

From: Peter Warren [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:17 PM  
To: Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
Subject: Public Input: August 20, 2020

Hi Sean,

I'm writing to express my strong support for converting a single tennis court to a multi-use court at Hunter Park. My son is a soccer player and would love to play futsal there, as would I. It would be great if the court could also offer basketball and other uses (maybe pickle ball).

I'm an avid tennis player and would still be happy to see one of the 8 courts be converted. Having a multi-use court offers more efficient use of the space (i.e. more players get to enjoy a single court vs. tennis with a max of 4 players per court). It would also offer encourage a wider community of users at the courts.

Regards,  
Peter Warren  
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**From:** Phillip Kiekhaefer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Public Input: August 20, 2020

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I would like to express my support for a multi-use "no-net" court at Hunter Park. My wife and I both have coached youth sports at the YMCA and with the Ashland Soccer Club. We have kids at Bellview Elementary and Ashland Middle School, where we also volunteer at their schools.

We support our great Ashland Parks and Rec! The facilities and activities have added much to our family life!

Nationwide we are seeing fewer kids participating in sports, and this pandemic is going to just sink participation further. Options for a variety of activities can be helpful in mitigating that, such as a multi-sport court. It has the added plus of being outdoors, which will be particularly important in the near future for youth activities.

We appreciate your consideration of this use for the space.

Best regards,

Phil and Christine and  
Claire (age 13) and Teddy (age 10)

Phil and Christine Kiekhaefer  
[REDACTED] Ashland, OR 97520

From: Jeffrey Gayton [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:45 PM  
To: Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
Subject: Public Input: August 20, 2020

Greetings. I am writing to show my support for dedicating one court at Hunter Park to multi-sport use, including Futsal. My son Jack is an avid futsal and soccer player, and I believe that a dedicated multi-sport court would be a tremendous asset to the City of Ashland.

Thank you for your consideration.

– Jeff

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From: Ellen Gayton [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:46 PM  
To: Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
Subject: Public Input: August 20, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to voice my support for turning one of the tennis courts at Hunter Park into a multi-sport use including futsal. It would be great to see an outdoor court here in Ashland. Having a court with no net will give my kids another option to play soccer. I think it would be great to diversify the sports options in Ashland.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellen Gayton  
Ashland Resident

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**From:** Demetria Hebert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:56 PM  
**To:** Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Public input: August 20, 2020

Hi Sean,

My daughter plays with the Ashland Soccer Club and has for the last several years. She absolutely loves soccer and being able to do something outdoors with other girls. Having a futsal court that is on solid ground to practice and play on would be so beneficial for her and the club. Especially now with school being all online having a no net court would be helpful and support for the community as a whole.

Thank you for your time,  
Demetria

From: Sara Burt [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:59 PM  
To: Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
Subject: Public Input August 20, 2020

Hello!

I live in Ashland and have 2 soccer playing children. One is 12 years old and one is 15 years old. Both have been playing soccer since age 5. The oldest plays for Ashland High now. We would love for one of the courts at Hunter Park to be dedicated to futsal (no net).

Last winter, we drove to Grants Pass weekly to play futsal! It would be so great to have a place here in Ashland. We have also spent many an evening in the Ashland Middle School gym playing futsal, but it's tricky to schedule there.

Thank you so much for considering our local soccer players! A Futsal court would be a great addition to our park system.

Best,  
Sara Burt

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:44 AM  
**To:** Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Tennis courts

Dear committee members,  
As you may be aware there are not enough tennis courts in Ashland. Every morning there are many people waiting to play tennis at Hunter Park. Often the wait is very long as much as an hour. The idea that these courts could accommodate additional activities during these times it's a fallacy. It would be wise for members of the Park Commission to come to the tennis courts on any given morning at 8:30 a.m. and see for themselves.

Additionally, the two activities are not compatible. Striping required for pickleball makes playing tennis extremely confusing. Ask any tennis player. Also, additional striping feels like a defacing of the tennis court, akin to Graffiti.

Beyond these issues is the concern of noise pollution. It is extremely distracting while playing tennis to hear the loud bouncing sound of the pickleball ball. It makes a high-pitched loud sound as it bounces that is incredibly distracting at a tennis court setting.

Lastly, there are other better options. The city needs both more tennis courts and pickleball courts. There is plenty of room at Hunter Park and North Mountain Parks to construct additional dedicated pickleball and tennis courts. An inordinate amount of space has been given to baseball fields that are hardly used by comparison to tennis or pickleball. Why is the City not combining baseball and soccer fields? Don't they have the same "surface"? There is also plenty of room at these parks to build new courts without removing baseball fields. Tennis is a Covid-safe activity. Ashland should be doing all it can to preserve the courts it has, not deface them, and should be adding new courts.

Please let me know if I can read this letter to the committee at tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Allen Kenner

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**From:** Casey Frieder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Public Input: August 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen of the City of Ashland and parent of two children who regularly play soccer within this community, this message is to express my support for the conversion of one of the 8 tennis courts at Hunter Park into a multi-use court that can be used for futsal (aka court soccer). Given that there are more children and adults who play soccer in the City of Ashland than who play Tennis (by an order of magnitude even!), I believe that this measure makes sense and would be a fair reflection of the needs of our community. What more, 7 of the 8 tennis courts would remain available specifically for the sport of tennis.

Please vote to make this positive change happen.

In gratitude,

Dr. Casey Frieder, DC

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**From:** Maureen Monroe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Sean Sullivan <sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Futsal court

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Please vote to make this positive change happen.

Best regards,

Maureen Monroe