



**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**KELLY COURTS – PICKLEBALL COURTS POLICY REVISIONS**

(Senior Recreation Supervisor Brian Sousa)

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**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Approve modifications to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy, including revisions to the permissible play equipment and designating courts 1 and 2 for reservation and open walk-on play, with Courts 3 and 4 open for walk-on play only; and
2. Approve one of the following options to modify the courts' hours of operation:
  - Option 1 (**Attachment 2**):
    - Monday: Closed
    - Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
    - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
    - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
    - Friday–Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Option 2 (**Attachment 3**):
    - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily; or
  - Option 3 (**Attachment 1**):
    - The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission's (Commission) recommendation to maintain the facility hours as currently designated:
      - Sunday and Monday: Closed
      - Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
      - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
      - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
      - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
      - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and
    - request for staff to report back to the Commission within 120 days following the reopening of the courts with a report on complaints, community feedback, and court usage.

**Executive Summary:**

The Kelly Pickleball Courts have high local demand and limited hours. Following the completion of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 619–Kelly Court Improvements, the two formerly closed pickleball courts will reopen, providing a total of four courts at the Kelly Courts, located within the Clark Complex.

At the February 10, 2026 Commission meeting, staff presented modifications to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy, including revisions to permissible play equipment and the designation of Courts 1 and 2 for reservation and open walk-on play, with Courts 3 and 4 reserved for walk-on play only. Prior to the closure of the courts for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 619–Kelly Court Improvements, the two available courts were open for both reservation and walk-on play. Staff also presented two options to modify the courts’ hours of operation, as further detailed in the staff report.

The Commission approved the recommended policy updates regarding permissible play equipment but recommended maintaining the current hours of operation and requested that staff report back within 120 days following reopening with information on complaints, community feedback, and court usage.

Staff recommends City Council approval of the proposed Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy updates and determine whether to maintain current hours or adopt one of the proposed expanded hours options.

**Background:**

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong and has experienced continuous growth in popularity over the last decade, with increasing local demand among Hermosa Beach residents.

In March 2017, following extensive community engagement, City Council approved the Commission’s recommendation to convert one of the two Kelly Tennis Courts at the Clark Complex into four dedicated pickleball courts. The Kelly Pickleball Courts opened to the public in May 2017.

In 2020, two courts were closed due to safety issues stemming from site constraints and deferred maintenance. In response, staff developed CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements, which was approved in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022–23 budget as a resurfacing and reconfiguration project. The project scope later expanded in FY 2023–24 to include lighting upgrades, ADA-compliant pathways, and modernization of all court types at the facility. The project will allow for the reopening of the two closed courts through reconfiguration.

**Pickleball Stakeholders Focus Group and Outcomes**

Following the opening of the Kelly Pickleball Courts, community concerns emerged regarding noise from the sport. Staff and the former Department Use Policies Subcommittee (DUPS) of the Commission conducted extensive research and made several recommendations to the Commission on various noise mitigation solutions with no resolve for over three years. Therefore, staff and DUPS formed a Pickleball Stakeholders Focus Group consisting of representatives from the local neighborhood and

pickleball community. The purpose of the stakeholder group was to discuss viable solutions that would limit noise impacts to the nearby residents while providing pickleball community access during preferred times.

At its June 2, 2021 meeting, staff and DUPS recommended the Commission recommend City Council approval of updates to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and court hours of operation formed with the Pickleball Stakeholders Focus Group. The intention of the recommended updates was to provide the pickleball community with access to the pickleball courts during specified times, and relief to the nearby residents two days a week, and several evenings. The Commission recommended City Council approve the updated use policy and court hours with slight revisions.

At its July 13, 2021 meeting, City Council approved the Commission's recommendation on the updated use policy but revised the court hours, allowing for more court hours than initially recommended by the Commission. The approved hours, which remain current to this day are:

- Sunday and Monday: Closed
- Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This provided for a total of 45 hours of court access for reservations or walk on play.

