



# CITY OF MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION A G E N D A

*The City of Morro Bay is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life.  
The City shall be committed to this purpose and will provide a level of municipal service and safety  
consistent with and responsive to the needs of the public.*

**Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 19, 2015  
Veteran's Memorial Building - 5:30 P.M.  
209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA**

Chairperson Drew Sidaris

Vice-Chairperson Tom Coxwell  
Karen Croley  
Bob Swain

John Bates  
Al Romero

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Adopt-A-Park Presentations

Morro Cove – Morro Cove Homeowners Association

Roundabout – Rotary Club of Morro Bay

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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- All remarks shall be addressed to the Commission, as a whole, and not to any individual member thereof.
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- Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments or cheering.
- Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the Commission to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting.
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A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 Approval of Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held on January 15, 2015.

**Staff Recommendation: Approve minutes.**

A-2 Correspondence/Citizen's Reports

**Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.**

A-3 Participation Reports

Youth and Senior Services January & February 2015

Recreation Classes and Affiliated Clubs January & February 2015

Youth and Adult Sports January & February 2015

Facilities and Parks January & February 2015

**Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.**

A-4 Department Program/Project Status Report

**Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.**

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 Review and Discussion of the Work Program for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

**Staff Recommendation: Discuss and make recommendations to forward to City Council.**

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Discussion of Possible Expansion of Pickleball Facilities

**Staff Recommendation: Discuss and make recommendations to forward to City Council.**

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to a regular meeting scheduled at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, on May 21, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

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## **MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING – January 15, 2015  
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Chair Sidaris, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Coxwell, Commissioner Croley, Commissioner Ochs, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Swain, and Staff Woods.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Coxwell announced the Morro Bay High School will be hosting the CIT Wrestling Tournament January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. 65 wrestling teams will be competing in the tournament. Commissioner Coxwell also announced *Valentines' Delight*, a concert featuring the MB High School choir and band to be held February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Los Osos Community Center.

Commissioner Swain announced that the CERT class is underway at the Morro Bay Fire Department and encouraged residents to watch for future offerings of this class.

Staff Woods announced that City Council Member Christine Johnson is the new Council Representative to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Staff Woods also announced that he had a late email from a Cal Poly student expressing interest in working with the Recreation Department on our Needs Assessment. A team of three students will spend this quarter developing a pilot survey.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Staff Woods presented Trina Dougherty, President of Eco Rotary Club of Morro Bay with a Certificate of Appreciation for the club's volunteer efforts at Bay Shore Bluffs Park. Ms. Dougherty gave an overview of the Eco Rotary Club of Morro Bay and the work they do at Bay Shore Bluffs Park.

Staff Woods presented Jan Goldman, Vice President of the Morro Bay Garden Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for the club's volunteer efforts at the Harbor Walk Entrance. Ms. Goldman gave information about the MB Garden Club including Dahlia Daze and their commitment to beautifying the city.

Chair Sidaris expressed the city's gratitude for these groups of volunteers.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Sidaris opened Public Comment.

Kathy Thomas, Morro Bay Pickleball Ambassador, gave an update on Pickleball in Morro Bay highlighting the increased participation and need for additional courts.

Robert Thomas spoke on the popularity of Pickleball and how being able to host tournaments would attract tourists to Morro Bay. Mr. Thomas emphasized that Morro Bay could become a Pickleball destination.

Joel Hilden, Cambria Pickleball Ambassador, expressed his gratitude for the city's support of Pickleball and stated that Morro Bay has the opportunity to become a Pickleball destination.

Taylor Hilden, Cambria resident, expressed her support of Pickleball in Morro Bay and encouraged the city to convert any unused tennis courts to Pickleball courts. Ms. Hilden noted that Cuesta College has discontinued their tennis program and is looking to start offering Pickleball on their tennis courts. She stated that Pickleball is the future.

Ed Boise, Pickleball player, bought some equipment in 2010 and started playing in Ogden, UT. He is excited to see the sport expanding and to be playing in Morro Bay.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay resident for 30 years and a tennis player, does not want to see any tennis courts converted to Pickleball. She stated that members of the Surfside Tennis Club worked hard for the courts at Monte Young and that the soft courts at Del mar don't work for most tennis players.

Jeff Napier is a tourist that was passing through on his way to play Pickleball in Arizona, but decided to stay in Morro Bay for the winter because we have Pickleball and wonderful weather. Mr. Napier stated that converting tennis courts involved just adding some additional stripes. He also stated that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and is very safe with injuries uncommon.

Julie Brewer stated that a knee injury sent her to Pickleball and that she loves the Morro Bay courts. She has been enjoying playing here then going to lunch and exploring the area.

Bruce Bedrigen was a Morro Bay High School teacher for 33 years and his wife currently teaches P.E. His wife is teaching her students to play Pickleball because any skill level or ability will quickly have success with the sport. Pickleball appeals to all ages.

Nancy Weis, a retired teacher, stated that Pickleball is easily picked up by a wide range of ages, skill levels and abilities. She stated that additional striping is an efficient use of court space but that dedicated Pickleball courts would be most optimal. She expressed her appreciation for the support of the Commission.

Nancy Bedrigan, P.E. and Art teacher at Laguna Middle School has been teaching Pickleball for 10 years. Many of her students do not play other traditional school sports, but all can enjoy Pickleball. Ms. Bedrigan spends her summers at Mount Shasta where Pickleball players share courts with tennis players.

Karen Swarzman, Morro Bay resident since December, has found playing Pickleball a way to meet people in her new community. Ms. Swarzman praised Kathy and Robert Thomas for their efforts to bring Pickleball to Morro Bay.

Karl Ferson, member of Surfside Tennis Club, stated that the club currently has 70 members. Mr. Ferson shared that the sentiment of the club is that the city moves slowly on the conversion of any tennis courts to Pickleball courts. Mr. Ferson stated several maintenance needs for Monte Young Park tennis courts, and will give a list to Staff Woods. Mr. Ferson stated that the tennis club worked to build the courts at Monte Young Park and continues to raise funds for nets and other needs and that the Pickleball players should be raising funds for Pickleball courts.

Susan Babcock expressed her support of Pickleball and thanked the city for its support and Kathy and Robert Thomas for all their efforts.

Teri Schwartz, Morro Bay resident, purchased her home near Monte Young Park because she and her husband are tennis players. She expressed her support of Pickleball and that a year ago she was not in favor of striping a tennis court for Pickleball but now feels there is room for both sports at Monte Young.

Tom Riley, Morro Bay resident and Surfside Tennis Club member, expressed his concern about lowering tennis nets and his worry that the expensive nets will be damaged. He stated that the club pays for the nets at Monte Young. He also stated that Pickleball stripes are distracting to tennis players even though tennis stripes are not distracting to Pickleball players due to the smaller size of a Pickleball court. Pickleball is a great sport, they just need separate space.

Silva De Santas, Morro Bay resident for 30 years, uses the Monte Young tennis courts and stated that there are very few courts in Morro Bay. He also stated that many tennis players do not like the surface at Del Mar. He is supportive of Pickleball at Del Mar not at Monte Young where a lot of tennis is played.

Commissioner Romero asked if the Pickleball group has looked into using the basketball court at Coleman Park. Kathy Thomas responded that the court would need costly refurbishing and that it is easier to use the hockey rink. She also stated that the surface at the Del Mar tennis courts is not ideal for Pickleball.

Commissioner Swain asked why the nets would need to be lowered when putting four Pickleball courts on a tennis court. Kathy Thomas responded that the net is only lowered when the tennis court is being used for one Pickleball court. She also noted that the courts at Monte Young are wanted for weekend play of Pickleball.

Commissioner Coxwell stated that he is one of the tennis coaches at Morro Bay High School and asked what the group is doing to involve youth in Pickleball. Robert Thomas responded that not having weekend access to courts has hindered their ability to reach youth and working adults. He noted that during winter break there were several young people and working adults that came out to Del Mar Park and showed interest in Pickleball.

Commissioner Croley stated that she understands that tennis players don't want to lose courts and that this is similar to the city's shortage of playing fields for soccer, softball and baseball. She noted that Little League has been encouraged to raise their own money to secure more fields.

Chair Sidaris closed Public Comment and called for a 5 minute break.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission, the following items are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2014 MEETING

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-2 CITIZEN'S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-3 YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014

RECREATION CLASSES AND AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014  
YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS SUMMARY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014  
FACILITIES AND PARKS USE SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-5 SOLAR ENERGY REPORT

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

MOTION: Commissioner Coxwell moved that the Commission pull Consent Calendar Item A-4 for further review. The motion was carried without a second. (7-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Bates moved to accept Consent Calendar Items A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-5 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (7-0)

A-4 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods summarized the Department Program/Project Status Report noting that the Maintenance Division is no longer part of the Recreation Department. Staff Woods also noted the Bike Park MOU approval by Council, the Morro Bay in Bloom NEP grant for rainwater harvesting at Centennial Park, and the Main Street Parklet.

Commissioner Ochs asked how residents can voice their concerns about the Parklet.

Staff Woods responded that the best way would be to submit a letter or email to the City Manager's office.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to accept Consent Calendar Item A-4 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (7-0)

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

B-1 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16.

Staff Woods presented the draft of the 2015/16 Work Program requesting recommendations from the Commission.

Commissioner Croley requested that working with the BMX Bike Park group be added as #27 in the Administration Division.

Commissioner Coxwell noted that he and other booster members have experienced a lot of frustration when dealing with the city regarding facility reservations despite the Joint Use Agreement between the city and the school district. Staff Woods responded that the Agreement does not include Booster Clubs. Those groups are treated like other non-profit groups and that staff is working to improve the reservation process.

Commissioner Croley drew attention to #3 under the Recreational Sports and Fitness Division noting that there is a shortage of volunteer coaches, that the issue needs to be addressed and that parents don't have time to volunteer. Staff Woods stated that the department will work on ways to branch out and find other

volunteer sources. Commissioner Croley asked who parents should contact with their youth sports concerns. Staff Woods responded that they should contact Sports Supervisor Karen Sweeny.

Commissioner Croley asked to add the fact that baseball fields are in high demand and add the expansion of baseball fields.

Staff Woods noted that staff may not be able to address the costs and source of funds for all items prior to the next reading of the draft 2015-16 Work Program.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

C-1 NONE

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

D-1 PROGRAM EVALUATIONS: HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING 2014

Staff Woods stated that the Holiday Tree Lighting event is not meant to offend anyone of any religion or non-religion. It is intended to be all inclusive and for anyone of any faith to enjoy the tree. There is a 0 % cost recovery for the program but a large community benefit. When the benefit is large enough the cost recovery is made up by the benefit. Staff Woods reviewed the program costs and recommended improvements.

MOTION: Commissioner Croley moved to accept the Holiday Tree Lighting Program Evaluation for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bates and carried. (7-0)

D-2 TIDELANDS PLAY STRUCTURE

Staff Woods gave a brief history of the Tidelands Park play structure and its current condition. Staff Woods stated that Council has allocated \$50,000 of governmental impact fees to be used toward the replacement of some of the play elements at the park. Staff Woods reviewed the proposed design and discussed ways of adjusting the design to stay within budget. The Commission established the following priorities:

1. Additional sand for fall zones
2. Pod of dolphins
3. Poured-in-place surface (blue color)
4. Remove whale tail and re-use elsewhere is possible
5. Keep the seals

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to move forward with the 5 priorities for replacing the Tidelands play structure established by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croley and carried. (7-0)

D-3 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2014

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the office of Chair.

