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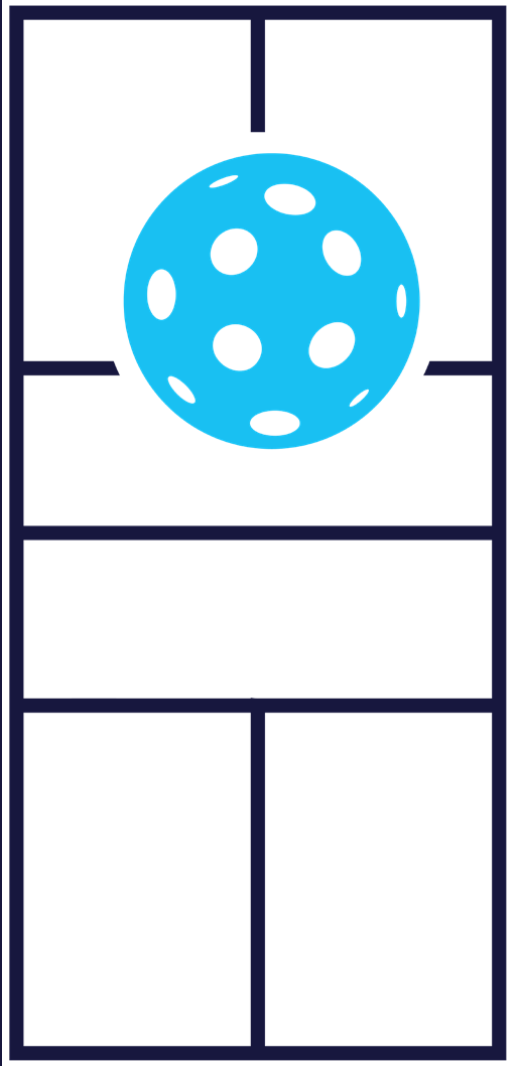
2026 GO Bond Program

Pickleball Committee



1. Introductions of Committee Members and Assigned Staff

Jorja Clemson,
Chair



Who Does What

- Committee - advises on needs, amenities and priorities
- Chairperson, Council Member Jorja Clemson - leads the discussion
- Staff Liaison, Megan Mahan- coordinates and keeps us in scope
- Project Department Representative, Rod Hayes- subject-matter expert
- City Manager - assigns staff support; decides certain matters
- City Council - final authority on all implementation decisions

**We advise. Staff reviews every recommendation before it moves forward.
City Council decides.**



2. Review of Committee Charge, Term and Advisory Role

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What We're Here to Do

Provide advisory input on the **Pickleball Facility** project, including:

- What the community needs
- The experience this project should create
- Major characteristics and amenities
- Service and access expectations
- Project priorities
- Implementation considerations for staff

Our job is to help define what matters most.



Our Lane

We Advise On

- Community needs and priorities
- General site characteristics and vicinity
- Major amenities and experiences
- Accessibility and public use
- Project priorities
- Concerns staff should consider

We Do Not Decide

- Final site selection
- Detailed design or engineering
- Architects, vendors or contractors
- Operating budgets or staffing
- Facility naming



Our Final Product

By the end of the process, the committee will provide City Council with a clear summary of:

- Who the complex should serve
- The role the complex should play in Grand Prairie
- Major characteristics and amenities
- Resident access and service expectations
- What should be prioritized within the available funding
- Any important concerns or differing viewpoints

Final decisions remain with City Council.



Our Charge and Our Clock

Established by City Council ordinance adopted **July 21, 2026**, under Section 2-7(h) of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances.

- Our topic: the Pickleball Complex project
- Our term ends October 31, 2026
- The Mayor may extend it up to 60 days if we need more time
- City Council may conclude our work earlier
- Five meetings; the Chairperson may combine or adjust topics

A defined charge and a defined clock - about eleven weeks from tonight.



3. Open Meetings, PIA, Conflict Disclosure, and Committee Procedures

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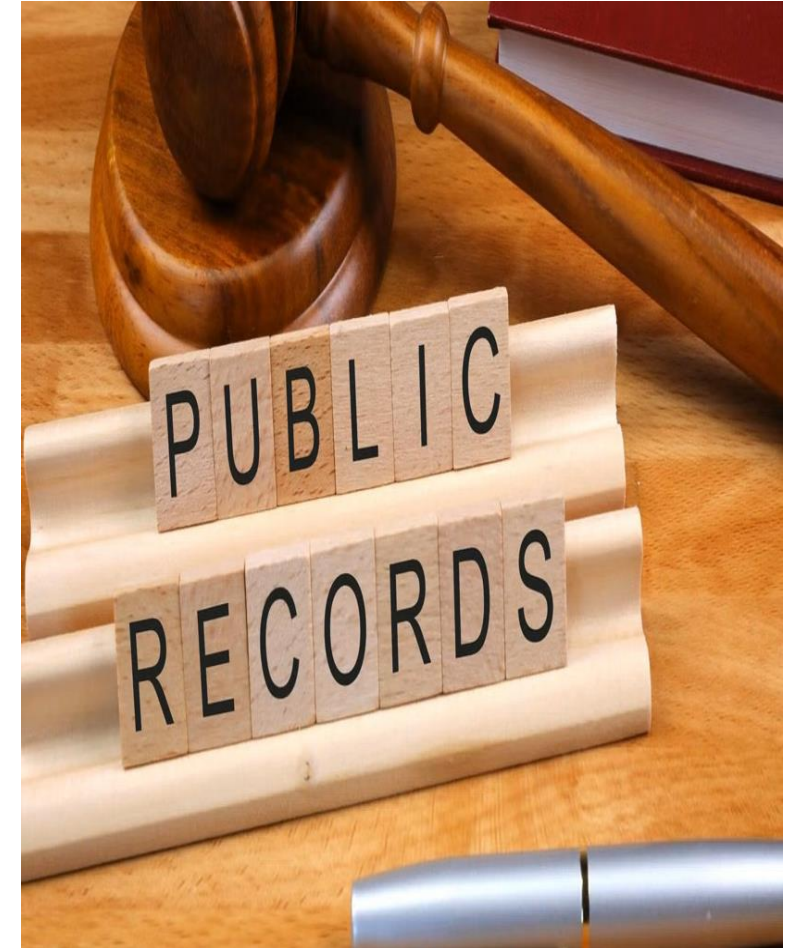
Texas Open Meetings Act

- **Agenda** - All meetings of the Committee will follow a publicly posted agenda (TX Gov't Code Ch 551)
 - Notice of date, hour, place, and items for discussion
 - Posted 3 full business days before the meeting date
- **Agenda Items** - only items on the agenda are eligible for discussion
- **Open Meetings** - Meeting must be open to the public unless law provides specific exception
- **Avoid** - side conversations
- **Quorum** - required to hold a meeting
- **Public Comments** – can board/commission members respond?
 - Items on the Agenda vs Items NOT on the Agenda
- **Posting Other Items** - do social functions, conferences, or ceremonial events need to be posted?
- **Minutes** - Record Actions (Motion, Second, Vote)
 - Approved at the following meeting by vote of members
 - Public record with permanent retention



Texas Public Information Act

- **Public Information** (TX Gov't Code Ch 552)
 - Information that is **written produced, collected assembled, or maintained** in connection with the transaction of **official City business**
- **Regardless of where it is stored** – paper documents, electronic records, photos, email, text messages (including personal emails if related to City business)
- **Presumed to be public** unless there is a law that otherwise makes the information confidential
- Is available to anyone who makes a **written request** per City designation (effective Sept 1, 2026, request must be submitted to the designated email, mailing address, person or through the Public Information portal)



Conflicts of Interest

Ethics Code

- **Standards of Conduct** - City Code of Ordinances and state law have **standards of conduct** that apply to City Council and Board and Commission members to ensure fair and ethical dealing in the handling of City contracts and City business (City Code of Ordinances 2-63 through 2-65)
- **If a member has a conflict**
 - **Disclose** the conflict on the record
 - **Abstain** from discussion and vote
 - **Conflicts Affidavit** signed and submitted to City Secretary



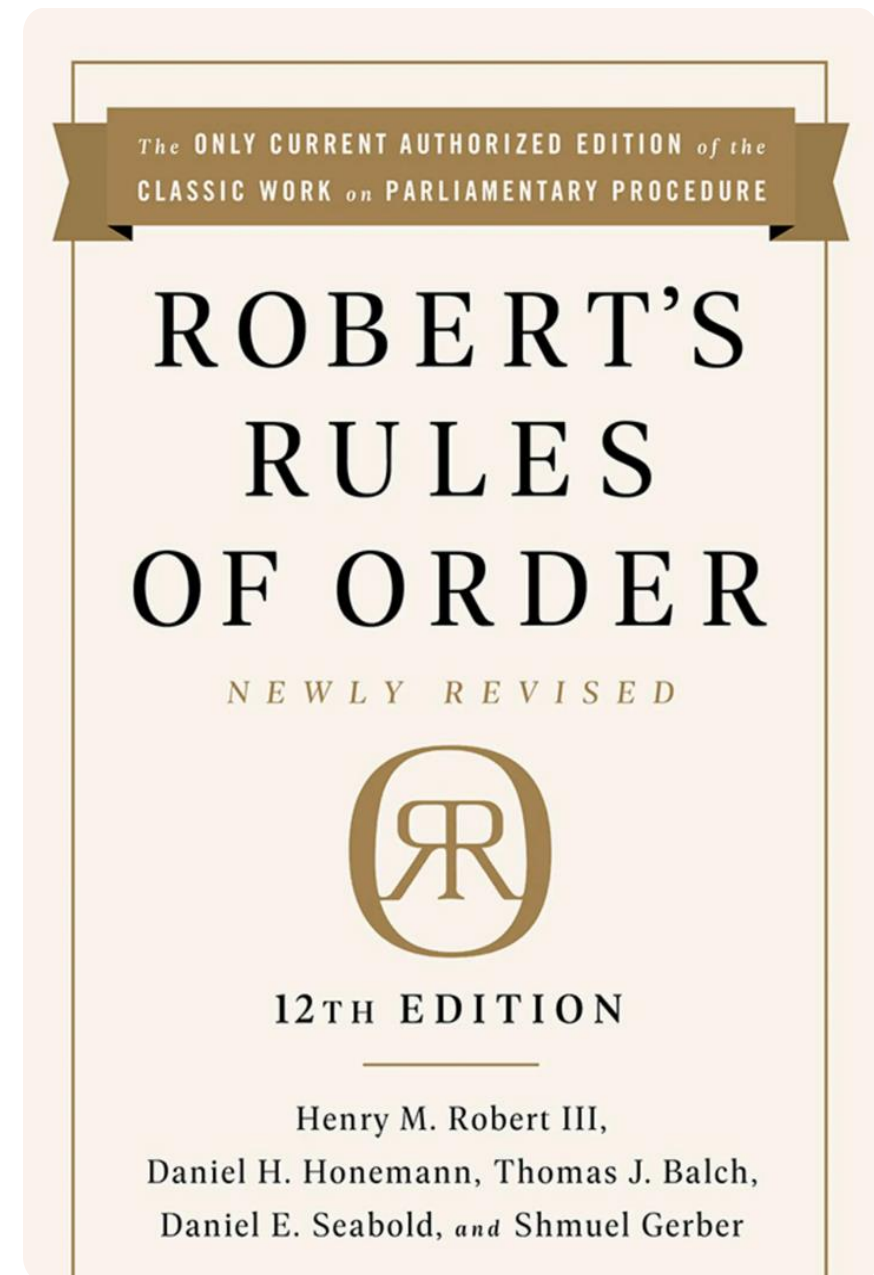
Conflicts of Interest

- **Conflicts of Interest** (LGC Ch. 171.002)
 - Board member has a **substantial interest** in a business entity or ownership of real property
 - **Substantial interest** – ownership in the business or receipt of 10% or more income from the business
 - **Ownership of real property** with FMV of \$2,500 or more
- **Employment or Business Relationship** with someone who contracts with, or is seeking to contract with the City (LGC Ch. 176.003)
- **Direct or indirect interest** in any business or contract paid from City funds that would provide a benefit to the board member or his or her family member (City Code 2-63-65)
- **Family members** – within designated degrees of relation of blood or marriage (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, in-laws)



Committee Procedures

- Committee meetings are governed by **Roberts Rules of Order**
- **Call to Order** by the Chair
- **Quorum** is required to conduct business (majority of members)
- **Order of Meeting**
 - Staff presentations (informational)
 - Public Comments
 - Items for individual consideration (action items that will require a vote or no action)
- **Discussion** - Members should be recognized by the Chair before speaking
- **Voting** – Requires **motion and second** (majority vote in the affirmative to pass an item)
 - Chair will repeat who made the motion and the second
 - No Abstaining - All members must vote unless that member has a legal conflict
- **Meeting Minutes** – Official meeting minutes are taken by the City Secretary's Office



4. Proposition C and Project Overview

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What the Voters Approved

On May 2, 2026, Grand Prairie voters approved Proposition C - **\$39,000,000** for parks and recreational projects. This committee advises on one of the four.

- Community / Multipurpose Center - \$23,000,000
- **Pickleball Complex - \$10,000,000**
- Botanical Garden - \$5,000,000
- Public Artwork - \$1,000,000
- Bond funds may be used only for the voter-approved purpose

Our input goes to City Council at a GO Bond Workshop anticipated October or November 2026.



Pickleball Complex - \$10,000,000

New pickleball courts and facilities. Our job is to define what the complex should accomplish, and for whom.

- Intended users - recreational, league, youth, senior, competitive
- General vicinity and site attributes - not a final site
- Court count, major amenities and service levels
- Everyday resident access alongside leagues and events
- Durability, maintenance and long-term usefulness

Needs first. Amenities second. Priorities before preferences.



Considerations We'll Work Through

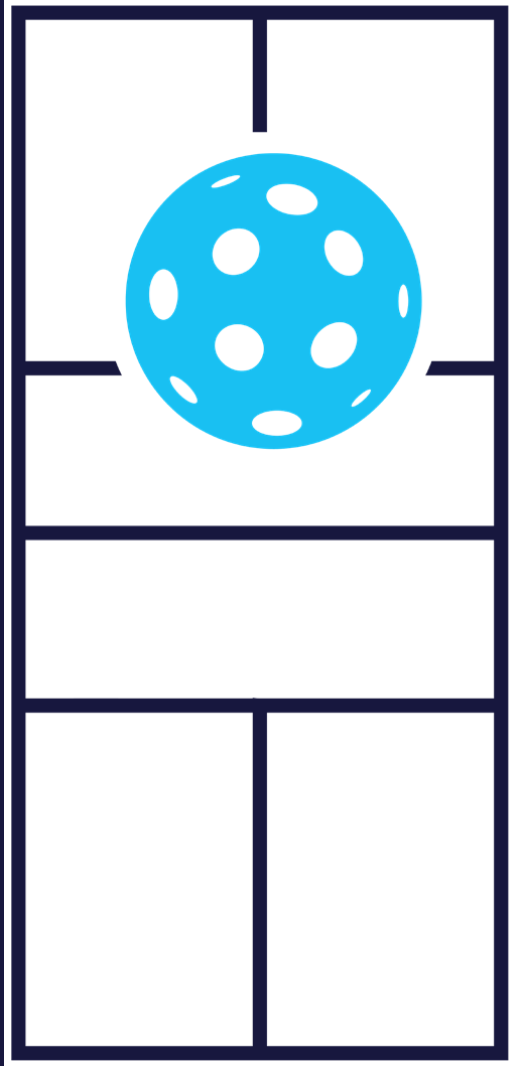
Staff Will Bring Information On

- Legal and bond compliance
- Financial limits and funding
- Operations and maintenance
- Procurement rules
- Schedule and timing

What That Means for Us

- Staff review before transmittal
- Amenities must fit the budget
- Upkeep counts, not just construction
- We describe needs, not vendors
- We finish by October 31, 2026





5. Evaluation Criteria

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The Central Question

Is this primarily a community recreation complex capable of hosting tournaments — or a tournament-oriented complex that also serves residents?

A hybrid is possible. But the committee should be clear about which purpose leads.

This choice influences amenities, access, parking, operations and cost.



Our Decision Lens

As we consider ideas, ask:

- **Does it serve a real community need?**
- **Does it welcome different ages and skill levels?**
- **Does it improve the everyday player experience?**
- **Does it support the role we want the complex to play?**
- **Does it make good use of the available funding?**
- **Could it be added or expanded later?**

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6. Review of Five-Meeting Work Plan and Information Needs

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Our Five-Meeting Path

From ideas to clear advice



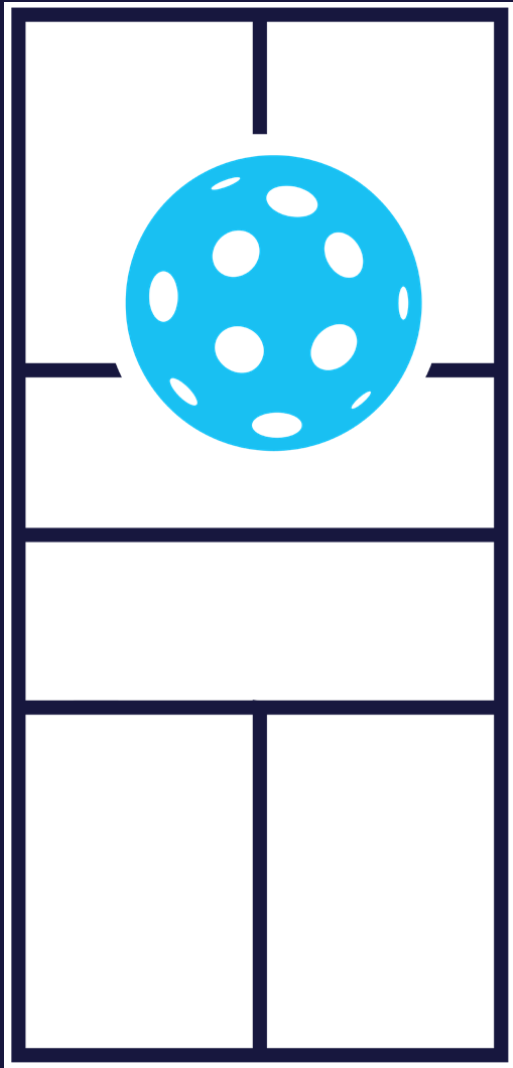
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What Information Would Help You?

Before Meeting 2, is there anything you would like staff to provide?

What are we missing?





7. Current Pickleball Statistics in Grand Prairie

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Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

Charley Taylor Recreation Center

288

Monthly Avg.

72

Weekly Avg.

12

Daily Avg.

2

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Paddle System
Days Offered	Mon–Sat 10 AM–2 PM
Hours Offered	24 hours/week
Peak Times	11:00 AM–2:00 PM
Attendance	288 monthly average
Total Courts	2

Program Highlights

- Open play uses a paddle rotation system.
- Available six days each week.
- Consistent average of 72 participants weekly.
- Highest utilization occurs from 11 AM–2 PM.
- Two courts support the current program.



Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

Tony Shotwell Life Center

96

Monthly Avg.

24

Weekly Avg.

12

Daily Avg.

3

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Verbal
Days Offered	Mon & Wed 8 AM–1 PM
Hours Offered	10 hours/week
Peak Times	10 AM–12 PM
Attendance	96 monthly average
Total Courts	3

Program Highlights

- Verbal player rotation system.
- Program offered Mondays and Wednesdays.
- 10 hours of weekly programming.
- Peak participation: 10 AM–12 PM.
- Three courts available.



Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

Epic Rec

3,500

Monthly Avg.

875

Weekly Avg.

125

Daily Avg.

6

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Paddle System
Days Offered	Monday–Sunday
Hours Offered	90 hours/week
Peak Times	10 AM–12 PM 4 PM–8 PM
Attendance	3,500 monthly average
Total Courts	6

Program Highlights

- Open play with paddle rotation system.
- Pickleball Pass offered to residents/non-residents
- Available seven days per week.
- 90 hours of programming weekly.
- Peak demand: 10 AM–12 PM and 4 PM–8 PM.
- Six courts support approximately 3,500 monthly visits.



Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

The Summit – Active Adult Center (50+)

2,100

Monthly Avg.

525

Weekly Avg.

75

Daily Avg.

3

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Paddle System
Days Offered	Monday–Sunday
Hours Offered	49 hours/week
Peak Times	11 AM–4 PM
Attendance	2,100 monthly average
Total Courts	3

Program Highlights

- Open play with paddle rotation system.
- Programming available seven days each week.
- 49 hours of weekly court availability.
- Peak participation occurs from 11 AM–4 PM.
- Three courts support approximately 2,100 monthly visits.



Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

Chicken N Pickle

800

Monthly Avg.

200

Weekly Avg.

40

Daily Avg.

2

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Online or Phone Call Reservation
Days Offered	Mon–Fri 7 AM–6 PM
Hours Offered	55 hours/week
Peak Times	10 AM–4 PM
Attendance	800 monthly average
Total Courts	2

Program Highlights

- Reservations managed online or by phone.
- Available Monday through Friday.
- 55 hours of weekly availability.
- Peak demand: 10 AM–4 PM.
- Two courts support approximately 800 monthly visits.



Pickleball in Grand Prairie, Texas

Friendship Park

7000

Monthly Avg.

1750

Weekly Avg.

250

Daily Avg.

8

Courts



Metric	Current Program
Style of Play	Paddle System
Days Offered	Mon–Sun 6 AM–12 AM
Hours Offered	126 hours/week
Peak Times	5 PM–10 PM
Attendance	7000 monthly average
Total Courts	8

Program Highlights

- Open play with paddle rotation system.
- Available seven days per week.
- 126 hours of weekly court availability.
- Peak usage occurs from 5 PM–10 PM.
- Eight outdoor courts support approximately 7000 monthly visits.



Grand Prairie Pickleball – Systemwide Summary

13,084

Monthly Attendance*

3,271

Weekly Attendance*

489

Daily Attendance*

24

Total Courts

354

Hours/Week

Facility	Courts
Charley Taylor	2
Tony Shotwell	3
Epic Rec	6
The Summit	3
Chicken N Pickle	2
Friendship Park	8

Key System Metrics

- 6 pickleball locations
- 24 total courts citywide
- 354 programming hours per week
- 13,084 monthly visits tracked



Grand Prairie PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION

PICKLEBALL

THE GRAND PRAIRIE WAY

CHARLEY TAYLOR RECREATION CENTER
601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.
972-339-3770

THE SUMMIT 50+
2975 Esplanade Dr.
972-237-4141
Epic Pickleball Plan
not offered @ The Summit

TONY SHOTWELL LIFE CENTER
2750 Graham St.
972-237-7529

EPIC REC
2960 Epic Place
972-339-EPIC (3742)

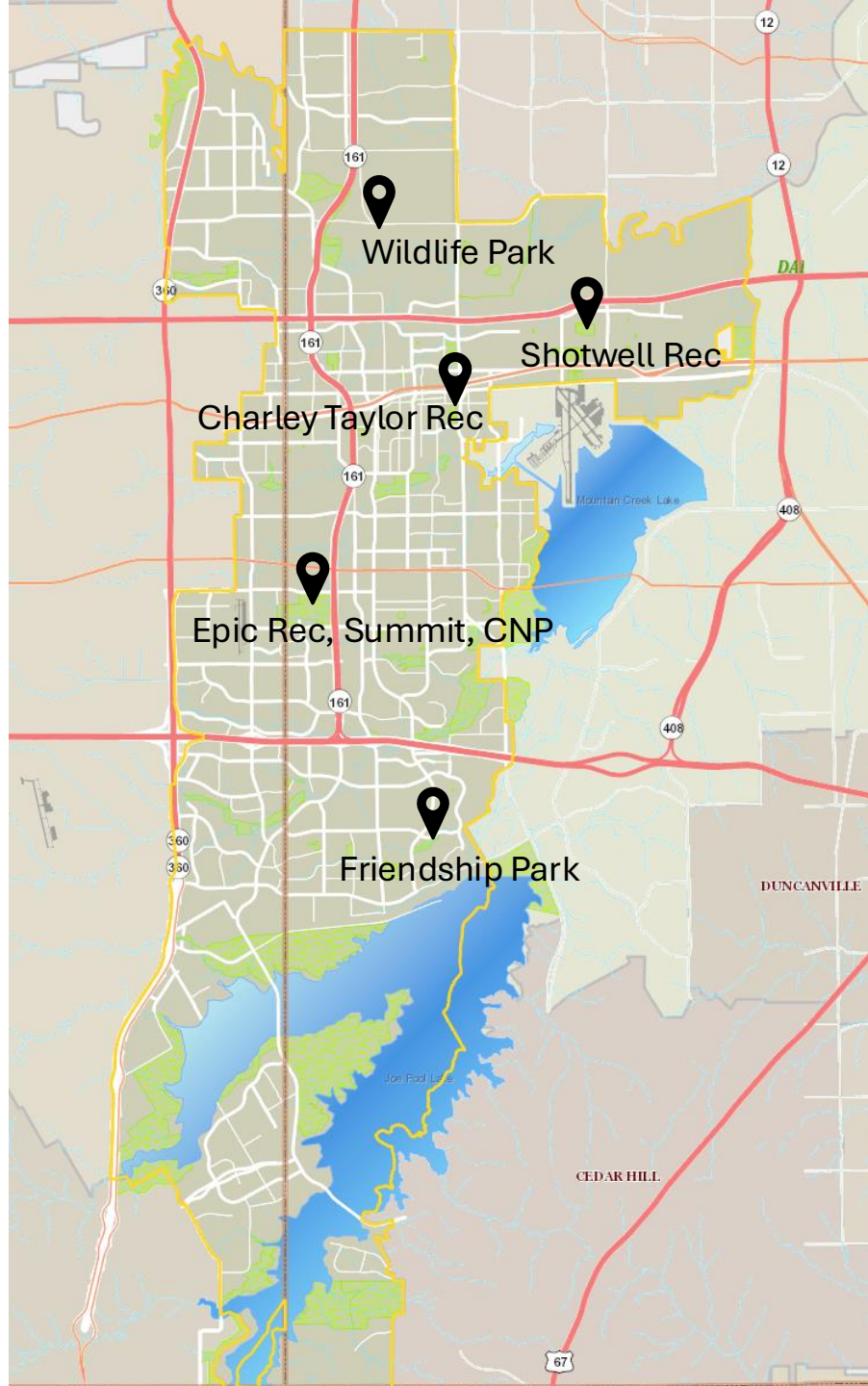
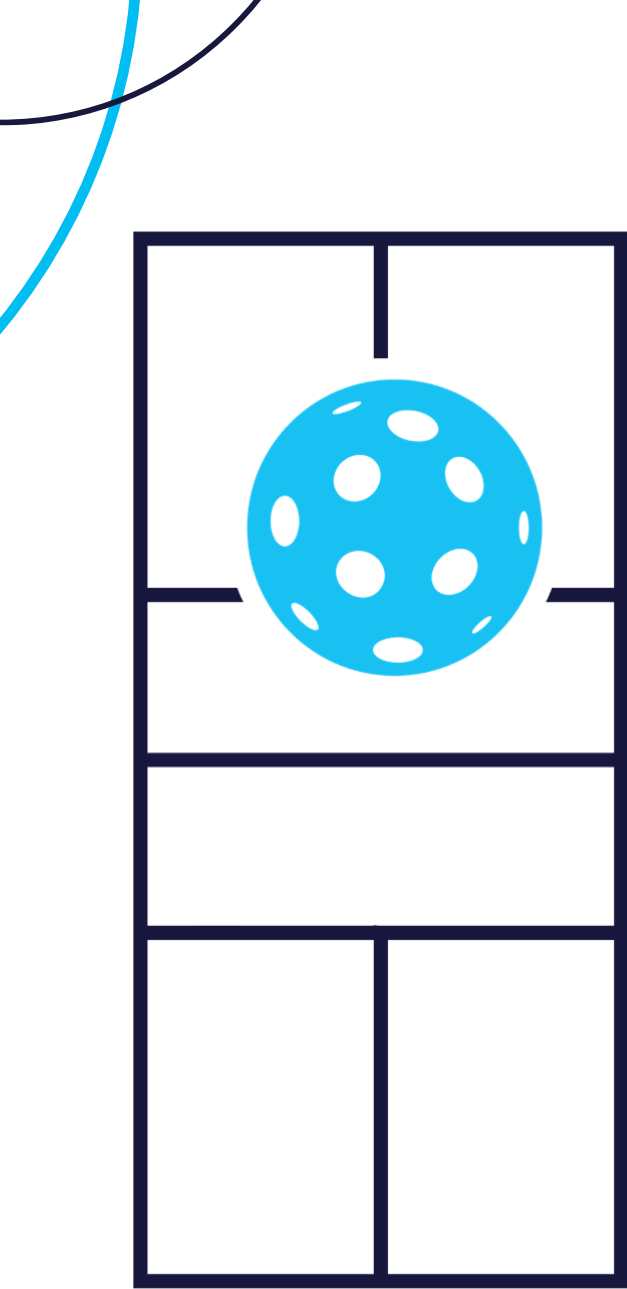
DALWORTH RECREATION CENTER
2012 Spikes St.
972-237-4760

Outdoor Courts Available at
FRIENDSHIP PARK
525 E Polo Rd.

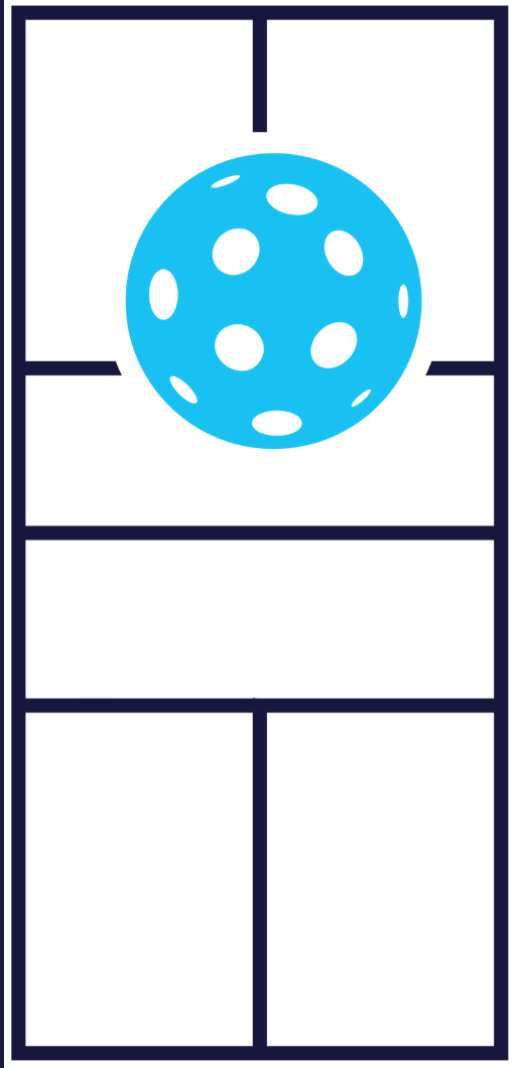
For more information, scan the QR code or visit
GrandFunGP.com/Pickleball

Epic Pickleball Plan (12+, Includes pickleball court use only)
Resident: \$50/annual • Non-Resident: \$100/annual





Locations



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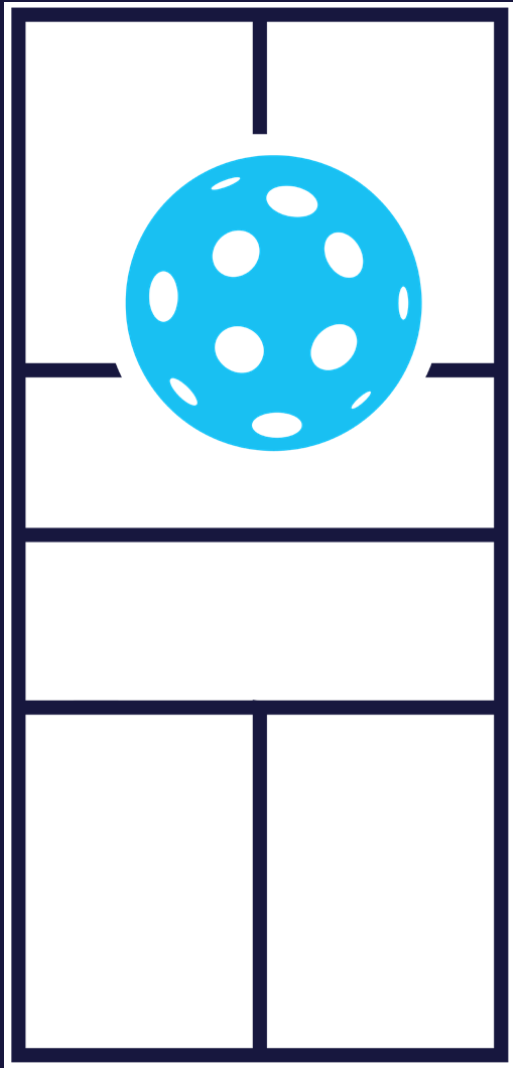


8. Action Out of Staff Presentations

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9. Committee Direction and Topics for Meeting 2

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Comparison Visits: Keep It Simple

You do not need to be an expert.
Just notice what works, what does not, and what feels worth bringing home.

LOOK

What immediately
stands out?

USE

How does the place
work for everyday
players?

LEARN

What would you borrow
— or avoid — in Grand
Prairie?

The goal is to learn,
not finding a facility to copy.



Between Now and Our Next Meeting

As you move around Grand Prairie and the metroplex, simply think about:

WHO SHOULD WE SERVE?

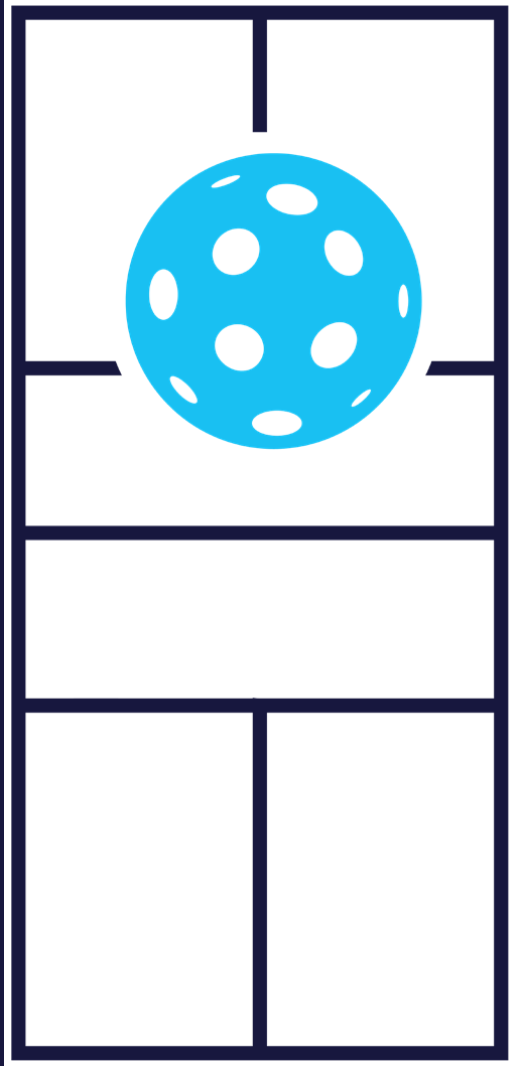
- Casual and recreational players
- Beginners and new players
- Youth and families
- Older adults
- Leagues and organized play
- Competitive players and visitors

WHAT ROLE SHOULD IT PLAY?

- Everyday community recreation
- Leagues and programming
- Regional tournaments / events
- A mix of community and event use
- A facility that can grow over time

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10. Future Meeting Dates

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Thank you!