**Attachment 1** is the current Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy.

At its November 2, 2021, staff presented a follow-up report to the Commission on the effectiveness of the adopted Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and court hours of operation. Staff reported that the feedback represented a small sample size, with three members of the pickleball community expressing dissatisfaction with the limited hours of operation, one nearby resident expressing gratitude for the hours of operation, and one nearby resident reporting that the courts were being used outside of the hours of operation. The Commission received and filed the report. Since that report, staff received additional feedback from members of the pickleball community expressing dissatisfaction with the limited hours of operation, limited availability of open play, and ongoing temporarily closure of two pickleball courts. Additionally, prior to all courts being closed due to CIP 619–Kelly Courts Improvements, members of the pickleball community expressed how difficult it was to secure play time at the two available courts. The two open courts were available for reservation by residents who obtained a pickleball membership at an annual rate, and reserved hours incurred an hourly use fee for a maximum of two hours per day per resident. Without a reservation, the courts were available on an open walk-on play basis, free of charge. However, the courts were reserved 98% of the time, and obtaining a reservation was very competitive due to the high demand.

Since the adoption of the current Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and court hours of operation, staff has not directly received any additional feedback or concerns regarding noise impacts to date. However, it should be noted that during Commission and City Council review of CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements in 2025, and during the Commission’s review of staff’s recommended revisions to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and court hours of operation at its February 10, 2026 meeting, one nearby resident, through public comment, expressed concern about potential noise impacts associated with the reopening of the two closed pickleball courts and a potential increase in hours of operation.

### Parks Master Plan

At its November 12, 2024, meeting, City Council approved and adopted the 2024 Parks Master Plan, a long-term planning document that guides the development, maintenance, and programming of the City’s parks and recreational facilities. The plan underwent a robust community engagement process, including participation by a Parks Master Plan Subcommittee consisting of four Commissioners, two from the Commission and two from the Public Works Commission. The Parks Master Plan highlighted the growing demand for pickleball and the desire for additional facilities, while also acknowledging concerns about noise and the need to balance schedules for open play, reservations, and programming.

### Commission Review of Staff Recommended Modifications to the Kelly Court Use Policy and Hours of Operation

At the February 10, 2026 Commission meeting, staff recommended Commission consider a recommendation to City Council to approve modifications to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy. The proposed modifications included revisions to permissible play equipment and the designation of Courts 1 and 2 for reservation and open walk-on play, with Courts 3 and 4 reserved for walk-on play only. Staff also requested the Commission consider one of the following options to modify the courts’ hours of operation:

- Option 1:
  - Monday: Closed
  - Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Friday–Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Option 2:
  - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

The recommended policy updates regarding permissible play equipment reflect the fact that the existing policy was adopted prior to recent advancements in paddle technology and evolving standards related to noise, safety, and court surface protection. The proposed updates modernize the policy language, clarify permissible equipment, and

provide staff with appropriate enforcement authority while maintaining the original intent of the policy.

Commission approved staff’s recommended Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy modifications with the exception of the recommended options to modify the courts’ hours of operation. Instead, the Commission recommended that City Council consider approval of maintaining the facility hours as currently designated, which are:

- Sunday and Monday: Closed
- Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Commission also requested, if the recommendation was approved by City Council to maintain the current facility hours, staff report back to the Commission within 120 days following reopening with a report on complaints, community feedback, and court usage.

***Past Commission and Council Actions***

Meeting Date	Description
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">December 2, 2014</a>	Staff presented to the Commission three resident requests to convert the two Kelly Tennis Courts into dual-use courts allowing for tennis and pickleball play. The commission requested staff advance consideration of the request through a public hearing at a future meeting.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">February 3, 2015</a>	The Commission, through a public hearing, requested staff research alternate locations for dual-use tennis and pickleball courts and return to the Commission through a public hearing to present its findings.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">August 2, 2016</a>	Staff presented to the Commission two new resident requests to convert only one Kelly Tennis Court into a dual-use tennis and pickleball court. The Commission requested staff return with the request through a public hearing at a future meeting.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">November 1, 2016</a>	Through a public hearing, staff presented its findings to the Commission on an alternate location that may be considered for dual-use tennis and pickleball courts, the Edith Rodaway Park outdoor basketball court. However, the alternate location was not supported by the pickleball community due to the basketball court’s surfacing and concern about the distance between the court’s poles and the play area needed for pickleball. The Commission recommended City Council approve converting one of the