Commissioner Coxwell nominated Drew Sidaris for Chair; Commissioner Bates seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris closed the floor to nominations for the office of Chair.

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Romero nominated Tom Coxwell for Vice-Chair; Chair Sidaris seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris declared nominations for Vice-Chair closed.

D-4 ELECTION OF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2015

Chair Sidaris opened the floor to nominations for Commission Representative to the Morro Bay Senior Citizens Incorporated (MBSCI).

Commissioner Croley nominated Al Romero; Chair Sidaris seconded the nomination.

Chair Sidaris declared nominations for Commission Representative to the MBSCI closed.

E. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Swain requested that Pickleball be discussed at a future meeting.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Celeste English  
Administrative Technician



# Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee

Recreation and Parks Department  
595 Harbor Street, Morro Bay CA 93442

*Dedicated to the advocacy and creation of an efficient interconnected network of safe, scenic bikeways and community paths in the Morro Bay area.*

*"You can't ride your bike and not smile."*

February 16, 2015

To: Recreation and Parks Commission  
Recreation and Parks Department  
Public Works Advisory Board

Citizens Bike Committee met February 4, 2015.

Committee discussed proposed locations for Bicycle Friendly Community signs. Up to nine signs can be ordered from LAB at \$75.00 each; 10 or more signs are priced at \$55.00 each. **Committee recommends buying ten or more signs and placing them in the following locations:**

1. Hwy 41 facing WB traffic, City limits approaching Main St
2. Hwy 1 facing SB at Yerba Buena
3. MB Blvd facing NB from Hwy 1 approaching roundabout
4. South Bay facing NB approaching Twin Bridges
5. State Park Road facing SB south of South Bay
6. Quintana Road facing WB west of South Bay
7. On the Harborwalk near the rest room east of the Rock
8. At entrance to Class I from PG&E driveway west of Lemos
9. Sequoia facing EB approaching Del Mar School
10. Atascadero Road facing WB between Hwy 1 and MBHS
11. Visitor Center

Mr Davis reported that the Street Mural Committee is looking at three locations near Del Mar School and hopes to meet soon with Mr Livick.

Mr Davis reported that SLO County Rideshare is offering mini-grants for activities that support Bike Month. **Deadline is March 1, 2015.**

Mr Rands reported that the project to connect the Class I multi-use trail across Atascadero Road, the Morro Bay-Cayucos Gap Closure, is under way. Pavement repairs were done in January. Slurry seal will be applied in April, then the new markings and flashers will be installed.

Pavement rehabilitation has begun on South Bay between Quintana and Teresa. The pavement is not wide enough to accommodate bike lanes. **Committee recommends that the City paint sharrows in both lanes and post signs saying that Bicycles May Use Full Lane.**



Mr Davis reported that the fixed metal bollards formerly placed in the Class I multi-use trail from Main Street to the Cloisters have been removed from the centerline. Some were replaced with flexible wands.

The Morro Creek Multi-Use Trail and Bridge Project is underway. Attend the Ceremonial Groundbreaking on Wednesday, February 11, at 4:30 pm. The ceremony will take place on the north side of Morro Creek at the end of Embarcadero Road.

Public Works has reached out to local businesses with a proposal to install bike parking racks at a discounted price and a waiver of the \$133 encroachment permit fee. One business consisting of three hotels has responded. SLO Bike Club has donated a rack, the City will sponsor a rack and so will Recreation and Parks. Ten racks in all will be installed soon.

Mr Abrecht and Mr Davis volunteered to talk to business owners on the Embarcadero about installing bike corrals in red-painted zones.

Mr Davis suggested that the bike parking space at the parklet on Main Street would be more visible to cyclists if it were placed on the upstream side of the parklet.

SLOCOG has offered a free bike locker to the City. Mr Brubaker explained that the idea is that we find someone who specifically wants to use it before we accept and place it.

Ms Solu expressed concern about bike thefts, particularly from children. Ms Bonnie Johnson reported that bikes can be registered at the Police Department at no cost. Serial numbers are recorded and have aided recovery in several instances. In addition, a sticker license is given to the bike owner to be placed in an inconspicuous place. This helps to prove ownership.

Mr Abrecht reported that the SLO Bike Club and Bike Coalition have teamed to purchase 3,000 head- and taillights that will be given to CHP, Sheriff's Office and local PDs. The agencies have agreed to give the lights to bicyclists observed driving after dark without legal lights.

Mr Davis reported that the Committee's list of Bike/Ped Improvements has been given to City Council and to SLOCOG.

Mr Davis reported that Wally of Wally's Bikes in SLO is considering setting up a bike rental kiosk on weekends in Morro Bay. Wally has also successfully hosted Vintage Bike Shows at his shop on Higuera Street and is interested in teaming with someone to do a similar show in Morro Bay.

Mr Irons reported that he and Mr Abrecht and Dan Rivoire met recently with Stephanie Hicks of SLOCOG to make some general plans for Bike Month. SLO County Rideshare is promoting family bike ride events during the month such as the MB50 Historical Tour. Safety will be a major theme of Bike Month 2015.

Ms Bonnie Johnson reported that final plans for the Bike Park are being reviewed. She is looking for a donor to pave a driveway approach from Little Morro Creek Road and an ADA parking space.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm. Next Committee meeting will be Apr 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fuller Davis  
Chair

(Email sent to City Council from Morro Bay residents Lynda and Frank Merrill)

*Dear Mayor and Councilmembers*

*Tennis players are very upset with the prospect of Monte Young being 'converted' to Pickle Ball play. While they love the idea of new sports, they don't see converting tennis courts to Pickle Ball as being positive.*

*Unfortunately, when this game was 'invented' the people wanting to sell equipment (paddles, balls, nets) failed to take into account that there were no courts designed for this sport. So, either intentionally, or by accident, they spread the sport and the play with the need to take over tennis courts, basketball courts any hard surface that was available. THE problem is that those courts are already in use by other players! Here comes the rub. Don't know how much you know about the two sports, but the courts are different, the noise from the paddle hitting the ball and the court surface makes an annoying clacking sound (to tennis players), The courts must be converted? this is strange to me, but true. Smaller area, net lower. and our old nets won't take that) The tennis players have used the local courts forever and don't want to play with additional, confusing lines in addition to the tennis lines, as I said before the 'sharing' of the court doesn't work, so if pickle ball players play on one court tennis can not be played on the other one, so they 'take over' the facility. We in the tennis world have worked hard for Monte Young (had it added to the general plan of the park years and years ago, raised money for new courts (additional), throughout the area, had garage sales, bake sales and got donations to keep up the courts that we have. It is my belief that the Pickle Ball players need to leave the tennis courts alone and raise funds to build their own facility. I will help them! But, we need to keep Monte Young open for tennis.*

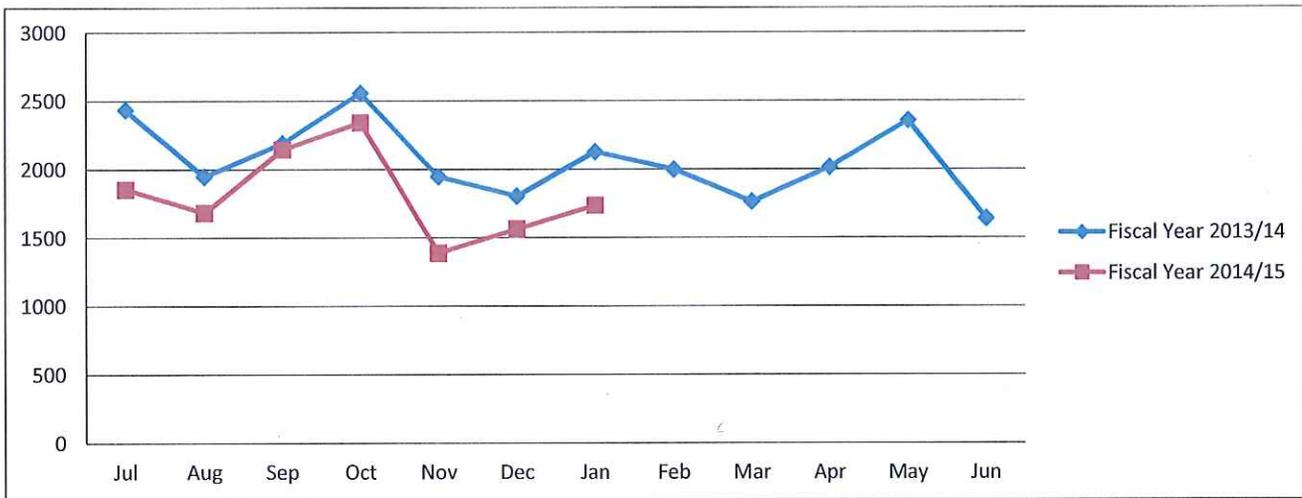
*Thanks for listening to my side of this , and please support retaining Monte Young for tennis play.*

*Lynda and Frank Merrill*

*30 year residents*

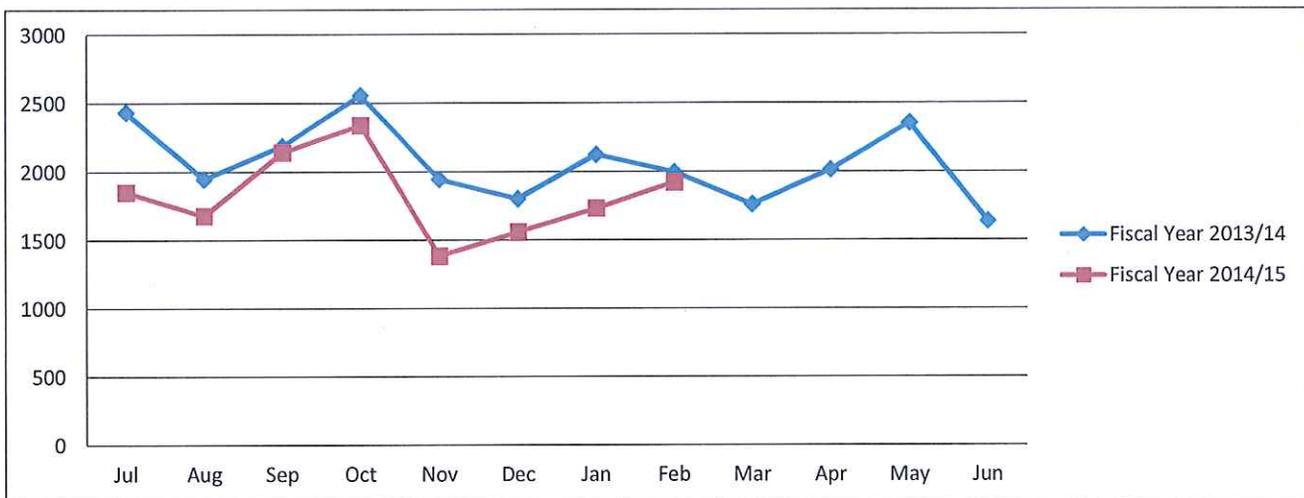
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Youth Services  
PARTICIPATION REPORT  
January 2015

