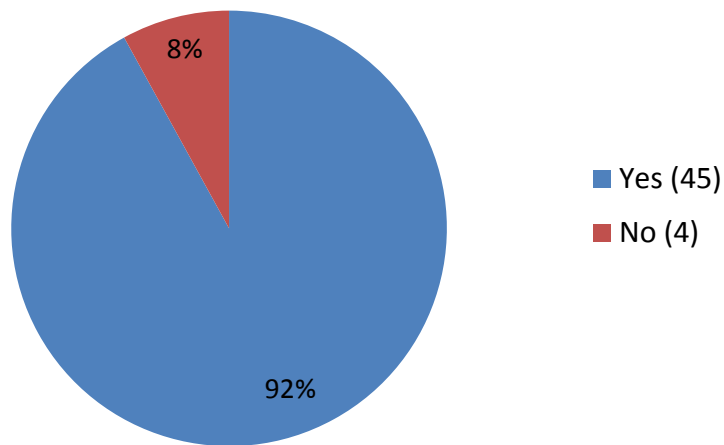




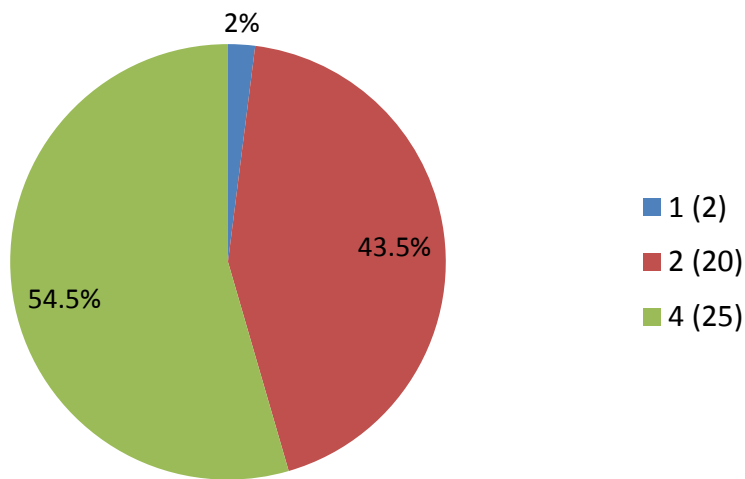
Comments collected from the public meeting held on Jan. 7, 2017, online survey Jan. 7 - 21, 2017, email and phone calls.

1. Should the tennis courts be modified to allow for pickleball to be played in addition to tennis?



Number of responses: 49

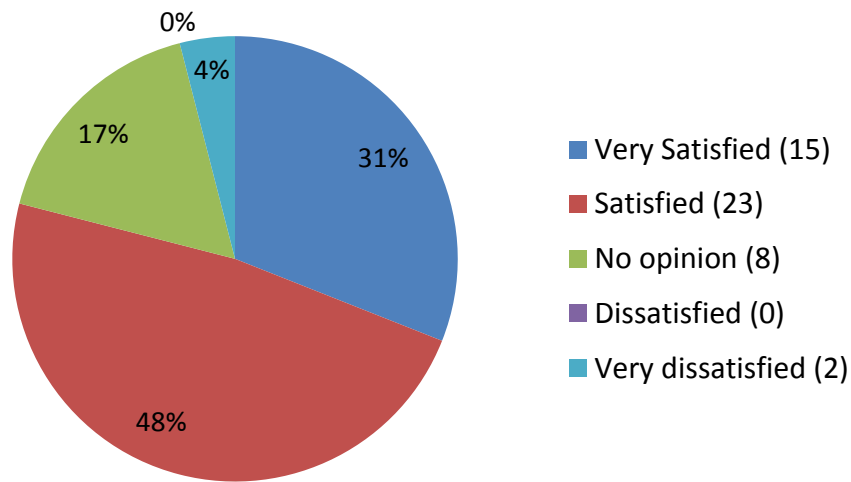
2. If yes, how many pickleball courts should be allowed?



