not enough.	12/27/2021 5:52 PM
216	Please consider adding striping to tennis courts at other parks (eg Marcy)	12/27/2021 5:51 PM
217	Pickleball is too noisy for these three locations. Martin Luther King park next to the freeway and near inner city tennis would be ideal.	12/27/2021 5:47 PM
218	Pickleball has become very popular among all age groups (myself included), and there are currently not enough pickleball courts in Minneapolis and the Twin Cities for interested players (both new and seasoned). Adding pickleball-specific courts to the MPRB park system would help meet this skyrocketing demand.	12/27/2021 5:45 PM
219	No Way	12/27/2021 5:40 PM
220	Seems like with increasing interest and use of pickleball vs. tennis this is the right direction. I don't play tennis (never have) but do play pickelball. I'm 58 and ALL my friends play pickle ball too.	12/27/2021 5:40 PM
221	Pickelball should be added to as many locations as possible. The courts will be heavily used by a full age-range. It won't be long before Pickelball will replace tennis as a high school sport. Get ahead of the curve.	12/27/2021 5:39 PM
222	more pickleball, please	12/27/2021 5:37 PM
223	I live downtown Mpls and do not feel two Pickleball courts is enough, by any means. The chances of arriving there and being able to find a court to play on will be unlikely. Look at other nearby towns (SLP, Hopkins/EP/ Crystal/Golden Valley). They all have, or will have at least 4-8 courts each. What is wrong with this city?!?! Outdoor Pickleball has replaced tennis in many areas. PLUS.... if you want to get a more desirable crowd of people in Loring Park and improve the dangerous area, build at least 4 PB courts plus new tennis courts. Thst park is a disgrace for those of us who live downtown (I have lived within a few blocks of Loring Zpark for most of the past 40 years!	12/24/2021 9:03 PM
224	Pedestrian and cyclist accessibility is the most important purpose of the parkway in my opinion. That being said, if the Parks Dept is able to add more facilities for other activities without a significant impact, I think that is a boon to the city and its residents.	12/23/2021 1:18 PM
225	Strongly supportive of efforts to add pickleball courts (dedicated and striping of tennis courts) in as many locations as possible. I would also like to see pickleball striping added to some of the existing tennis courts at Lake Hiawatha Park, near 43rd Street and 27th Avenue. Also, please add some pickleball courts to Minnehaha Falls Regional Park.	12/23/2021 12:15 PM
226	I think the tennis courts should be weeded and repaved and improved. No need to change to pickleball.	12/23/2021 12:07 PM

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227	This is not enough. Pickleball demand is skyrocketing and Mpls residents are getting in their cars to play in the suburbs. You need dedicated courts, not alternatively striped tennis courts. You need facilities with at least 4 courts at each location - that is consistent with the culture and nature of pickleball. One court is useless - sort of like building a single lane pool and thinking you can hold a swim meet there.	12/22/2021 12:50 PM
228	PICKLEBALL IS MUCH MORE LOUD AND TAKES UP NEEDED COURT SPACE. PEOPLE CONSTANTLY TALKING IT MAY BE VERY POPULAR IN THE OLDER SET; HOWEVER YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO WALK TO THE COURTS BECAUSE OF HAVING NO CAR TRANSPORTATION I RECOMMEND THAT THE COURTS ON 51ST AND BLOOMINGTON REMAIN FRIENDLY TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WHO FREQUENT THE COURT	12/4/2021 9:39 AM
229	PLEASE KEEP THE COURTS ON BLOOMINGTON & 52ND FOR TENNIS 1. These courts are heavily used for tennis..often with a wait time, which is only compounded by people using a court for pickle ball 2. they are the only courts close enough for neighborhood kids to walk to..they cannot get to the courts on Bloomington and 68th or on Portland and 67th or in Powderhorn Park--and these are also used by a high school....so the Bloomington Ave courts are the only ones accessible for kids who cannot drive	12/3/2021 3:21 PM
230	Any and all new pickleball courts in the city are welcomed and long overdue.	12/3/2021 6:36 AM
231	I wouldn't eliminate Tennis courts but pickle ball lines to it.	12/3/2021 12:06 AM
232	Have it be tennis courts wish pickle ball lines	12/2/2021 7:16 PM
233	Tennis is surging at Lake Hiawatha park and there is a real problematic shortage of courts. It's valuable to have overflow tennis by the Nokomis Center. I definitely appreciate pickle ball striping for those courts too.	11/30/2021 3:06 PM
234	Courts at Bloomington Avenue in Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail should be pickleball-specific; the net height for pickleball is lower. If not specific, use a system similar to Roseville, where pickleball courts are striped perpendicular to tennis court, and a separate pickleball net is provided in a lockbox.	11/30/2021 9:42 AM
235	This is only a beginning - we will need more pickleball courts in the near future. There are a large and increasing number of pickleball players in South Minneapolis who currently go to St. Paul, Roseville, or Richfield to play. They all have more facilities for pickleball than we do in S. Mpls. I am most interested in Nokomis courts, but we need to insist on 4 courts. That still only allows 16 concurrent players. Where I currently play open pickleball (in St. Paul) it is not unusual to have 20-25 players, vying for 2 or 3 courts. I can guarantee that if you build it, they will come, and there will be players every day of the week weather permitting. I am already starting to keep a list of S. Mpls people interested in playing here.	11/21/2021 10:47 PM
236	Have doubts of success of adding striping to tennis courts. Dedicated pickleball courts are preferred.	11/21/2021 2:56 PM
237	Just to be clear... we see the courts underused for tennis while a huge demand for pickleball underway. Dedicated courts are ideal but if our only option we would take tennis courts marked for pickleball. The average age for players has dropped to 47 years old... no longer just for retired people.	11/20/2021 10:02 AM
238	Yes, need more pickleball options in the Twin Cities! Thanks.	11/18/2021 1:46 PM
239	Keep most Courts for tennis.	11/17/2021 6:51 AM
240	Please look to active and successful courts in Eagan (quarry park) and the best standard of what can be offered for this sport. Red Oak in Burnsville and Washington in Richfield Should be the minim standard. Anything else will get passed by as we continue to travel outside of the city to find excellent options. Please plan on court maintenance. I understand tennis courts were pulled due to lack of use, but they we're virtually unusable due to cracks and bad surfaces and later overgrown with weeds. I am a Minneapolis resident (Longfellow neighborhood) and play Pickleball a few times a week, traveling 10-15 miles out of the city I love to play this fun sport. Striped tennis courts are not a good place to play. I would never consider inviting my playing partners that live in suburbs (where they have excellent courts) to join me at a double lined court. It's just not the same at all. If you do convert tennis courts to Pickleball, please do so with actual conversion, not simply drawing different lines with the same net locations. Lights would also be excellent. It is nice to squeeze in games after work in	11/16/2021 5:00 PM

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the spring and even into early winter where there are lighted courts. Looking forward to playing more and driving less as you support this growing sport.

241	Converting some of the under used existing tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts is most cost effective. LORING PARK convert 2 of 4 existing tennis courts to 6 dedicated pickleball courts. NOKOMIS convert 2 existing tennis courts by Community Center to 6 dedicated pickleball courts and leave 3 existing tennis courts on the north side of the parkway for tennis use. Kenwood PARK convert 3 of 6 existing tennis courts to 8 dedicated pickleball courts. LYNNHURST PARK convert 2 of 4 tennis courts to 6 dedicated pickleball courts.	11/16/2021 11:07 AM
242	I am an avid Pickleball player and I have some major concerns on your plans. The game of Pickleball is more than a game, it's a way of life, it's a community amongst itself. My concern with your plan is that it's too small. By limiting your plan to two stripped courts is not big enough. Pickleball players gravitate to venues with six or eight courts where you could expect fifty players everyday to show up within an hour of each other and play for three hours. Players will mingle when waiting for an available court. Players often go out for lunch when done playing for the day supporting local business. As stated previously it develops into a family/community. By only stripping a few courts will eventually fail, players want to mix up play all day, it's more enjoyable. Please don't make a mistake, do it right and build 6 or 8 court facilities in Minneapolis. Minneapolis is famous for it's parks, let's bring it to the next level. Thank You, Larry Paige 763-567-1696 lgp Paige@comcast.net	11/15/2021 2:59 PM
243	The court at Bloomington/Pkwy is the best tennis courts in our area. There's a lot of tennis being played there. Unless you plan on resurfacing all of the courts around our area, adding pickleball striping will only take the courts away from tennis players. We think it's a great idea to add pickleball to the courts by the community center. We are a family of four that plays tennis together regularly. We are also indigenous--please hear our voice in this matter, since most of your previous surveys have been mostly older white men. These courts were also resurfaced with private funding for tennis.	11/15/2021 10:32 AM
244	I currently have to play in Richfield, Edina or St. Louis Park as Minneapolis doesn't have a single pickleball court. Eventually I should probably just move to one of them since their park boards appear to understand supply & demand along with location. p.s. Striping is useless	11/14/2021 9:19 PM
245	Would love to have pickleball courts at Nokomis Rec Center. Pickleball is much more accessible to the general public than tennis (equipment is much less expensive).	11/13/2021 10:16 AM
246	Don't do things to "check a box", listen to players. I've seen "dual striped" courts in Mpls - the pickleball lines were too faint to call shots. Further, playing on a tennis court greatly increases the time between points as you have to go far to retrieve the ball. I'm a Minneapolis resident who plays pickleball several times a week in Eagan and surrounding suburbs because the facilities are so far beyond what Minneapolis offers. Quarry Park in Eagan is a benchmark to strive towards. Red Oak in Burnsville and Washington in Richfield should set the minimum acceptable standard. I live in walking distance of the Nokomis site as do 5 close friends I play with, another 4 a short bike ride from there. Make it a good place to play, and it'll get used heavily. Make it less than that, and it'll get used lightly. I'm also a disc golf player, and I've seen MPB plans that are just goofy - three hole facilities tucked wherever. Would you propose it for traditional golf? Would it get used even if you did? Of course not. Do things that appeal to the people who want to do the activity - support those players the way you support golfers. That's what I meant by not just "checking a box". Please consider lights on pickleball (and tennis!) -- it's really hard to play after work in the spring and fall -- lights would greatly increase facility usage. Last, please plan for surface maintenance. It was infuriating to hear the plans to pull tennis courts "because nobody was using them" when it was because they'd fallen into disrepair and were nearly unusable. Let putting greens grow thistles and see how used that golf course is. Again, please treat other residents like you treat golfers. I truly hope you put in pickleball facilities that are a place people want to play, not just that they can play. Thank you.	11/13/2021 9:55 AM
247	I appreciate the steps that are being taken to increase availability of pickleball courts. I love playing pickleball, and I love the community spirit that builds around the game. Our neighborhoods will benefit greatly from expanding accessibility to this sport.	11/11/2021 10:30 PM
248	Regarding 2 pickleball courts in Loring park, 2 courts is not enough for a single location. It's a start, but demand will overwhelm 2 courts immediately. Four to six would be preferable and would suffice for several years.	11/8/2021 4:07 PM
249	I gave away my tennis racquets last year!	11/7/2021 9:09 AM