<u>Participations</u>	<u>January '15</u>	<u>Month '14</u>	<u>FY 14/15 Total to Date</u>	<u>FY 13/14 Total to Date</u>
Kids' Camp	0	0	1839	2231
Kids' Club Before-School	324	323	1736	3212
Kids' Club Kinder Kids	90	187	426	1259
Kids' Club After-School	756	595	4145	7568
Kids' Club Drop-in	135	233	854	1732
Teen Center	430	590	3704	8781
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1735</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>12704</b>	<b>24783</b>



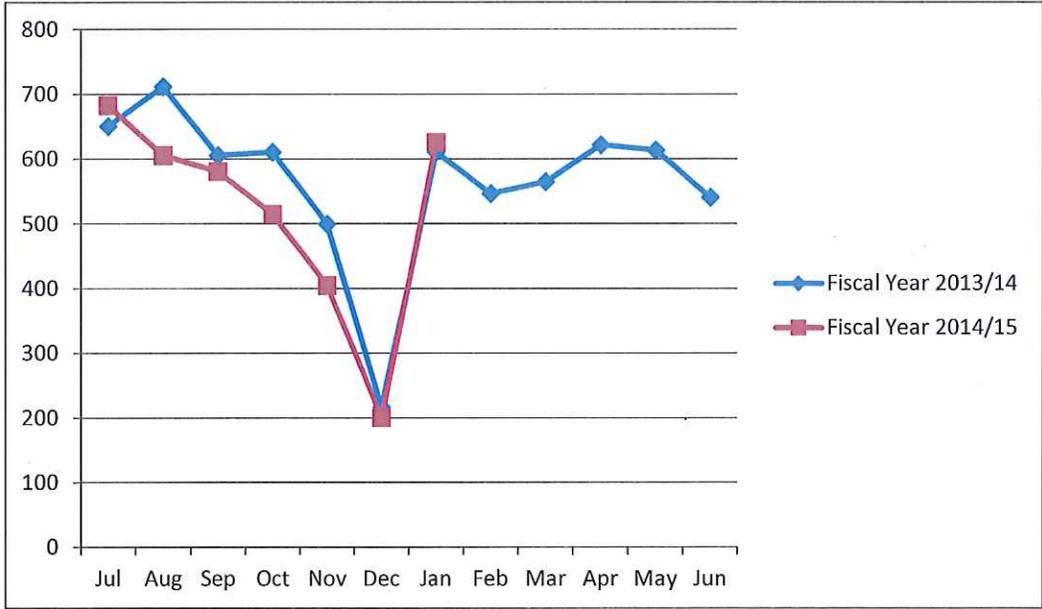
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Kids' Camp	0	0	1839	2231
Kids' Club Before-School	342	360	2078	3212
Kids' Club Kinder Kids	108	216	534	1259
Kids' Club After-School	792	666	4937	7568
Kids' Club Drop-in	113	272	967	1732
Teen Center	569	476	4273	8781
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>14628</b>	<b>24783</b>



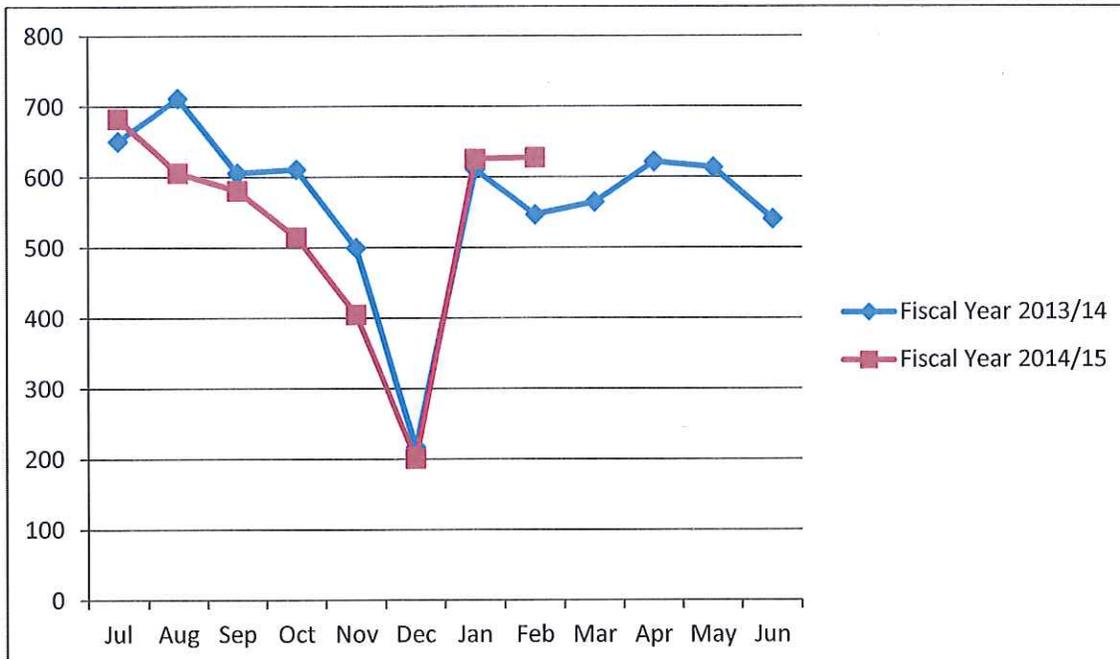
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*Senior Services*  
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ACES - senior exercise	112	82	619	676
Billards	147	148	826	878
BINGO	43	50	255	353
Bridge Club	38	40	82	166
Crafters	2	6	36	70
Hand & Foot	41	28	221	212
P.A.C.E. - senior exercise	110	119	860	838
Senior Tai Chi	83	138	556	715
Great Courses	47		47	
Matter of Balance	56		56	
Movie Mondays	9		9	
Volunteers	50		50	
	<b>738</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>3455</b>	<b>3908</b>



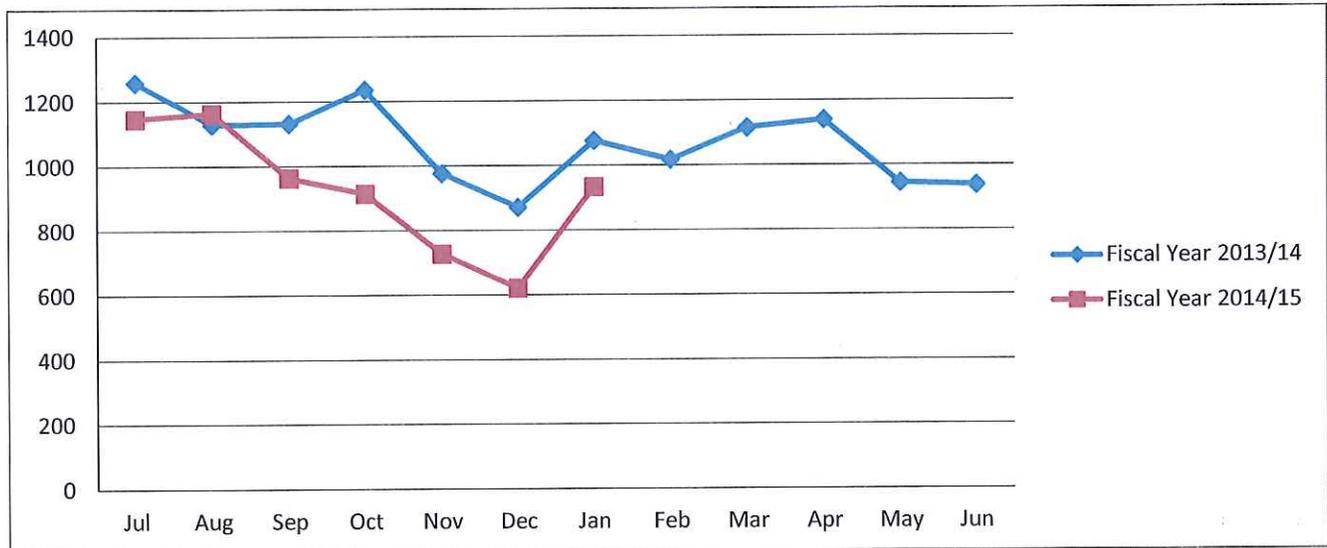
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ACES - senior exercise	104	144	723	820
Billards	114	69	940	947
BINGO	50	0	305	353
Bridge Club	0	40	82	206
Crafters	16	16	52	86
Hand & Foot	32	18	253	230
P.A.C.E. - senior exercise	93	168	953	1006
Senior Tai Chi	64	92	620	807
Great Courses	32		79	
Matter of Balance	41		97	
Movie Mondays	18		27	
MB Strollers	10		10	
Volunteers	54		104	
	<b>628</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3928</b>	<b>4455</b>



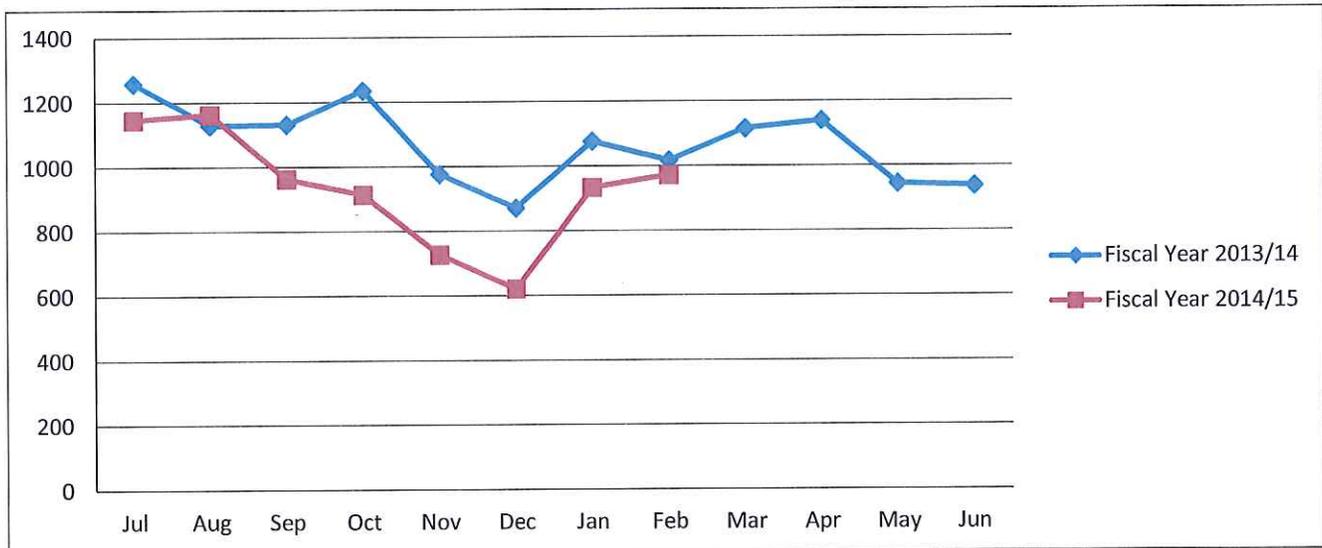
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*Recreation Classes & Affiliated Clubs*  
**PARTICIPATION REPORT**  
**January 2015**

