



GRASS VALLEY

City Council Regular Meeting, Capital Improvements Authority and Redevelopment "Successor Agency"

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Aguilar led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

Mayor Ben Aguilar

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Waste Management Recycling and Services

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual Comments attached. In person public comment: Robin Davis, All Bough, and Sherri Bernedett

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion to approve consent as submitted by Council Member Hodge, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt resolution R2022-75 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

Recommendation: Continuance of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

6. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021)

Recommendation: Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

7. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grass Valley and County of Nevada to memorialize funding commitments to support emergency services programs and projects.

Recommendation: That Council 1) review the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Nevada; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022-xx approving the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the County of Nevada ("County") and the City of Grass Valley ("City"), contingent upon voter approval of the Nevada County Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness Transactions and Use Tax ("Measure V"); and 3) authorize the Mayor execute MOU, subject to legal review.

8. Acceptance of donation from the Nevada County Law Enforcement & Fire Protection Council (NCLFC)

Recommendation: Approve the Police Department to accept the proposed donation by the NCLFC

9. New Job Description for Parks Senior Maintenance Worker

Recommendation: That Council approve the new job description for Parks Senior Maintenance Worker.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND / OR ANY ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

10. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Update and Design Approval

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive an update on the project schedule and 2) review the proposed final design elements and provide direction to staff.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave presentation to the council.

Council asked about growth rate of trees, the merchants seating options, music on the street, and what side is the project starting on.

Public Comment: Al Bluf, Paula Newman, Penny Short, Lily Pilland, Robin Davis, Jacob McDonald, Steve Desina, Tarze Elliot, Ben Yang

Break at 8:40 pm meeting resumed at 8:46 pm.

Council asked for clarification of the schedule for construction. They had discussion about seating. Councilmember Ivy wanted more upscale seating. Councilmember Branstrom discussed; his concerns of the leaf clean up during fall and maintaining trash pick up, he would like to have the planters capped but could wait to see if its needed and do at a later date, having four benches with a total of two in each block, the need for drop off zones on both ends, public tables for dining, and minimizing the disruption to the merchants. Councilmember Hodge discussed; wanting too look for other options for the tree grates, tree choices, and cobble colors. Councilmember Arbuckle discussed; wanting to look at other tree choices for Mill St, that seating needs to be limited and public tables are necessary, the loading zones, Mayor Aguilar discussed; would like to minimizing seating and look at different tree choices. and have a rendering of capped benches brought forward to council.

Break at 9:30 pm meeting resumed at 9:36pm.

11. Baseline Tennis Club Proposal

Recommendation: That Council approves City staff to execute a Facility Use Agreement with Baseline Tennis Club for use of City tennis courts, subject to legal review.

Zac Quentmeyer, Community Services Analyst, gave presentation to the council.

Council questioned how many courts and the courts that would be utilized for this contract, what is the commitment from the club to the city to help maintain the facilities, what are peak and non peak hours.

Public Comment: Rick Partridge, Greg , Chelsea Lynch, Linda Newman, Steven Livin, Rachel Pennya, Gena Fair, Paul Swarchs, Greta Watson, Windy Baker, Sharle Lugan, Dave Henniger, Emont Retira, Bitra Shervise, Branda

Council discussed a one year trial of the club, and the possibility to have staff look into a City ran reservation system.

Motion made to Approve Baselines Tennis Club's request for a Facility Use Agreement for a one year trial and approve the use of the courts during non-peak use hours (typically late morning and early afternoon). Two courts at DeVere Mautino Park for two hours during one weekday and two hours during one weekend

day each week by Mayor Aguilar, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom. Voting
Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Mayor Aguilar Voting Nay:
Vice Mayor Arbuckle Voting Abstaining: Council Member Ivy

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Hodge wants to encourage everyone to come to the Volunteer Fair that is hosted at the Nevada County Fair Grounds. Councilmember Branstrom attended the Gold Country Senior Services Meeting, FDR Constitution Day Parade, and a River Cats Game. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the GVDA Merchant meeting, the RCRC Conference, a Transit Services Commission Meeting, River Cats game, the Rudiger Foundation Dinner, and a concert at the Center for the Arts. Mayor Aguilar had nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm

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Ben Aguilar, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Taylor Day', written over a horizontal line.

