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TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: August 16, 2021 Council Agenda Responses

DATE: August 12, 2021

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**CA-1 - Resolution to Accept Four Sidewalks for Public Use (8 Votes Required)**

**Question:** Who is responsible (or is anyone responsible) for snow/ice removal on these connectors? (Councilmember Nelson)

**Response:** Connector walks are those defined by Section 49 (Sidewalks) of City Code under subsection 4:51 (1) (b) and (c) after being accepted by the City. Then Code subsection 4.60 (Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, walks, and ramps), specifically exempts owners abutting those walks from responsibility for winter maintenance. Therefore, if acceptance of the currently proposed Lansdowne connector walks occurs, abutting owners will not take on any winter maintenance responsibility. Essentially, no one is specifically responsible for winter maintenance either presently or after the City's acceptance of these connector walks.

**Question:** Does anything about this measure change or assign responsibility for snow/ice removal on these connectors? (Councilmember Nelson)

**Response:** No.

**Question:** Have I got this right? By accepting these sidewalks, the City ensures that they will be well maintained; currently, no individual or entity has responsibility for keeping them up? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** By accepting these sidewalks, City staff will inspect them regularly (presently once every five years), and schedule repair work, as needed. Presently, there is no specified entity responsible for making the repairs.

**CA-5 – Resolution to Approve a Contract with Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing to Convert One Tennis Court to Two Pickleball Courts while Renovating both the Tennis Court and Basketball Court Surfaces at Burns Park (\$87,450.00)**

**Question:** Is much of this \$87,450 going into actual repair of facilities or toward the conversion of the tennis court to a pickleball court? (Councilmember Radina)

**Response:** The majority of funds are being used to repair the existing game court infrastructure. \$7,950 is a standard 10% construction contingency that we typically apply to all our construction projects. \$9,575.00 (12%) is dedicated to the basketball court resurfacing, \$51,400.00 (65%) will be used for the existing tennis courts area, which would be required regardless of the pickleball addition, and \$18,525.00 (23%) are funds used towards adding new pickleball equipment, fencing, and benches. Attached is the itemized bid that was submitted by Laser Striping.

**Question:** My understanding is that Burns Park Tennis Courts are frequently in full use during most of the summer months. Are we seeing decreased use of tennis facilities prompting this shift? Or is there simply growing demand for pickleball courts? Are there other pickleball courts or would this be the only court accessible in nearby parks? (Councilmember Radina)

**Response:** Currently, there are only four permanent pickleball courts in the parks system. These four courts are located at Leslie Park, which were installed in 2018. Woodbury Park, Veteran’s Memorial Park, and South Maple Park currently do have temporary pickleball striping added to tennis courts. Regarding accessibility, only Veteran’s Memorial Park and Woodbury Park would be considered accessible. Leslie Park is realistically only accessible via vehicular transportation and does not have an adjacent paved parking lot. South Maple Park requires the use of stairs to access the courts. Sharing a parking lot with the Ann Arbor Senior Center, the proposed courts at Burns Park would be the first permanent accessible pickleball courts in the parks system. For reference, there are currently 32 tennis courts in parks around the city.

While Burns Park is a popular tennis facility, we have seen a growing demand for pickleball. The courts at Leslie Park are often at full capacity. Before moving forward with any changes to the Burns Park court configuration, we engaged the community to understand what they wanted. Staff published a survey asking about potential court configuration: remain the same, stripe for both pickleball and tennis, or provide two

dedicated pickleball and three dedicated tennis courts. We received 219 responses on the survey with approximately 55% voting in favor of dedicated pickleball, 25% voted for striping both pickleball and tennis, and 20% in favor of keeping four dedicated tennis courts. We presented this information to the Park Advisory Commission, which recommended moving forward with the proposed change of adding two dedicated pickleball courts. Survey results are attached.

**CA-6 - Resolution to Approve a Programmatic Partnership Agreement with USDA-NRCS for the Lake Erie Conservation Partnership: Food & Water for the Future of Southeast Michigan RCPP**

**Question:** Can this money be used to acquire both farmland and in-City property? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** USDA NRCS RCPP matching funds can only be utilized to purchase conservation easements on eligible properties. It cannot be used for property acquisition.

