

## SPR Timeline for selecting Magnuson Park

- [2019 pickleball study published](#)
  - Established recommendations for dual-use courts
  - Need for designated sites noted:
    - Magnuson Park and Maple Leaf park listed
- 2018: SMPA [assessment of 46 potential sites](#)
  - February 2019
    - SMPA Board of directors reduces the number to seven potential sites and performs both the demographic and REJ analyses requested by SPR.
    - The seven locations were: Genesee playfield, Jefferson Park oval (not the tennis courts), Magnuson (old tennis courts), Delridge playfield (not the tennis courts), East Green Lake tennis courts, Bitter Lake tennis courts, Discovery Park (not the tennis courts)
  - [SMPA site demographic profiles](#) of 7 finalist sites
  - [SMPA Racial, Equity, Justice \(REJ\) analysis](#) for 7 finalist sites
- May 2020: Deeper assessment of old tennis courts at Magnuson Park determine site is not feasible (note: I believe SPR conducted this assessment. I don't have details)
- October 2021: Pickleball Demand Study steering committee established
- March – May 2022: [2021-2022 Outdoor Pickleball Study](#)
  - Dual striping listed as top strategic approach
    - No dual-striping at Amy Yee or LW ("USTA Sites")
  - Convert tennis courts to pb listed as a strategy (never materialized)
  - Construct new courts named long-term strategy (2 new courts at Taylor, but no investment by Seattle Parks)
- March 30, 2022: [Public meeting as part of 2021-2022 OPS](#)

- Andy Sheffer, Oliver Bazinet, Andrea Petzel, Eric Gold
- August 11, 2022: [Presentation to board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners](#)
  - Presentation of 2021-2022 OPS
  - 5 potential sites named: North Magnuson Park E3, Parking Lot Bitter Lake Reservoir, South Genesee Park (East of Rainier CC), Georgetown Playfield, Hiawatha Playfield T-ball field
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024: [Pickleball and Tennis vision](#) presented to Board of Park Commissioners
  - Hub concept introduced (Green Lake Implemented)
  - Shared but dedicated space concept introduced (no pilot to date)
  - Dedicated courts at Magnuson (8-10), Georgetown (2-3)
  - Dual-use striping de-emphasized (no dual-use courts added since)
- September, 2023: [Lincoln Park named as a site for 6 dedicated courts](#)
  - SPR Quote, "In the department's [2021-2022 Outdoor Pickleball plan](#), Lincoln Park had been considered for a dedicated pickleball site, but lacked sufficient funding, opening the dual-stripe proposal at Solstice. However, thanks to recent funding allocations, SPR can now create a dedicated pickleball court at Lincoln without alterations to the Solstice courts, which will allow opportunities for tennis and pickleball to occur at their respective sites."
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024: [Lincoln Park project killed](#)
  - [KUOW report](#)
  - SPR Quote: "SPR will not be pursuing the proposed pickleball courts at Lincoln Park. The fence surrounding the existing court slab will be removed and the area will remain “undeveloped” until a more suitable site can be identified and agreed on by community members."
- May 2024:
- Magnuson Park Public meetings:

- [September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#),
- [November 21, 2024](#)

### Why Magnuson Messages:

#### As part of SPR's long-term strategy

- As part of its long-term strategy to meet the growing demand of pickleball, Seattle Parks has been seeking suitable sites for dedicated pickleball courts since 2019 (2019 study, 2022 study)
- Magnuson park has been identified as a potential site for dedicated courts since 2019. (2019 SPR study, SMPA Site assessment, 2019 2022 SPR study)
- Public meetings regarding SPR's overall pickleball strategy, the need for identifying sites for dedicate courts, and candidate sites, including Magnuson Park have been held since 2022
- Presentations to Parks Commissioners, which included Magnuson Park as recommended site for dedicated courts were presented in 2019 and 2022.

#### The rapid growth of pickleball

- For the third year in a row, pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America, growing 51.8% from 2022 to 2023, and 223.5% in a three year span. (State of Pickleball 2024 report, SFIA)
- The sport grew in every age group, with the 25-34 age group leading the way, and more than 1 million children under the age of 18 taking up the game from 2022 to 2023. (State of Pickleball 2024 report, SFIA)
- Since 202? SPR's outdoor court reservation system has seen a \_\_\_% increase for courts with pickleball lines. (source: SPR)

#### The need for additional infrastructure

- Since 2019 Parks has added pickleball lines to 42 tennis courts while adding 3 dedicated courts.
- Infrastructure is needed to meet current and future demand for both rec play and organized events, including potential prep tournaments.

### Optional messages

- 24+ courts opens the door for regional and national tournaments, including potential state championships and collegiate tournaments
- The economic impact of hosting a national pro tournament includes:
  - TBD
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