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Acrylics/Watercolor Painting	33	31	290	237
Aikido	4	14	52	87
Bellydance Class	21	24	140	158
Country & Western Line Dancing	29	20	144	97
FIT CLUB/Zumba	331	390	2306	3401
Flip City Gymnastics	30	30	192	171
Life Drawing	25	38	236	270
Music Appreciation	16	8	16	39
Okinawan Karate for Children	47	63	367	436
Okinawan Karate	28	45	207	239
Playday Tennis	100	138	658	651
Quilting & Sewing	6	2	88	29
Quilt Guild	58	62	309	372
Tennis Lessons	14	7	103	91
39+ Dance	192	205	1361	1404
	<b>934</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>6469</b>	<b>7682</b>



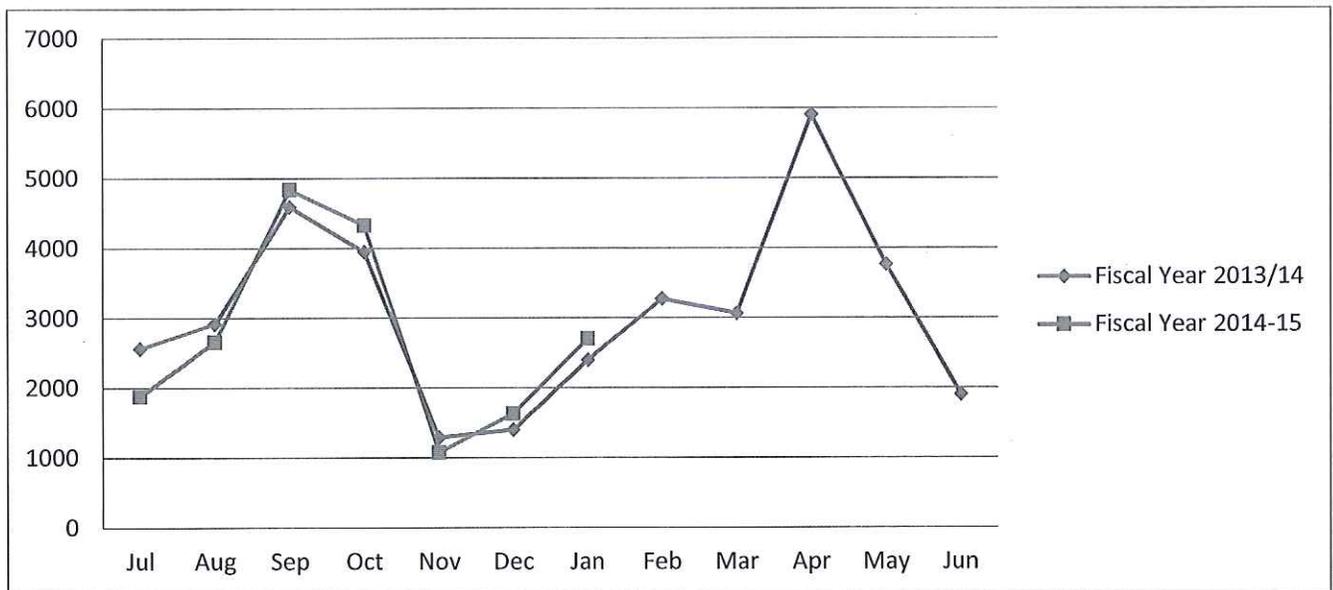
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February 2015

<u>Participations</u>	<u>Feb '15</u>	<u>Feb '14</u>	<u>FY 14/15 Total to Date</u>	<u>FY 13/14 Total to Date</u>
Acrylics/Watercolor Painting	28	20	318	257
Aikido	4	18	56	105
Bellydance Class	24	43	164	201
Country & Western Line Dancing	17	0	161	97
FIT CLUB/Zumba	370	357	2676	3758
Flip City Gymnastics	39	36	231	207
Life Drawing	20	39	256	309
Music Appreciation	33	17	49	56
Okinawan Karate for Children	51	56	418	492
Okinawan Karate	22	24	229	263
Playday Tennis	104	131	762	782
Quilting & Sewing	16	0	104	29
Quilt Guild	61	53	370	425
Tennis Lessons	8	10	111	101
39+ Dance	175	214	1536	1618
	<b>972</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>7441</b>	<b>8700</b>



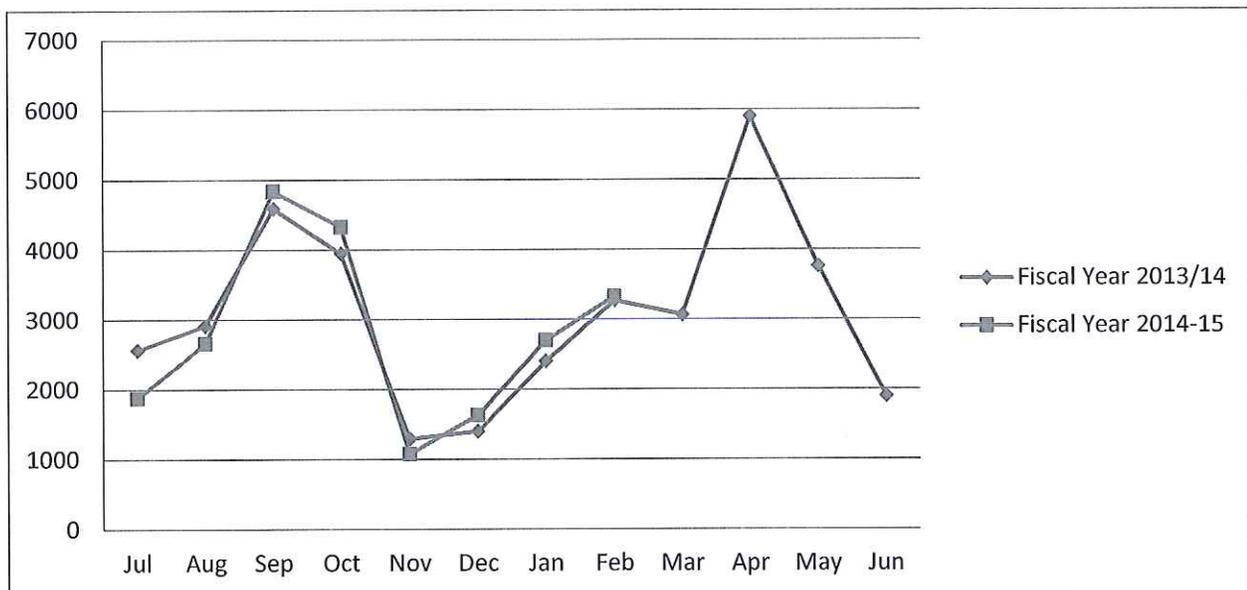
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Adult Softball EOS (Spring/Fall)	0	0	450	360
Adult Softball League (Spring/Fall)	0	0	4260	4350
Beach Camp	0	0	200	195
Futsal (Spring)	0	0	0	0
Junior Lifeguard (Summer)	0	0	1310	1777
Middle School Cross Country	0	0	432	254
Middle School Tennis	0	0	0	0
Middle School Track and Field	0	0	0	0
Middle School Volleyball	0	0	972	1307
Youth Basketball (Winter)	2640	2400	4305	3607
Youth Basketball EOS (Winter)	0	0	0	0
Youth Soccer (Fall)	0	0	6727	6347
Youth Soccer EOS (Fall)	0	0	388	900
Youth Softball (Spring)	0	0	0	0
Youth Softball EOS (Spring)	60	0	60	0
Youth T-ball/Coach Pitch (Spring)	0	0	0	0
	<b>2700</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>19104</b>	<b>19097</b>



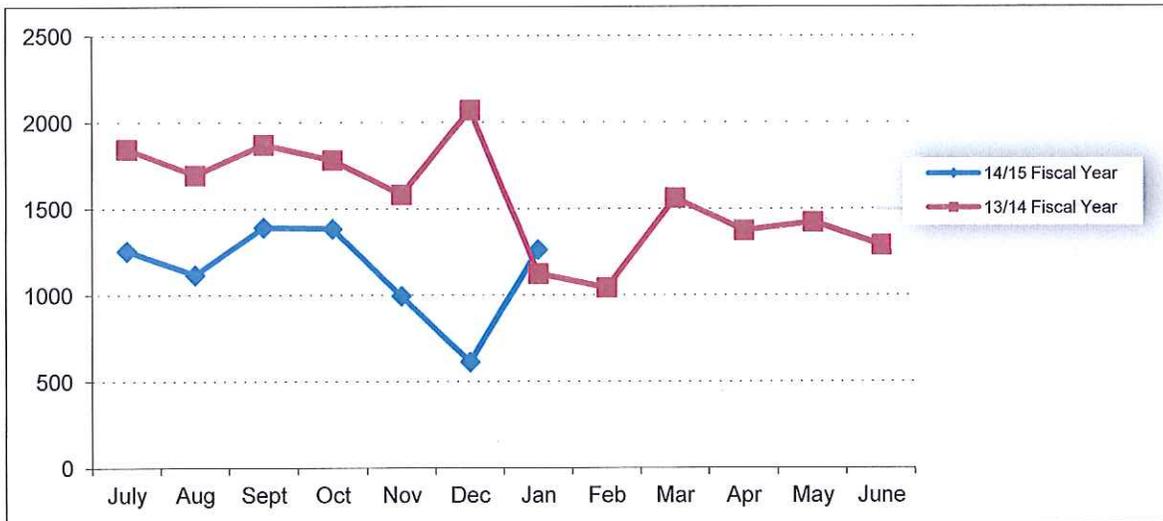
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<u>Participations</u>	<u>15-Feb</u>	<u>14-Feb</u>	<u>FY14/15 Total to Date</u>	<u>FY13/14 Total to Date</u>
Adult Softball EOS (Spring/Fall)	0	0	450	360
Adult Softball League (Spring/Fall)	0	0	4260	4350
Beach Camp	0	0	200	195
Futsal (Spring)	0	0	0	0
Junior Lifeguard (Summer)	0	0	1310	1777
Middle School Cross Country	0	0	432	254
Middle School Tennis	0	0	0	0
Middle School Track and Field	0	0	0	0
Middle School Volleyball	275	240	1247	1547
Youth Basketball (Winter)	2640	2400	6945	6007
Youth Basketball EOS (Winter)	0	0	0	0
Youth Soccer (Fall)	0	0	6727	6347
Youth Soccer EOS (Fall)	0	0	388	900
Youth Softball (Spring)	0	0	0	0
Youth Softball EOS (Spring)	456	630	516	630
Youth T-ball/Coach Pitch (Spring)	0	0	0	0
	<b>3371</b>	<b>3270</b>	<b>22475</b>	<b>22367</b>