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250	I live near Loring Park and hope to see pickleball courts very soon. I do not utilize the other areas enough to comment on them.	11/6/2021 10:16 PM
251	As long as there is sufficient parking for all the pickleball participants coming and going, along with other lake visitors.	11/4/2021 2:09 PM
252	I am requesting we stripe the Armatage Park tennis courts for pickleball. I have been told this is not a big expense. Pickleball is a fast growing sport and people of all ages are playing. That is not the case with tennis. Thank you.	11/4/2021 7:36 AM
253	Leave Bloomington courts alone. People use it more often for tennis then people see. I lived across the courts for awhile and it's definitely being used for tennis. Redo courts along Minnehaha next to bull horn bar/ restaurant. Those courts look like a jungle.	11/3/2021 9:01 AM
254	I support pickleball-specific courts. I have teenage kids and we play as a family and with others. Pickleball is better for community building. Pickleball is more of a family/social/interactive sport/game than tennis.	11/3/2021 8:00 AM
255	Nokomis is a great place for PICKLEBALL SPECIFIC courts. Pickleball is a social sport, you show up and people will rotate you in. You really need dedicated courts to support that. Courts rotate about every 20 minutes. Waiting for a tennis court to open up can take an hour or more. Seems like you could put 6+ courts where there are currently 3 abandoned tennis courts across the parkway from the park building. THANKS!	11/2/2021 11:19 PM
256	Minneapolis needs more dedicated pickle ball courts. We Minneapolis residents have to drive to Richfield or St. Louis Park for outdoor pickle ball courts. They are always overcrowded. Thank you for the opportunity to give my input.	11/2/2021 8:04 PM
257	There are no pickleball (PB) courts close to the downtown core* so Loring would be a welcome addition. Re: converting tennis courts to PB: 1) re-striping (vs. PB specific) is not as good because too many lines is confusing and the extra space slows play, 2) I ride my bike past the tennis courts on Bloomington a lot and have literally never seen anyone playing tennis in 4 years. I've taken notice because on that same bike route, the tennis courts at 50th near Lake Harriet are used a lot. I can't speak to the courts at Nokomis. I would add that except for Nokomis, parking would be a challenge. *We live in a condo in the Mill District and there are dozens of PB players in our building. We've been driving to Edina (Mooty courts in Rosland Park) in the summer or the New Brighton Rec Center (in the winter). Luckt Shots PB Club just opened in NE so we have another choice (for indoors).	11/2/2021 11:13 AM
258	This is the right decision. Tennis has never been as popular a sport in the Upper Midwest as in the East, and there's a growing demographic demand for Pickleball nationwide. Please proceed with the Amendments to the Master Plan.	11/2/2021 10:09 AM
259	Pickleball is very poplar and new courts are needed!	11/2/2021 9:19 AM
260	Unless the courts are resurfaced and properly maintained, what stripes are put on them is largely irrelevant. Most tennis courts in Minneapolis are in such bad shape that playing on them is frustrating.	11/2/2021 8:08 AM
261	I think MPLS needs a pickleball DESTINATION like Washington Park in Richfield, where there are 8 dedicated courts that draw a variety of people. Having four courts is very nice, but MPLS urban destinations will quickly become saturated with pickleball - and four courts at a single location will not be enough. Pickleball is NOT like tennis from a cultural perspective.	11/2/2021 6:25 AM
262	I think whenever possible, have the courts the courts be duo use - both tennis and pickle ball - Please! Thank you	11/1/2021 10:45 PM
263	Pickleball has become so popular, and those of us living in Minneapolis have to drive to the suburbs to play at the various outdoor complexes. I enthusiastically support any increase in availability of pickleball courts in the city. Thank you!	11/1/2021 8:25 PM
264	Can we please fix up the tennis courts along the parkway. Thank you.	11/1/2021 6:33 PM
265	I feel very strongly in agreement with getting dedicated pickleball courts at Nokomis. I would rather spend the money of adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts on resurfacing some of the tennis courts along the parkway. It's so much easier to play pickleball on dedicated pickleball courts compared to tennis courts with lines added and the courts along the parkway, especially east of 28th Ave, are in rough shape.	11/1/2021 11:35 AM

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266	Nobody plays tennis anymore, get rid of the old courts and create pickleball specific courts.	11/1/2021 8:27 AM
267	There is an incredible amount of interest in pickleball. All of us have to leave minneapolis to play. Everyone outside of minneapolis finds it laughable that we don't have any courts. Please use existing deteriorating tennis courts anywhere to provide pickleball courts. They will be used. And the land and fences already exist. Strong vote for the new courts at Nokomis and Bloomington. Thank you for revising the plans to update to the interests of the times.	11/1/2021 8:13 AM
268	I'm so happy Minneapolis is adding pickleball courts, and especially dedicated ones!	10/31/2021 7:53 PM
269	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. It's adult and kid friendly and inexpensive! Go for it!!!!	10/31/2021 7:53 PM
270	It's about time that Minneapolis Parks get in gear and support this popular sport with designated courts. People who play who love this sport. Pickleball is a sport for many age groups. Pickleball etiquette is that all players are welcome and all players take turns.	10/31/2021 6:41 PM
271	It would be nice for tennis and Pickleball to coexist. I no longer play tennis and play PB so strongly approve of adding PB courts, but	10/31/2021 4:51 PM
272	The Nokomis site is fantastic. It is far enough from residential homes, so the noise would not be an issue. Parking is good and it would bring more activity to the park. I would prefer the abandoned tennis courts on the south side of the parkway.	10/31/2021 3:02 PM
273	I know this is a change in long term plans and that bureaucracy doesn't change quickly, so I'm marginally happy to see more pickleball courts added. However, adding 3-4 courts isn't remotely enough. With all due respect to my tennis playing brethren(I used to play), but nobody plays tennis anymore, relatively speaking. We all see the numerous empty tennis courts, if we have to count on tennis court conversions to pickleball ones. Restriping tennis courts also is a much less desirable solution to pickleball players. We play in Richfield, Edina and Bloomington at facilities all with 8 dedicated courts. In summary, keep planning, because this isn't just a fad, believe me.	10/31/2021 1:27 PM
274	Minneapolis is behind and it would be great to see us catch up with the incredible pickleball trend.	10/31/2021 1:09 PM
275	As a senior pickleball player I am extremely happy to see So Mpls finally address the needs of this fast growing sport. I believe the best place for 8+ dedicated courts would be at Pearl Park Rec center. There is plenty of parking, noise would not be issue for homeowners and plenty of room to grow. Thank you	10/31/2021 12:29 PM
276	Although I approve of changing the courts at Nokomis Recreation Center to pickleball specific I strongly urge the Park Board to fix the tennis courts at 34th Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway and to fix the courts at 46th Street in the same neighborhood. The courts are full of cracks with weeds growing. They are a disgrace to tennis/pickleball players like myself. Having tennis courts with pickleball lines seems like the most sensible multi-use solution.	10/31/2021 11:40 AM
277	Do any actual humans engage in pickleball?	10/31/2021 10:22 AM
278	We definitely need more opportunities to play Pickleball In Minneapolis.	10/31/2021 9:26 AM
279	Pickleball is much easier to play, very social, and youth -seniors can play. Open and pickup games very popular!	10/31/2021 8:51 AM
280	We need more indoor options as well.	10/31/2021 6:59 AM
281	Having dedicated courts is best.	10/31/2021 6:57 AM
282	Pickleball is gaining popularity while tennis is not. Go figure.	10/31/2021 6:27 AM
283	As an active senior living in Minneapolis, I am very pleased to hear these courts are being considered. Nearly every suburb in metro has dedicated pickleball courts, and it is unfortunate that so few options exist in our Minneapolis park system. Thank you for the update!	10/30/2021 9:44 PM
284	The city of Minneapolis needs to step up and get with the program. Pickleball has taken off the last 5 years and the suburbs are responding.hundreds of MPLS residents travel to the suburbs for pickleball. We are of all ages and we spend money at local restaurants and grocery stores on the way to and from the courts. As a real estate agent I feel Minneapolis is missing many opportunities to refresh the parks. Please move forward with plans and consult some players	10/30/2021 8:04 PM

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for details about shade and fencing that is needed. I'd be happy to help consult. Mona Welter
613-735-2117

285	Pickle ball has become very popular. Dedicated pickle ball courts would get a lot of play.	10/30/2021 7:54 PM
286	We need pickleball courts in the city of mpls. This is a good start, but hardly enough. Beards plaissance would be very nice to have a court more in the core of s mpls.	10/30/2021 7:39 PM
287	I am familiar with the Nokomis Courts, and every time I go by the Rec Center I think that it would be a fabulous place for Pickleball Courts, either 4 or 6 nets. I hope it happens!	10/30/2021 7:30 PM
288	Please add more pickleball courts the suburbs all have nice new courts it's about time Minneapolis shows some leadership	10/30/2021 6:37 PM
289	Would this eliminate the current kids biking site across the street from Nokomis Community City? I see that widely used by families with kids learning to bike. However the tennis courts east beside the building are atrocious and need replacement completely.	10/30/2021 5:57 PM
290	Love them as I see more and more people playing pickleball.	10/30/2021 4:05 PM
291	It's time to do it!	10/30/2021 4:03 PM
292	I have been playing pickelball for three years I live in SMpls and have to drive 20 minutes in any direction to courts in Richfield Bloomington Eagan Edina St Louis Park We need court specific pickelball There are many many unused tennis courts all over Mpls please make them into pickelball courts No matter where I play there are new people young and old just starting Mpls also needs indoor courts again I drive 20 min to play during the winter Thank you for listening	10/30/2021 3:39 PM
293	Minneapolis needs to catch up with the rest of the world. Pickleball is not only huge among older people, but becoming big with kids because it is being introduced in gym classes in gymnasiums at schools around the country.	10/30/2021 3:15 PM
294	We need more park amenities for senior citizens and a lot of them play pickleball.	10/30/2021 2:27 PM
295	Would prefer Pickleball specific courts at Bloomington Ave. but if striping is only option, that would be great. These proposals are great because we definitely need more options for PB in the city. Thank you! Vince Vaughan	10/30/2021 10:55 AM
296	the more pickleball courts, the better!!!	10/30/2021 9:26 AM
297	I used to be a tennis player but now I play pickleball exclusively. I like pickleball more because: 1 - it serves more people in a smaller space (3 pickleball courts per onw tennis court) 2 - it's more socially interactive (I have met some of my newest best friends through pickleball) 3 - it brings cultures together in a healthfull way 4 - it's terrific exercise 5 - I can bike to the courts!	10/30/2021 9:05 AM
298	The minnehaha courts should be converted to pickleball.	10/30/2021 8:59 AM
299	Hello, I'm concerned about losing the bike skills course north of Minnehaha Parkway. My kids use and love it. Please keep this around for us! Kelly Harding Minneapolis resident, Standish neighborhood	10/30/2021 8:31 AM
300	It is a very popular and growing sport and deserves to be recognized as such.	10/29/2021 11:10 PM
301	I think these are all great solutions. I live by the courts on Bloomington Ave and to make them pickleball exclusive courts would be disappointing to this neighborhood, so many tennis enthusiasts play there everyday. There is however a need for more pickleball so adding the striping is a great solution. Thank you for your willingness to work with this neighborhood.	10/29/2021 9:50 PM
302	All good. The more pickleball courts the better	10/29/2021 9:09 PM
303	I think the majority of tennis courts should be restriped in every park and where there are at least three tennis courts, it would be best to convert two to pickleball and keep one as tennis. Tennis is just not as popular.	10/29/2021 8:48 PM
304	Everytime I drive by the tennis courts, no one is on them. And everytime my husband and I travel to St. Louis Park to use a pickleball court, we have to wait. There is a definite need and some of these tennis courts should be converted or set up for multi-use.	10/29/2021 6:19 PM
305	Pickleball is it!!! Just do it!!!	10/29/2021 2:33 PM

