



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 18, 2025
TO: City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of funding and building four Pickleball courts and Dog park using general fund reserves and being paid back by future Measure B funds

Recommendation: Council approve Resolution 25-, authorizing City Manager Cain to purchase the needed materials and construct four Pickleball courts and a dog park.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

In late 2024, the City of Colusa Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission (PRT) conducted a public meeting to discuss Pickleball courts in Colusa. At that meeting, there was a lot of public support for the City to build pickleball courts. There was a lot of discussion on how many and where they should be. The PRT commissioners voted in favor of having four pickleball courts built at Sankey Elm Wood Park. It was discussed and decided to place the pickleball courts where the BBQ area is currently located and have the BBQ area relocated to the east side of the tennis courts. After going out and looking at the proposed area I found that there would be a lot of preconstruction and reconstruction that would need to take place before we could start to build the pickleball courts. Just the removal of the Elm trees, I believe, would cause long-term settling issues. I have gone out to Sankey Elm Wood Park with several people and times to look at the best spot to install the new pickleball courts. I have not determined the location of the new courts, but it looks like the best place to install them would be in the area near the corner of 4th Street and Webster Street. This location will take out some open space in that park that is currently being used for soccer. I think that this location has the least amount of impact in the park to build pickleball courts.

We have done some research on what the costs would be to build four pickleball courts and if we were go out to bid and have them designed and constructed the costs could be around \$500,000. My plan would be to build these inhouse using city staff, myself and citizens who said they would volunteer to help in any way they can. The only thing as of right now is that I would bring in JV concrete to supply ten guys to help pour and finish the concrete slab. He has agreed to provide that service for \$15,840. The concrete slab is the most important

process of this project, it needs to be flat, so it doesn't pool water and it needs to be finished extremely smooth. The City does not have the type of manpower that it would take to complete that type of finish work that is needed.

At that same PRT meeting it was discussed, and it was decided that we needed to investigate building a dog park. The PRT commission talked about what would be a good location for a dog park. They looked at all of the parks trying to see where something like that would work, after several comments and questions, all of the PRT commission members but one thought that it would be a good idea to have one installed here at City Hall on the 4th Street and Webster Street side. At first, I didn't like that idea but after looking at that area and how we could install the fencing, I now think that this would be a good area to try one out and see how it works.

I have done some research on the costs of constructing the pickleball courts and dog parks using city staff and volunteers. Rebar lumber and stake would be \$7,000; \$15,840 to pour and finish; concrete \$25,000; pump truck would be \$1,500; and \$10,000 for nets and posts. Right now, it is estimated the epoxy and painting of the courts would be \$25,000; and \$8,000 for irrigation line removal and relocation. The fencing and dog water station is estimated to cost \$7,500. I have not included fencing or lighting in this project, but this is something that can be added if Measure B passes again in 2026.

I have not yet included staff time costs to construct these projects. The staff time and costs will depend on who and how many people are going to volunteer to help with this project. All staff time will be accounted for in the final budget when the project is completed.

BUDGET IMPACT: not to exceed \$125,000 using general fund reserves.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Council to approve Resolution 25-

ATTACHMENT:
Resolution 25-