

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: MIKE KUDRON, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

SUBJECT: BRYANT RANCH PARK BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission provide comments on the Bryant Ranch improvement project.

BACKGROUND

The City of Yorba Linda received funding as part of the State of California Budget Act for improvements at Bryant Ranch Park in the amount of \$700,000. The focus of this improvement project is to construct a new basketball court, which is consistent with the Master Plan for the park.

A Master Plan for Bryant Ranch Park was developed in 2004 and construction of Phase I followed, consisting of the parking lot, restroom building, athletic field, playground, irrigation system, landscaping, and other features. Due to budget constraints, Phase II (basketball court and two tennis courts) was put on hold until funding could become available. Funding has now been secured for a portion of Phase II and the Parks and Recreation Commission prioritized the Bryant Ranch Park Basketball Court Project during the Commission meeting held on March 16, 2023.

Since the original Master Plan for Bryant Ranch Park was created, pickleball has become extremely popular. To address this rapidly growing sport, four pickleball courts were constructed at Las Palomas Park, and pickleball overlay lines have been added to the basketball courts at Box Canyon Park, Brush Canyon Park, and the newly constructed basketball court at Vista Del Verde Park.

In February 2024, the concept design for the Bryant Ranch Park project was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission after receiving public input and comments on the proposed concept design, which included 3 pickleball overlay courts as part of the project.

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DISCUSSION

The City of Yorba Linda now has pickleball courts at four different park sites. Each of the parks with pickleball courts are unique and have had various issues related to pickleball. The Parks and Recreation Commission has done a good job to help mitigate those impacts including establishing a reservation system at Las Palomas and adopting specific rules at other parks to minimize pickleball conflicts and concerns.

With the experience gained to date, staff is recommending that the Parks and Recreation Commission confirm that the Bryant Ranch basketball court design with three pickleball overlay courts is still the preferred option. Alternatives could be to reduce the number of pickleball courts to two or eliminate the pickleball courts from the project.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Concept Design
- B. Plan View