

APPROVAL of permit application for pickleball at Cameron Park Lake

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Commissioners,

I just lost my long explanation of why I think your APPROVAL of this permit was the correct choice and still is. However, now you're just getting my synopsis of the facts as I'm tired of writing about this subject.

- 1. NOISE LEVEL:** Yes, Pickleball is somewhat noisier than tennis but mostly because we have 32 people at a time playing pickleball, compared to their Tuesday morning tennis group of 4 to 6 people who use only one court,
- 2. CHOICES:** We've all made choices that we believed were great choices at the time, but several years later turned sour. The opposing neighbor family made a great choice of where to buy with their "almost" own tennis courts in their "almost" own back yard and because they really belonged to the CP CSD they didn't even have to do any maintenance on them. They also just happen to have their own gate, with their own lock, to have entry to the park!!! How did that happen??? They made a good choice of where to live and have enjoyed living there for many years. But, times change regardless of our wants, dreams and wishes. None of us really get to have everything we want, when, where and how we want it. Everything changes! People, Climate, vehicles, toys, lousy computers etc etc. Sport changes as well and Tennis is losing its luster while Pickleball is gaining fast. It's time the good neighbors accepted the fact that they are no longer going to have it as good as it's been. Sports courts, baseball fields, gymnasiums are all becoming multiple use areas and Pickleball deserves its place among the other sports.
- 3. FEAR:** Short and to the point. Many tennis players, including some of my friends who are in the Tuesday morning tennis group, are afraid of losing their sport to the fast growing groups of Pickleball players. They may be right, but at CP Lake, most of us hope they keep playing their tennis, but also we wish they would come and join us in some fun pickleball. Most long time tennis players make great pickleball players and they will find that we welcome them. Hopefully FEAR will fail!
- 4. CONCLUSION:** I believe that one of these days someone will invest in a large Pickleball facility that most of us will want to belong to. It's a sport where the games are short, friendly and lots of opportunity to engage and socialize with many different people. What's not good about that! But, until that happens, the courts at CP Lake do the most good, for the most people, most of the time by allowing pickleball to be played there full time while we wait for someone to believe in the slogan, "if you build it, they will come". I wholeheartedly endorse the APPROVAL of the permit application,

Thank you for your time.

Gary Neal Family
Sons and Grandsons, all Pickleball players
El Dorado County residents since 1978

Sent from my iPad

Denial of the Appeal of Approval of Administrative Permit Application ADM23-0014-CP CSD Pickleball Courts

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Dear Planning Commission Members:

This letter is in support of the approval of the permit application referenced above to once again allow play at the Cameron Park Lake CSD courts. My husband and I began playing pickleball about 4 ½ years ago at Cameron Park Lake and our lives have been positively changed as a result. We have developed strong friendships with many of the players at the Cameron Park Lake courts. There is a strong sense of community that we did not have before. Many of the players, including us, are over 60 and for many of us, this is the primary opportunity for us to interact with others socially and participate in a healthy activity. There are limited available pickleball courts in the County and most of the other locations require club membership fees which, for most of the players, are prohibitive.

Our group has offered many concessions and compromises to help mitigate the impact of the noise from the courts and these offers have been refused. We strongly urge you **to deny the appeal** of the permit application, so that the 60+ players (and growing) effected can continue to use the Cameron Park Lake courts until a better location can be found by the CSD to build courts in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron and Chrysan Dosh

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public comment re PC meeting August 24 Agenda item #4 23-1530

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Good Evening ELDO County,

I'm writing to you this evening to express concern with the Pickle Ball courts in our community specifically here in Cameron Park. My name is Mike and I'm a current home owner here in Cameron Park. My wife and I own a home on Hillcrest Drive, one block over from the park where the current courts are. We would gratefully appreciate you to consider to NOT approve the permit for the Pickle Ball Courts. We love living here in this community and love how quiet it is, however that is not the case when this game is being played 100 yards from our home. I would have no issue with it being relocated its just that is ruins how quiet it is in this section of CP.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Mike


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Regarding pickle ball courts at Cameron Park Lake: living 400 yards from the courts, the noise from both rackets, ball and players is a definite nuisance. The sounds are loud and constant from 7:30 AM to 5 PM. Given the number of houses that surround the courts, the number of CP citizens affected could be in the hundreds. In turn the negative affect to property values could be in the millions. Although I play PB myself, I play at the CSD and it's a great alternative to the CP Lake courts.

Pickleball at Cameron Park Lake

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Hello Commissioners.

I am addressing this to you because I am interested in an agenda item that you will be addressing during your meeting on August 24, 2023.

Specifically, if the sport of pickleball should be allowed to continue at the existing courts at Cameron Park Lake.

I am in complete support of pickleball play at Cameron Park Lake.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and in many other countries around the globe. Expectations are that this growth will continue in the future. The many benefits of this sport explain its growing popularity.