Number of responses: 46

3. Our objective is to provide accessible, clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how we are doing on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

**Cleanliness of the park**

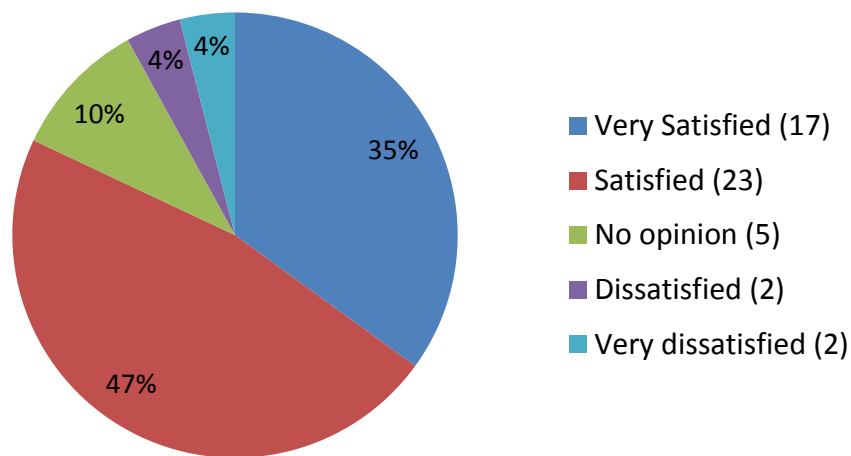


Number of responses: 48

Comments:

1. Haven't played there for a few years. Seemed fine when I took pickleball lessons there.
2. Need pickleball courts and portable net on the sidelines
3. Look at ways to improve maintenance

**Safety of the park**

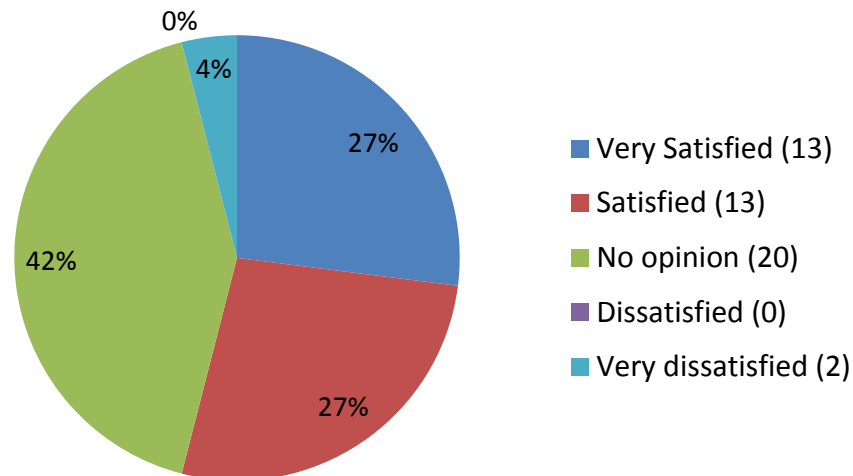


Number of responses: 49

Comments:

1. Needs to be low level lighting at mediation garden

## Friendliness of the park staff



Number of responses: 48

Comments:

1. Don't know as haven't had any contact
2. Have not met

## 4. Additional Comments

1. We cannot make the meeting tomorrow. We want to be able to play pickleball on the tennis courts. (My husband and I both have pickleball paddles as we moved from Ahwatukee where pickleball is played). Go to Ahwatukee and see how they have changed the tennis court to a pickleball court.... Warner behind the baseball diamond by the Ahwatukee Board of Management. In fact, if you haven't already talked with them, it might be a good idea. I am confused by the choices. We need a net with each court ( just as tennis), but a smaller one. The balls go all over the place so it is important to have a physical separation between the courts. Choice 2 shows the court smaller with the net dividing the court. Of all the choices you provide, that is the best, BUT it should be done on BOTH of the tennis courts. Any questions, please call us. We would be glad to visit the court in Ahwatukee with you!
2. Having played pickle ball on lined tennis courts using the tennis net, it works best with just 1 pickle ball court.
3. DEDICATED Pickleball courts would be the first in Tempe. Permanent nets need to be in place to make this a useable neighborhood venue. Option 3 with permanent nets would give Pickleball "their" place in Tempe. A net to separate the tennis and Pickleball courts with benches would enhance the courts for ALL players.
4. The meditation garden is missing two benches. Could these be added to give the park a more complete look? They need not be new, but they should match what is there already.
5. Would like to vote for option 3. Even though all 4 pickleball courts may not be used a lot, with the tennis net between, there is much less chasing balls. Some of us have our own nets to use. I think a darker blue would be good for the lines. Thank you.
6. Need more covered picnic areas
7. Would like option 3 with dark blue lines.

8. As a tennis player and long-time resident in Warner Ranch I believe the tennis courts should remain as is; as two tennis courts. It's difficult enough to find public tennis courts to play on. So to transition the two tennis courts to pickle ball courts whether one or two will further limit court availability for tennis players in our neighborhood. To place pickle ball court(s) next to tennis courts is louder (with the wood racquet and plastic ball) and distracting to tennis players, as evidenced as other clubs nearby, Sun Lakes being one example. The additional lines required for pickle ball will also further discourage tennis and are distracting. My wish is that we can enforce the use of the tennis courts for tennis; not dog runs, scooters and skateboarding. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion, since I was unable to attend today's meeting.
9. Pickleball lines and portable net!!
10. The city needs to provide outdoor courts for pickleball. The tennis courts are not been utilized.
11. One tennis court should be lined to permit two pickleball courts and the tennis court net should not be used for pickleball
12. A single pickleball court on each of the tennis courts using the tennis net as the pickleball net will allow drop in pickleball without having to bring your own nets, This will in my opinion increase pickleball play to the point in the near future dedicated pickleball courts could be an option
13. My preference is that that both tennis courts would striped for pickleball, (and tennis) using the tennis nets, as very few people have their own nets and they are expensive.
14. Looking forward to having Pickleball courts in Tempe. I currently drive to Pecos Community Center to play Pickleball.
15. If lines are created for 2 or 4 pickleball courts, it would be important to provide either wheeled, movable nets or some kind of locked storage for portable nets since the park is not manned. Or, another possibility would be to have Option #1 (players would have to bring their own nets) and lines for 1 court on the other tennis court for when no one has a net.
16. While pickle ball may be of interest to some.... sitting under a shaded space is much more important to park goers, generally. Harelson Park has at least 4 or 5 cement tables with benches. ONLY ONE AREA HAS A COVER FOR SHADE. Neighbors have to jockey to secure that single space for a birthday party or team meeting or family picnic. PLEASE consider covering the other picnic tables that already exist at this park. Providing those shades will meet Goals 2, 3 and 4 of park investment. That would be of interest to far more families than pickle ball markings on the slab.
17. The city of Tempe needs more pickleball courts. We need courts both inside and out. I think the senior population is being under represented. Pickleball is an excellent activity for individuals of all levels and is easier to learn then tennis as well an less damaging on the body. Individuals with knee and shoulder problems can play pickleball and remain more active for longer. Tempe is a community which should be taking a leadership role in the expansion of this sport. It is certainly a draw for many winter visitors especially if we can begin gaining a reputation to host tournaments.
18. I would also like to see a shade canopy over the playground equipment - MORE SHADE, please.
19. Q2. Full response - 4 permanent PickleBall Courts and 1 Permanent Tennis Court. Adding a net/screen between left and right side courts will be nice to stop ball from crossing. Option 3 with 4 permanent pickleball courts and one tennis. I play tennis but we should allow permanent pickleball.

