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To: Mayor and City Council Members

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Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 04.07.2025

The following are communications that City Administration would like Council to be made aware of. In order to ensure that all questions are received and answered, all City Council Questions should be sent to the CITY MANAGER DISTRIBUTION GROUP e-mail address.

From: Councilman Chanda
Sent: April 06, 2025 at 6:45 PM
Subject: Question on Agenda Item I-6 for tomorrow's meeting – Pickleball Court

1. What is the exact location of these proposed eight courts? Based on the pictures on Page 3 and Page 5 of the agenda, it appears to be on the south side of the Baseball field (west of the North parking lot of FF Park). Could you please confirm whether that is indeed where the courts will be constructed?
2. I was approached by parents of a Troy Cowboys Youth Football member on the usage of this space for Football Practice. My understanding is that Cowboys games take place in the Field # 9 (Football Field on the east side). Is the proposed Court location just an open space or is it also rented by the Cowboys Football for practice?

Answer: Kurt Bovensiep – DPW Director

The image included in the agenda memo does accurately depict the court location, which is just west of the north parking lot between the baseball diamond and the wooded area where the play structures and swings are located.

The Troy Cowboys only practice at Firefighters Park. The games are held at school fields and other communities. The open space where the Pickleball courts are proposed was used by their freshman team for practice.

Even though we had good public engagement for this project, which is detailed in the memo, we did inadvertently overlook the Troy Cowboys and its use of this space. I spent time communicating with Christina Rupkey, Troy Cowboys President, over the weekend to fully understand their program needs and determine solutions. The Troy Cowboys will now have the use of Field #7, which is the closest field to the restroom to take the place of the open area where the Pickleball courts are proposed. This is a better field than what they were using as it is irrigated, mowed more frequently, and generally in better condition. The cheerleading practice area is not impacted but we did give them the option to move the practice area just west of the proposed courts. Ms. Rupkey indicated her satisfaction with this solution and believes it is a solution that improves the park for all.

From: Councilwoman Hodorek
Sent: April 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM
Subject: Agenda Question

Regarding Agenda Item: I-06

So great to see the input from members of the pickleball community gathered and comprehended. This reminds me that I've heard from a number of people there is a need for paddle racks at the courts at Redwood Park to ensure/reinforce the requirement for players to rotate. Do you have plans to add racks there?

Answer: Dennis Trantham – Deputy DPW Director

Yes, we will add racks at this location as well. The goal would be to purchase the same racks that will be installed at Firefighters Park.