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306	Thank you for listening to the concerns of citizens that use Loring Park, and for your willingness to consider changes to the master plan. For me, this is evidence of excellent leadership.	10/29/2021 1:59 PM
307	Pickleball is really an up and coming sport and it's perfect for all age groups and most physical abilities. I'm not an avid player...yet...but I went to some courts in Richfield one Sunday and it was packed with people of all ages/colors etc. And the great part about this sport is one just jumps in to a game. I believe players can rotate in and out so one person can show up and find someone to play with. I was very impressed with the community energy at these courts.	10/29/2021 9:59 AM
308	Get rid of the non used tennis courts and convert to Pickleball only courts.	10/29/2021 9:18 AM
309	We desperately need pickleball specific courts in the city of Minneapolis. Minneapolis has completely dropped the ball on this and we need to get going. I have been traveling to the suburbs for years to find courts!! Come on Minneapolis!	10/29/2021 8:34 AM
310	I think adding these pickleball courts is wonderful. We are senior citizens and live on Lake of the Isles Pkwy, but have been playing in the suburbs (St. Louis Park, Prior Lake, Golden Valley) which have dedicated courts for pickleball. It would be great to have some courts convenient for our location, e.g. Kenwood Park, which is really spacious and now has beautiful tennis courts.	10/29/2021 8:27 AM
311	More pickleball courts are needed in Minneapolis- a growing sport for all ages!! These are a good step towards that.	10/29/2021 7:31 AM
312	It's about time. I know several people who play almost daily and have been patiently waiting for Minneapolis to get on board.	10/29/2021 7:29 AM
313	I love tennis and there are so many quarts available but the reality is pickle ball right now is expanding that's such a great rate and it's not the same at all playing on revised tennis courts. The net size is different and it just will not have the same affect as pickle only	10/29/2021 7:07 AM
314	I suggest also striping two or all of the existing tennis courts at Loring Park for Pickleball. (Pickleball often draws groups who would make use of 4-6 courts at one time.)	10/29/2021 5:09 AM
315	Ladies and Gentlemen, Pickleball is this fastest growing sport in the U.S. and world, with over 4.5 million active players of every level from recreational beginners to professionals. Those players include equal numbers of boys/men and girls/women, ranging from age 8 to 95! The sport has long been part of a recreational curriculum in both grade and high schools across the country, including in Minneapolis in particular and Minnesota generally. Generally speaking the phenomenon involving the rapid growth and popularity of pickleball since about 2012 has demonstrated a massive conversion of of tennis players, and consequently tennis courts, to pickleball players and dedicated pickleball courts. Indeed, a huge percentage of tennis courts in Minneapolis and elsewhere in MN (and other cities and states) have either gone unused in recent years, and/or have become poorly maintained, using up valuable park space which families have bemoaned, because of the lack of opportunities for pickleball play and teaching opportunities, including in areas where parks are intended to be an attraction for their use by less affluent people who generally can not afford the clearly higher costs (financial and otherwise) of getting into tennis versus pickleball. There has been no greater demonstration of dilapidating tennis courts and their non-usage than Loring Park (LP). For literally years, the LP courts have attracted few tennis players; while interested downtown children and adults have typically been forced to travel considerable distances to the suburbs to try to play pickleball on their beautiful dedicated courts. Moreover, until now, excluding the recently constructed 'Lucky Shots' indoor facility in Columbia Heights, there have been no dedicated courts for pickleball anywhere in Minneapolis. At the same time, virtually every suburban community within 20 miles and further away from Minneapolis has built first-class, multicourt dedicated pickleball courts (usually a minimum of 8 courts and often more) which consistently have had high use throughout much of the year...with demands for more! Aside from other unrelated issues inhibiting transition to our wonderful city, that fact, and the frequent and increasing availability and usage of pickleball courts in outlying communities, has ironically led to a general and notable lack of enthusiasm of many younger families and adult empty nesters to move to the city where pickleball is virtually absent--despite our magnificent parks and other areas for recreation. For one, LP is a gorgeous and magnificently located park and area that can, and should, be a lively and demonstrative example of our city's commitment to pickleball as a popular, healthy and fast-growing sport that actually brings families and friends together in a congenial and often repetitive manner. (I know of nearly no one who has begun to play the sport who has not stated enthusiastically how they became "addicted" to the sport from their	10/29/2021 1:34 AM

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very first outing!) I happen to fortunately be both a player, coach, referee and enthusiast for the sport who is a founder of both the World Pickleball Federation and the Mexico Pickleball Association, and one who happens to happily reside in downtown Minneapolis. In my opinion and that of many other players' and families' alike with whom I'm in touch virtually every week, the Minneapolis Parks in general and LP in particular can and should be a lodestar for the development of the sport in Minnesota. (Indeed, ironically, in 2015 Minneapolis (Convention Center) was the indoor location for the 50th Anniversary of the formal establishment of the sport of pickleball--a choice based on both its huge popularity among both our urban and suburban residents AND the fact that there was not any other single outdoor facility or park(s) where the championships could be held! The decision to consider the changes to the Park Board's master plan to allow for the new construction of, and/or conversion of tennis courts to, pickleball courts is a good one and long in the coming. I and the myriad of families and players with whom I am in quite regular contact applaud the proposal, and thank the Board for so considering the growing need for such courts ASAP. At the same time, at the urging of hundreds of Minneapolis families and individuals with whom I now have been in steady contact, I share with you the fervent and humble request that Loring Park and other parks take this watershed opportunity to convert most existing tennis courts or spaces for such courts, and/or build many--not just a few--DEDICATED, SINGLE-STANDING pickleball courts, especially in Loring Park and other parks. In our view, it would be a myopic decision to just build a few dedicated pickleball courts and a real mistake to simply line some tennis courts for dual use as either tennis or pickleball. Such dual-use efforts in other communities have proven in virtually every instance of the many of which I'm aware to result both in confusion and, eventually, the dilapidation of the tennis component, and/or later costly solo rededication of those dual use courts to pickleball play. On behalf of many families and individuals who have asked me to represent both their excitement and strong request that the Park Board consider a long-term approach now--one which will bring (a) at least six (6) and preferably eight (8) dedicated pickleball courts to the showcase Loring Park AND (b) a series of other such dedicated courts to many other Minneapolis parks. We believe that a firm commitment to do so, and quickly, will be both applauded and supported long-term by the greater community at large. Thank you for the opportunity to respectfully present the above comments to you for consideration...ones which in recent years I have publicly presented in part in person to the Parks Board as a guest speaker. Respectfully, Jim Cohen 1201 Loring Green East Minneapolis, MN 55403 SpiritOfTheHummingbird.com [a pickleball website]

316	No pickleball please, there's plenty of places that offer it. More people play tennis and finding an open court when it's nice out can be really hard.	10/28/2021 10:25 PM
317	Strongly want pickle ball courts at Minnehaha Parkway and Bloomington. In strong support of converting existing courts to pickle ball.	10/28/2021 7:29 PM
318	My kids take tennis lessons on the Nokomis tennis courts, so I strongly disapprove of this plan! It's so nice to have tennis courts located close to a playground for younger siblings to play at during lessons and for the kids to play at after lessons. If they can't remain tennis courts, could they at least have dual marking, for both pb and tennis?	10/28/2021 6:52 PM
319	Since the tennis courts don't get used much would be nice to turn the two courts to PB at Bloomington but will take what I can get. I live at 48th and Chicago so I travel a distance to courts in the south to avoid going thru town to get to courts in the north of town. The courts in Richfield (Washington park)are the closest and very busy. All the suburbs have 6-8 dedicated courts and more. We have many deteriorating tennis courts that could be converted. Lots of people play and wait between games and it getting more crowded as more and more join the game. Young people are now joining what used to be the old people's game!!! We need lots of courts!!!	10/28/2021 6:16 PM
320	Lake Nokomis has a lot of pickle ball courts and no tennis courts so I like the idea of adding some. Having the flexibility or both pickle all amd tennis seems the best of both worlds	10/28/2021 6:02 PM
321	Please don't take away the bike skills course at Lake Nokomis!	10/28/2021 5:11 PM
322	This plan does not have enough pickleball courts for how fast the sport is growing. Adding PB stripping to a tennis court is of little value. Very few PB players will play with a net that does not conform to the correct PB dimensions. I would say to benchmark other communities that have done that and I'm pretty confident you will find very little PB play. Has the park board looked at the usage of the many tennis courts for tennis? I would guess you will find very little usage. However, if you survey established PB courts you will find them pretty busy most every day of the week.	10/28/2021 4:50 PM

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323	Rarely do I see anyone playing tennis anymore but the pickleball courts are usually very busy. Older people can play well into their 80's because it isn't as wearing on the body as tennis. Please continue to add more pickleball courts.	10/28/2021 4:29 PM
324	There are what feels like a LOT of run down decrepit tennis courts in south Minneapolis. Why not turn those into pickle ball courts instead?	10/28/2021 3:01 PM
325	Pickleball is the the fastest growing outdoor sport amongst both older (55+), and younger population (35+), and tennis is no longer a growing sport, and courts all already in many parks. With Pickleball growing, and each court only taking up 25% of the space of a tennis court, it is very reasonable to ask for additional and new Pickleball courts to be built. One can build 4 pickleball courts in the same space it takes for 16 tennis courts. This is a no-brainer decision.	10/28/2021 2:47 PM
326	Pickle ball players prefer dedicated courts. Plus you can create 6 courts within 2 tennis courts in terms of space. Its a social game with many open play options when the courts are grouped together.	10/28/2021 1:58 PM
327	It's a good start, but 5-6 courts isn't nearly enough for the demand. Most surrounding suburbs, with much smaller constituencies, have more courts than this. Please continue to prioritize *dedicated* pickleball courts. Striping on a tennis court is not good for pickleball or tennis, and adds to the tension between the two groups.	10/28/2021 1:26 PM
328	I am used to playing tennis on courts that have been lined for pickle ball. It isn't ideal, but it works and it helps make the courts flexible according to current interests.	10/28/2021 1:11 PM
329	Pickleball is an insult to tennis players.	10/28/2021 12:44 PM
330	It's a good start!!!	10/28/2021 12:22 PM
331	An extremely large number of "Empy Nesters" and professionals who work downtown are likely candidates to use the Loring Park pickleball courts. Having only two courts will be very inadequate in light of the huge developing interest in pickleball . Since there are many more active pickleball players than tennis players, more pickleball courts should be added with fewer tennis courts being replaced.	10/28/2021 12:01 PM
332	Pickle ball is a multi-generational, highly utilized amenity. Build them well and with dedicated space when possible. When your organization sees spaces heavily used like pickle ball (look all around the metro), skateparks and soccer/futsal...build them ASAP. Reaction to recreational trends should not take years/decade.	10/28/2021 11:36 AM
333	More. And faster.	10/28/2021 11:15 AM
334	I have played tennis on tennis courts with extra lines for pickleball. The lines are very close and it is very confusing. I never understood at that time (probably 2018) why pickleball could not be played on a tennis with tennis lines. Please do not destroy any tennis courts.	10/28/2021 10:59 AM
335	More Pickleball courts the better, thank you!	10/28/2021 10:40 AM
336	Love it!	10/28/2021 10:16 AM
337	In general, I am opposed to striping tennis courts for pickleball. I have found that playing tennis on tennis courts where this has been done to be quite irritating, because the pickleball lines are within a foot or so of existing lines on the court, making it more difficult to judge where balls land in relation to the lines (the two different sets lines practically on top of one another confuses the eye). I have never understood why pickleball players cannot simply use the existing service-court lines on the tennis courts to play pickleball, when they are so close already to the size of a "pickleball court." However, if my only choices are to accept pickleball striping on tennis courts or having tennis courts REMOVED and REPLACED with smaller, less-versatile, pickleball-specific courts, eliminating my option to play tennis (a sport that has been around for over one hundred years) altogether, then of course I am much more strongly opposed to replacing tennis courts with pickleball-specific courts. I STRONGLY OPPOSE any effort to destroy tennis courts for the construction of pickleball courts. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on this matter. I strongly suggest you actively seek out input from the tennis community on these plans, and not listen exclusively to the "significant community desire for pickleball specific courts." Dismantling the amazing neighborhood tennis resources that the Minneapolis Parks system has invested in for decades would be a drastic and terrible loss for the City.	10/28/2021 10:11 AM
338	Pickleball is gaining in popularity so quickly. You need to be creating more and more pickleball	10/28/2021 10:04 AM

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courts. I would much rather see the question number two above to be to change the courts to pickleball specific. There are so many tennis courts available and fewer people using them compared to the use of the pickleball courts.