**CA-7 – Resolution to Approve Renewal of a Multi-Year Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft Corporation and Related Multi-Year Payment Plan and Sales and Service Agreement with Dell Marketing L.P. (\$1,370,000.00)**

**Question:** Were savings realized by renewing the existing contract rather than competitively bidding a new one? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** The Microsoft licensing was bid against the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) to provide fair prices to the public sector.

**Question:** Is it possible to estimate a dollar amount of those savings? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** Our last Enterprise Agreement was with CDW Government. Staff solicited an additional bid through Dell and found an annual savings of \$41,021.50, so we moved forward with them as our reseller.

**CA-17 – Resolution to Extend Approval of Downtown Street Closures for Restaurant and Retail Use**

**Question:** If I am not mistaken, this resolution extends street closures for some downtown areas, but limits the closures from Friday-Sunday, as opposed to Thursday-Sunday. What was the reason for this reduction? Most of the restaurant owners/managers I've spoken with downtown truly value the additional Thursday evening closure, have we

received input to the contrary from the businesses most impacted? (Councilmember Radina)

**Response:** The Main Street Area Association requested the closures to be altered to a Friday to Sunday timeline, and so we have drafted the resolution to comply with their request.

### **CA-18 – Resolution to Approve the Creation of a Social District in the Main Street Area**

**Question:** I'd like more explanation of this: "the social district program would continue to exist only on city sidewalks during times and dates when the street closures are not in effect." Do I understand this correctly, that when the streets are closed, the sidewalks are not utilized? (Councilmember Nelson)

**Response:** There are some times when the social district will be in effect, but the streets are not closed. During those times, patrons of the social district will be limited to walking just on sidewalks within the social district area.

**Question:** When the "social district" proposal first came up several months ago, concerns were raised by AAPD regarding the expectation that AAPD would incorporate additional tasks of policing this area into their regular detail; they also raised concerns that the boundaries of the district be very well-marked to avoid people moving from legal to illegal with a single step. I was told by DDA reps that these concerns have been addressed, and that the proposed SD for Ann Arbor follows the model that has been successfully used in other college towns. Is AAPD satisfied with the final version? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** This resolution allows City staff to review an application for a social district, in much the same way that our downtown street closures have been handled. Once the resolution is adopted, a management plan will be submitted to the city and reviewed by staff including police and fire. Once they are satisfied with the management plan, then the social district will be created and managed by the Main Street Area Association. In discussions leading up to this resolution, the City and the Main Street Area Association have discussed the need for clear signage marking the boundaries of the social district, and the need for an effective management plan that will ameliorate the need for additional public safety resources. Additionally, the resolution would give the City Administrator the authority to revoke or alter the social district if these public safety issues are not addressed. At this point, the management plan has not been finalized or reviewed by staff—but the social district will not be created until it has been.

# BID FORM

## Section 1 – Schedule of Prices

Company: Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing

Project **ITB No. 4684, Burns Park Game Court Improvements**

Considering the nature and location of the work contained in this ITB, it is the City's desire and intent to make one award to a single contractor. Therefore, bids submitted must respond to all line items for both athletic courts provided below to be considered responsive.

### Unit Price Bid –

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<b><u>Tennis / Pickleball Court:</u></b>			
1. Remove existing fence fabric and rails as needed and reinstall when paving is complete	650 LF	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
2. Clean out and repair existing cracks with RiteWay crack repair system	1150 LF	\$ <u>20.00</u>	\$ <u>23,000.00</u>
3. Provide and install new Pickleball posts	4 EA	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
4. Provide and install new Pickleball nets and tie downs	2 EA	\$ <u>400.00</u>	\$ <u>800.00</u>
5. Provide and install new Tennis nets and tie downs	3 EA	\$ <u>450.00</u>	\$ <u>1,350.00</u>
6. Remove 2 tennis net posts and patch asphalt	LS	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
7. Provide and install 4' tall chain-link fencing to separate Pickleball courts	125 LF	\$ <u>35.00</u>	\$ <u>4,375.00</u>
8. Color coat and stripe three tennis courts and two Pickleball courts	3000 SY	\$ <u>9.00</u>	\$ <u>27,000.00</u>

