


Memorandum



Date: March 22, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Report on Feasibility of Constructing Pickleball Courts at County-owned Parks,
Directive 213123

Executive Summary

On February 1, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-131-22, from the prime sponsor Danielle Cohen Higgins and Co-Sponsor Sally A. Heyman, directing the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report within 90 days to examine the feasibility of constructing pickleball courts at County-owned and operated parks. The report shall include at a minimum the number of pickleball courts currently in County parks, the demand for pickleball courts, and the potential fiscal impact of constructing pickleball courts. The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) has prepared this report in response to the resolution.

In response to this request and demand for pickleball, PROS has immediately implemented six (6) pickleball lined courts at Arcola Lakes Park and Miller Drive Park and is in the process of building a total of sixteen (16) dedicated pickleball courts throughout the County including Tamiami Park, Tropical Park, Haulover Park, and Water Oaks Park. Anticipated completion date for courts is June 2022

In addition, to quickly address the needs of the community as it relates to the availability of pickleball courts in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, pickleball lines and portable pickleball nets will be purchased for fifteen (15) Community Parks. One regulation size tennis court can support two pickleball courts. Adding pickleball lines and portable nets to fifteen (15) Community Park tennis courts would provide patrons with an additional thirty (30) courts for play. The total cost to add lines and portable nets is \$31,500.

Additional Pickleball Courts

It is proposed that the following new dedicated pickleball courts be funded at Arcola Lakes Park (2), North Pointe Park (2), Highland Oaks Park (2) and at Debbie Curtain Park (2). Total estimated cost for additional courts: \$1,572,046

This memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65. If additional information is needed, please contact Maria I. Nardi, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at 305-755-7903.

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