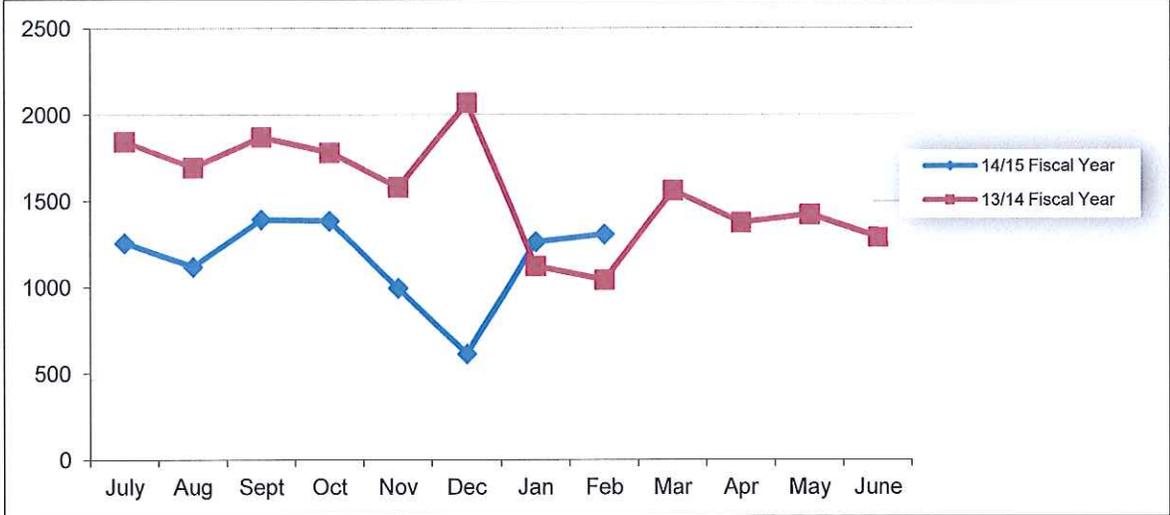
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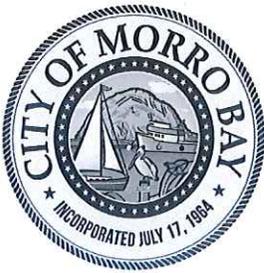
<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Jan '15 Hours</u>	<u>Jan '14 Hours</u>	<u>Hours to Date FY 14/15</u>	<u>Hours to Date FY 13/14</u>
MBCC	975	844	4357	8,497
VMB	168	267	1395	1,548
<b>Facilities Subtotal</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>10,045</b>
<b>Parks</b>				
Lila Keiser	21	9	1603	1,357
Monte Young	0	0	0	43
Del Mar	29	0	316	262
City Park	0	0	111	115
Centennial Parkway	28	0	203	150
Anchor Park	16		16	
Open Space	26		26	
<b>Parks Subtotal</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>1,927</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>11,972</b>



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<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Feb '15 Hours</u>	<u>Feb '14 Hours</u>	<u>Hours to Date FY 14/15</u>	<u>Hours to Date FY 13/14</u>
MBCC	800	667	5157	8,497
VMB	176	241	1571	1,548
<b>Facilities Subtotal</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>6,728</b>	<b>10,045</b>
<b>Parks</b>				
Lila Keiser	154	92	1757	1,357
Monte Young	0	0	0	43
Del Mar	25	20	341	262
City Park	0	0	111	115
Centennial Parkway	20	0	223	150
Anchor Park	96		112	
Open Space	36		62	
<b>Parks Subtotal</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>1,927</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>9,160</b>	<b>11,972</b>





AGENDA NO: A-4

MEETING DATE: 3/19/2015

## STAFF REPORT

**TO: Recreation and Parks Commission** **DATE: 3/16/2015**  
**FROM: Joseph M. Woods, Recreation and Parks Director**  
**SUBJECT: Recreation Department Status Report**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Commission review the current Status Report and accept for file.

### **SUMMARY:**

The following is a brief review of the status of current projects/programs.

#### **Administrative Policies/Programs**

Staff continues to work on several administrative policies/procedures/programs which include but may not be limited to the following:

Update Department Standard Operating Procedures	Sponsorship Policy
Recreational Facilities Master Plan	Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan
Revision of Ordinance 370 (Film Permits)	Fiscal Sustainability Program

#### **Tidelands Park Play Structure**

Replacement of damaged play structure elements has been approved and funded with the adoption of the FY 2014/15 Budget. The project funding is limited to 50K which should allow for the purchase and installation of new elements. Staff has been working with local contractors to design the new elements. With the limited funds, some elements would need to stay, such as the large ship, but the remaining elements would need to be replaced. The RPC recommended for staff to pursue the addition of five spring dolphin elements, an octopus, dingy and replace the poured in place surfacing material. This addition to the park play structure is quoted at \$49,999, with the cost of the octopus and dingy at just over 30K. Staff would like to continue to improve the play structure by providing the dolphins and replacing the pour in place surfacing material, and continue to find the means to provide the octopus and dingy either by additional funds or by different contractor.

#### **Bike Park**

Progress continues to be made in the development of the Morro Bay Bike Park. The Bike Park Group is moving forward with the permitting process and continues their fundraising efforts. The Planning Commission will review the project at their meeting on April 7, 2015.

#### **City Website/Recreation and Parks Pages/Facebook**

Staff continues to add content and update the webpages as needed including calendar items such as program sign-up dates. The department is using the City's Facebook page to announce program registration, upcoming events, and other important as well as interesting information as it arises.

### **Community Groups**

The Morro Bay in Bloom club has completed and successfully been awarded grant funds from the National Estuary Program to install a rain water harvesting system at Centennial Parkway restroom. Primary site work was started on 1/3/15 with installation of the foundation (base). The project includes the rain harvesting system as well as an interpretive panel to inform all who stop and are interested. The remaining installation is scheduled for later this month. The project includes Two forest-green Bushman Slimline tanks, one 265-gallon capacity (Part# BSLT265e) and one 530-gallon capacity (Part# BSLT530e), and two Bushman BPK-1225 pumps with forest-green covers to be ordered April 1 or thereabouts.

### **Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. (MBSCI)**

The Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc. is in the process of long-term financial planning, as well as, marketing their 501(c3) Non-Profit organization. The MBSCI continues to offer BINGO on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, along with their exercise and enrichment programs.

### **SLOCAPRA**

Commissioner's workshop was held on March 7, 2015 with location at J. Lohr winery. The workshop pertained to Community Collaboration and Advocacy.

### **Adult Softball Spring League**

Manager's Meeting for the Spring Adult Softball Leagues was held on March 11. We will have 3 nights of play with 4 divisions this season. Season is set to begin March 23. There will be 10 league games and an end of the season tournament. There are 7 teams in the COED Lower, 4 teams in the COED Upper, 6 teams in Master's and 4 teams in Men's.

### **Los Osos Middle School Boys Volleyball**

Los Osos Middle School Boys Volleyball season is underway. There are 32 boys participating this season. They are playing intramural games on Fridays and competitive games with other schools.

### **Los Osos Middle School Track and Field**

Track and Field will be returning to LOMS this spring. Registration has begun and practice will begin March 31 with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Los Osos Middle School Tennis**

Tennis registration is now open. The season will begin March 30 with practices on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **Esterro Bay Youth Basketball**

Kiwanis End of the Season Basketball Tournament was held on March 6 and 7. Sportsmanship awards were given to 4 teams for outstanding sportsmanship over the season.

### **Coast Girls Softball**

Opening Day for Coast Girls Softball was held on March 14 at Lila Keiser Park. We have 9 teams and 110 girls participating.

### **Morro Bay Junior Lifeguards**

Swim testing and interviews for Morro Bay Junior Lifeguard Aides and Instructors were held on March 15. Those chosen will be going through the USLA Lifeguard Academy beginning March 27. Registration for the summer Junior Lifeguard program will begin March 30.

### **Estero Bay Youth Futsal**

Registration is underway for the 2015 Estero Bay Youth Futsal League. The season will begin on April 13 and will conclude on May 22. This is fun, non-competitive way to end the school year. Coaches meeting will be held March 31. We are currently looking for coaches.

### **Morro Bay T-ball Coach Pitch League**

Registration is now open for the 2015 Morro Bay T-ball Coach Pitch League. A coaches meeting will be held on April 1. Practices will begin on April 13.

### **Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner**

*Pasto Perfecto!* is the theme for this year's Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The event will be held on March 20 at the Morro Bay Community Center from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be a silent auction as well as a drawing for a bicycle for children 15 and under. Tickets are \$10 for 16 and older and \$5 for 15 and under.

### **Kids' Club Children's Center**

Kids' Club currently has a full enrollment for the 2014/15 school year. Kids' Club is a before and after school program for Del Mar Elementary students in Transitional Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Kids' Club is located on the Del Mar Elementary School campus and is open every day school is in session for before and after school enrichment. Early pre-registration for the 2015/16 school year is open for students entering Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten grades. Pre-Registration for the 2015/16 will available for all grades April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rockies – The Morro Bay Teen Center and Skate Park**

Rockies is a safe and healthy alternative for local youth. The Teen Center is currently open to all youth in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The Skate Park is open to all ages and helmets are required. Rockies is open M-F/3-7pm & Sat. /1-7pm.

### **Morro Bay Teen Action Club (TAC)**

The TAC continues to participate in the Adopt-A-Park program at Lila Keiser Park. TAC continues to actively seek community service opportunities within the city because it is part of their mission to "give back to the city" for providing teenagers a place to go after school. The TAC recently assisted the Morro Bay in Bloom, the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Morro Bay Senior Citizens, Inc., and will be assisting during the Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

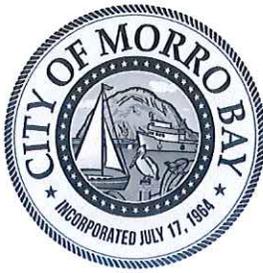


**AGENDA NO: B-1**

**Meeting Date: March 19, 2015**

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**NONE**



AGENDA NO: C-1

MEETING DATE: 3/19/2015

## Staff Report

**TO:** Recreation and Parks Commission      **DATE:** 3/19/2015  
**FROM:** Joe Woods, Recreation and Parks Director  
**SUBJECT:** Review and Discussion of FY 2015/16 Work Program

### RECOMMENDATION:

Recreation and Parks Commission review and discuss the proposed Department's Work Program and discuss implementation for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

### BACKGROUND

The Work Program has been utilized throughout the years to document recreational service needs of the Morro Bay Community as identified by the City Recreation and Parks Commission. The Work Program allows needs to be planned for, scheduled and prioritized for submittal in the annual budget process. Increased costs or use of staff resources are estimated and an overall picture of leisure service is provided by the document.

It is the intent of the Work Program to annually document the needs of the community in order that they may be evaluated against other community needs in the annual budget process. Funds may or may not be awarded for all or portions of the Work Program elements based on the many competing City service needs of the Morro Bay community.

The Work Program develops objectives and activities for the upcoming Fiscal Year in order to prioritize community needs, identify opportunities or promote improvements in the Department programs and services.

### DISCUSSION:

The Work Program for fiscal year 2015/16 is presented for the RPC to review. Items in the Work Program were discussed regarding relevance and priority at the regular meeting of the RPC held on January 15, 2015. Edits and recommendations made by the RPC at that meeting have been added to the document.

Department staff will continue to work with the 2015/16 Work Program, adding costs, cost recovery and target start dates as appropriate. Staff will provide status updates of the 2015/16 Work Program periodically throughout the fiscal year.

