

Memorandum



Date: May 6, 2024

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(2)

June 4, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Feasibility of Creating Pickleball Courts at Amelia Earhart Park – Directive No. 231512

Executive Summary

The Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) has evaluated the feasibility of pickleball at Amelia Earhart Park and determined that up to six dedicated pickleball courts and necessary associated infrastructure can be accommodated including a parking lot with lighting, pickleball courts lighting, a restroom and storage building, water and sewer utility connections, walkway connections, site furniture, and landscaping. Funds have been identified through the Countywide Infrastructure Investment Program (CIIP) for the development of the courts and necessary associated infrastructure at a total cost of approximately \$3.2 million.

Background

On October 3, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. R-893-23, from the prime sponsor Senator René García, directing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility of creating pickleball courts at Amelia Earhart Park and requiring a report. PROS currently has a total of 89 existing and planned pickleball courts throughout the County. They include 26 dedicated pickleball courts and 33 blended courts, as well as 12 courts in construction and 18 courts planned for future build out. Amelia Earhart Park provides a variety of active outdoor recreational opportunities that can accommodate pickleball. The Park is a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) assisted site and subject to restrictions that require National Park Service (NPS) approval of park improvements prior to construction.

Projected Fiscal Impact

Up to six dedicated pickleball courts and necessary associated infrastructure can be accommodated at Amelia Earhart Park. There are currently no utility connections at the site. The overall estimated order of magnitude project budget for the development of six dedicated pickleball courts and necessary associated infrastructure is approximately \$3.2 million. The proposed elements include the following:

- Dedicated pickleball courts (6)
- Parking lot with lighting
- Pickleball courts lighting
- Restroom and storage building
- Utility connections (water, sewer)
- Walkway connections
- Site furniture
- Landscaping

Staffing for these amenities would require two part-time positions that would support the necessary functions by providing customer service and support. The overall estimated annual cost of operating these amenities is approximately \$73,000.00 per year.

Funds for Design and Construction

Funds have been identified through the Countywide Infrastructure Investment Program (CIIP) for the development of six dedicated pickleball courts and all necessary associated infrastructure totaling approximately \$3.2 million.

Projected Timeline

The projected timeline for the design and construction of six dedicated pickleball courts and necessary associated infrastructure at Amelia Earhart Park is approximately 29 months.

Pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. Should you require additional information, please contact Maria I. Nardi, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at 305-755-7903.

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