339	Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports (next to disc golf). Time to get with the program \ So many tennis courts are in complete disrepair along the Minnehaha creek bike trail. They look like they haven't been played on since the 80s. Put down the Walkman, and listen to what people want in a park.	10/28/2021 9:44 AM
340	I live right by Minnehaha creek. I have rarely seen anyone playing tennis at the Bloomington courts.	10/28/2021 9:28 AM
341	More Pickleball courts please!	10/28/2021 8:38 AM
342	Pickle ball is a sport for everyone... young, old, athletic or not so much. It's easy to pick up even for those with no prior experience with a racquet sport. Just hoping if these get added that there's a budget to maintain them, because they become worthless quickly after enduring the Minnesota winters. A better option is platform tennis that can be played year round.	10/28/2021 8:22 AM
343	I don't live near those parks so I wouldn't frequently use them.	10/28/2021 7:50 AM
344	I am 80 in January. Pickleball has kept me physically and mentally strong for the last few years, but having to travel to the suburbs for this four times a week I think is an injustice to those taxpayers and makes me feel my city could do better. I live on the south side, so Nokomis is good for me (and my other 9 PB senior players). However, having more options is good for everyone who enjoys the sport.	10/28/2021 7:26 AM
345	Pickleball specific courts are long overdue in Minneapolis. I play 3-4 days a week and end up playing in Richfield because Mpls does not have any specific courts. I really support that my tax dollars are going to something I will use on a regular basis. All ages are now playing Pickleball but it continues to be a great sport for seniors. It provides great exercise and with pickup games you don't have to come with a partner or foursome to play. And it is FUN! Thank you Park Board for making this happen!	10/28/2021 7:07 AM
346	Pickleball is a far, far more effective use of space and its popularity is exploding far more than Tennis. In addition it is a more approachable sport and inclusive of all ages and abilities. I've noticed most tennis courts are already being used impromptu for pickle ball anyhow. I say this never having played pickle ball, but am speaking for my 60 year old self in 10 years.....	10/28/2021 7:02 AM
347	MPLS needs more pickleball courts or at least tennis courts striped as pickleball courts in the SW area. The projects above are on the eastside. We did get the courts at Pershing lined for pickleball after a several month long process, money from the neighborhood association, and over the objections of the tennis community. The courts at Waveland would have been a nice addition but they are going to be clay courts for tennis only. This was done without much if any input from the community but with money from the USTA, which seems to have too much sway in the planning for court use and rehabilitation in SW MPLS. It is going to be a maintenance problem for years to come.	10/28/2021 7:00 AM
348	more pickleball courts are a great addition to provide more activities for broader age groups. Not all residents who want to use our parks are young.	10/28/2021 3:42 AM
349	There are more than enough tennis courts around, please add some new pickle ball courts!! I am in my mid to early twenties and having more places to play would make it much easier to introduce friends to a sport that makes me happy, healthy, and is a life long hobby. Thank you for considering upgrading courts to pickle ball courts, it means a lot to the pickle ball community!	10/28/2021 12:48 AM
350	Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports. I think it is very important to add it to all of the above locations. Tks so much!	10/27/2021 11:19 PM
351	Love that adding Pickleball courts is a priority! What about Bryn Mawr Meadows?????	10/27/2021 11:14 PM
352	There are a number of unused worn out tennis courts that would likely serve more people if resurfaced and converted to Pickleball. I think they 2-3 additional above will be well used. Maybe comm Rec league or lessons can be added too.	10/27/2021 10:46 PM
353	We live close to Loring Park and would definitely use the pickleball courts! How exciting!	10/27/2021 9:44 PM
354	Dedicated courts would be the dream situation, but having lines and sharing with tennis is a	10/27/2021 9:43 PM

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step in the right direction. That said, if the tennis court space would allow, it would be preferred to have the tennis net as a back stop and have rollaway nets that could be used for pickleball. Saint Anthony started by doing this and also another court by Roseville. You get 2 pb courts for each tennis one.

355	Pickleball is a great sport for all ages and abilities. I am excited about these plans.	10/27/2021 8:49 PM
356	Mpls. absolutely needs designated pickleball courts. I'm tired of going outside of my city to play pickleball and people that live in adjacent cities are sick of Mpls people taking over their courts. Two or three courts are not going to be enough. At least four at each of the locations mentioned would not fill the need.	10/27/2021 8:42 PM
357	Do not ad pickle ball!	10/27/2021 8:32 PM
358	These are wonderful and appreciated improvements.	10/27/2021 8:21 PM
359	Due to an extreme shortage of places to play pickleball in Minneapolis, many of my friends have to drive to Edina, Richfield, and Bloomington to play. And these are crowded with a wait time. It is such a wonderful sport for older people (and younger!). We should embrace this interest and accommodate it. Pickleball is not going away.	10/27/2021 8:10 PM
360	Question 2 of this survey is poorly written. I strongly approve the keeping of the tennis courts at Bloomington Avenue. Although I am not wild about pickleball lines being added to the tennis courts, I would prefer that as opposed to the destruction of the courts. To be clear, I am strongly opposed to the destruction of tennis courts and their replacement with pickleball-specific courts. It makes no sense to me that the MPRB would consider trading public tennis courts for a less versatile amenity. As I understand it, pickleball is played on a court with smaller dimensions than a tennis court. Why then would the MPRB propose taking away the tennis courts instead of adding the pickleball lines to existing tennis courts?	10/27/2021 8:10 PM
361	Pickleball is growing fast. I have been going to other cities to play, but if you add these courts I won't need to. Thanks!	10/27/2021 7:57 PM
362	I play Tennis and Pickleball, will be nice not to drive to Washington Park in Richfield or to Lone Lake Park in Minnetonka for Pickleball. But both of these parks have 8 courts, and they are full in the mornings and evenings in the Summer. But they lack lighting so hard to get playing time in for those who come after work in the Fall. Long range MPLS should be looking at more PB courts and lighting. This is a sport where an 8 yr old can play their grandparent. And when you add the PB lines to tennis courts, yes we will play there if no other option, but the net height is incorrect for PB, as tennis is higher and adjusting the nets is not easy unless you bring your tool bag along.	10/27/2021 7:57 PM
363	I know some of the tennis players are not thrilled with the additional lines on the tennis courts. But, as we all age, Pickeball is an easier sport than tennis, and for that reason can accommodate more individuals. I am all in favor of making courts, fields, stadiums etc. multi use facilities. Thank you for asking for our input.	10/27/2021 7:43 PM
364	I wish you could just add striping to existing courts. Especially north of Lake Hiawatha.	10/27/2021 7:36 PM
365	As a player, I usually go to Richfield and would rather stay in Minneapolis. It has been a great intergenerational sport! It would be great if the use of courts was on a rotating basis or on a scheduled time to prevent rising conflicts on the courts. These rules should be clearly posted and possibly courts needing to post their beginning time or if it is rotating then a place to put rackets.	10/27/2021 7:10 PM
366	The cou	10/27/2021 6:47 PM
367	Striping any existing courts that are not used as dedicated courts for high school practices would make those courts flexible for both tennis and pickle ball. It would be a minimal expense that would be in line with the Park Board's commitment to increasing opportunities for seniors. Dedicated courts are also great of course, but they are obviously significantly more expensive.	10/27/2021 6:07 PM
368	Pickleball players are not interested in playing on tennis courts.	10/27/2021 6:02 PM
369	Good balance of adding capacity and maximizing existing court assets. This sport will continue to grow with senior populations.	10/27/2021 5:51 PM
370	I would be more supportive of adding pickle ball courts at Loring Park, if trees were not sacrificed. I value trees, because proximately to nature is important for the community's	10/27/2021 5:48 PM

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371	Pickleball popularity is growing rapidly all aorund the USA.	10/27/2021 5:47 PM
372	As easy as it is to have both pickle ball and tennis together, why wouldn't we do both. Please consider both.	10/27/2021 5:37 PM
373	The tennis court nets are too high for pickelball and it's awkward to retrofit a tennis court.	10/27/2021 5:29 PM
374	Great to see more courts being added. Courts at Washington Park, Edina, and other areas have large groups of regular players. Great community activity! Tennis courts with pickleball courts are not as inviting as specific pickleball courts. The smaller courts allow more courts and more people to play. . . the pickleball courts around the city seem to have a lot more activity than the tennis courts.	10/27/2021 4:57 PM
375	I am fine with pickle ball courts but we need more tennis courts at or near Hiawatha. We have a large tennis community including the Roosevelt tennis teams, & we need to expand our courts. There are so many courts along Minnehaha creek- they have not been attended to & now are unplayable courts. Those would be good pickle ball courts but we need to have at least 4/5 more courts at Lake Hiawatha	10/27/2021 4:49 PM
376	Please add more options for pickleball in Minneapolis!!! Very supportive of pickleball in Minneapolis!!	10/27/2021 4:22 PM
377	More pickleball courts everywhere - so fun!	10/27/2021 4:14 PM
378	I rarely see anyone using the tennis courts near Nokomis, therefore changing them to Pickelball courts would increase their usage significantly.	10/27/2021 4:13 PM
379	I am very excited you are adapting courts for pickelball. I just took a lesson and loved it. Could you provide family lessons and leagues for children, adults and families?	10/27/2021 4:02 PM
380	I am a 60 year old woman and I play Pickleball almost every day. It is not just for old people, as younger people are playing in increasing numbers!! Many from Mpls currently play at Washington Park, Richfield and other suburbs, too. It is time Mpls gets its own courts!! It would be really nice to have courts within biking distance of my home. I've played on Mpls tennis courts that have pickleball markings but it is not like designated pickleball courts. The many strips can be confusing, and the nets are too high. Many of the surfaces are in bad condition, which makes play difficult. Thank you for considering adding pickleball courts to our parks!!! If added, they will be very well used by all!!!	10/27/2021 4:00 PM
381	The Nokomis Recreation Center courts would be an absolutely great reuse of the neglected tennis courts for pickleball use.	10/27/2021 3:57 PM
382	Skateboarding areas are a more important need. We need to keep youth off the streets by providing activities they are interested in, and skateboard parks are very popular-but almost non-existent in our Mpls parks. Pickleballing seniors have other options for courts and have the funding and influence to create them. Not so most young skateboarders.	10/27/2021 3:25 PM
383	We should have Pickleball courts effectively everywhere. Too many tennis courts are in disrepair or underutilized...shared courts great. Some pickle specific courts wonderful. Dedicated tennis courts should exist too but not bc a few squeaky wheels like the nostalgia and want to keep every complex across the whole city. They prob don't even play.	10/27/2021 3:17 PM
384	Adding pickle ball courts are great	10/27/2021 3:14 PM
385	The issue we experienced is the cracking of the surfaces. This made play uneven for either sport played on the courts.	10/27/2021 3:05 PM
386	Pickleball is a fast growing sport. You cannot build enough courts fast enough both inside and out. The courts at Bloomington are too close to houses and noise complaints will be quick to be filed. Loring is okay but there is no parking. Nokomis is great but be prepared for parking issues. I advocate that a pickleball complex of 8 courts be built at south end of Pearl park between the tennis courts and parking lot. Far enough from houses and plenty of parking. Seniors play drop-in rotational play for fun and recreation and socialization. Not everyone wants to be tournament level.	10/27/2021 2:59 PM
387	The more pickleball courts the better! The sport is expanding quickly and I'd love to see more places to play in minneapolis	10/27/2021 2:55 PM