Meeting Date	Description
	Kelly Tennis Courts into a dual-use tennis and pickleball court.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">January 3, 2017</a>	Through a public hearing, staff presented the Commission a revised request from the residents who had recently requested converting one Kelly Tennis Court into a dual-use tennis and pickleball court. The revised request was to convert one of the Kelly Tennis Courts for pickleball play only, allowing four pickleball courts. The Commission requested staff research and provide a recommendation on which location would be most ideal to convert a tennis court into four pickleball courts, the Kelly Tennis Courts or Community Center Tennis Courts.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">February 7, 2017</a>	Staff presented its findings to the Commission on which location would be most ideal to convert a tennis court into four pickleball courts, the Kelly Tennis Courts or Community Center Tennis Courts. Staff determined the Community Center Tennis Courts had a higher usage rate and that distance from the nearest residence at the Kelly Tennis Courts was further, and likely any noise impacts would be greater at the Community Center Tennis Courts if one of the tennis courts were converted to a pickleball court. The Commission requested staff return with a public hearing for the Commission to consider a recommendation to City Council to convert the West Kelly Tennis Court to four pickleball courts.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">March 7, 2017</a>	Through a public hearing, the Commission recommended City Council approve converting the West Kelly Tennis Court to four pickleball courts.
City Council: <a href="#">March 28, 2017</a>	City Council approved the Commission's recommendation.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">January 2, 2018</a>	Staff presented an update to the Commission on the usage of Kelly Pickleball Courts and the noise impacts on nearby residents. The Commission requested staff return to a future meeting to further discuss the noise impacts.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">June 5, 2018</a>	Staff recommended the Commission receive and file information related to the noise impacts on nearby residents, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of the feedback received from the nearby residents;</li> <li>• Effectiveness of previously installed windscreens dampening the noise from the courts;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of equipment and different levels of noise produced from each type; and</li> <li>Possible noise-dampening products that could be installed along the fences to help absorb the sound.</li> </ul> <p>The Commission requested staff return to the Commission with a draft Kelly Pickleball Court Use Policy for review and approval.</p>
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">August 7, 2018</a>	Staff presented a draft Kelly Pickleball Court Use Policy to the Commission for review and approval that included policy items regarding preferred noise-dampening balls and paddles for pickleball play and court etiquette. The Commission approved the Pickleball Court Use Policy.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">October 2, 2018</a>	Staff presented possible mitigation solutions to the Commission, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performing a sound study;</li> <li>Installation of a noise-dampening product along the fences to help absorb the sound; or</li> <li>Revision of the Kelly Pickleball Court Use Policy with an approved equipment list and limiting court use hours.</li> </ul> <p>The Commission requested staff return at a future meeting with a recommendation to limit the hours of pickleball play and allocate funds for a sound study of the Kelly Pickleball Courts.</p>
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">February 5, 2019</a>	The Commission approved staff’s recommendation to temporarily reduce the hours of the Kelly Tennis and Pickleball Courts to 9:00 am through 9:00 p.m. daily to reduce noise impacts on nearby residents. The hours were previously 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. daily.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">August 6, 2019</a>	Acoustic Group, Inc (AGI) presented a sound study to the Commission completed on April 11, 2019 with two recommends for noise-dampening solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The installation of a 12-foot high wall made of concrete block, plexiglass, or acoustical blankets, on the north and east sides of the existing pickleball and tennis courts; or</li> <li>The installation of a 12-foot high noise-dampening product on all exterior fences surrounding the Kelly Tennis and Pickleball Courts.</li> </ul>

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	<p>The Commission received and filed the sound study and requested AGI return to the Commission with a presentation on the costs for the recommended options.</p>
<p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">December 3, 2019</a></p>	<p>Staff recommended the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the revised sound study from AGI, including costs associated with the two recommendations for noise-dampening products; and</li> <li>• Maintain the current hours of operations for the Kelly Tennis and Pickleball Courts until a formal decision has been made regarding the noise mitigation options.</li> </ul> <p>The Commission requested staff work alongside the since retired Department Use Policies Subcommittee to consider a recommendation on the noise-dampening products and limiting the court use hours and return to the Commission with a formal recommendation at a future meeting.</p>
<p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">July 7, 2020</a></p>	<p>Staff recommended the Commission approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a temporary Pickleball Membership Program open to residents, with an annual membership fee, allowing residents to make reservations at an hourly cost; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limiting the use hours to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sunday and Monday: closed;</li> <li>○ Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and</li> <li>○ Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The recommendation came as a result of a Safer at Home Order for Los Angeles County due to COVID-19 the Kelly Courts were closed on March 16, 2020. On May 13, 2020, a revised order was issued allowing for the reopening of the courts. These times were determined to provide the nearby residents, many of whom were working from home during Los Angeles County’s Safer at Home Orders, relief in the afternoons and later evenings as well as two days free from noise emanating from pickleball play. The Commission approved the recommendation.</p>
<p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">June 2, 2021</a></p>	<p>Staff and DUPS recommended the Commission recommend to City Council the approval of revisions to the Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and hours of operation, formed with the Pickleball Stakeholders Focus Group. The Commission recommended City Council approval of the updated use policies and hours with slight revisions.</p>

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City Council: <a href="#">July 13, 2021</a>	City Council approved the Commission’s recommendation on the updated use policies with revisions to the hours.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">November 2, 2021</a>	Staff presented a report to the Commission on the effectiveness of the updated Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy and hours of operation.
City Council: <a href="#">April 21, 2022</a>	Staff recommended CIP 619–Kelly Court Pickleball Improvements to City Council.
City Council: <a href="#">June 14, 2022</a>	City Council approved CIP 619–Kelly Court Pickleball Improvements as part of the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget and CIP.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">April 17, 2023</a>	The Commission provided input that it deemed the CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements a high-priority project.
City Council: <a href="#">April 20, 2023</a>	Staff proposed a revised scope of work for CIP 619–Kelly Court Pickleball Improvements to City Council.
City Council: <a href="#">June 7, 2023</a>	City Council approved CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements as part of the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget and CIP.
City Council: <a href="#">April 18, 2024</a>	City Council provided input on the FY 24-25 CIP including the Estimated CIP Project Schedule that detailed the conclusion of the final design for CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements and advertisement of construction within FY 24-25. The CIP presentation also detailed plans to renovate Kelly Courts.
Parks and Recreation Advisory and Public Works Commissions: <a href="#">October 29, 2024</a>	Joint Commission and Public Works Commission Parks Master Plan 2024 Study Session.
City Council: <a href="#">November 12, 2024</a>	City Council Approved and Adopted the 2024 Parks Master Plan.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">April 1, 2025</a>	The Commission reviewed CIP Project 619–Kelly Court Improvements and provided feedback to City Council.
City Council: <a href="#">September 30, 2025</a>	City Council approved the award of a construction contract for CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: <a href="#">February 10, 2025</a>	The Commission approved staff’s recommended Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy modifications with the exception of modifications to the courts’ hours of operation. The Commission recommended City Council approve maintaining the current hours of operations and requested staff report back to the Commission within 120

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	days following reopening with a report on complaints, community feedback, and court usage.

**Discussion:**

The functions of the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) are to provide opportunities for educational, recreational, cultural, and social service activities for all age groups, to develop and maintain the City’s leisure areas and facilities in an attractive and safe manner, and to ensure that such facilities are suitable for a wide variety of purposes.

The sport of Pickleball has grown significantly in popularity since the current Kelly Court Use Policy and hours of operation were adopted in 2021. For example, the Major League Pickleball (MLP) was founded in 2021. MLP is a professional league that features a team-based format similar to other major professional sports leagues, where teams of professional players compete in organized events held in cities across the United States. The league has helped elevate the sport’s national visibility and legitimacy as a professional competition.

In addition, in 2024, the Professional Pickleball Association, which operated the largest professional pickleball tournament tour in the United States, and MLP merged forming the United Pickleball Association, effectively aligning the two largest professional pickleball organizations and further consolidating the professional landscape of the sport. Since 2025, the leagues have been featured on major sports broadcasting networks, such as ESPN, demonstrating the sport’s continued national growth and mainstream recognition.

