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Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 10:52 AM
To: Ashley Wayman
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Subject: Pickleball at Jan 17 City Council meeting

Hi A. May I ask that these thoughts be added to the discussion of pickleball on Jan 17. I may be able to make the meeting in person but please forward this note to Council.

Dear Council, the private sports pickleball facility has raised an issue that now seems to be addressed by law. I believe that simple courtesy to our neighbors should be primary but when neighbors do not agree then it is time for laws.

1. Not just pickleball. Perhaps we should regulate "sports or athletic areas". Who would of thought of pickleball when we bought our homes in Rollingwood? The current neighbor could change pickleball courts to basketball courts or whatever new sport courts and then we are back to where we started.
2. Not a neighbor to neighbor issue. This situation could happen to any of us.
3. Noise. Pickleball is loud. Probably the loudest sport other than skeet or trap shooting. This activity violates the current noise ordinance of 60 decibels. Let's enforce the ordinance as written or repeal it.
4. This is a private sports club in a residential only city space. One of the news articles mentioned that the non-residents players "passed the hat" to pay for the courts. People, non-residents, are being charged to play on those courts.
5. Danger to us. The parking situation at this club puts our residents at risk of harm by shrinking the width of the roads with a big pinch point. Look at all of our children on their new Christmas bikes and all of our resident walkers.
6. Home values. The noise and activity has made the neighbors' homes worth far less if anyone is even willing to buy into the situation

Please pass a reasonable ordinance that balances the concerns of all and reinforces the notion that this a zoned residential community. I thank you for your service to Rollingwooders.

Be well, Christopher Meakin, 310 Nixon Drive.