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Adoption Date: 10/11/2022

Taylor Day

From: James McCammon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 8:08 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Morgan ranch disturbance

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Once again our peace has been disturbed by many teens gathering in our neighborhood. The police were called (I don't know why) and some of the teens raced out of the gathering point on Success Mine Loop. More and more of us are no longer walking on that street due to this invasion. When is the city going to do something about this. We want our neighborhood back.

Sent from James McCammon
928 Morgan Ranch Dr.

Taylor Day

From: Alena Loomis
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Tom Last; Lance Lowe
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact us

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From: Trinie Dalton <info@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:32 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail <COGVGeneralVM@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us



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WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by anonymous user:
[2600:1700:401:a410:6cae:642c:3565:6edd]

Your name:
Trinie Dalton

Your e-mail:
[REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:
323-308-9345

Message:
Letter to City Council
Dear Council Members,
As a local resident, I'm dismayed that two overpriced, mediocre restaurants, Cirino's and Maria's, get to intimidate the council to retract

the food truck expansion plan. Everyone I know was really excited about the possibility. As your council members said repeatedly, allowing young diverse businesses to serve good, affordable food in our town (and even to make a food truck court!) will actually attract more people to Grass Valley—not drive them away. That possessive attitude is antiquated, unfounded, racist, and ageist. Will there be opportunities to vote on this with constituents? I don't think letting two business owners decide is fair to all of us who want more hustle and bustle, as Ms. Dodge said "Bring on the food trucks!"

Thank you,
Trinie Dalton

Attachment(s) (if applicable):

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Taylor Day

From: mary vogt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: tennis court usage

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I'm writing to express my opposition of the proposal to give preference to Baseline tennis over the many other residents that play tennis in the area for the price of \$873.60.

I've lived in the area for 34 years and have been playing more tennis since I retired with a group twice a week. Eight of us meet in the mornings at a predesignated court and hope to find two courts available, and sometimes we have to go hunting for courts. These are public courts which I have supported with my taxbill.

I don't believe it is representative government if the needs of the few who pay out weighs the needs of the many who believe it public space for all.

Please consider all the people who have weighed in on this issue.
Please do not turn the use of public space into a private club for any time amount.

Sincerely,
Mary Vogt
250 Washington St
Grass Valley, CA

Taylor Day

From: Jedidiah Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Re: City's Mill St Vacant lot

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This is getting to be ridiculous as the city maintenance guys came out and only cut down a couple of the trees of heaven bushes, but didn't pickup the trash or cut back the weeds or any other overgrowth.

The weeds in the middle of the lot need to be cut back as they are about 3 feet high. There is overgrowth all around the lot and on each side of the driveways that need to be cut back. Then in the back of the lot near the property line with the apartments there is trash and a mattress.

I know this is a separate issue, but if the city can't maintain the property they currently own how does it plan to maintain the Mill St Pavillion area when it is completed? We saw that they didn't do any snow removal after the storm in December and it seems like the trash cans are constantly overflowing with garbage and are spilling onto the sidewalk.

Thank you,
Jedidiah

From: Jedidiah Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6:17 PM
To: public@cityofgrassvalley.com <public@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: Re: City's Mill St Vacant lot

Thank you for picking up the stacks of wood from the December storm that were at the City's vacant lot on Mill. However, no one has come out to take care of the overgrowth of weeds and the trash. I really wish the city staff would take pride in our city and manage the properties that they do have before looking to purchase more. For example, there is a mattress that someone dumped in the lot over a years ago. The city workers have come out numerous times to hang up fences with no parking and no trespassing signs, but they don't pickup any of the trash or haul off that mattress.

