

Ashley Wayman

From: Eric Winslette <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:02 PM
To: Ashley Wayman
Cc: 'Dana Winslette'
Subject: Traffic and Safety Concerns Related to Pickleball Courts

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Dear Ms. Wayman,

I am writing to express concerns that my wife, Dana, and I have regarding the operation of pickleball courts near our residence on Hatley Dr. We understand that there has been a lot of discussion on this topic and that there is a meeting scheduled tonight (Jan 17th) to discuss their operations and development guidelines further. While we appreciate the recreational opportunities they provide, we wanted to weigh in on issues we think require attention for the safety and well-being of our community.

Traffic Congestion:

The influx of players (which for 4 courts can be as many as 16 at a time) and potentially spectators has increased traffic in our neighborhood. This becomes a significant concern, particularly during morning hours when there is heightened activity around the nearby bus stops on Hatley Dr. The increased volumes of traffic (often over many hours during the day) pose a potential risk to both pedestrians and vehicles.

Parking Challenges:

Although there has been an improvement lately with players parking on one side of the street, the congestion caused by a high volume of parked cars remains problematic. The constriction in traffic flow creates a risk of incidents, especially for children using the bus stop and pedestrians walking in the neighborhood, some of whom are elderly and may be at even greater risk.

Timing of Games:

Early morning games contribute to the traffic issues and exacerbate the risk for children commuting to the bus stop. Adjusting the timing of games or establishing guidelines for when pickleball activities can occur would help mitigate these concerns. Our view is that it would be outside of any time when buses are scheduled to be picking up or dropping off in the neighborhood. Aligning these timing restrictions with existing construction or park area restrictions has been proposed and we are supportive of that.

We understand that there are many other issues associated with these courts and being discussed – noise, appearance, lighting, etc. – all of which are legitimate concerns. For us, the primary issue lies in the potential safety hazards associated with increased traffic, which argues for a greater limitation on the timing of the activity, the number of courts and number of players/spectators. We kindly request that the City of Rollingwood follow through on formally addressing these concerns to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric and Dana Winslette
3011 Hatley Drive

Desiree Adair

From: Mary Elizabeth Cofer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 6:31 PM
To: Desiree Adair
Subject: sport courts

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Desiree, My number one concern regarding sport courts in residential areas is the drainage issues that will be exacerbated by additional impervious cover. We are going to spend good taxpayer money to correct the current issues and we do NOT need to add to the problem.

Secondly, I am concerned about the potential for noise issues for the neighbors.

Regards,

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Mary Elizabeth Cofer

Desiree Adair

From: Wilson, Clark R [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Desiree Adair
Subject: Comment for council meeting

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We would appreciate it if you would include the following message in the City Council Meeting agenda packet for the next meeting

November 10, 2023

Dear Rollingwood City Council:

This is a comment concerning sport court regulation within Rollingwood.

We understand there are existing limitations on lighting and hours of use for tennis and pickle ball courts at the Western Hills Athletic Association facilities. In our opinion, similar limitations ought to apply to other sport courts located within residential areas of Rollingwood to preserve the peaceful environment that we have enjoyed for over 40 years.

Best regards,

**Clark and Ellin Wilson
3018 Hatley Drive
Rollingwood**

Desiree Adair

From: Erik Stelnieks [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Desiree Adair
Subject: Sport Court Discussion

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As residents of 308 Nixon Drive, we would like to voice support on more discussion on regulation around pickle ball/sport court activities. The noise should be measured and adhere to the cities 60db sound ordinance limit at the lot line. Also, we here the play start very earlier on some mornings, and feel like there should be some reasonable start and stop times similar to the cities sport courts.

We won't be in town for the town hall meeting but wanted to write in to show our concern over the issue.

Thank you,

Amy Burton
Erik Stelnieks

From: Ellie Wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 6:01 PM
To: Desiree Adair <dadair@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Subject:

Dear Ms Adir,

Please include this email in the Agenda Packet for the Nov 15 City Council meeting.

I am writing regarding the 'sports court topic' agenda item on the next city council meeting.

I live at 432 Brady Lane and regularly walk or drive down Hatley Drive. The current use of the pickleball court at 3016 Hatley is disruptive and unsafe for fellow residents. There are frequently so many cars parked outside the house that anyone walking has to move into the middle of the street to get pass- this is obviously hazardous. The parked cars also make it difficult for cars to pass each other easily and has previously prevented the school bus from turning into Laura Lane.