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388	I currently play pickleball in Richfield 3-4 days a week and use their parks,. At least 50% of the people in the mornings are Minneapolis residents. If you play pickleball, you know that dedicated courts encourage drop-in play, where mostly seniors can drop-in and play pickup games. This is ideal, as you do not need partners or a foursome to play. The Nokomis Recreation Center would provide parking, bathrooms and enough courts where people could gather for pickup games, as well as organized play. WE NEED DEDICATED COURTS, like every suburb around us.	10/27/2021 2:34 PM
389	please change 90% of the currently unused tennis courts to HIGHLY used pickleball courts	10/27/2021 2:29 PM
390	I would love to see more pickleball courts. It's a way more inviting sport that can be played by people of all ages. Tennis is declining, pickleball is growing rapidly. Bravo to MPRB for recognizing this trend and acting swiftly to give the people what they want!	10/27/2021 2:27 PM
391	I think it would be a great benefit to the city to add more pickleball courts. It is a great game that all can play. I would encourage considering adding dedicated pickleball courts at other parks as well - Matthews Park, Bracket Park being 2 close to me. Consider parks in North and NE as well.	10/27/2021 2:05 PM
392	I would love to see more pickleball specific courts in the city so I don't have to drive to a suburb to play a game I love! It would be great to be able to bike to a more local court.	10/27/2021 1:41 PM
393	Regarding Nokomis, why would you not keep the existing tennis courts and just add striping?!?	10/27/2021 1:41 PM
394	The Nokomis bike skills course is a family favorite and has been perfect in the pandemic as it's basically impossible to be very close to anyone for very long. Please keep it instead of making it a pickleball court. It's something people of all ages can enjoy, whereas pickleball excludes young children. My youngest loves it when I ride over the bumps with her in the front child seat. She giggles and giggles. The toddler asks to go there so he can ride his balance bike I'd hate to lose such a wonderful family activity.	10/27/2021 1:29 PM
395	I am so pleased with this move as my Minneapolis pickleball playing friends drive to Edina and Richfield to play pickleball. I have driven by Nokomis Community Center and thought about what a perfect location that it because pickleball tends to be noisier than tennis and the spot at Nokomis is not close to residences. I like the idea of Loring Park but would be less likely to utilize these courts due to parking issues.	10/27/2021 1:09 PM
396	Pickleball engages many more people, especially aging tennis players like me who can't tolerate the rigors of tennis any more. It is also a good cross-generational game and allows people of varying skill levels to play together enjoyably, unlike tennis.	10/27/2021 12:42 PM
397	These changes are at locations that are all accessible to my husband & me. We are planning to learn how to play pickle ball but didn't accomplish it this year. Maybe next year at one of these new sites.	10/27/2021 12:23 PM
398	The bike ramp area on north side of minnehaha pkwy by community center should be left where it is. It is used all the time! It's convenient for people on east and west side of Nokomis as well as people who live north and south of creek and those who live close to Hiawatha. Moving it further along creek to other tennis courts is stupid. Why can't more tennis courts be renovated along creek, into tennis courts with pickle ball striping!	10/27/2021 11:41 AM
399	I love pickleball and would thoroughly support more pickleball courts throughout South and SE Mpls, especially in Nokomis East neighborhoods. ALSO: please consider the court NW of the intersection of 34th Ave South and the Parkway for conversion to pickleball court. That tennis court is looking TERRIBLE, a real eye sore and would make an excellent pb court PLUS there are lots of enthusiasts in that neighborhood (mine) that I'm ABSOLUTELY SURE would use it all the time.....and so would !!!!	10/27/2021 11:33 AM
400	I am strongly in favor of adding pickleball specific courts to the Mpls park system. I think a much larger number of courts is needed than the number proposed. I am not a fan of using tennis courts unless a pickleball layout is striped on each side of the tennis court with pickleball specific nets made available. Most pickleball players do not want to play using a tennis net (due to the higher height of a tennis net). So, at Nokomis, for instance, those courts could be kept as tennis courts with a pickleball layout on each side of the tennis court and pickleball nets available for checkout at the rec center. Decent tennis courts are in such short supply in the Minneapolis park system that I hate to be a proponent of a plan that takes away tennis courts (even though I don't play that sport).	10/27/2021 11:22 AM

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401	As you know PB is the fastest growing sport right now. Part of the growth is due to younger people playing the sport. I am an avid PB player (unfortunately playing in Shoreview due to lack of PB courts in the city - I live NE mpls) I feel that once residents who have gone into the suburbs migrate back to the city to play PB we will not have enough courts. As much as I appreciate seeing the new courts - I don't feel it is anticipating the growth. Will individuals be expected to provide their own nets at the tennis courts stripped for PB. Thanks so much for allowing the opportunity to have a voice.	10/27/2021 11:21 AM
402	We can't wait to have some dedicated pickleball courts in Minneapolis. I currently drive to Golden Valley and Richfield to play. It's an inclusive sport for all ages. Thanks!	10/27/2021 11:04 AM
403	I think pickle ball courts at lake nokomis would be highly used. Everyone in this neighborhood is talking about pickle ball and wanting to start leagues.	10/27/2021 10:54 AM
404	Existing pickle ball courts are full, often with waiting lines. Tennis courts are mostly empty.	10/27/2021 10:46 AM
405	Please turn Lake Hiawatha into a community tennis hub!	10/27/2021 10:37 AM
406	Consider how to provide access in each region of the city! This is great!	10/27/2021 10:33 AM
407	We need more Pickleball Courts!	10/27/2021 10:24 AM
408	Please don't get rid of the mini bike park!!!	10/27/2021 10:15 AM
409	more pickleball! :-)	10/27/2021 9:54 AM
410	Keep tennis courts there! Inner city tennis has used those courts in the past to teach tennis to young children. We need those courts for tennis too!! Why can't you redo the courts and add lines for pickle ball?	10/27/2021 9:52 AM
411	Thanks for being forward thinking and embracing a growing sport.	10/27/2021 9:43 AM
412	If Pickleball striping is done it should be on either side of the tennis net and provide portable Pickleball nets which are different than tennis nets, plus chasing pickleballs on a large tennis surface is not conducive to a fun experience.	10/27/2021 9:36 AM
413	Pickleball is such a great sport for all activity levels. It is also a much better physical workout than playing tennis. It is easy to learn and has minimal equipment requirements. Please add them where ever you can. My only regret is that they can be very noisy when close to homes but a the Nokomis Park location this would not be an issue. Great idea; please implement!	10/27/2021 9:24 AM
414	Like the idea of improvements at the Nokomis site. That said, two thoughts: 1/ can we keep the bike skills park and improve it? It is a huge draw for kids and families and supports growth in bikes and scooters. 2/ if the courts closest to the center convert to pickle ball, what improvements to the tennis courts at 43rd and 27th (north end of Hiawatha) will you propose? Those courts are heavily heavily used and the pavement is already cracking.	10/27/2021 9:23 AM
415	Excellent start	10/27/2021 9:07 AM
416	Pickleball seems like a fad sport. Adding 3 courts and taking away a tennis court is a lot. Why not start with one court? It is also loud and annoying in residential areas.	10/27/2021 8:59 AM
417	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and we should support players wanting to get healthy and stay active	10/27/2021 8:52 AM
418	All the neighborhood tennis courts converted to pickleball courts have seemed to have a great impact on the use of space. The courts that were converted in Richfield is always being used, with wait lines on weekend mornings. I hardly saw anyone using it when it was just tennis courts. I think converting these would be a great investment. Though it would be nice to see the temp skate park be converted to a real one. Especially if new P.B. courts are going to be added in nearby areas.	10/27/2021 8:42 AM
419	I have no problem adding pickle ball striping to existing courts or adding new pickle ball courts. Please know, however, that we're desperately in need of tennis courts in SE Mpls. My daughter plays on the Roosevelt team and there's a perpetual problem with not enough courts. I encourage you to work with the public schools and the neighborhood organizations to make sure enough courts are installed in the Hiawatha/Nokomis area.	10/27/2021 8:39 AM
420	I would love if there was paddle and ball rental options for the new pickle ball courts!	10/27/2021 8:38 AM
421	Regarding pickleball: what does a sport need to do to get this level of (seemingly sudden)	10/27/2021 8:25 AM

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support from Parks & Rec? As someone who's spent YEARS trying to get support for roller skating and roller derby spaces and always been told "that's SOMEONE ELSE'S problem", it's frustrating to see some activities (pickleball) get substantial support from the department, while others (roller skating/derby) get pushed aside - makes it difficult to feel that government is genuinely working with/for us! Sincerely, Brian Dunnette Secretary, MN Junior Roller Derby bdunnette@gmail.com

422	The tennis courts near Bloomington and Minnehaha Pkwy are highly trafficked by tennis players of all ages. These are the best kept courts in the area. In recent history, the neighborhood banded together to update these courts. While other nearby courts have been left to the elements over the same time period. Please DO NOT dedicate this set of tennis courts as pickleball only courts. In changing the courts near Nokomis Community center to pickleball courts they will hopefully get some much needed attention and updates too.	10/27/2021 8:12 AM
423	Pickle ball is an emerging sport. It engages park goers of an older demographic. This is a group with a significant presence in downtown Minneapolis and should be given the opportunity to use our parks as much as any group. We have basketball, playgrounds, gardens. Pickleball would be very welcome!!	10/27/2021 8:03 AM
424	I live in Minneapolis. I have to go to the suburbs for real pickleball courts. We need pickleball courts..its the fastest growing sport in America, especially popular with seniors,.	10/27/2021 8:03 AM
425	I believe all tennis courts should be striped for pickleball.	10/27/2021 7:59 AM
426	I wish the tennis courts in general were better maintained. Our family likes tennis, but it is difficult to find a playable court close to our home. Could we have both? Pickleball and tennis?	10/27/2021 7:58 AM
427	Roosevelt HS girls tennis (25 girls) has been sharing tennis courts with community for years and they have urgent needs for more tennis courts. Please let them use tennis courts in the Nokomis recreation center.	10/27/2021 7:33 AM
428	We need courts within the city. Suburban courts are already crowded so it would be great for those of us living in the city to have courts where we live.	10/27/2021 7:16 AM
429	Competition to use pickleball courts keeps growing. The more courts we can get will be a benefit to the growing number of people who play - many of whom are young.	10/27/2021 6:58 AM
430	Striping tennis courts for pickleball is a waste of time and energy. No one will play pickleball on tennis courts when there are real pickleball courts elsewhere. Striping tennis courts is a thing of the past. Wishing Mpls would catch up to the suburbs with respect to pickleball. As it stands, I bike six miles (one way, every day) from Powderhorn to play pickleball in Richfield or St Louis Park.	10/27/2021 6:24 AM
431	Pickleball is much needed and long overdue here in MPLS	10/27/2021 6:11 AM
432	When our family gets together to play pickleball (ages 10 to 70) our three families in south Minneapolis must travel to the suburbs to find pickleball courts.	10/27/2021 6:10 AM
433	Pickleball specific courts is the answer. Make sure you have at least 8 dedicated courts for drop in play. Many south mpls players use St. Louis Park or Richfield courts.	10/27/2021 4:03 AM
434	Need to promote the sport and offer free clinics. Also make sure to keep the parks free of riff-raffs so people would come to play without being harassed.	10/27/2021 3:49 AM
435	We NEED pickle ball courts in Minneapolis! As many as possible! Don't waste tire time with 2-3 courts, please build as many as possible ASAP.	10/27/2021 2:50 AM
436	Supportive of pickleball specific courts and of adding pickleball striping to as many tennis courts as possible, as quickly as possible. I hope you can add pickleball striping to more tennis courts citywide without having to do Master Plan amendments and public comment - that seems like overkill of public process for simply adding lines to existing courts. Also, please repair some of the tennis courts along Minnehaha Creek (between 28th Ave and 34th Ave) immediately. I know some of those are slated to go away or be converted to other uses, but the ones planned to remain need to be resurfaced ASAP. Embarrassing how badly these courts have been allowed to deteriorate.	10/27/2021 1:28 AM
437	This is fantastic! How about adding courts in the Bohemian Flats Park? There are so many condo and apartment buildings in the area. This sport is growing so quickly!	10/27/2021 1:12 AM
438	Pickleball is a great sport for our aging community. Parks department mostly seems interested	10/26/2021 11:31 PM

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in youth athletics and programming so this is one of the few amenities for older folks. Having indoor Pickleball courts in gymnasiums would be great too.