20. Recommend that Harrelson Park have 1 tennis court and 4 fully dedicated courts (not one of current options). tennis players have so many options - Kiwanis Park, the local high school, eg. no options now for pickleball. It is surprising to me that Tempe has not moved to install pickleball courts in the city. Its way behind the curve on this. There should be lighted and fully dedicated courts - so I strongly as many as possible!
21. Suggest powder blue on pickle ball lines. I would prefer Option 3 to allow more pickle ball players to participate.
22. Permanent ball courts would increase play. Neighbors won't be supplying nets to play. Wind nets would be helpful. Dividing net between courts needed (like Dobson Ranch). Benches needed. Combo between Option 2 and Option 3 would be best with permanent nets. If not, then Option 2 both courts.
23. Please strongly consider making the pickleball lines "blended", in whichever pickleball line. configuration is chosen. If the lines are too pronounced, they will be confusing for tennis. Consider adding blended lines for 60' tennis court lines on both courts:  
<https://www.usta.com/multimedia-interactive/photos/blended-lines/13/60-blended-tennis-lines/>. Though pickleball is popular with older residents, there are smaller 36' and 60' courts/balls that can be used to help younger players learn. It would be nice to have 60' lines painted on these courts so that younger kids can play a structured tennis game and have more success than they would on 78' courts. Here is some additional info:  
[http://www.10andundertennis.com/img/media/Bolleter\\_i\\_Macci\\_PDF.pdf](http://www.10andundertennis.com/img/media/Bolleter_i_Macci_PDF.pdf) What do the tennis instructors and managers at Kiwanis have to say? To me, these courts are recreational courts. They should be as accessible as possible. If someone is very serious about tennis, they can go play at Corona or Kiwanis. I don't want to pay \$3 at kiwanis to take my kid over and play on a small court, or pay \$3 to have them hit against a wall. (there should be walls to hit tennis balls against, where you don't have to pay \$3). The main problem I have with the 2 and 4 pickleball court configurations is that it requires someone to own a pickleball net to take advantage of the striping (that is a very limited number of people). The USTA has grants for painting blended lines on courts: [https://www.usta.com/Facilities/36\\_60\\_court\\_resources/](https://www.usta.com/Facilities/36_60_court_resources/)
24. How much tennis usage do these tennis courts get? If these courts are not heavily used (my impression is that they're not), the city should consider removing one of the tennis nets and convert one court to a multipurpose court. Line one court for futsal and 4 pickleball courts. Leave the other as a tennis court. (lined for both a 78' and 60' court). Here are examples where it has been done others places throughout the country: <http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-c1-futsal-20140115-dto-htmlstory.html>; <http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/a-new-type-of-sportsball-for-seattle/Content?oid=18546846>; <http://www.sacbee.com/community/elk-grove/article7942218.html>; <http://onmilwaukee.com/sports/articles/lincolnparkfutsal.html>; <http://kcur.org/post/futsal-soccer-catches-kansas-city#stream/0>;
25. The "peace walk" area of the park is frequently used by drug users.
26. Although I would love to see dedicated pickleball courts constructed, I recognize that may not be "in the cards" at this time. I recommend Option 1 on one court (2 p/b courts) combined with Option 3 on the other court (4 p/b courts). If tennis players in the neighborhood are in the majority, then I recommend Option 3 - 1 court for tennis only and 1 tennis court striped with 4 p/b courts.

27. Prefer one tennis court and one dedicated pickleball with 4 courts - permanent nets. No increase in cost over 2 tennis courts. Like Option 3, as I own my own net.
28. Really prefer 4 separate pickleball courts with nets replacing 1 tennis court and 1 dedicated tennis court.
29. Option 2 is the best, but should be on both courts instead of just 1.
30. Option 2 with lines on both courts. Add 2 benches between courts. Wind screens.
31. Bench needed - if not in budget, contact me. Put pickleball at Kiwanis Park.
32. When will the playground at Harelson Park be renovated?
33. I have lived on Warner Ranch for 25 years and will be retiring in the next 2 to 3 years. I had already decided to attempt to play the fastest growing sport in the retirement community. PLEASE add lines for pickleball on ALL courts.

## **Emails**

1. 12/29/16 - I live in the Harelson Park neighborhood. In addition to updating the tennis court, the playground needs a cover. Too often parents or grandparents of young children can't use the equipment in hotter months due to the heat. This would be a more valuable service to me.
2. 12/30/16 -I can't make the meeting and I want to give my wholehearted support to the plan to stripe the tennis courts for pickleball play as well. Provision of nets(either on wheels or in some kind of lock box) should also be part of the plan.
3. 1/6/17 - I believe that a better use of the funds would be to install a cover over the playground. Lets help protect our kids from too much sun.
4. 1/19/17 - Regarding the renovation of the tennis courts at Harelson Park. My wife and I bought a new home in Warner Ranch on Stacey Lane in 1991 and still live there. We still use Harelson Park. We are both in our 60`s now and not as athletic as we once were. Pickleball is a great game for older adults. Selfishly we would like to see both courts striped for pickleball. Thank you the opportunity to provide feedback.

## **Phone calls**

1. 1/6/17 – in support of pickleball courts
2. 1/17/17 – in support of pickleball courts