I am not asking for anything out of the ordinary I am just asking the city to maintain their property as they would require private citizens and businesses to do.

Thank you,
Jedidiah

From: Jedidiah Watson
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 11:58 AM
To: public@cityofgrassvalley.com <public@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: City's Mill St Vacant lot

Please send someone out to maintain your vacant lot and please do so on a regular basis. It is an eye sore to the community and violates the city's own vegetation management codes. There are still stacks of sticks and

branches from the December storm last year, overgrown weeds and shrubs, and because of the overgrowth we have seen people dump trash like a bathtub, people passed out in the bottom of the lot, and kids are going down there to hang out and access the back yards of neighboring properties.

Thank You,
Jedidiah

Taylor Day

From: Brenda Nascimento [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Baseline Tennis Club comments for City Council meeting for 9/27

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I know Zac has given his recommendation to give the Baseline Tennis Club non-prime hours. The problem is non-prime hours are different in the Summer and Winter. In Summer they would be about 12-4pm...however in Winter, those can be the prime hours, depending on the weather. The cost he is recommending for them to have the exclusive right to reserve the courts is ridiculously low...no wonder they want to take over the public courts rather than join a private club, where they could make reservations.

Also, he has recommended monitoring the club to make sure they are performing the functions they spelled out in their bylaws (which they admittedly just copied from the pickle ball players). How will this monitoring take place? What is their specific plan to promote tennis (Many of us believe they do not have one). How will the public follow this monitoring? Also, by claiming they are a non profit, they must, by law, make their tax returns public which would show how much money they are taking in and what they are spending it on. Will the city be monitoring this also...I, as the general public, will be wanting tax return copies as well. So far they have refused our request for even just their membership list.

There are probably 100 local tennis players in the community that use the public parks in Grass Valley. You can see from the petition we filed that we have approximately 70 signatures...that is 70% of the local tennis community that do not want this!! If it is passed, we will continue to fight it.

Brenda Nascimento
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: More messages against the Baseline club that Zac didn't include

Here are more messages that Zac didn't include in your packet:

The petition that Zac did include had over 70 signatures so far, all from currently playing tennis players. If given more time, we could probably double or treble that. Most tennis players are adamant about this small group not getting preferential treatment.

Hi Zac,

I thought that Dan's response was pretty revealing: they don't want to wait for a court. They want special treatment. We all have to wait for a court at some time. They should not be exempt. The more I learn about them, the more I am upset about their wish for preferential treatment where none should be granted.

I talked to one of the Pickleball club members, who mentioned that Rick had come to them and asked for and copied their bylaws. Also, pretty revealing. While the Pickleball club seems to be a real club, the Baseline club seeks only to avoid waiting for courts. The Pickleball club has a website, consists of more than 60% of the area pickleball players, has teaching pros who play pickleball, and is well organized. Although I'm not in agreement with their being allowed to have reserved courts, it seems they have a plan, and that can't be said of the Baseline group.

It makes sense now that two pickle ball players on Saturday August 13 morning tried to come on the tennis court to use it for pickleball. It was during the pickleball time reserved for club members only. I guess the two guys didn't want to shell out the \$60 annual fee so they could play then. I had to call the police before they decided to leave. If the Baseline group gets their way, then tennis players will be displaced. And we can't just go on the pickleball courts and take them over. We have no recourse.

I hope this play for preferential treatment in avoiding waiting for a court gets shot down pretty fast! It is just plain selfish of these players, and should not be considered further.

Hi Zac,

While running errands this morning, I stopped by Memorial Park and noticed only two courts were in use. Joao, a member of Baseline club, was hitting against a ball machine on one. He and I chatted for a couple minutes, and he did not know about the attempt of the club leaders to allow them to reserve courts. He also mentioned that Sundays were the most problematic for them to get courts.