In addition, the use of court lights (which I understand are prohibited under Rollingwood City ordinance) are a nuisance for all surrounding neighbours and allow for noisy pickle ball games to start at unreasonably early hours of the day, further disrupting other residents.

I ask that the council insist the court be used in a manner that is appropriate for personal residential use (during daylight hours with a more reasonable number of players at any one time). And that anyone playing on the court park in a safe and respectful manner.

I have attached a photo showing a recent example of parking that I encountered by a pickle ball player. This made turning in and out of Laura lane very difficult.

Thank you for your time.
Ellie walker

Desiree Adair

From: Kristen Burns [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 3:38 PM
To: Desiree Adair; Scott Burns
Subject: Pickleball

Hi,

I know I have missed the deadline to email a complaint regarding the pickleball use on Hatley, but I will try anyway.

The use of the pickleball courts have gotten out of hand. They are in use daily, start very early, and go on for much of the day. Besides the irritating noise pickleball creates, the excessive amount of players parking is extremely dangerous and most likely illegal. The cars create blind spots and narrow passages since they park on both sides of the street. Lastly, the players have started undressing under towels by their cars. This is not appropriate.

Please set some boundaries/regulations so we can all enjoy our wonderful neighborhood.

Thanks
Kristen & Scott Burns
107 Laura Lane

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Desiree Adair

From: Kate Andrade [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Desiree Adair
Subject: Can this email be included in the Agenda Packet for the Nov 15 City Council meeting.

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Good afternoon,
I am so sorry this is late, but I am hoping it can still be included in the 11/15 city council meeting packet.

Dear Rollingwood City Council,
Thank you so much for including sport court usage in today's board meeting.

My family has been on Laura Ln since 2018. We love Rollingwood and especially love our little corner with kind neighbors and lots of folks walking up and down the street with families and dogs all the time.

Over the last few years, however, the pickle all courts on Hatley have become increasingly problematic. During 2020 the usage went from occasional to near constant. While we were happy to see community finding ways to be together during the pandemic, the large number of cars parked both on Laura and Hatley almost immediately posed serious issues for both foot and bike traffic. We stopped driving our cars that direction whenever possible and had to either accompany our children through the area or have them find alternate routes. We would routinely stick post-its on cars parked in ways that created hazards for both cars and pedestrians pointing out the hazards they posed; however we would see the same cars parked close to or on each corner and a good distance from the curbs over and over.

We walk all the time and the noise from the courts starts early in the morning and can be heard on our street, Park Hills, and Pleasant at all hours turning our quiet walks into something much less pleasant.

More recently, usage has again increased. Just this Saturday there were so many cars parked up and down both streets that we witnessed several near collisions as well as a gentleman changing next to his car.

While we feel this home owner has every right to enjoy their courts, they have purchased a residential lot and therefore do not have adequate parking or changing facilities to accommodate the league that now meets daily for several hours. We purchased our home with the expectation that our neighbors may have the occasional party or event, but not that any of them would host anything on this scale (often while they are not home) daily.

We are incredibly concerned for the safety of pedestrians and children on bikes that come past the area as the number of cars and traffic generated is only increasing.

We look forward to your thoughtful discussion and help resolving these serious safety issues for our city.

Best,
Kate and Pedro Andrade
109 Laura Ln
Please excuse any typos

Desiree Adair

From: Maria Abernathy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:41 PM
To: Desiree Adair
Subject: Neighbor comment re pickleball courts on Hatley Dr.

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For City Council consideration:

I have just realized that this comment will arrive too late for inclusion in the packet for City Council 11/15/23, agenda item 15. However, I would like to make remarks for the record:

We live at 3216 Park Hills Dr., south and west of 3016 Hatley Dr., whose pickleball courts have raised neighbors' concerns. We only hear the noise generated by games at these courts when we walk on Hatley or on Pleasant Dr. I agree with the neighbors whose lot adjoins these courts on the east - Having to cope with that noise every Monday through Friday, from 6:30am, must impair sleep and rattle nerves.

The number of cars drawn to Hatley and Laura Lane by these games is also alarming. When we walked at 10:30am on a Saturday morning, there were easily more than 20 cars just on Hatley (and games were in progress on a Saturday).

I appreciate the camaraderie and mutual support which this group of friends has found through pickleball games, but I think Rollingwood should develop ordinances to protect neighbors from issues of noise and traffic/pedestrian disruption -- e.g., no games before 9am or after 9pm, sound barrier construction where a sport court is a certain distance from a required setback, limiting parked cars only to the lot (or, in this case, lots) involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this opinion.

Maria Abernathy