



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

Meeting Minutes

Pickleball Complex Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 09, 2026

6:00 PM

The Summit - Ballroom 1
2975 Esplanade Dr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Clemon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson

Mayor Pro Tem Kurt Johnson

Council Member Rodney Anderson

Council Member David Chappelle

Committee Member Euwye Chan - 6:02 p.m.

Committee Member Darwin Day

Committee Member Steve Franklin

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Recap and Follow-Up Items from Meeting 2

Deputy City Manager Mahan provided a recap of the August 26, 2026, meeting and reviewed the Committee's previous direction regarding primary users, community needs, facility priorities, and the role of the proposed Pickleball Complex. Ms. Mahan noted the Committee's emphasis on serving a broad mix of residents, providing reliable access and programming, incorporating weather protection and community gathering opportunities, and accommodating leagues and competitive play.

{Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.}

{Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson returned to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.}

Ms. Mahan presented a draft vision statement describing a community-first pickleball complex for everyday play, gathering, and programming, with event capability that protects regular resident access. Chair Clemson clarified that the vision statement remains a working draft and may be refined as the Committee continues its work.

2. Pickleball Project Characteristics for Evaluation and Costing

Deputy City Manager Mahan presented proposed project characteristics for evaluation and costing based on the Committee's direction from the previous meetings. Ms. Mahan explained that certain project costs, including design, engineering, site preparation, accessibility, and drainage, would be considered baseline costs, with the remaining bond funding available for the Committee to prioritize facility options and amenities.

The Committee discussed indoor, covered open-air, and outdoor court options, including the importance of weather protection, court surfaces and safety, lighting, restrooms, water, shade, seating and viewing areas, programming, and reliable resident access. Ms. Mahan stated that staff would obtain cost estimates for the various options and return to the Committee with information to assist in developing recommendations within the available \$10 million bond budget.

Ms. Mahan also reviewed characteristics related to community gathering and programming, including social spaces, league and clinic support, staff and equipment areas, and family-friendly spaces. Event-related considerations included court groupings capable of supporting leagues and events, competitive-quality court conditions, spectator viewing, check-in and registration capabilities, technology support, and maintaining regular resident access.

The Committee also discussed accessibility, acoustics and noise, durability and maintenance, operating implications, and flexibility for future uses. Ms. Mahan clarified that the Committee's role is to recommend amenities and priorities within the available budget and that site location would be considered separately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens may sign up to speak for up to three (3) minutes. For multiple agenda items, a citizen may speak for up to five (5) minutes total for all items. All speakers must complete a comment card prior to the meeting being called to order. The views expressed during public comments are the views of the speaker and not the City of Grand Prairie or the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Committee members are not able to respond to comments related to any item not on the agenda. The full meeting agenda packet and supporting documents are available online on the City's website at www.gptx.org.

- *Hollie Smith, 3431 April Breeze Trl – spoke in support of locating the facility in southern Grand Prairie and providing additional recreational amenities for residents in that area.*
- *Lisa Gordon, 3654 Park Ridge Drive – spoke in support of an indoor facility serving residents of all ages.*
- *Debbi Johnston, 1651 Ernie Lane – spoke in support of an indoor facility, use of City-owned property, resident access, and consideration of combining the facility with the proposed multipurpose center.*
- *Eillen Littel, 3613 Racquet Club Drive – spoke in support of using existing City property, indoor courts, youth programming, and safe playing conditions.*
- *Pam Shover, 616 Gwyndellans Lane – spoke in support of an indoor facility that could provide year-round play and accommodate tournaments.*
- *Lisa Burleson, 3721 Green Hollow Drive – spoke in support of an indoor, resident-focused facility with flexibility for events and future uses.*
- *Chau Pham, 2935 Arbusto – spoke in support of indoor courts and consideration of coordinating the pickleball and multipurpose facility projects.*
- *Lan Pham, 2935 Arbusto – in support.*
- *Van Ratsaphangthon, 5171 Welora Dr – spoke in support of resident-priority access and consideration of both single-site and multiple-site facility options.*
- *Dorothy McDonald, 2754 Claremont Dr – spoke in support of an indoor facility and consideration of existing property or buildings to control project costs.*

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3. Minutes of the August 26, 2026 Pickleball Complex Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting

Councilmember Rodney Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2026, Pickleball Complex Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Councilmember David Chappelle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Action out of Staff Presentations

The Committee discussed follow-up information and considerations related to the staff presentation. Ms. Mahan confirmed that staff would provide previously requested information regarding technology used at other pickleball facilities and additional information on Metroplex facilities.

Ms. Mahan explained that staff would work with an architect experienced with pickleball facilities to develop estimated costs for indoor, covered, and outdoor courts, along with associated amenities and baseline project costs. The Committee also discussed operating and staffing implications, which are separate from the \$10 million bond funding allocated for design and construction.

Chair Clemson requested that staff identify recommended Metroplex facilities for Committee members to visit, including examples of indoor, outdoor, and covered facilities. The Committee also discussed evaluating single-site and multiple-site concepts and the potential for multipurpose use. Chair Clemson requested information regarding previous plans to expand pickleball courts at The Summit.

5. Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Ms. Mahan reviewed the remaining Committee meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2026, at City Hall, followed by the October 21, 2026, meeting at the Grand Peninsula Clubhouse. Committee Member Day requested that materials requiring Committee review and consideration be distributed in advance to allow adequate time for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Clemson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the October 7, 2026, Pickleball Complex Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting.



Kristin Downs, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary