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Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Schultz, Joanna
Cc: Budge, Jennifer
Subject: ** OCT 6th MEETING: Hidden Valley Tennis Courts **

Importance: High

Hello Joanna,

I am a resident of Hidden Valley and also a tennis player. I previously corresponded with Jennifer Budge previously regarding my concerns about the pickle ball situation at the Hidden Valley Regional Park tennis courts. I recently saw the updated proposal notice at the tennis courts regarding the stripping/resurfacing along with tomorrow's Parks Commission meeting. Unfortunately I have prior commitments at work and cannot make it to the meeting. However, I do want my voice heard at this meeting – as a constituent of Washoe County, as a resident of Hidden Valley, and as a Tennis Player. May I ask you to pass along the following concerns to the Park Commissioners:

- I agree with the proposed plan of one dedicated tennis court and four dedicated pickle ball courts. If this means there are no interfering lines on each other's courts, this will eliminate conflicts on several fronts. If the pickleball players want their own courts and eliminate one our tennis courts, then they need to leave the other dedicated tennis court alone (i.e. no additional stripping over our tennis court lines). They can't have their cake and eat it too.
- I still insist on signage regarding rules and conduct once the resurface project is completed. This should include prohibition of other activities (soccer, skating, etc) on these courts, play/wait times for each sport, seating arrangements (please see additional comments below), etc.
- I am vehemently opposed to on court seating if it interferes with the other sport's court. I know the pickle ball players likes to camp out with their law chairs on the courts and spectate. I'm ok with that but I object to them sitting on the dedicated tennis court. If tennis players walk on to play tennis on the dedicated tennis court, that court must be available for tennis players. I wouldn't bring other fellow tennis players to sit on the dedicated pickle ball courts for spectating; I expect the same to for our tennis court.
- I object to any large pickle ball gathering without reservation and consent from Washoe County Parks. I also insist on public notice (i.e. notice posted at courts) of such an event before it takes place. The last thing I want to do is walk on to the dedicated tennis court expecting to play and see 50+ people mingling at a pickle ball social. This happened last month and I was furious. I contacted Jennifer and confirmed they did not make any accommodations with her regarding the event.

I belong to Reno Tennis Club (RTC) and this is not how we operate. For years RTC has kept and maintain the courts at Washoe Tennis Center with our own membership fees. We've paid for the resurfacing of the courts, nettings and windscreens, and even the surrounding landscaping. We've also work alongside Washoe County Parks to request reservations for special events. We've posted these events to the public well before the events. I highly suggest Truckee Meadows Pickleball Club (TMPC) and their 215 members do the same. Since TMPC is receiving four dedicated pickle ball courts and eliminated one tennis court, I encourage them to GIVE BACK to the County Parks and public.

- Yes, pickleball is a “growing sport” but it is PALE in comparison to tennis. In the United States, there are 700,000 USTA (United States Tennis Association) members; there are only 2,000 pickleball players in the USAPA (USA Pickleball Association). I want to accommodate and coexist with these “pickleballers” but their actions locally has given me a sour taste: they have walked on to public tennis courts to scout for court conversions while tennis players are playing, they have congregated on tennis courts for socials without prior consent of the County, they have given us tennis players attitude when we go on courts with comments such as “why don’t you play on the other 57 courts in Reno.” I CANNOT and WILL NOT give in to this type of attitude from their players. When they come to have a 150 year history and have a national championship called the US Open with 700,000 annual attendees, then I will call you a growing sport.

Regards,
Vu Nguyen

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