



## **Magnuson Pickleball Question & Answer Summary Public Meeting #2, November 21, 2024**

**1. Q: Will parking which exists at the site be replaced?**

A: The existing parking lot will be reduced in size with more than 100 parking spaces remaining. Parking impacts will be analyzed for three alternatives in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The alternatives include: no build, build 8-14 courts, full build out with 24 courts and one accessible/tournament court.

**2. Q: Will there be enough on-site parking for hosting pickleball tournaments?**

A: The facility is not being designed to hold pickleball tournaments. Parking impacts of typical pickleball play will be assessed in the SEIS.

**3. Q: Will there be enough parking for spectators?**

A: The facility is providing parking based on number of players per court; 4 parking spaces for every 1 court. Depending on how many courts in play during open hours there may be parking available for some spectators.

**4. Q: Will other sports be allowed to utilize the parking lot?**

A: As at all other SPR parks, parking is available for all park users on a first come, first served basis.

**5. Q: What is the overall cost of the project?**

A: Phase 1 development is capped at \$2.3 million. Rough cost estimates of future phases have been developed, although future phases are not currently funded by SPR or other organizations.

**6. Q: What consideration is given to wildlife in the site area?**

A: Impacts of pickleball court play on wildlife will be assessed in the SEIS.

**7. Q: Will there be parking for bikes?**

A: Bike racks would be provided at the facility.

**8. Q: Who is funding the project?**

A: SPR has designated capital improvement funding of \$2.3 million for Phase 1. Funding for future phases are not currently funded by SPR or other organizations. Alternative funding source will be need to be identified.

**9. Q: Will outdoor special events, such as fun runs, or large special events be able to use the parking lot?**

A: As with all parking within SPR parks and Magnuson Park, parking provided on a first come, first served basis. SPR Special Events unit coordinates with event organizers to where events may start or end and identify if other large events may be scheduled. It is possible that special events held in the parking lot may need to relocate to alternative sites in the future.



**10. Q: Will nature be impacted in and around the parking lot?**

A: The existing parking lot is not intended to be serve as a natural habitat, although the SEIS will assess impacts of the pickleball facility.

**11. Q: How will vandalism be addressed?**

A: Typical with the rest of Magnuson Park, the pickleball facility will maintained in accordance with SPR park operation and maintenance procedures.

**12. Q: Will the facility be multipurpose?**

A: The facility is being designed for pickleball play as the primary use. A gathering space with some seating and picnic tables will be included, however the entire park is intended to support multipurpose recreational activities. The pickleball facility add another recreational use to the overall park.

**13. Q: Will the pickleball facility be open to all park users?**

A: The facility will be open to the entire community, just as is the rest of the Magnuson Park.

**14. Q: What is the cost of the future development?**

A: Potential future phases are not currently funded by the city or outside groups. Due to this the timeline of future phases is not determined but general buildout costs are being developed.

**15. Q: Will all courts be visible for spectators?**

A: Areas at the perimeters of the courts will include small bleachers. Four and six-foot chain link fencing around the courts will enable viewing for spectators.

**16. Q: Is the entire park site being assessed for adding this specific use?**

A: Magnuson Park consists of more than 300 acres with more than half of this area located west of Sportsfield Drive. This area includes many buildings constructed for naval aviation operations which have been renovated for indoor recreation, offices, event spaces, etc. Certain elements in the SEIS, such as transportation will assess the potential impacts of the pickleball facility.

**17. Q: What was the assessment process for selecting this particular site?**

A: The project originated in 2019 with a pilot program and subsequent citywide study in 2021/2022 to identify where tennis courts could be converted to shared tennis/pickleball courts. In 2023, a new study was started to identify where dedicated pickleball courts could be constructed in the city. A short list was developed which consisted of five courts in south Seattle and five in north Seattle. Magnuson became the designated site in the north, Georgetown is the designated site in the south.

**18. Q: What other ways can citizens voices be heard regarding this project?**

A: There will be opportunity for additional public input during the SEIS process and City Council review of the Master Plan. Comments and questions can be sent to SPR as well.

**19. Q: Were other user groups considered for this space, why was notification not provided?**



A: Since 2006 this site has been planned for a baseball field with existing parking to be shifted to new parking lots to the west and north. The primary intent of this site has been for active recreation uses with reconstructed habitat areas to the north. SPR is always open to hearing user group concerns relative to their use or activities in the park. SPR notified adjacent neighborhoods through a mailed post card and releases to the news media is completed prior to public engagement events.

**20. Q: How do we know are concerns are being heard?**

A: Note taking is occurring at this meeting and will be posted on the project webpage.

**21. Q: When will preparation of the SEIS begin?**

A: It is anticipated that the work on the SEIS will begin in first quarter 2025. When the draft SEIS is completed public notices will sent to the news media before the start of a 30-day comment period.

**22. Q: What about noise impacts to other users?**

A: An acoustic study is being conducted to examine noise impacts from the facility.

**23. Q: Where is the funding coming from for the project?**

A: SPR has designated capital improvement funding for pickleball facilities as part of the overall CIP funding.

**24. Q: Will the decision makers hear us?**

A: SPR follows a process with project managers, the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, and the Superintendent of Parks to relay information. Support or opposition may also be voiced to local councilmembers.