Pickleball is recognized as the fastest-growing sport in America and within the field of parks and recreation, according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association. The sport saw a 52% increase in participation from 2022 to 2023 alone, with an estimated 23 million active players in 2025 and approximately 48 million adults in the United States having played at least once in the past year. The fastest growth is among ages 25–34, making it popular with working adults seeking social and flexible recreation opportunities. According to the most recent census reporting, 25 percent of Hermosa Beach residents are ages 25–39, and 58 percent are ages 25–59.

Local demand in Hermosa Beach continues to increase. **Table 1** below shows the total annual pickleball memberships purchased, along with the associated revenue from memberships and member court reservations since the creation of the Pickleball Membership Program.

**Table 1: Annual Pickleball Memberships for Hermosa Beach**

Calendar Year	Total # of Memberships Purchased	Total Revenue from Memberships*	Total Revenue from Member Reservations*
2021	204	\$3,071	\$19,112
2022	290	\$4,656	\$33,739
2023	279	\$4,758	\$37,782
2024	290	\$5,220	\$37,714
2025	206	\$3,708	\$29,142

*\*The annual membership rate and hourly reservation rate increase by up to 5% annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to keep fees aligned with inflation and the cost of providing services.*

The City’s membership data displays increases in annual membership, membership revenue, and reservation revenue from 2021 in comparison to 2024 and consistently high demand of requests for court access. A decrease in 2025 was due to the temporary closure of all courts due to CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements.

In addition, staff conducted best practice research of local cities’ pickleball courts’ hours of operations and total number of courts available (**Table 2**). **Table 2** only outlines information about dedicated pickleball courts in each City that are managed by each City, and not dual use courts.

**Table 2: Local Cities Pickleball Court Hours of Operations**

City	Location and Hours of Operations	Total Dedicated Courts
Manhattan Beach	<u>Manhattan Heights Park</u> Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	3
	<u>Manhattan Beach Middle School</u> Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to Dusk	6
Redondo Beach	<u>Alta Vista</u> Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	4
Torrance	<u>Charles H. Wilson Park</u> 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily	2
	<u>Walteria Park</u> 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily	6

**Table 2: Local Cities Pickleball Court Hours of Operations Continued**

City	Location and Hours of Operations	Total Dedicated Courts
Torrance	<u>Sur La Brea Park</u> 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily	4
El Segundo	<u>Recreation Park</u> 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily	4
Lomita	<u>Lomita Park</u> 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily	4

In Hermosa Beach, high local demand and limited court hours have created constraints on pickleball availability. These limitations can hinder membership growth, drop-in participation, and the overall user experience. Expanding operating hours would better meet local demand, support the continued growth of pickleball in the community, and bring Hermosa Beach’s court access and scheduling more in line with nearby cities.

At its February 10, 2026 meeting, the Commission recommended approval of staff’s proposed Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy modifications, except for staff’s proposed changes to the court hours of operation, supporting instead maintaining the current hours for 120 days with a report back on complaints, community feedback, and court usage.

Commissioners expressed the following concerns regarding expansion of the courts’ hours of operation:

- The reopening of the two previously closed pickleball courts following completion of CIP 619–Kelly Court Improvements, resulting in a total of four courts, and concern that this could potentially increase noise impacts to nearby residents.
- The close proximity of nearby residences to the pickleball courts compared to the location of pickleball courts in other local cities, where facilities may be situated farther from residential areas.

In response to these concerns, staff notes that the reopening of the two previously closed courts would restore the facility to its originally intended configuration of four courts, consistent with the design approved when the courts were first established. While reopening the two closed courts would increase the number of simultaneous games that could occur at the facility, it would not necessarily result in a proportional doubling of noise levels and would result in a modest change in perceived sound. With regard to the proximity of the courts to nearby residences, staff conducted a review of comparable pickleball facilities in neighboring cities. The analysis found that pickleball courts in surrounding communities are generally located between approximately 60-350 feet (ft.) from residential properties on average. Local cities examples are provided in **Table 3**.