Prepared By: JMW

Dept Review: JMW

**CONCLUSION**

The Work Program is developed in a workshop format involving an advisory process from the citizens, Recreation and Parks Commission, and City staff. A consensus procedure is used thus eliminating motions, votes and formal actions. Staff has attached the Work Program for 2015/16 for your review.

**Attachments:**

**Recreation and Parks Department Work Program – FY 2015/16**

**RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT  
WORK PROGRAM 2015/16  
OUTLINING THE PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND SERVICE/EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT**

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
<b>DIVISION: ADMINISTRATION</b>							
1 Continue to manage Department registration system, ACTIVE.net			GF			On-going	Online registration & discounts
2 Manage and update Department web pages within the City's web site to ensure accurate and informative information is presented to the public.			GF			On-going	This includes Social Media Like us on Facebook!
3 Conduct an annual evaluation of all Department services through contract instruction survey, mail-out survey and exit surveys.			GF				Under review
4 Schedule clerical and building attendant resources to effectively cover Community Center operating hours Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.			GF				
5 Purchase replacement computers and parts as necessary pursuant to City's IT policy.			GF				
6 Develop and disseminate necessary agenda materials for City Council, Recreation and Parks Commission and other appointed ad hoc committees in a timely manner.			GF				
7 Provide the necessary staff support to develop various grant projects; improve recreational facilities and receive necessary permits for public project completion.			GF				
8 Respond to citizen's requests and reports regarding recreational programs and service delivery.			GF				"Let Us Know"

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
9			GF				Director
10			GF				\$36,694 in scholarships awarded in 2013/14
11			GF			On-going	Youth and Senior Services supervisor
12			GF				Director & available staff
13			GF				Director
14			GF	N/A			In early 2015, CJPIA will provide a training.
15			GF				
16							
17			GF				Collaborative workshop
18	Annual		GF	N/A			

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
19			GF				
20	Bi-Monthly		GF	N/A		On-going	
21	Annual		GF & Donations	Varies		On-going	Event date: 3/20/2015
22			GF				No "contractual instructors", only employees or business owners.
23			GF				Sect. 100 -300 updated, Sect. 400 - 700 pending
24			GF				
25			GF				
26			GF				SLCUSD Measure D
27			GF				Design & Permitting MOU and Construction, Operation & Maintenance MOU approved by City Council

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
<b>DIVISION: COMMISSION</b>							
1			GF				Sr. Rep.: Al Romero
2			GF				
3			GF				
4			GF				
5			GF				
6	Annual		GF	N/A		On-going	Event date: 3/7/2015 Location: J.Lohr (PR)
7			GF				
8			GF				
<b>DIVISION: RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS</b>							
1	Annual		GF	70-79%			

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
2	Annual		GF	90-100%			June: Summer Slam Sept: Labor Day
3	Annual		GF	70-79%			Staff to work on ways to branch out and find other volunteer sources for coaches.
4	Annual		GF	100%			
5	Annual		GF	80-100%			
6	Annual		GF	80-100%			
7			GF				
8	Annual		GF	100%			
9			GF	N/A			
10			GF	100%			2014: Rock N Roar Track Meet
11	2012		GF	100%			
12	2012		GF	100%			
13	2013/14		GF	100%			

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
14	2013/14		GF	N/A			
15	2014			N/A			
16	2014			N/A			
17	2013/14			N/A			
<b>DIVISION: YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES</b>							
1	Annual		GF	70-79%		On-going	Kids Club
2	Annual		GF	70-79%		On-going	Kids Camp
3	Annual		GF	50-75%		On-going	
4	Annual		Donations	0%			Possible day change to weekday
5			GF	25-50%		On-going	
6			GF	N/A		On-going	
7	Annual		GF	0%		On-going	

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
8 Manage the Teen Action Club including coordination of service opportunities for members.			GF	0%		On-going	Community benefit
9 Provide job training program for high school students through the Kids Camp C.I.T. program.	Annual		GF	N/A		On-going	Quality of Program and community benefit
10 Provide programs and services to the senior population of community (residents and non-residents)						On-going	
11 Continue to manage Agreement between Senior Citizen's Inc and CMIB						On-going	current agreement exp. 2029

DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>							
A Update the Recreation and Access Element dated 1976.							Part of General Plan/Local Coastal Plan Update - CMB Admin
B Master plan Coleman Park, Target Rock and Morro Rock areas, Northern Embarcadero Implementation Plan. (Placed on hold by Council)	1988		GF	N/A			
C Update the Facility Master Plan dated 1985-1990. Staff project, volunteers to assist with site inventory.			TBD				
D Inventory information interpretive panels at parks and facilities.			TBD				
<b>SPORTS &amp; FITNESS</b>							
A Fitness Trail / Equipment							
B Expand Pickball Play with possible Courts at Monte Young/Coleman or Indoor							
C Expand the city's inventory of ball fields							
<b>YOUTH SERVICES</b>							
A Implement Teen Center (Rockies) Master Plan.	2003		TBD	N/A			

	Original Request Date	Estimated Cost	Funding	Cost Recovery	Target Start Date	Completed	Comments
<b>PARKS</b>							
A Replace play structures at City, Coleman, Monte Young, City and Cloisters' parks	2012			N/A			
B Develop a deferred maintenance account specific to the cyclical replacement of play structures and playground elements at Del mar Park, Cloisters Park, Lila Keiser Park, Morro Bay City Park, Monte Young Park, Tidelands Park, and Coleman Park when they reach the end of their useful lifecycle or become hazardous to public safety.	2014			N/A			



AGENDA NO: D-1

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2015

## Staff Report

**TO:** Recreation and Parks Commission      **DATE:** March 16, 2015  
**FROM:** Joseph M. Woods, Recreation Director  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Possible Expansion of Pickleball Facilities

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission consider short and long terms goals for Pickleball (PB) facilities, and consider partnerships which share common missions and would benefit all parties involved.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact has been staff time in planning and reporting on the request of possible expansion of PB facilities and capital outlay by the Morro Bay Senior Citizens Inc. (MBSCI). The efforts were increased by Council's adoption of City Goals, specifically as they relate to the Local Economy Action Plan (LEAP). Minor financial obligations may be associated with possible recommendations.

Staff has participated and led discussion on this initiative of the possible expansion of PB facilities having a positive impact on Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Sales Tax. The contribution by program/events to the TOT or Sales Tax is difficult to identify, but believed to have a positive direct and indirect economical impact. Venue will drive the program and special events occupancy; and the economic impact will depend on the size of facility desired by the community, would be measured by capacity and other applicable agreements.

A permanent facility would require funds to be established. Funding options include local non-profits contributing by either donations or the process to acquire funds. Some non-profits qualify for grants which could benefit the community especially when multiple missions are met with one program.

Cost for current PB courts at Del Mar was approximately \$3500, Surface existed and netting is temporary. These funds were provided and sponsored by the MBSCI for program development and sustainability.

Prepared By: JMW

Dept Review: JMW

## **BACKGROUND**

Introduction of PB to RPC occurred during public comment at the November 2013 meeting. Kathryn Thomas presents the initial request for the development of PB in Morro Bay. The game was very interesting and the speakers were very passionate about the sport. Staff did some research and in short found out that PB is played indoors or outdoors and the court is 20' x 44' with a 34" net in the middle. A Wiffleball is used as players paddle it from side to side, similar to ping pong or tennis. The game starts with an underhand serve where it must bounce inside the marked court once it has cleared the net, the returning team paddles the ball back over the net where it must again bounce (two bounce rule) after the second bounce the ball may be volleyed or allowed to bounce (once) until one team is unable to continue keeping the ball live. There are more rules on scoring and play and one would be advised to learn these rules prior to play.

The item was agenzized at RPC meeting on January 16, 2014. After discussing the item, the RPC recommended utilizing the Roller Hockey Rink at Del Mar Park as a temporary facility to both expedite the process and use the Rink as it is good fit for PB play. Action by staff supported PB play and resulted in the painting of PB court lines on the Rink at Del Mar, thus creating five courts. Due to the closeness of each court to each other, only three courts can be simultaneously used. The PB program is sponsored by the MBSCI, who not only provided the capital, but also the volunteers and structure to allow PB play to continue.

The MBSCI have hosted PB playday on Tuesday and Thursday with the likelihood of adding three more days to that schedule. They have sponsored indoor and outdoor clinics, and are planning an upcoming local tournament. The sport of PB seems to be going viral in Morro Bay. Play continues as a MBSCI program, run by MBSCI volunteers and utilizing public parkland.

The City has limited resources and inventory of public lands to be dedicated to specialize recreational use. The City has and should continue to utilize volunteers, and partner with organizations who share similar missions. The City has dedicated public lands as parks when the Jody Gianinni Family Dog Park and the Morro Bay Bike Park were both approved by City Council. The City has worked with the MBSCI to utilize the Del Mar Hockey Rink for PB. The request is to expand the current PB courts until permanent dedicated PB facilities can be established. Expansion of facilities could occur on or off public land. The City currently shares Agreements with the San Luis Obispo Coast Unified School District (SLOCUSD) to jointly utilize facilities; and with the MBSCI to share facilities, and provide senior activities. These relationships could lead to the possibility of additional partners, ones yet to be discovered. The City's openness and willingness to collaborate with other agencies sharing similar missions is vital to the success of our community.

## **DISCUSSION**

Demand to play PB has increased exponentially from the inception of courts at Del Mar Park in Morro Bay. The MBSCI sponsored PB play with both insurance and capital outlay to equip the site. Their first program was Pickleball Playday on Tuesday and Thursday. The play is permitted by the Department and the program utilizes at least three courts. The five courts cannot be utilized simultaneously as they are too close to each other's sidelines and the spacing doesn't provide for temporary netting requirements. Consequently, a maximum of three courts can be used simultaneously.

At both City Council and RPC meetings, during public comment, many individuals expressed enthusiasm and the desire to expand Pickleball opportunities in the Morro Bay community. The demand for PB play is currently high and the current inventory of courts is insufficient.

Staff has participated and led discussion on this initiative of the possible expansion of PB facilities having a positive impact on Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Sales Tax. The contribution by program/events to the TOT or Sales Tax is difficult to identify, but believed to have a positive direct and indirect economical impact. Venue will drive the program and special events occupancy; and the economic impact will depend on the size of facility desired by the community, would be measured by capacity and other applicable agreements.

A permanent facility would require funds to be established. Funding options could include local non-profits contributing by either donations or the process to acquire funds. Some non-profits qualify for grants which could benefit the community especially when multiple missions are met with one program.

Local Economic Action Plan (LEAP) subcommittee met on March 6, 2015 with the intention to develop short and long term goals which would have some economic impact to the community through recreational activities. We concentrated our efforts on PB with the intent of laying the foundation for future program development. The subcommittee realized that a short term goal was needed for the rapid game demands, and long term goal to acquire sufficient funds to establish permanent dedicated PB courts in Morro Bay. The subcommittee determined that a good short term goal would be: to improve the existing temporary PB courts now at the Del Mar Roller Hockey Rink. The idea would be to eliminate the striping for three courts, leaving the two most outer courts intact. Then paint two courts between the outer courts, leaving four courts with adequate space between each court. In addition, paint two temporary PB courts on the adjacent basketball court. These actions would assist in meeting the positive demand by the community and visitors to play a highly progressive sport, like Pickleball.

