

Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation

Parks & Recreation Commission
July 6, 2023



Project Timeline

December 6, 2022

Project approved
with 2023-2024
Budget + CIP

March 2, 2023

PRC supported
striping for
pickleball-only
instead of dual-use

March-May 2023

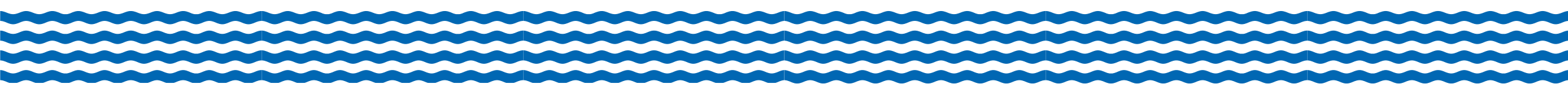
Developed
alternatives for
pickleball court
configuration

June 2023

Refined preferred
pickleball court
configuration

Developing the Preferred Court Configuration

- Started with **3 design alternatives** reviewed by staff from CIP, Parks Operations, and Recreation teams.
- **Refined designs into 4 alternatives** that were shared with pickleball players June 1-7 for input.
 - Distributed via pickleball community liaisons and pickleball networks, including Dink on Mercer Island forum.
 - Received more than 100 comments.
 - Input included preference for 8-court design and north/south orientation as well as thoughts about additional amenities such as seating, shelter, lighting, and other design elements.
- Staff, pickleball representatives, and design consultant met June 8 to refine the design and identify the preferred court configuration (Exhibit 1 in agenda packet).



Preferred Court Configuration



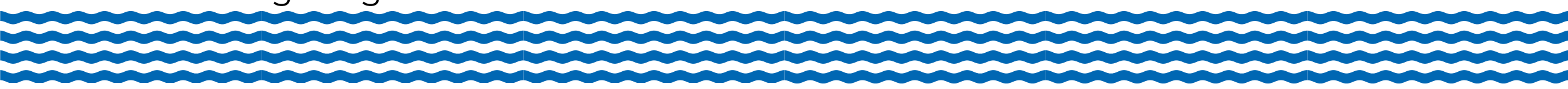
- 8 courts
- North/south orientation
- Court dimensions recommended by USA Pickleball
- No seating, shelter, etc., on the court

Other Design Considerations

Individual Court Fencing

- Fences around individual courts help keep balls within the court during play.
- Identified as a “nice to have” design feature for optimal gameplay during preliminary engagement.
- Staff are still evaluating this feature and will update the PRC once a final design decision is made.

Lighting

- Lighting installation not included in original project scope or budget, and LBP Master Plan does not provide specific guidance on lighting the courts.
 - Operational impacts to extending park hours with lights; adding lighting would require additional public process.
 - Staff **do not recommend adding lighting to this project.**
 - We are exploring feasibility of installing limited electrical infrastructure to consider lighting in the future if desired.
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Recommendation + Next Steps

- Staff seek the PRC's recommendation to send the preferred court configuration as shown in Exhibit 1 to City Council for approval.
- New Let's Talk page is live, and preferred design has been posted.

<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/lbp-sport-courts-renovation-pickleball>

- Once approved by City Council, staff and consultant will move into permitting.

