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Dear Mayor and Council,

### Re: Retaining tennis courts for tennis play

I want to state first and foremost that I am fully supportive of any activity that motivates individuals to come out for physical activity and social interaction, such as pickleball and tennis provide. I expect that this view is shared by all players.

#### Net height

Unfortunately, the rules of pickleball stipulate that the nets are at a height that's 2" lower than tennis nets. Thus, pickleball players frequently use significant weights, such as large-volume water containers, to weigh down the nets to get the net height to the prescribed level for pickleball. I understand that.

However, these weights fatigue the net cord, lowering the net height for tennis players.

Providing a means for pickleball and tennis players to lower or raise the net to the respective desired heights could effectively resolve this issue.

#### Noise

It's a well-known fact that the equipment used to play pickleball produces noise that's markedly intrusive and distracting to individuals engaging in other activities or simply living nearby.

It's also a known fact that silence or noise dampening during tennis play are features of that sport.

In the case of the Centennial Park tennis courts, designating Court 1 for pickleball next to Courts 2 & 3 for tennis clearly flies in the face of these known and accepted features of the respective sports.

The tennis courts at Centennial Park are well-used in the spring-to-fall season by groups that play tennis regularly, by school groups, by groups of players that book their own regular lessons, by drop-in family or other group players, etc. All groups, playing either tennis or pickleball, avoid the hot midday sun and play in the mornings or evenings for their own good health.


The facility that is currently being constructed across Wallace Drive from the tennis courts at Centennial Park was expected to relieve the conflicting court issues by offering a dedicated space for pickleball to be played. The temporary lines for pickleball play were then to be removed from Court 1 on the Centennial courts.

This plan was agreeable to tennis and pickleball players alike.

Deviation from this plan is giving rise to the current problem.

I therefore urge the Council to follow through on the plan that was agreed upon by the community and Council.

Respectfully yours,  
Lili Jaehrlich

  
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