439	Pickleball is more new and up and coming than tennis which there are plenty of courts around the metro pickleball will improve the parks!	10/26/2021 11:16 PM
440	Pickleball lines on a tennis court are distracting to tennis players playing tennis. Pickleball is way more fun on pickleball-specific courts.	10/26/2021 11:14 PM
441	We would like to see more access to pickleball courts in and around downtown Mpls.	10/26/2021 11:06 PM
442	Pickleball is an amazing "aging in place" sport to keep our community healthy and active. The sound of the rackets tapping the balls is minimal compared to sirens, gunshots and traffic.	10/26/2021 11:01 PM
443	I would strongly suggest that Mpls Parks consider adding more than just two pickleball specific courts at Loring Park. You can pretty much guarantee there will be long waits to play. Loring and Nokomis would be fabulous destination pickleball places if the courts are done right! Be sure to have thought about adequate parking solutions too.	10/26/2021 10:51 PM
444	I love pickle ball, but think they should be combined pickle/tennis courts if we are not adding tennis capacity elsewhere. The courts at Hiawatha and Nokomis seem to be very well used for tennis by both youth programs and adult players. I'd hate to displace tennis players.	10/26/2021 10:44 PM
445	We have very much enjoyed the Nokomis bike skills course this year and will continue to do so for many years to come. Please please please don't make that court into a pickleball court. Young children need to have space in the parks too and the bike skills course provides just that. I would much prefer a second bike skills course in that other tennis court to pickleball. Who plays pickleball anyway? Also, I see a skate park on the map. I'd be sad to see the trees removed for more concrete. Please make a dirt trail bike skills course there instead. Then we can keep the trees and even plant new ones. It would make more sense to replace the play field with a skatepark. Less tree loss that way. Regardless, I beg you, please, do not remove the bike skills course in that old Nokomis-Hiawatha tennis court. It's the best thing in the park.	10/26/2021 10:38 PM
446	2 pickleball courts are hardly adequate. Need 6 to 8 dedicated pickleball courts as sport is wildly popular and people are waiting to play even with 8 courts.	10/26/2021 10:25 PM
447	We don't want to lose the nokomis bike skills course!!!	10/26/2021 10:12 PM
448	Pickleball is such a growing sport that it would be one of the the most popular amenities the the park system offers. The age group playing is more younger players than older so it will be very popular for generations to come.	10/26/2021 10:11 PM
449	You need way more courts than this, but it's a start!	10/26/2021 10:07 PM
450	Would like more parks to have multiple courts for pickleball	10/26/2021 9:51 PM
451	Would get much more use as pickleball courts	10/26/2021 9:45 PM
452	In favor of a court set up with 4 courts that allows for more pick up play vs tennis courts that are dual striped. Created more community and allows for more socialization among Pickleball players when you have multiple courts in one setting. Also great for tournaments and more advanced play opportunities.	10/26/2021 9:42 PM
453	Please do this as soon as possible. We need mpls based Pickelball options NOW!	10/26/2021 9:41 PM
454	Thank you!	10/26/2021 9:38 PM
455	Wherever courts are placed there must be a minimum of 4 courts to accommodate the various players. 6 is probably the best number. 2 courts is just about the same as no courts.	10/26/2021 9:35 PM
456	I think the old, unused courts (so many of them in Mpls) should all be resurfaced for pickleball. The waits at existing courts are long and the courts around the city are few. Why continue to let the tennis courts go empty with such a high demand? It would be really good for local area businesses, too. We always go to pb group happy hours or breakfasts and then do the grocery shopping, etc. after play in St. Anthony or St. Louis Park, even though we live in Minnetonka.	10/26/2021 9:31 PM
457	Pickleball is wildly popular sport and this is much needed improvement for the community. Thank you.	10/26/2021 9:30 PM
458	Minneapolis needs more pickleball courts.	10/26/2021 9:18 PM

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459	I don't play pickleball but many of my friends and neighbors do. I would be more likely to take up the sport if there was a court in my neighborhood (Nokomis)	10/26/2021 9:17 PM
460	Yes we need more pickleball courts in the city. Currently I'm driving to the suburbs to play.	10/26/2021 9:16 PM
461	Pickleball needs more courts. It's a sport for everyone and the numbers show.	10/26/2021 9:15 PM
462	Pickleball courts by Lake Nokomis Comm Center would be a great addition and would get a lot of use.	10/26/2021 9:11 PM
463	Love the plans to add and update PICKLEBALL courts in the Twin Cities...	10/26/2021 9:11 PM
464	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. Minneapolis facilities for the sport are severely lacking. Please support cost-effective measures to catch up with public demand for pickleball facilities.	10/26/2021 9:08 PM
465	Tennis is dying and Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US. People leave the city to go play and spend money in other suburbs. Make the city a place where people can and want to stay and then spend money.	10/26/2021 9:08 PM
466	will there any lights for the out door courts? i would like to see one here in the Twin citys area, instead of traveling 25-30 mins out to eagen or Blaine for out door light courts	10/26/2021 9:07 PM
467	Would love to have Pickleball courts at lake nokomis	10/26/2021 8:55 PM
468	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and outline cites have dedicated Pickleball Courts whereas the Minneapolis Park system has none. I should not have to drive to another city, Bloomington, Richfield, Roseville, Edina, St Louis Park, or even Rogers just to have fun playing Pickleball.	10/26/2021 8:54 PM
469	I love that this sport is getting people into parks more and more! One thing the park could do better—Please maintain the Loring Park facilities to the same degree as you maintain the parks in other neighborhoods. The tennis courts there were beyond due for a makeover. I'm happy to see it getting some love!	10/26/2021 8:54 PM
470	Adding pickleball stripes to a tennis court does not really solve the problem. While the courts are smaller for pickleball. The nets are also a different height and the wider tennis nets do not allow for the full features of the smaller pickleball court (ATP). Not a good option.	10/26/2021 8:53 PM
471	34th Ave & 47th street tennis court is in poor shape. If this is resurfaced, then adding pickleball lines would be ideal.	10/26/2021 8:52 PM
472	2 courts in Loring isn't enough! There's plenty of space to add more.	10/26/2021 8:51 PM
473	Pickle all courts outdoors are hard to find which is unfortunate given its growing popularity. I hope lots more are coming!	10/26/2021 8:50 PM
474	The picture shows a red dashed box around the proposed courts south of Minnehaha Parkway adjacent to the Nokomis Rec Center. That's totally fine. However, it also lists the tennis courts north of Minnehaha Parkway as Tennis/Pickleball, which would be a change from the existing bike skills course placed on that court, and I just want to clarify that I do NOT want those courts (north) to become pickleball courts because the bike skills course placed there is much more important to me (I have young children) and other neighborhood kids.	10/26/2021 8:43 PM
475	You are not adding enough courts for the level of popularity this sport is for all ages. If it was just seniors playing maybe but if you add specific courts in the parks they will be an attraction for players to come from all over the metro. Right now I'm going to Richfield which has 8 dedicated courts and some lined tennis courts. It's always very busy in the mornings and evenings. We use the crappy courts at Nokomis as good players (tennis & PB) avoid these courts. This allows us playing time on weekends as other courts always full. Why aren't you lining the courts at Lynnhust? Spread out the locations & number of courts.	10/26/2021 8:36 PM
476	The tennis courts on Bloomington Ave were saved by the neighborhood about 10 years ago. It was thru a great effort the neighborhood all pulled together to achieve! They should left as is and only add pickle ball if /when they need to be repaired. Possibly adding pickle ball lines but it is one of the very few tennis courts in good repair do it should not be touched. The tennis courts next to Nokomis should be left as a bike course for kids! It is used and encourages young people and families to come together! *The tennis court in extreme disrepair a few blocks away can be a pickle ball court. Taking the young kids bike course is wrong.	10/26/2021 8:30 PM

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477	Adding pickleball specific courts in the Minneapolis area is essential. It's the fastest growing sport in the US. I live in NE Minneapolis and have to drive 20-25 minutes to get to any decent pickleball specific courts such as Lone Lake park or Lexington Athletic Complex in Blaine.	10/26/2021 8:29 PM
478	Pickle ball is not going anywhere! People are obsessed and it's a healthy and fun activity for all ages. I'm tired if going to Richfield, Bloomington or Edina to play. Let's do it!	10/26/2021 8:29 PM
479	Really really unnecessary	10/26/2021 8:29 PM
480	Great ideas, do it!	10/26/2021 8:28 PM
481	Nokomis area would be the best if you are only choosing one location. If so, you should put in at least 5-6 courts. It will be busy!	10/26/2021 8:25 PM
482	Tennis is an actual sport at which children and adults can participate. Pickle ball is a gimmicky hobby	10/26/2021 8:17 PM
483	More pickleball across the city. It is a more accessible sport than tennis.	10/26/2021 8:16 PM
484	I approve of these changes but encourage MPRB to consider additional courts as pickleball has become a very popular sport for all ages.	10/26/2021 8:11 PM
485	The Tennis courts at Bloomington and parkway get EXTENSIVE use for tennis. Neighbors were involved in the restoration of these courts and use them. It is a disservice to over-ride this use with pickle ball courts, when there are courts planned for Nokomis Community center area.	10/26/2021 8:09 PM
486	We need more pickleball courts. Thank you!	10/26/2021 8:09 PM
487	I think we need more pickleball courts in Minneapolis and these changes would go a long way.	10/26/2021 8:06 PM
488	Thank you for hearing us!	10/26/2021 8:04 PM
489	The old tennis court near Nokomis Rec Center that has been turned into temporary bike ramps is well loved and used. I would like to see this become a permanent biking court geared towards young families and young bikers!	10/26/2021 8:04 PM
490	1. Are additional courts really needed when you can restripe existing? 2. Perfect-more than one use and a tax payer friendly method. 3. We take tennis lessons there so I want to keep for tennis. Why not stripe the courts for both so like the Bloomington Ave plan?	10/26/2021 8:01 PM
491	Pickleball is a massively growing sport for all generations. It's being done throughout the country with great success. Please add these courts to convert empty spaces to thriving spaces.	10/26/2021 8:01 PM
492	Love pickleball! Would like to see many tennis courts painted/adapted to accommodate pickleball!	10/26/2021 7:59 PM
493	Don't get rid of tennis courts when re-lining them for pickleball is much cheaper and keeps everyone (relatively) happy.	10/26/2021 7:57 PM
494	The plan shows changing the both the existing tennis courts and the bike skills course to pickle ball courts. We would not be in favor of all those areas becoming pickle ball. Please leave the bike course (or even add to it!) Our family enjoys it.	10/26/2021 7:54 PM
495	Question #2 I disapprove because the right option is to make it pickleball only	10/26/2021 7:50 PM
496	Good ideas	10/26/2021 7:46 PM
497	I see many tennis courts along minnehaha creek that are not maintained well. Please focus on maintaining the tennis courts! Or, why not convert smaller courts to pickle ball, and keep the courts near lake Hiawatha and lake Nokomis as tennis courts. The local high school is really working at building up their tennis teams, and they really do need adequate facilities on which to play. Please maintain tennis courts. It is a very much valued activity, and we need the courts in order to grow the community around the sport.	10/26/2021 7:46 PM
498	The suburbs are winning the pickleball wars. Step up Minneapolis!	10/26/2021 7:41 PM
499	I'm an avid pickle ball player and Minneapolis Nokomis East resident. I play in Richfield and Bloomington because there haven't been courts in Mpls. I would definitely play at the Nokomis	10/26/2021 7:41 PM

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site. I probably wouldn't play at Loring because it isn't as close as the Richfield site for me, but I'm happy to approve of it for those in downtown Mpls who'd like to play closer to home.