My questions is, wouldn't it hurt tennis for them to get weekend reservations because that's the time when families go out and play tennis with their kids?

A PickleBall Member sent this to me:

Rick Partridge approached the GVPC (Grass Valley Pickleball Club) asking us to support him in his efforts to launch a tennis club.

We declined.

We want to be like Switzerland.

Neutral.

But GVPC sees 2 glaring problems with our understanding of what the tennis club is proposing.

First

Our GVPC membership is very large.

Most people who play pickle ball within a 15 mile radius of Memorial Park belong to GVPC.

It is not a select few.

Second

Pickle ball is nothing like tennis.

Pickle ball is 4 people playing a 15 minute game.

When it's over

We get off the court

We have a sign up board and the next group goes out.

We intermingle and have fun.

Tennis is 6 game set, win by 2, or go to a tie breaker.

It takes a lot of time.

So no, GVPC does not support the tennis club and we wish to remain neutral enjoying our excellent cooperation with the park department.

Hi Zac,

Do you have any clue when the City Council will be addressing the so-called "Baseline Club" request to reserve courts?

Today at Memorial Park, I talked to a couple of tennis singles players who have been playing at Pioneer Park as well as Memorial Park. They said that they're always having to remove pickle ball markings from the tennis courts at Pioneer. And, there are pickle ball markings on both upper and lower courts at Memorial Park. I haven't been to Mautino Park lately so don't know about that.

Apparently, the non-members of the Pickle Ball Club want to play during the club-reserved times as well, and have resorted to marking up and playing on the tennis courts. I hope that the two new pickle ball courts at Memorial Park be considered as open play and no reservations to be allowed. That would allow the non-members at least a chance to play pickle ball when the other courts are reserved by the club.

On to tennis. After I played on Memorial Park lower courts this morning, I went to the upper courts to see what was going on. The two singles players on the near court said they'd be done soon. I told them I wasn't looking for a court, just to ask a question. The four on the far court, members of the Baseline Club, butted in and asked what question. Answer: "Have you seen and read the green blurb?" At that point, I started explaining to the two on the near court, at which time the four on the other court, including Dan's wife, came over to

"educate" me. When I ignored them and continued with the two nearby, the four said I was wrong and they didn't want the two to sign the petition. Fortunately, the two on the near court did listen to me and signed the petition that Brenda has set up.

Again, the four on the far court are singing the same refrain as the others I've met in their so-called club: it's hard for us to get two courts without us being allowed to reserve. They think they are entitled to do that, and it doesn't matter to them that they are getting a privilege the rest of us don't get. They think they are not being privileged or elitist. Who are they kidding?

And, then there's one other thing: to be in that so-called club, you have to pay dues. The two non-Baseline players on the other court said that you shouldn't have to pay to play on public courts, and they were against the reservation system as well.

P.S. I call it the "so-called ... club" because the bylaws are copied from the Pickle Ball Bylaws; there does not appear to be a website; nor have I heard of a way to sign up for the "club"; and they claim not to have set up reservation hours. I've heard from others that they want the prime-time hours of all morning on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Not good!

Hi Zac,

Today I was taking a lesson and saw a couple of friends in the parking lot. I stopped my lesson and ran out to the parking lot to talk to these friends and apprise them of what the so-called baseline club is trying to do: make reservations on public courts. When I got my petition out, one of the players on the other court (Rick Partridge) came running out and immediately accused me of having wrong information, without listening. When I told him he was wrong, and went on with talking to my friends, he went back to his group and said I was spreading lies about their group.

The two women were happy to sign. As soon as I mentioned that the so-called club was trying to be allowed to get reservations, the two women said that it just wasn't right. Nobody should be able to get reservations on a public court, and both signed the petition.

