

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN'S FORUM
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
March 1, 2016
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers Present:	Craft, Knight, Miller, Shelton, Thomas, Wright and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson Various department heads or their representatives City Attorney, Steven W. Moore City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. PICKLEBALL COURTS

Judy Greve, 960 W. 34th St., addressed the City Council regarding pickleball facilities within the City of Yuma. There is one indoor pickleball facility located at the Yuma Readiness and Community Center (YRCC), which is comprised of four courts. There are two outdoor courts; one located at Carver Park and the other at Ray Kroc Baseball Complex. She requested that the City allocate more money to maintain the current courts and asked that they consider additional courts. The courts at YRCC are in need of resurfacing. There are two basketball courts that are not frequently used which could be converted to pickleball courts. The lines on the court at Carver Park were originally painted incorrectly, and new lines were painted over them without first removing or otherwise obscuring the old lines. Additionally, players must bring their own net. There is an old, unused tennis court at the Ray Kroc Baseball Complex that could be resurfaced and converted into two additional pickleball courts.

Mayor Nicholls stated that currently there are around 150 people in Yuma who play pickleball, and it has been identified as a growing sport. It is likely not feasible to convert the basketball courts at YRCC to pickleball courts as there are a significant number of basketball players in Yuma that need places to practice and conduct tournaments. He asked if it would be possible to obliterate the extraneous lines at the Carver Park pickleball court. **Wilkinson** stated that they will look into that option. **Knight** asked how long players typically wait to use the pickleball courts. **Greve** stated that there is always a wait to play, but thanks to the efficiency of Parks & Recreation staff the wait is not as long as she has experienced in other cities.

Wright asked if pickleball can be played on a basketball court, and if the required net is the same size as a tennis net. **Greve** explained that the pickleball net is the same size as a badminton net, but it is lower to the ground much like a tennis net. **Wright** asked which court Greve was referring to at the Ray Kroc Baseball Complex. **Greve** stated it is a single, run-down tennis court across from the Yuma Civic Center. If it is resurfaced, it could accommodate two pickleball courts. **Wright** asked if pickleball requires the same surface as a tennis court, or if it is concrete. **Greve** stated that they are usually concrete, but they can be made of other materials. Considering the budget, pickleball players

would be happy with any smooth, seamless surface. **Mayor Nicholls** explained that at this point in the budget and Capital Improvement Program planning, the City cannot say one way or another whether these suggested improvements will fit into the program. Funds are limited and decisions will be made based on demand.

II. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nicholls adjourned the Citizen's Forum at 5:43 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor