

ESTABLISHMENT OF PICKLEBALL

AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE

(CHARTER & TIMETABLE AS APPROVED BY HGRD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

COMMITTEE PURPOSE, CHARTER AND DELIVERABLES

- The HGRD Board of Supervisors is establishing a Pickleball Ad Hoc Study Committee to assist the Board in its decision-making process regarding what should be included in a plan to develop and/or construct a playing area for the approved Pickleball amenity. The Ad Hoc Committee should include in its investigations, as examples:
 - the number of courts required, based on present and expected future utilization by District residents.
 - possible court sites using existing surfaces within Heron's Glen.
 - possible sites for new construction of Pickleball courts.
 - estimates of cost requirements (capital and O&M) to use and maintain existing surfaces for the placement of courts.
 - estimates of cost requirements (capital and O&M) to construct new courts and maintain them on an ongoing basis.
 - equipment requirements, at time of introduction and for ongoing maintenance.
 - an analysis of pros. and cons. for use of existing surfaces vs. new construction.
 - an overall neighborhood impact assessment, taking into consideration attendant noise, and possible traffic and parking concerns depending on potential court locations.
 - estimates of the potential impact on resident assessments of supporting Pickleball.
- The Ad Hoc Study Committee's basic function will be to serve as a fact-finding, research and analytical arm of the Board. In addition to researching the ever-increasing body of information on Pickleball, including as examples:
 - popularity of the sport on both the local tri-county area and national basis and its expected growth,
 - space needs for courts...either existing surfaces or new construction, and
 - costs associated with installation at existing facilities in the Fort Myers/Naples area, the Committee should plan site visits and interviews with Pickleball installers and players.
- The Committee should also plan interviews with operating management to determine ongoing issues, including O&M costs for courts and equipment, and any potential impact on insurance and accident claims.
- The Board of Supervisors retains the right and responsibility to make final decisions regarding the provision of Pickleball as an amenity of the District.

COMMITTEE FORMATION AND GENERAL OPERATIONS

- The Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee will consist of five members selected by the Board of Supervisors from a list of volunteers. The HGRD General Manager will be an ex-officio member of the Committee. His Staff will be available to provide support as required.
- The Committee will report directly to the Board of Supervisors, which has the responsibility to provide general direction and oversight. Updates to the Board should be reported at each of its monthly Regular Workshop meetings following establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- The Committee should appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting. A member should also be identified who will be willing to post Notices of Committee Meetings and publish minutes of each meeting. Also at its initial meeting, the Committee should establish a work plan, timetable and member assignments that should be reviewed with the Board at its next Workshop meeting.
- All Ad Hoc Committee meetings must be posted and open to the public as required by Florida Sunshine laws.

PROJECT ELEMENTS & PROPOSED TIMING

Ad Hoc Committee

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| • Obtain Board approval of Committee charter | June, 2012 |
| • Publish charter and request for Committee volunteers | Aug., 2012 |
| • Appoint Ad Hoc Committee members | Sept., 2012 |
| • Hold initial meeting of Ad Hoc Committee | Oct., 2012 |
| • Review final Committee Report with Board | Jan., 2013 |

Board & Management

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| • Proceed with Board-approved plan for Pickleball courts | Jan., 2013 |
| • Finalize funding and budget implications | TBD |
| • Publish progress reports to all District residents | As Needed |
| • Introduce Pickleball as newest sports amenity available to all residents | TBD |

Approved by HGRD Board of Supervisors at its Regular Board Meeting held on June 27, 2012.