9. Provide and install new benches – include removing existing asphalt game surface And installing concrete pad	2 EA	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
10. Tree Protection Fencing	450 LF	\$2.00	\$900.00
11. Lawn Restoration	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Estimated Total for Tennis/Pickleball Courts**      \$ 69,925.00

**Basketball Court:**

1. Clean out and repair existing cracks with RiteWay crack repair system	315 LF	\$18.00	\$5,670.00
2. Color coat and stripe basketball court	400 SY	\$8.00	\$3,200.00
3. Tree Protection Fencing	365 LF	\$1.50	\$547.50
4. Lawn Restoration	LS	\$157.50	\$157.50

**Estimated Total for Basketball Courts**      \$ 9,575.00

**ESTIMATED TOTAL FOR BURNS PARK GAME COURTS (COMBINED)**      \$ 79,500.00

# BURNS PARK TENNIS COURT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

**Thank you** for participating in our recently released survey regarding the renovation of the Burns Park tennis courts. We received a tremendous amount of responses, further highlighting the value that the community places in its parks system! Your input is greatly appreciated and helps us to better understand community ideas, concerns and priorities.

The survey, open from June 26-July 15, asked community members to vote on one of three options for the future configuration of the Burns Park courts. We received 219 survey responses from the community and 69 comments. The survey was advertised on NextDoor, GovDelivery, Facebook, Twitter and via mail to residents who live within 1/4 mile of the park.

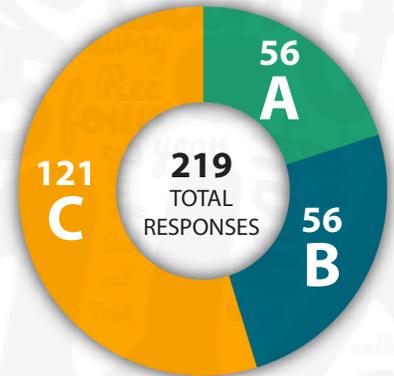
Based on survey results and comments received, the community strongly favored incorporating permanent pickleball infrastructure in the redesign. Option C which proposes creating two pickleball courts and keeping three tennis courts received the majority of votes. The city's park planners will present the community feedback and recommend moving forward with Option C at the next **Parks Advisory Commission meeting, currently scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.**



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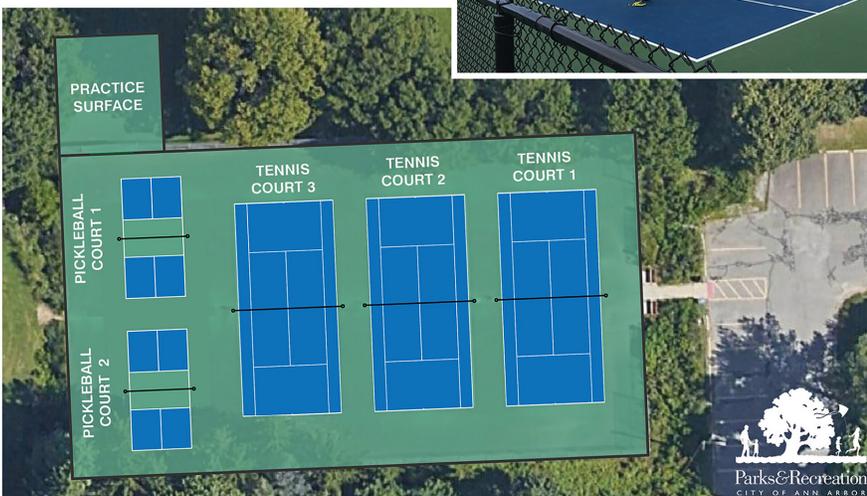
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## BURNS PARK COURTS OPTION C

Three Tennis Courts /  
Two Pickleball Courts



## BURNS PARK COURTS OPTION A

Four Tennis Courts  
(Current Layout)



