

**Minutes**  
**City of Key Colony Beach**  
**Special Recreation Committee Meeting – Pickleball Courts**  
**March 14, 2018 @ 10:15 A.M. - City Hall**

**Call to Order, Roll Call:**

The meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 10:20 A.M. Present were: Chairperson Blanche Hines, Bill Fox, Tom Alferes, Mike Alexander, and Ted Fischer. Also present: City Administrator Chris Moonis, Assistant City Clerk Becky Todd, Anita Alferes, and Sally Flagg.

**Pickle ball**

The purpose of the meeting was to get input from the tennis community regarding the motion made at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to propose to the commission that 3 new courts be installed on 8<sup>th</sup> St. and the remapping of the 8<sup>th</sup> St. tennis court (s). Representing the tennis players was Anita Alferes and Sally Flagg. Ted Fischer presented a slide show and hand outs showing the proposed remapping of the tennis court and the layout for the new pickleball courts. He stated that during season there are 60+ people playing pickleball on 7<sup>th</sup> St. and approximately 20 people playing on 8<sup>th</sup> St. There are currently 2 courts on 7<sup>th</sup> St. and 1 on 8<sup>th</sup> St. plus the mapped tennis court that is shared use with the tennis players. A \$50,000 grant received from the State of Florida was going to be used to expand the 7<sup>th</sup> St. courts but there was an objection from 7<sup>th</sup> St. residents because of the noise and parking issues that it would cause. \$27,000 of the grant is allocated for pickleball and he believes the deadline for construction is October 2018. They've adopted the use of quieter balls to help resolve the noise issue. The city commissioners requested that they find a way to move off of 7<sup>th</sup> St. and construct the courts in a different location. The proposal is to move off of 7<sup>th</sup> St., build 3 new courts on 8<sup>th</sup> St. toward the center of the park away from the houses. However, there would still not be enough courts to accommodate the players in the winter. Therefore the request is to remove the intrusive yellow lines off of tennis court #2 and remap 4 pickleball courts in a less intrusive color. The estimated cost for 3 new pickleball courts is \$45,000, the cost to repaint the tennis court is \$3000, and the portable nets would be approximately \$1000 bringing the total estimated cost to \$49,000. There is a shortfall in funds as the grant only allocates \$27,000 for pickleball unless the grant could be reconfigured to allocate more funds toward pickleball which is a possibility. The grant has a construction deadline of October 2018 which a request will be made to extend it until October 2019. Ted presented the example pictures of the proposed repainting options. Sally Flagg stated that she is against changing the lines on the tennis court except to repaint the existing yellow lines. She responded to a question from Mike Alexander that she would be against the repainting the tennis court to put 2 pickleball courts on it. She proposed to keep the 2 courts on 7<sup>th</sup> St. with restricted play times or have it used by the novices who are quieter and add the 3 courts on 8<sup>th</sup> St.

City Administrator Chris Moonis stated that the commission is in favor of centralizing pickleball taking the noise away from the residences. If the 7<sup>th</sup> St. courts were to be kept it would have to be mandated that only the quieter paddles and balls be used and the courts be designated for the novices. However the amenities have to be for the entire community and he believes mapping both of the tennis courts would be too much.

Bill Fox expressed that him as a tennis player thinks that the lines creating 2 pickleball courts will be less noticeable than the current lines.

Chris Moonis was of the opinion that if there are 6 courts established on 8<sup>th</sup> St., 2 being mapped on the tennis court, and 7<sup>th</sup> St. courts abandoned that would be the best option. The tennis court be mapped for pickleball needs to be a tennis court first. Sally Flagg thinks that because pickleball is becoming so popular that they need to keep the courts on 7<sup>th</sup> St. also. Chris Moonis relayed that there will be commissioners who will not be willing to allocate city funds for the new courts if the courts on 7<sup>th</sup> St. are retained. Concerns were expressed over potential parking issues on 8<sup>th</sup> St. to which Chris Moonis explained that better parking will be created

between the tennis courts and public works building and they will restripe in front of public works garage which would create about 6 spots and there are also other options to be considered as well if needed such as utilizing the trailer parking area.

**Motion:** Made by Bill Fox and seconded by Tom Alferes to accept the drawing for the 6 proposed pickleball courts as submitted and to leave the one tennis court alone. Upon completion, the 2 pickleball courts on 7<sup>th</sup> St. will be returned to strictly basketball courts. The proposal will be submitted before the commission at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> commission meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Other Business:**

City Administrator Chris Moonis recommended that the recreation committee consider a plan of action for the departure of golf course manager Daryl Rice which he expects to happen in the future. The city has waived the rent fees for the remainder of the current contract but Chris Moonis does not think that Daryl will want to sign another contract and return to paying rent as the profitability of the golf course has been declining in recent years.

It was discussed that the recreation committee needs to have a member that is representative of the tennis community. Anita Alferes and Sally Flagg both volunteered to join the committee.

**Motion:** Made by Mike Alexander and seconded by Ted Fischer to bring Anita Alferes and Sally Flagg onto the recreation committee as alternates.

**Roll Call Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Todd  
Assistant City Clerk