Some are:

- Pickleball is a great way to exercise and keep in shape, physically and mentally. Very important for older residents. I am 60 years old.
- Is growing in popularity with younger residents also. Is a great family outdoor activity. Can pull young people away from video games and electronic devices. Many schools are adding Pickleball to their programs.
- Is a great social outlet. Brings people together and builds community.
- Contributes to an area's economy.
- Is incredibly fun. El Dorado County needs more fun, uplifting activities for residents of all ages.

Many communities are building new facilities and courts to try to meet the public's demand for more pickleball. Recently, El Dorado Hills CDC Board approved plans to build six new courts. El Dorado County needs more pickleball courts. The great thing here is there are eight courts at Cameron Park Lake. Just waiting to reopen.

Cameron Park Lake boasts over 300 dedicated pickleball players. And this number was growing. This pickleball community was displaced as pickleball play was suspended at the lake for the last eight months. This is very unfortunate.

I sincerely hope that you will approve the continued pickleball activities at Cameron Park Lake.

Thank you.

Mark Embry

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing today regarding Permit #4 23-1530. I have lived here in Cameron Park for 26 years. Our house backs up to the CP Lake on Cambridge Rd. My family has enjoyed the park over these years and still does. The loud noise from pickleball has changed how we use our outdoor space, this has been noted in many cases in other communities as well. I believe the game of pickleball has been good for many here and in other communities, but these folks can always go and leave the noise behind. Since the shutdown of the pickleball courts, we have seen an increase of tennis players. By minimizing their court availability will now be forcing them to look elsewhere for their sport.

We are supporting the appeal by Dave and Liz Gates for two reasons, 1) the noise level and 2) the loss of value to our property! We will have to disclose to any buyer that pickleball has brought increased noise levels. Now that being said, who in their right mind will pay the full amount of sale for our home. Losing revenue is not an option here! I believe any pickleball player would say the same. Now will El Dorado County and/or any pickleball player pay back loss of revenue for the sale of my home?

I urge each Planning Commissioner to act upon their due diligent and understand as a community member we must allow others to present opposition (whether for or against) without retaliation and/or emotional abuse. To single out one household or family is inexcusable!

Thank you

Mark Twede

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Dear Commisioners

I, Bonnie Arth 2522 Dudley Drive Rescue, CA, am writing you to support the Appeal of David and Liz Gates and their Neighbors to oppose the Planning Department approval of the Administration Permit ADM 23-0014 Cameron Park CSD Pickleball Courts permit.

The reason for opposing the pickle ball courts is the noise level. I grew up just on the other side of the Cameron Park Lake tennis courts and there was never an issue with the noise level until the pickle ball courts went in. My parents still are residents in close proximity to the courts and the noise level is definitely a concern for all the residents that live in that area. I can not imagine the stress and annoyance these families are going through. Thank you for your consideration as you navigate through this issue.

Sincerely
Bonnie Arth

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Item 23-1530 Supplemental Public Comment

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Commission Members,

After reviewing the County code and General Plan, I write to supplement my earlier public comment.

Pickleball is a use type not previously considered in the Zoning Code and General Plan. The staff report suggests that the use should be regarded as "similar and compatible" to tennis courts and is allowed.

A determination of "similar and compatible" is authorized under the Zoning Code but requires it to be consistent with the General Plan (Zoning Code section 130.20.030 A.3.a.). The General Plan Public Health, Safety, and Noise Element establishes maximum noise standards for non-transportation noise sources adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses, including housing. General Plan Policy 6.5.1.7 requires noise created by non-transportation noise sources to be mitigated so as not to exceed the noise level standards of Table 6-2 for noise-sensitive uses. General Plan Table 6-2 establishes a maximum daytime noise level of 65 dB in Community Regions for recurring impulsive noises. General Plan Policy 6.5.1.10 states: "To provide a comprehensive approach to noise control, the County shall: ... C. The zoning ordinance shall be amended to provide that noise standards will be applied to ministerial projects with the exception of single-family residential building permits ... "

Like tennis, pickleball is played on a court with a net but with substantially different equipment, including solid surface paddles and rigid plastic balls that produce an intense, recurrent, impulsive noise. The Cameron Park CSD's noise study for the pickleball courts establishes that the impulsive noise generated at the property line of residences adjacent to the pickleball courts exceeds the allowable maximum noise level. Accordingly, further analysis is required on the County's findings that the use for tennis and pickleball is similar and compatible.

In addition, the use intensity increases due to the number of courts and players in the same area. In the area of three tennis courts that would typically accommodate six players, there are eight pickleball courts with room for thirty-two players, which impacts the intensity of use and the number of parking spaces required. A significant social aspect of pickleball involves loud dialogue between players and those waiting for a court.

Adding pickleball to the Zoning Code as an allowed use should be a legislative matter, where decision-makers can consider the impacts and establish appropriate standards and permitting requirements to minimize those impacts on adjacent property owners.

Regards,

Robert Williams