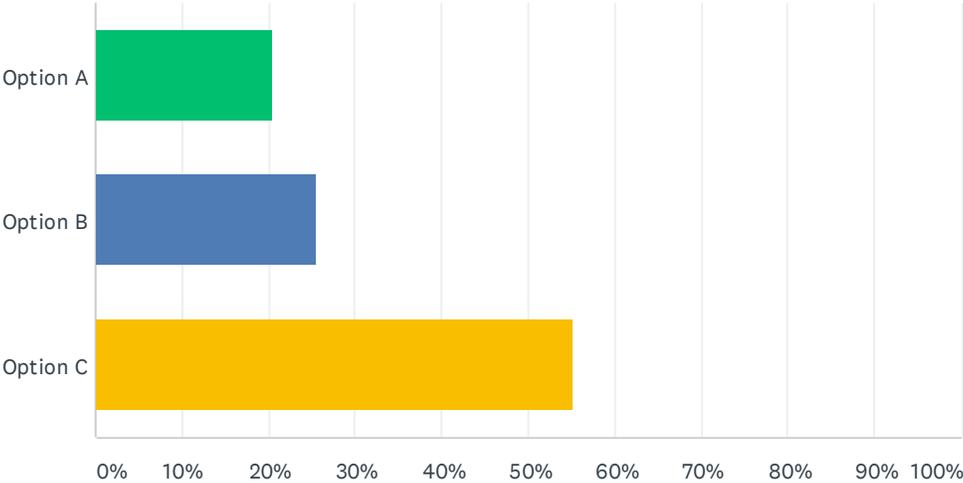
## BURNS PARK COURTS OPTION B

Four Tennis Courts /  
Overstripe Two Pickleball Courts



# Q1 Choose Option A, B or C.

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0

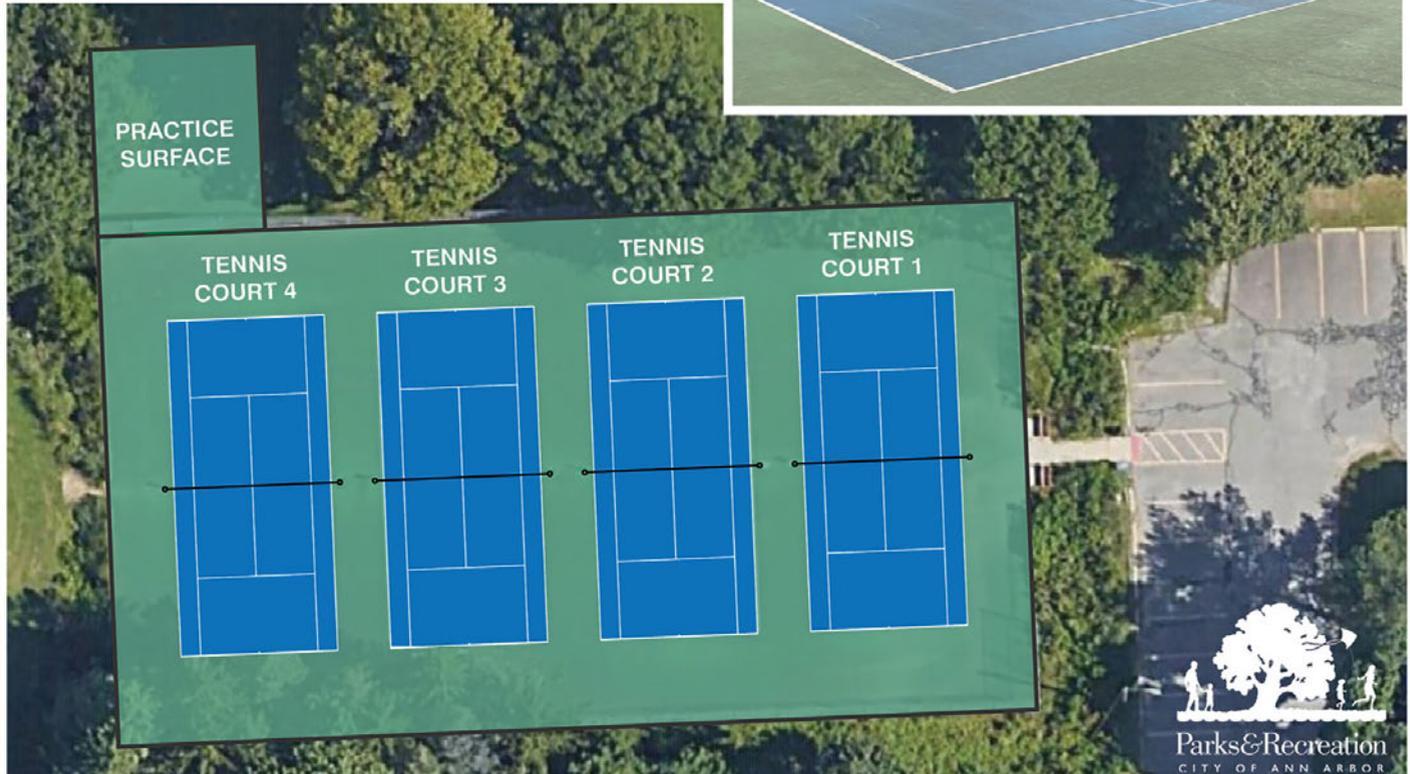


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option A	20.55%	45
Option B	25.57%	56
Option C	55.25%	121
Total Respondents: 219		

# BURNS PARK COURTS

## OPTION A

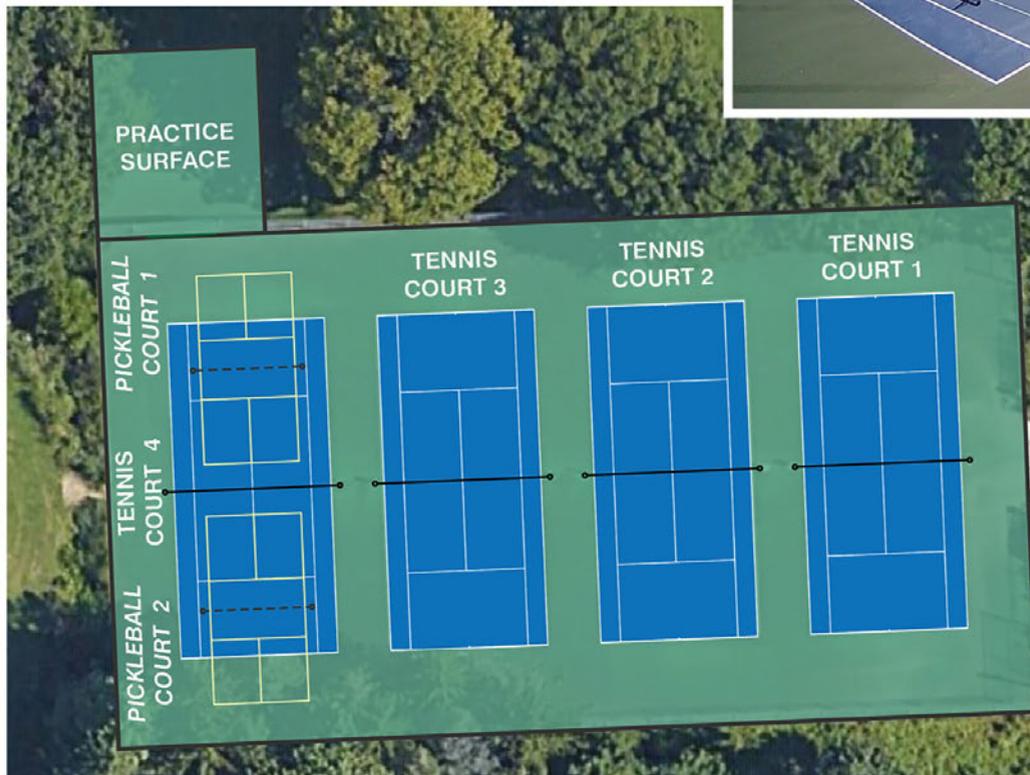
*Four Tennis Courts  
(Current Layout)*



# BURNS PARK COURTS

## OPTION B

*Four Tennis Courts /  
Overstripe Two Pickleball Courts*



### NOTES:

- Pickleball court striping will be a different color than tennis court striping for contrast.

- Pickleball nets are not installed in **Option B**, but portable nets can be used. Some portable nets will be made available at the senior center for checkout when the facility is open.



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# BURNS PARK COURTS

## OPTION C

*Three Tennis Courts /  
Two Pickleball Courts*