**Table 3: Local Cities Pickleball Court Distance to Residences**

City	Pickleball Courts Location	Approximate Distance to Residences
Manhattan Beach	Heights Park	190–280 ft.
	Manhattan Beach Middle School	50–150 ft.
Redondo Beach	Alta Vista	60–180 ft.
Torrance	Charles H. Wilson Park	140–350 ft.
	Walteria Park	150–280 ft.
	Sur La Brea Park	140–210 ft.
El Segundo	Recreation Park	100–190 ft.
Lomita	Lomita Park	70–160 ft.

By comparison, the Kelly Pickleball Courts in Hermosa Beach are located approximately 190–480 ft. from nearby residences, which places the facility within or beyond the range observed at comparable facilities in neighboring jurisdictions.

The following provides additional information regarding staff’s proposed options for modifications to the court hours of operation, which were presented to the Commission and are still recommended for City Council consideration in addition to the Commission’s recommendation.

Proposed Operating Hours: Option 1

In Option 1, staff proposes adjusting the Kelly Pickleball Court hours of operation to:

- Monday: closed
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Friday–Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In comparison to the current hours, Option 1 would maintain the existing hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, but would add Sunday hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., a day the courts are currently closed. Option 1 would result in an additional seven hours of court access, totaling 52 hours overall of court access throughout the week.

Additional benefits would include:

- Increased high-demand and resident access periods by adding Sunday hours as it would result in court access opportunities for working professionals.
- Increased membership sales, member retention, and reservations due to additional court access, leading to approximately \$4,000 in additional revenue annually.
- Reduced court crowding and wait times.
- Maintaining relief to the nearby residents one day a week, and several evenings.

Proposed Operating Hours: Option 2

In Option 2, staff propose adjusting the Kelly Pickleball Court hours of operation to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

In comparison to the current hours, Option 2 would result in an additional 39 hours of court access, totaling 84 hours overall of court access throughout the week.

Additional benefits would include:

- Aligns with the Kelly Pickleball Court hours with the Kelly Tennis and Basketball Courts.
- Maximizes community access and better meets overall recreational demand.
- Aligns with the growing sport popularity and comparable cities hours in the area.
- Increased membership sales, member retention, and reservations due to additional court access, leading to approximately \$36,900 in additional revenue annually.
- Reduced court crowding and wait times.

**Attachment 2** is the revised Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy with Option 1's proposed court hours of operation. **Attachment 3** is the revised policy with Option 2's proposed court hours of operation.

It should be noted, the Department plans to establish a new Adult Pickleball League on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and once established such programming would reduce court access for member reservations or open walk-on play by three hours weekly. Creating such a league aligns with the goals outlined in the Parks Master Plan for pickleball programming, including classes and organized leagues, and is anticipated to generate approximately \$10,000 in annual revenue from registration fees.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Depending on the option selected by City Council pertaining to the Kelly Pickleball Court hours of operation, anticipated revenue would be as follows per each option:

- Option 1 – Expanding hours to include Sundays (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), along with the proposed Adult Pickleball League on Thursday evenings is projected to generate approximately \$4,000 in additional annual revenue, bringing total estimated annual revenue to \$46,900, reflecting combined revenue from memberships and member reservations.
- Option 2 – Extending court hours to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily is projected to generate approximately \$36,900 in additional revenue annually, bringing total estimated annual revenue to \$79,800, reflecting combined revenue from memberships and member reservations.
- Option 3 – Maintaining the court hours (Commission recommendation) is projected to maintain existing annual revenue from memberships and member reservations, totaling approximately \$42,900 annually.

Additionally, the Kelly Pickleball Courts are currently projected to reopen at the end of April 2026, so revenue projections will be offset in 2026 as a result of the facility full closure for 33 percent of the year. Furthermore, across all three options, the Adult Pickleball League is projected to generate approximately \$10,000 in additional annual General Fund revenue, with potential to further increase with additional court use hours.

**Attachments:**

1. Current Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy
2. Option 1 Revised Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy
3. Option 2 Revised Kelly Pickleball Courts Use Policy

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Brian J. Sousa, Senior Recreation Supervisor

**Concur:** Lisa Nichols, Parks and Recreation Director

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Henry Chao, Finance Manager

**Reviewed by:** Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

**Approved:** Steve Napolitano, City Manager