Possible expansion areas include the existing temporary courts at Del Mar hockey rink and basketball court; the most sensible action is to repaint the lines to obtain four usable PB courts within the hockey rink, and possibly painting additional two PB courts on the hard surface basketball court. The PB Ambassador, Kathryn Thomas, is willing to organize a volunteer effort to paint the PB court lines. Restriping the existing courts is a short term goal which is both sensible and obtainable. If applicable surfaces are painted, six courts could be realized and simultaneous play would be doubled. Although this action is small in scope, it does constitute an expansion of existing facilities. Other short term options included conversion of existing tennis courts at Monte Young Park, but this option was discarded based on the need to retain some dedicated tennis play.

Longer range plans include the establishment of permanent dedicated PB courts in Morro Bay. The facility would need to be adequate for players, spectators, others, and parking. Site selection will be a permanent facility and would require funds to be established. Funding options could include local non-profits contributing by either donations or the process to acquire funds, as some non-profits qualify for grants which could benefit the community especially when multiple missions are met with one program.

Dedicated PB courts could be established at various city owned parks, such as Coleman, Del Mar, or Lila Keiser. Courts also could be established at School District properties such at Morro Elementary. Any long term plan to establish dedicated PB courts will most likely include a collaboration of groups who share the same mission.

Action items emerging from the LEAP subcommittee included:

- Gather information regarding the indirect economic impact a developed Pickleball facility has on a community;
- Explore possible funding sources and likely partners who have an interest in the PB project; and
- Contact SLOCUSD regarding possibilities of space usage at Morro Elementary.

### **CONCLUSION**

The demand for Pickleball facilities was not been satisfied by the temporary courts established at Del Mar. Although adding temporary courts at Del Mar will address the immediate demand, it is felt permanent dedicated PB courts will not only meet the local demand, but will provide a positive indirect economic impact to the community through attracting visitors for play and tournaments.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Pickleball Fact Sheet

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## Pickleball FACT SHEET

### National Statistics

It is estimated that there are now between 100,000 and 150,000 pickleball players of all ages in the United States. Kids as young as 5 are learning it, and seniors in their 80s are playing. (USAPA = United States of America Pickleball Association.) In the midwest and Atlantic states, Pickleball membership has grown from ~500 players in August 2007 to ~7000 in April 2014 (USAPA membership estimates).

Holiday travel programs are now offering pickleball getaways, including trips to Europe.

Pickleball was added in 2009 to the Senior Games. In that year's competition, which included basketball, tennis, softball, volleyball, soccer, racquetball, track and field, swimming, table tennis, lawn bowling, etc., there were 50 pickleball players registered. In 2013, out of 890 participating athletes, 193 were pickleballers. In 2014 at a CA Senior Games tournament, there were over 1000 athletes registered, 214 of them pickleballers.

In a recent economic impact study, it was reported that pickleball "now has the most non-local athletes, the most expenditures per player, and most athletes in any one sport..." For example:

In St. George, Utah, 10,000 senior athletes converged on the town in 2013 to participate in 27 different sports in the World Senior Games. Every state was represented, along with 19 other countries. Pickleball had 550 participants, more than any other individual sport. (St. George is a community about the size of Atascadero, Templeton, and Paso Robles combined; at last count, they had 100 permanent, dedicated pickleball courts. The central coast has five permanent public courts.)

Tournaments bring in players, and players bring in families. A USAPA report estimated that for every 100 out-of-town participants in a tournament, \$50,000 worth of revenue is generated for the city (hotels, rv parks, restaurants, shopping, et.).

Arizona, home of the USAPA National Governing Organization, has - as of 2014 - 400 permanent, dedicated pickleball courts. One community in Florida has

125 dedicated courts (reported by Brian Williams in the national news).

The tennis publication, *Tennis Club Business*, reported in August 2014, that "Pickleball is growing faster than any other sport in the country."

### California

In California in 2010, there were 73 places listed in which to play pickleball, with 255 courts. In 2014, California had 153 places to play, and 570 courts. In 2010, there were 217 members of the USAPA. In 2014, that number was 817.

Pickleball is now an official sport in every state's Senior Games, drawing more participants than any other individual sport. In California, there are four cities hosting these games (Sonoma, Oceanside, Palm Springs, and Escondido) in order to accommodate the rising numbers of players.

### San Luis Obispo County

Four years ago there was only one known town within SLO County playing pickleball. Today there are 11. San Luis Obispo and Los Osos are both in the process of getting public programs up and running.

Paso Robles has FIVE dedicated (permanent) courts. They recently hosted the first area pickleball tournament, bringing in requests to play from 150+ players. Although the tournament was originally supposed to be only for players within the 805 area code, word quickly spread and requests to participate came from Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, northern CA, and southern CA. The number of competitors was finally cut off at 135.

Nipomo now has four courts. Cambria is moving forward with plans to install six permanent courts. Atascadero offers 3 indoor and 3 outdoor non-permanent courts. Cayucos was playing on their tennis courts (using chalked lines and non-permanent nets), but their players have recently merged with Morro Bay, and are part of the MB Pickleball Club.

Pismo Beach, Templeton, and San Luis Obispo currently have pickleball courts, but only within private clubs.

## Morro Bay

Retired persons now travel the country specifically looking for towns and cities with pickleball courts. Their economic impact on a community can be huge, particularly in a town like Morro Bay, with only 10,000 residents, but several RV parks and two State Park camping areas, 68 places to eat, 35 motels, and year-round weather that hovers at 60 degrees, plus or minus 10, most days of the year.

Morro Bay currently has 3 outdoor courts, all at Del Mar Park. We have regularly scheduled play days when all equipment is provided, but the nets have to be individually put up and taken down on each dedicated play day. The courts are available Mondays thru Fridays during non-play day hours to players with their own equipment, including nets.

MB-PB officially began October 2, 2014: the number of players has ranged from 11 - 22 every Tuesday and Thursday. Beginning in January, Mondays were added to see if there was enough interest. Twelve players showed up on the first Monday. One to four new players show up every play day. At the last Thursday play day, 6 new players attended. We set up an additional fourth net on the basketball court to accommodate the extra players, and we still had players challenging on each of the other three courts.

The MB-Pickleball Club is only a couple of months old and currently has 39 members. These are players who regularly play at Del Mar Park, some once a week, others who come every time we set up. These players have also been encouraged to join Morro Bay Senior Citizens Incorporated.

There are another 54 players on my Pickleball Players list who are from other parts of the county and who want to keep updated on pickleball events within San Luis Obispo County. Most of them are regulars at other courts around the county, but have also played at Del Mar Park.

There are 22 potential players from a SLO women's organization who have requested pickleball information and clinics. The only current facility in SLO offering pickleball is a private club that charges ~\$2900 to join, and ~\$250/month to play. There are attempts in the works to change that.

There are 9 people on the MB Pickleball Loop list, meaning they have

expressed an interest in keeping apprised of pickleball in Morro Bay, but have not actually been out to play.

And finally, there are 6 players on the Pickleballers On-Hold list. These are players who are currently unable to participate for various reasons, but wish to remain in touch.

### Pickleball Courts versus Tennis Courts

In 2013, it was reported that there were five times as many pickleball courts as tennis courts being constructed across the country. The Villages, in central Florida, has 125 pickleball courts and 15 tennis courts.

Four pickleball courts can typically fit on one tennis court.

The NCAA decided two years ago to allow collegiate tennis courts to also be striped for pickleball.

Tennis play across America has diminished; pickleball has been picking up momentum for the past five years. This is especially evident in areas with high percentages of people over the age of 50. Former tennis players are flocking to the game because it is easier on the body while still providing excellent aerobic opportunity and reflex enhancement.

Pickleball has also picked up momentum in schools. Paddles and balls cost less and the game offers students a gateway into tennis. Permanent courts and equipment are less expensive, and when necessary, alternate courts are easily set up and taken down. It can be played indoors or out.

### What the Morro Bay Pickleball Club is requesting:

1. Morro Bay was scheduled to have FIVE courts. We have three (five were striped, but there needs to be 6-8 feet between courts; the current courts have approximately 14 inches between them). We would like to have:

(A) the current five courts re-striped, and four courts put down.

(B) two courts striped on the basketball court.

(C) dedicated courts. (Currently, we have dedicated play times, and we have useable courts, but no permanent nets. To have tournaments, we need dedicated

courts and nets.)

2. We would like to have at least one tennis court at Monte Young Park striped for pickleball. Both courts would be better. We have no current venue for weekend play. (If a tennis court is striped for one pickleball court, the tennis net is easily adjusted to pickleball height merely by moving the center strap over four squares.)

3. Del Mar Park is a great venue. The wind can be challenging, and a wind screen around the current courts would be nice. However, it would be less necessary if we had dedicated courts with permanent nets.

OR

There are currently two tennis courts at Del Mar Park that appear to be rarely used. (Even the tennis club uses the Monte Young courts. One of the concerns I have heard about the DMP courts is that the faux-grass surface is too slippery.) A possibility would be to remove the faux grass and put down 6-8 permanent pickleball courts in place of the tennis courts, eliminating the need for the roller hockey and basketball court usage. This would also allow weekend play. Plus, there are already windbreaks in place.

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## Tennis Court Conversion

The USAPA receives many questions about how to lay out pickleball courts on a tennis court. This page shows several of the possibilities. Also see [Revitalizing Underutilized Courts with Pickleball \(/wp-includes/pdf/Revitalizing-Underutilized-Courts.pdf\)](#), an article by David Johnson (former USAPA Media Relations Chair).