500	Look at the south end of Pearl Park tennis courts. Prime space for an eight or twelve court PICKLEBALL complex. Close to parking, away from houses (noise) and near bathrooms for the seniors. Wake up MPRB the demand for pickleball is growing. Lynnhurst has 3 indoor courts for fall winter spring. 40+ people have signed up to play. The average age of pickleball players has dropped from +65 to 40. It is being taught in schools and is much easier for people to immediately play, unlike tennis. Come see Lynnhurst pickleball and talk to some players.	10/26/2021 7:35 PM
501	Please repave our tennis courts and put in pickleball lines!! The tennis courts at 34th Ave. S and Minnehaha Pkwy E need to be repaved- they are unusable in their current condition and quite frankly, an embarrassment. Please put in pickleball lines as well.	10/26/2021 7:35 PM
502	I live across the street from the Nokomis community center courts and I see people playing tennis there all the time. There's clearly a demand for tennis courts there. What is the demand for pickle ball?	10/26/2021 7:35 PM
503	Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in USA. This sport is played by all age groups with only \$40 investment in a decent racket so very affordable . New courts at Powderhorn park for Pickle ball would serve that low income neighborhood also.	10/26/2021 7:32 PM
504	Please keep the kid bike skills park small kid friendly. There are more than enough adult bike facilities in the city and not nearly enough kid specific areas.	10/26/2021 7:30 PM
505	Please do not take away the bike skills course! My kids love it and it really became a favorite activity. We haven't found anything similar and would hate to lose it.	10/26/2021 7:29 PM
506	Pickleball is such a fun up and coming sport that is accessible to all ages. I highly recommend adding as many courts as possible! There is no downside to simply adding striping to all the currently available tennis courts. Let's get folks outside having fun!	10/26/2021 7:25 PM
507	The bike skills park is absolutely the best for young kids - please keep the bike skills park at Nokomis...it is a safe space for kids to practice and ride no matter what their age	10/26/2021 7:22 PM
508	Love this so much!	10/26/2021 7:03 PM
509	If you stripe tennis courts for Pickleball, do one court on each side of tennis net. Use portable Pickleball nets. Do NOT stripe one Pickleball court inside of a tennis court. Waste of space.	10/26/2021 7:02 PM
510	I see lots of people playing pickleball at Nokomis. It seems like the tennis courts at Hiawatha are busy with tennis players, so it makes sense to put pickleball courts at Nokomis.	10/26/2021 6:56 PM
511	I would rather see the courts at McRae or Pearl stripped for pickle ball. Pickle ball is a loud sport and the courts at Bloomington and Minnehaha has neighbors on all 3 sides.	10/26/2021 6:55 PM
512	I'm not against adding pickle ball courts. I am strongly against eliminating the bike skills park that is one of the only safe places in the city to bring little kids who are on balance bikes or learning to ride pedal bikes. Will the skills park equipment that is currently there be relocated within the same park?	10/26/2021 6:53 PM
513	Completely inadequate plan for a city the size of Mpls. Need to be thinking of multiple complexes with 12-48 courts each.	10/26/2021 6:50 PM
514	This sport is growing so fast . Existing courts are busy morning and 5-8 pm. Compare to usage of tennis courts.	10/26/2021 6:47 PM
515	Good idea. Minneapolis is behind in establishing pickle ball courts. I have not played because there are no courts near me but have equipment so welcome these improvements.	10/26/2021 6:46 PM
516	Seems like a good idea Minneapolis is behind in establishing pickle ball courts	10/26/2021 6:43 PM
517	Whenever I drive by pickle ball courts they are full. I rarely see full tennis courts. Pickleball is the sport of the future and our parks should make them more accessible and available.	10/26/2021 6:38 PM
518	Add more tennis courts to the 5 at lake Hiawatha. Who cares what you do with those two or three tennis facilities. We need a community tennis hub.	10/26/2021 6:28 PM
519	Pickle ball is much more accessible of a sport than tennis! I would support pickle ball courts exclusively. Another idea is for the City to provide free paddles and balls in a locker at the court for those that don't have equipment.	10/26/2021 6:25 PM

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520	Mpls has so many unused tennis courts that are now run down and not able to be used. I have played tennis for over 30 years and have now started playing. There are SOOOO many people picking it up. All ages and all levels. This would be a huge win for Mpls parks. We are currently driving to Eagan to play.	10/26/2021 6:22 PM
521	If you add pickleball the parks will see more use	10/26/2021 6:19 PM
522	Very excited to be able to play the fastest growing sport in my own community. Have had to go to the suburbs to play on safe courts.	10/26/2021 6:08 PM
523	I strongly agree to move to pickleball courts and not having tennis stripes for pickleball. I also recommend a paddle rack to help with the rotation at the courts when it gets busy to encourage open play and mixing	10/26/2021 6:03 PM
524	I ride my bike from Portland Ave and the Parkway to Minnehaha Falls. I ride by many unused overgrown tennis courts in three locations that could easily be converted to pickleball courts. Pickle ball has become a very popular sport for those older and younger residents. Richfield put in courts a couple years ago that are heavily used. Please expand the number of locations. Thanks.	10/26/2021 5:59 PM
525	Due to the possible tree impact, could pickleball striping be added to the current Loring Park tennis courts, rather than creating pickleball only courts?	10/26/2021 5:55 PM
526	Curious why the bloomington courts are a restripe vs a replacement at Nokomis. I have no preference; am just curious.	10/26/2021 5:45 PM
527	Love it but we need more! And with lights! This is the most fun and inclusive sport with low barrier to entry, would love if Minneapolis dove right in and built a ton of courts for this growing sport!	10/26/2021 5:38 PM
528	I'm a young adult who has discovered pickle ball as a way to connect with both people my age but also older generations. It is a fairly age inclusive sport and requires little equipment. I've been having to drive to Richfield and would much rather be able to do this in my own neighborhood and know many others who would too!	10/26/2021 5:30 PM
529	These options allow us to provide more exercise options to our diverse (in age and strength) population.	10/26/2021 5:22 PM
530	Please do not reduce the number of available outdoor tennis courts. There is absolutely no reason to destroy one sport to make way for another sport. I think it's fiscally irresponsible as well as inconsiderate of those who look for outdoor tennis in the city.	10/26/2021 5:16 PM
531	Question #2 is a compound question. I strongly approve of keeping those courts, I am indifferent to the pickleball striping. As far as the Nokomis courts go, I would approve if that was the end of pickleball eliminating tennis, but since it won't be, I disapprove of getting rid of any tennis courts right now. The Park Board does a terrible job of keeping up their courts unless citizens scream about it. It would cost less to be proactive - "A stitch in time saves nine!" (See courts at Beard's Plaisance fir an example)	10/26/2021 5:09 PM
532	please keep the bike skills course at Nokomis Recreation Center, my son loves it!	10/26/2021 5:08 PM
533	Mixed-use courts make sense	10/26/2021 5:06 PM
534	Please make sure plans include easy gate access to courts. For example not going across courts to get to other courts thereby interrupting play. Westwood Park in Bloomington is a good design.	10/26/2021 5:04 PM
535	Adding pickle ball is awesome. Adding it at the expense of losing tennis is a hard no. Make both work please!	10/26/2021 5:00 PM
536	Pickle ball is a fast growing sport and our surrounding communities have invested in supporting this, and Minneapolis doing the same would be great to see!	10/26/2021 4:51 PM
537	Adding pickleball courts is great, but not at the expense of tennis courts. There aren't enough public tennis courts, so losing any would be a disservice.	10/26/2021 4:42 PM
538	We would use the pickle ball courts!!!	10/26/2021 4:40 PM
539	Put a pickleball court at the end of 30th Ave. There is a defunct court there already. You'd save a bunch of money and there is PLENTY of space for a pollinator garden in the remaining green	10/26/2021 4:40 PM

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	space. Please, be practical.	
540	Tennis and pickleball are wanted by the community. Please proceed!	10/26/2021 4:39 PM
541	Please add more pickleball recreation options for young adults who work!! I'm so disappointed to see so many times are during the work day	10/26/2021 4:38 PM
542	We prefer striping for both options - we live in Hale and enjoy both tennis and pickleball. We would love the option to do both at Bloomington Ave.	10/26/2021 4:37 PM
543	Nokomis is so close to the Hiawatha tennis courts that turning the existing and decrepit Nokomis courts to pickleball makes total sense. I now drive 15-30 min for courts so this would be fabulous! Pickleball serves every age and is addictive because it's easy to learn and very fun! I also like that you would keep the neighborhood funded tennis courts off Bloomington and just add pickleball striping. Now how about a bank of 6-8 courts at Kenwood or on the north end of Lynnhurst park!? Or converting the very decrepit Beards Plaisance courts into pickleball? Make sure you put up paddle racks at each location so there is an easy rotation system like other suburban parks - these courts will be busy! :)	10/26/2021 4:35 PM
544	Do not destroy a tennis to create pickleball. Tennis is a sport and pickleball is a lifestyle. Work with the community to get people involved in tennis.	10/26/2021 4:34 PM
545	Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and serves the full population age spectrum. MANY Minneapolis residents (like myself) regularly travel to suburbs to play on pickleball courts which are rapidly getting well used. There should be more pickleball courts than tennis courts in the Minneapolis Parks (I write this as a long-time tennis player). They take less space and are used more often...	10/26/2021 4:33 PM
546	If I had my druthers, the courts at Bloomington and Minnehaha would become dedicated Pickleball courts. I'm not a big fan of striping for Pickleball on tennis courts because the net is higher for tennis. So it's not a great solution. I really like the idea of moving the dedicated courts to Nokomis community center. There are already people that play there. So if I could only choose one location Nokomis is better. A few thoughts on the specific design of the courts that would make these much better and more usable: lights on a timer for evening play, windscreens (strong winds coming off the lake can make it almost unplayable), and fences between courts to prevent balls from interfering across games.	10/26/2021 4:30 PM
547	Thanks so much for the initial efforts. I and many others have been asking for Pickelball courts downtown. Ww need to seriously consider Elliot Park as well. I've been playing all around the area outside of downtown, and they all have the same common denominator; MORW PLAYERS THAN COURTS AVAILABLE. ANY ADDITIONAL COURTS IN THE IMMEDIATE DOWNTOWN ARE will be a huge improvement. Thanks so much, we need them badly!!	10/26/2021 4:30 PM
548	We live downtown and have to drive quite a distance to play pickle ball. I've been hoping that Parks & Recs would address the need for downtown pickle ball courts!!!! Thank you so much!!!	10/26/2021 4:30 PM
549	We need way more pickleball options in the city!	10/26/2021 4:28 PM
550	Good idea! I like it!	10/26/2021 4:28 PM
551	I will strongly disapprove of single use infrastructure in our city parks. If you all want pickleball, tennis etc they need to be built as MUTLI USE COURTS so that the community can continue to have flexible space at its disposal and not lock the city into costly infrastructure for one use as interests and demographics change very quickly in a city. Where is the support for fotsol, roller skating, bike polo, bad mitten, volley ball, portable bike skills programming etc. Pickle ball seems and feels like a very white privileged space just like tennis. I look forward to seeing more pickleball in the city. It is a fun new activity, but i have a very big problem with the scope, amount of resources (\$\$), influence and reach of pickle ball associations that are demanding dedicated spaces.	10/26/2021 4:27 PM
552	Absolutely love the idea of adding pickleball courts and/or striping to the courts along Nokomis and the parkway at Bloomington Ave. Would also strongly appreciate and advocate for a conversion of the "abandoned" tennis courts at McRae Park (46th and Chicago) to pickleball as well. The court surface is choppy, uneven and unsafe for tennis (long strides and slide motions). Updating McRae for pickleball would transform a negative, abandoned asset into a positive and useful community resource.	10/26/2021 4:25 PM