## Pickleball Court Dimensions

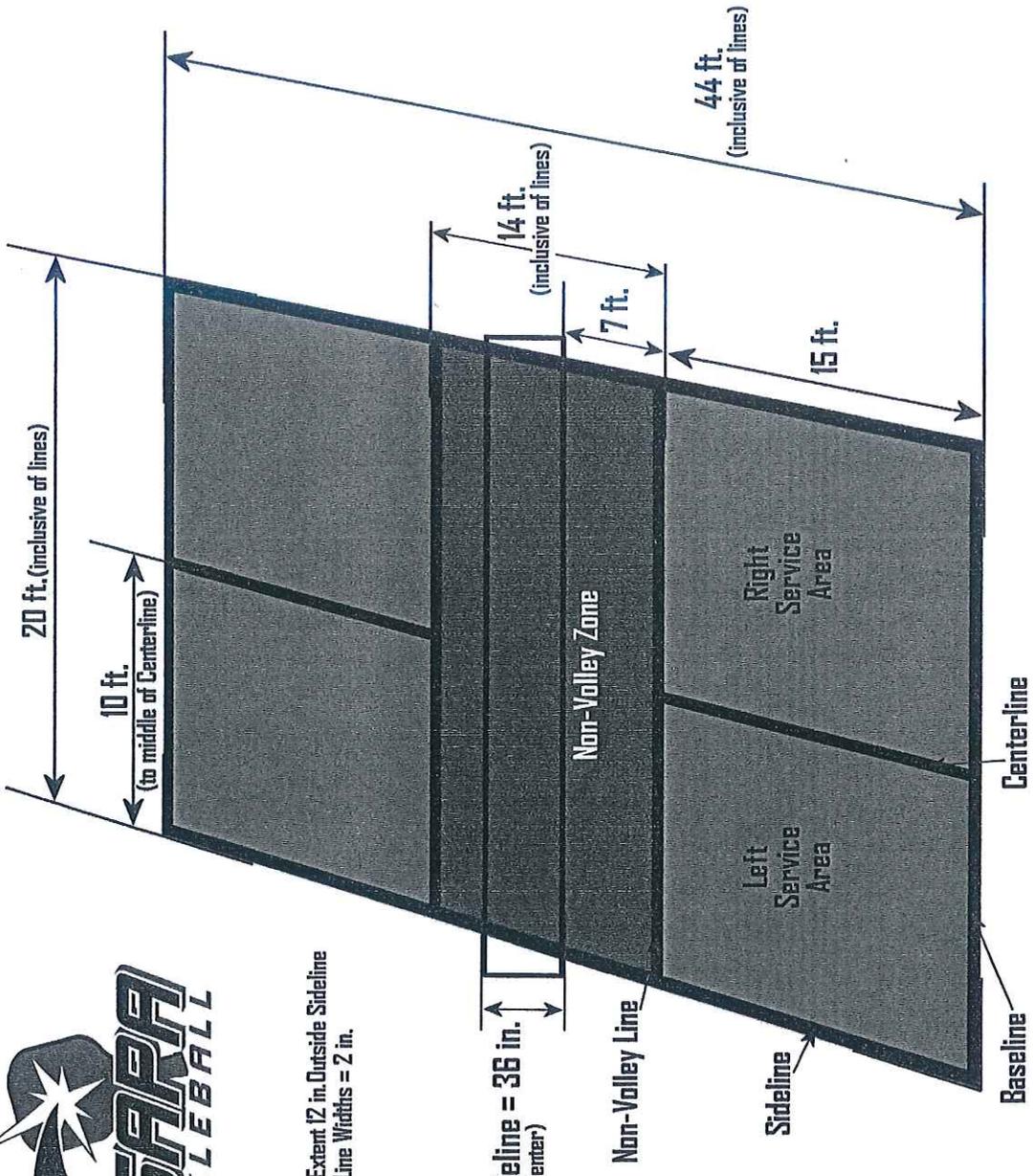
When laying out a pickleball court, it is important to know the correct specifications as indicated in the following diagram. It is also important to note that if the courts are outdoors and the tennis court is oriented in the normal north/south direction, **do not place the pickleball courts at right angles to the tennis court**. If you do, one player will be looking directly into the sun in the early morning or late afternoon which can certainly prove to be safety hazard.

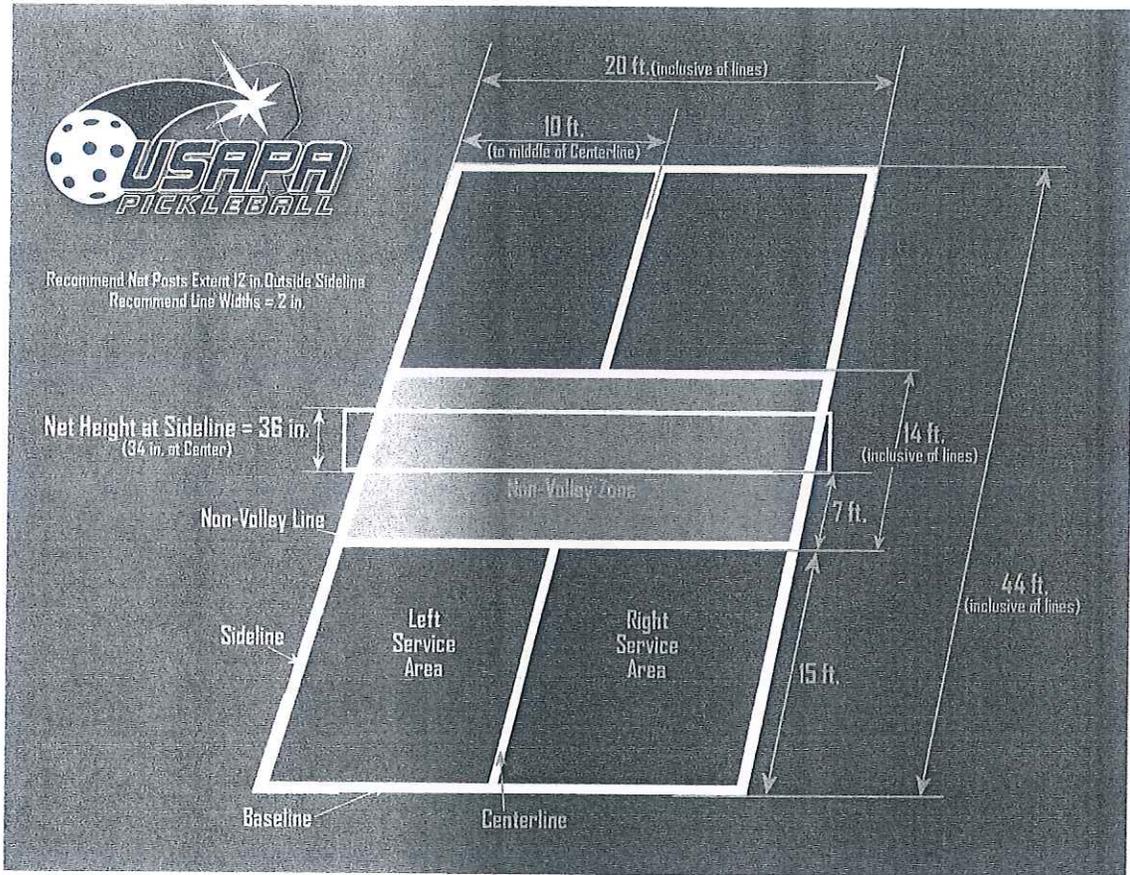
Be sure to also see our Do-It-Yourself page ([/do-it-yourself-guidelines/](#)) for information on laying out our court(s), including paint and tape options and see various net options on our Portable Net Stands ([/portable-net-stands/](#)) page.



Recommend Net Posts Extend 12 in. Outside Sideline  
 Recommend Line Widths = 2 in.

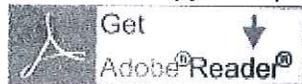
Net Height at Sideline = 36 in.  
 (34 in. at Center)





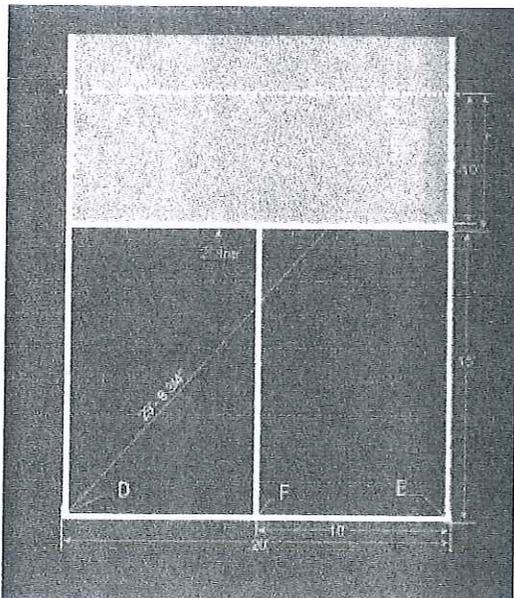
For a PDF copy of the above diagram, click here (<http://www.usapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/court-diagram.pdf>)

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### Detail of 1/2 Court Layout



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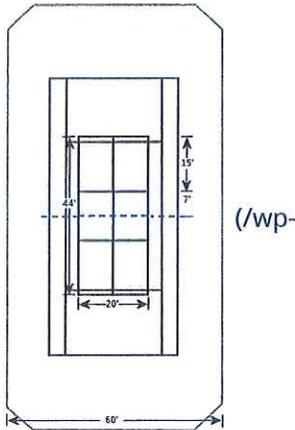
## Tennis Court Layouts

### One Pickleball Court per Tennis Court

The simplest way is to just lower the tennis net to 34" in the center. Lines can be painted on the court for pickleball. Then the court can be used for both tennis and pickleball very easily. The pickleball lines are red in the photo on the right. Because of the size of the tennis court, you might want to have some sort of temporary barrier for the balls so that they don't have to be chased the full length of the tennis court.

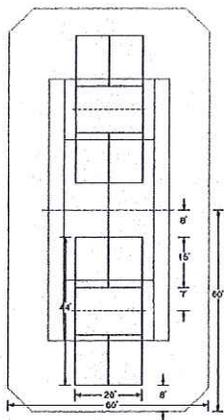
The center strap could be used to bring the net down to 34 inches in the center. If the tension on the net cord is very tight, the tension might have to be loosened slightly by adjusting the ratchet on the net post.

**Only where permission can be obtained**, drill holes at the sidelines, see this pdf file (189 KB) ([http://usapa.org/construction/net\\_solution.pdf](http://usapa.org/construction/net_solution.pdf)) for a method of setting the correct height at the sidelines.



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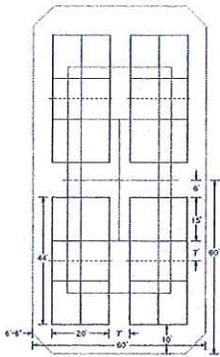
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**Two Pickleball Courts per Tennis Court** The diagram on the left shows 2 pickleball courts laid out on a tennis court. A standard tennis court pad is 60'x120'. The minimum recommended size for a pickleball court is 30'x60'. That is exactly one fourth the size of a standard tennis court pad. Therefore, it is possible to put 4 pickleball courts in the space of a tennis court except for the possible existence of angled corners that are on some tennis courts. If the corners are angled, then two courts can fit very nicely as shown. If the conversion is temporary or it is desired to be able to continue to use the court for tennis, then USAPA Portable Net Stands ([../portable-net-stands/](#)) can be used for the pickleball courts and the tennis net can be left in place as a backstop for the two pickleball courts

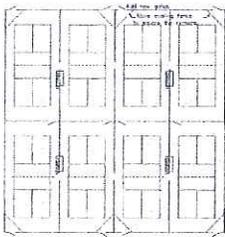


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**Four Pickleball Courts per Tennis Court**The diagram on the right shows four pickleball courts on a tennis court. Note how the position of the pickleball courts has been shifted by two feet to allow for the angled corners of the tennis court. That leaves only 6 feet between the pickleball baseline and the tennis net. That is a little tight, but works in a pinch. The compromise is especially acceptable if the tennis court is being used temporarily while permanent pickleball courts are being built. If the tennis court does not have angled corners, then move the courts 2 feet so that there is an 8-foot distance between the pickleball baseline and the backstops. Note how the lines are made to coincide as much as possible with the tennis court lines in order to minimize line confusion for the players. Note also that this layout does not allow room for fences between the side-by-side courts. To serve as a backstop for the balls, the tennis net should be extended with netting or some sort of temporary barrier.



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**Permanent Conversion of Tennis Courts**This diagram shows 2 tennis courts that are permanently converted to 8 pickleball courts. If a single tennis court is converted, just refer to half of the diagram. Angled corners are squared off if necessary. If the tennis court is a standard dimension of 60'x120', that only allows 5 feet between the pickleball sidelines and the fences. That should be considered the minimum dimension. If space and budget allow, add some additional overall width. That will give the more active players more room and also give room for seating on the courts.