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553	Pickle ball is such a growing sport in Minneapolis. I live across from the courts at Windom Park and I would say it is used by pickle ball players 75% of the time.	10/26/2021 4:24 PM
554	Rarely used for tennis, so pickle ball is greatly supported!	10/26/2021 4:21 PM
555	Please add pickleball specific courts wherever possible. Thank you, Steve	10/26/2021 4:17 PM
556	The Nokomis Rec Center space should be able to accommodate at least 4 pickleball courts, possibly six... depending on space between. It'd be a great candidate for adding lights to those courts. Regarding Bloomington/Minnehaha... pickleball striping on tennis courts (oriented to share the net) does not make an acceptable pickleball court. Only someone who does not play pickleball would propose this. If insisting on this direction, please add the stripings to not share the net, i.e., two courts per net so people can bring their own net. This can be done in a way to allow both net sharing and bringing one's own net. While these are appreciated steps in the right direction, they're all way too small and shortsighted. Two courts in Loring? That's a very highly populated area. I'm an avid pickleball player who plays nearly daily, and I'd love to be involved in helping Minneapolis catch up in pickleball support. We are woefully behind the suburbs in this regard. Please feel to reach out for input/advice: nick@tcob.com / 651-983-5851. Nick Curran	10/26/2021 4:17 PM
557	I have general disdain for pickle ball, and find the striping to be distracting when playing tennis. I guess it's good that people get out and exercise, but seems like a puff game to me. Would rather see the money go into resurfacing tennis courts that need it badly...	10/26/2021 4:13 PM
558	Pickle Ball is just getting going here in the North...it IS going to overtake Tennis in No time, be prepared!!! You create them...people WILL use them 100%	10/26/2021 4:11 PM
559	I want more pickleball courts because right really like playing pickleball with my family and there isn't enough room	10/26/2021 4:11 PM
560	My husband and I now go to Richfield to find adequate courts. It would be nice to have more options close to our Diamond Lake home	10/26/2021 4:09 PM
561	Please- we need pickleball courts!	10/26/2021 4:07 PM
562	we need more dedicated pickleball courts. Tennis courts are an ok alternative, but the nets are too high. Pickleball only when possible is the way to go.	10/26/2021 4:03 PM
563	Why remove the tennis courts? It's a shame all the courts in the area have been let go. I'm all for adding pickle ball lines but lets keep the courts assuming they get restored and properly maintained.	10/26/2021 3:55 PM
564	Adding pickle ball striping to any existing tennis court seems cost effective and multi-purpose	10/26/2021 2:29 PM
565	Going to need a lot more courts to keep up with demand and other cities already developed pickle ball courts (Richfield and Bloomington)	10/26/2021 2:27 PM
566	We need to keep the tennis courts at the Nokomis Community Center!	10/26/2021 1:26 PM
567	I hate to see the tennis courts completely disappear as I play both sports so I think it good to have a mix of both. I don't use the Loring park courts but do the other two. Love pickleball and how it's such a social sport and ways to meet others in your community.	10/26/2021 12:36 PM
568	I would strongly approve of having pickleball specific courts still in the plan for Minnehaha and Bloomington along with the other added pickleball specific courts at Nokomis and Loring. There are plenty of underused tennis courts in the city. Pickleball is much more popular and has seen extreme growth over the past few years with no signs of letting up. If you make pickleball specific courts you can fit in more courts and the net will be the correct height/width. It is much less enjoyable to play pickleball on a striped tennis court than a pickleball specific court. Having a bank of pickleball courts also encourages players to rotate through the courts allowing for more people to play rather than one group dominating a court for an hour. (A single game typically takes just 10 min).	10/26/2021 12:35 PM
569	All of the courts could use repairs. Courts could also be both tennis and pickleball for more access	10/26/2021 12:26 PM
570	All the tennis courts in mpls are in desperate need of repair. I f they were resurfaced and added pickle ball lines- they would become VERY popular	10/26/2021 12:02 PM
571	I would prefer to see dedicated pickleball courts over dual-striped tennis/pickleball courts.	10/26/2021 11:54 AM

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572	Convert the sibley park tennis court to pickleball too. The court is never used. Pickleball courts would bring more adult presence to a park that could use it.	10/26/2021 11:38 AM
573	I would really like to have a place to play pickle ball near my home. I very rarely see anyone playing tennis when I'm biking along the parkway	10/26/2021 10:44 AM
574	Pickleball slaps.	10/26/2021 10:10 AM
575	More Pickleball please. This is awesome. I fully support.	10/26/2021 10:08 AM
576	I see that the bike ramp park is considering being converted too. Please consider moving these ramps to another dilapidated tennis court. The kids of the neighborhood love these. Perhaps the terrible tennis courts on 34th by the creek or the other terrible courts near Nokomis Ave and the creek could be their new home.	10/26/2021 9:30 AM
577	Beautiful plan and response to a very popular activity. Solid work.	10/26/2021 7:19 AM
578	I live half a block from the Bloomington Ave/Minnehaha Pkwy tennis courts and know this court is one of the more usable courts along the parkway. I had not heard of the plan to convert this tennis court to solely pickleball courts and would like to see more advertising at the site when an explicit change in use is proposed. Some of my neighbors sent a block email about this change and the survey to provide comment. I fully support the amendment retaining tennis courts and adding pickleball lines to expand usage at the Bloomington Ave/Minnehaha Pkwy tennis courts. I know living next to the court they are frequently used for tennis right now. "This project would amend the Minnehaha Parkway Master Plan to retain the tennis courts at the intersection of the parkway and Bloomington Avenue with new pickleball striping, and amend the Nokomis-Hiawatha Master Plan to convert the two tennis courts immediately adjacent to the Nokomis Community Center to 3-4 dedicated pickleball courts." I am concerned about the new bike obstacle course conversion to solely pickleball courts. As an avid biker, I roll through the area and know many children use that relatively new area to practice biking. I do not see people playing tennis on the courts adjacent to the community center and if I'm understanding the proposal correctly, that area should be able to provide the 3-4 courts proposed by itself. I would support the one area to be converted to pickle ball but would like perhaps in the spring when usage is higher at the bike course area to solicit public comment.	10/26/2021 6:07 AM
579	More pickle ball courts! Add striping to powderhorn courts. They are hardly ever used!	10/25/2021 4:58 PM
580	I contributed to the resurfacing ten years ago with the understanding that it was for tennis courts. I want it to stay that way.	10/25/2021 4:22 PM
581	Please leave the Bloomington Ave/Minnehaha Parkway courts as tennis courts only. The Nokomis tennis courts can be dedicated to pickle ball only. Although this is all park property, the Bloomington/Minnehaha Pkwy courts are very much neighborhood courts and the neighborhood has very strong feelings (ownership?) towards these courts. A state champion tennis player got his start on these very courts!	10/25/2021 2:16 PM
582	There is so much need for Pickleball courts. Now have to go to other cities to play.	10/25/2021 2:09 PM
583	Please consider paving additional pickleball lines of existing Nokomis tennis courts. Our neighborhood payed for resurfacing and we want to continue access to tennis.	10/25/2021 1:36 PM
584	I live next to the Bloomington Ave tennis courts. These tennis courts are in extremely good shape and are consistently in use. I strongly agree with keeping these tennis courts and am in support of the amendment to the Master Plan.	10/25/2021 1:09 PM
585	A change in the Nokomis courts creates a nice site for pickleball with parking and nearby bathrooms. It does eliminate one site for Innerscity Tennis Summer in the Parks programing.	10/25/2021 11:50 AM
586	Hi, The courts east of the Nokomis Center have a texture of sharp teeth that roughens (chews up) pickleballs. The surface problem needs to be fixed to keep pickleball players. Before the pandemic I played regularly on the courts next to Chicago , north of the creek. They had pickleball lines, but some serious surface problems... major cracks.	10/23/2021 8:03 PM
587	St Paul has several outdoor options using existing tennis courts. Minneapolis has woefully few outdoor or indoor options for this growing, inexpensive sport. I understand limited budgets and focusing on underserved communities but our many tennis courts are in tough shape and so resurfacing and restriping would be a great benefit to the community who cares about the upkeep of our parks and make them more accessible.	10/23/2021 5:09 PM

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588	Pickle ball is a great alternative to tennis and has been growing in popularity for years now. Incorporating PB infrastructure seems logical.	10/23/2021 12:42 PM
589	Net height is different than tennis. More Pickleball courts are needed	10/23/2021 12:30 PM
590	I am grateful that Minneapolis Park board is recognizing this need. A number of existing tennis courts have been unusable for a decade or more in South Minneapolis. For any sport. The cost of repairing them and lining for tennis and Pickleball is not that large and should not divert significant resources away from youth programs. I currently play 3 times a week in Saint Paul because there are few opportunities in my own city. Tom Borden 3933 41st Ave South	10/23/2021 11:46 AM
591	We have been waiting a long time to get pickleball courts in the Nokomis neighborhood. We have been having to go to St. Paul or adjacent suburbs to play for several years now. We look forward to being able to play in our own neighborhood. Also, there are at least a dozen tennis courts within a mile of the Nokomis Community Center. Some of these courts were built in the the 1930's and have not been upgraded. It is long overdo that these courts be converted to pickleball and functional tennis venues.	10/23/2021 11:33 AM
592	Increasing Pickleball courts throughout the city is a good idea. Lots of interest in the sport and gets people out using the parks.	10/23/2021 11:27 AM
593	Please follow USA Pickleball Association guidelines for design of Pickleball courts - for safety and ease of use. See the Washington Park, Richfield, dedicated Pickleball courts as an example of a well designed venue that works for all skill levels and all ages. An excellent resource for court design is the Twin Cities Pickleball Club. They worked with many park & rec depts throughout the Metro to create dozens of PB courts, dedicated and shared with other sports, indoor and outdoor venues. For contact names of PBers who worked on these projects, please email me at marla.johnson4901@gmail.com We're so glad that we're finally going to have courts in the neighborhood!	10/23/2021 10:53 AM
594	I am very happy you are addressing the issue with next to no pickleball courts in Minneapolis. I'm not sure how you turn 2 tennis courts into 4 pickleball and keep the tennis too. thanks	10/23/2021 10:31 AM
595	I am a South Minneapolis resident and have been playing pickleball for two years. There are no outdoor courts nearby and I have been going to St. Paul to play. Our sister city has several options and their courts are in excellent shape. Most courts in my area, e.g. Hiawatha School and Lake Nokomis, have been in steady decline for years. I am thrilled to see that plans are in the works for improving this situation! This is a great sport for all ages and backgrounds; the suburbs (and St. Paul) have us beat for outdoor courts. Thank you for bringing pickleball to Minneapolis!	10/23/2021 9:32 AM
596	Why is this not a system wide approach, for all master plans? I am all in favor for adding more pickleball courts, but I think we should also think about residence that might not have the time or resource to advocate for changes in their neighborhoods. Why not just always stripe tennis courts with pickle ball lines? Also, when will the various plans be amended to add more bike parks? We need more bike parks!	10/23/2021 8:45 AM
597	Thank you for making Pickleball a sport that can be played in Minneapolis! I can't wait to discontinue my drives to the suburbs!	10/22/2021 2:48 PM
598	Existing tennis courts are in terrible shape. Surface and nets need to be maintained for both pickle ball and /or tennis. Consider adding pickleball striping at Powderhorn Park. Also cover the holes at the bottom of the Powderhorn Tennis court fence. It is a simple and low cost and hugely improves the game. Volunteers did it on the south side of Nokomis' tennis courts. As a Minneapolis resident and taxpayer, I am embarrassed to have such poor quality courts. Thanks for the survey and good luck with sorting out all the priorities.	10/21/2021 4:25 PM