I came back to my lesson, and once again, Rick and his friends started attacking me, and saying I don't know what I'm talking about. They were quite rude. I was rude right back. I'm sick of being accosted and accused of wrongdoing when I'm not doing anything wrong! Anyway the nasty words flew both ways. This needs to stop!

The only way it will stop is if the so-called club does not get to reserve courts. Each time they accost me they tell a different story. First it was 10-12 people, and they wanted three mornings a week, Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday. Next it was 25 people. Now it's 30 and they say they only want one morning a week. Frankly, I'm tired of their lies. Dan, Dan's wife, and now Rick, seem to be the ringleaders of this hostility.

I spoke to a couple of them, Joao and Beatrice, after all had finished playing. I told the two players that I had read the bylaws, been in contact with

you, Dan, and others, and that I was interested in two things: that they wanted to make reservations, and that they charge a membership fee. That would make them a privileged group. Even if their membership is growing a few people at a time, they're not contributing to tennis. They are just recruiting tennis players who are already playing tennis, so it sounds like they're doing something for tennis.

If any group can get reservations based on nothing but desire to be able to do so, then maybe the rest of us should petition the city to do the same. It would lead to chaos, and be completely against what public tennis courts have always been: first-come first-served. It has worked for the 23 years I've lived here. Reservations and fees are not needed! Don't fix what isn't broken. This is not pickle ball.

This group has now accosted me two times, and tries to turn it around saying I accosted them. I want them to leave me alone! I want to play tennis without being accosted and called names. And I want to have the right to ask if people have read the green blurb without being attacked.

Hi Zac,

I'm glad I stopped by and talked with you. It's always nice to put a face to someone with whom one has been communicating.

Something you said about a possible testing arrangement of court usage made me think of something I believe in: trust but verify.

The club should provide a membership list at each checkpoint, with the experience in months and years of each member and that member's self-assessment of level of play. If they group is actually growing the game, the numbers should increase, players new to tennis should show up, and level of play should increase to a certain point. Everyone tops out sometime.

Hi Zac,

I have never heard of a tennis facility, whether private or public, allowing a permanent reservation by a player or group of players. Reservations have been possible only if that player or group did not have any other reservations pending, and only up to a few days ahead of the reservation date. In addition, players reserving on public courts have had to pay a fee.

For example, public facility Cuesta Park in Mountain View accepts reservations on two courts (of the 35 public courts in Mountain View). Court fees for reservations depend on whether one lives in Mountain View and upon time of day, and range from \$11/hour to \$15/hour, with light fees an additional \$5, and can be made up to a week in advance.

In every public facility that I have played on across the USA, if reservations are possible and a fee charged, that facility has had an employee on site at all times the courts were open for play.

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Another e-mail against the Baseline Club

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Here's another complaint that Zac didn't put in the packet:

Does the Baseline group fulfill a need in the city, like many of the other groups you mentioned, such as scouting, baseball, softball, etc. do?

To grow tennis, one needs to have a junior development program. The current professionals do this, and are qualified to do so. They have clinics, not only for juniors, but also for adults who are trying to improve their tennis. They are the ones certified to do so. They will teach good habits in tennis.

The Baseline group does not fulfill this need. Nor does it have an exclusive on getting people set up with comparable players, with professionals who give lessons, or anything else. All tennis players who have any experience know the pros and know how people can get hold of them. If this does not seem to be enough, the city could put up a flyer listing the names and contact information for all the certified teaching pros. Baseline group is superfluous.

So, the Baseline group does not fulfill any city need. Does the tennis community need a group of privileged players who can reserve courts while others cannot? Absolutely not! What's fair for the rest of us is fair for the Baseline group.

For instance, this morning they were on three courts from about 8:30 on. They did not need reservations, nor should they need

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Another item not put in the packet by Zac

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Subject: Solution for the "club"

Date: Thu, 25 Aug 2022 18:28:03 -0700

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]

To: Zac Quentmeyer <zacq@cityofgrassvalley.com>, Dan Baseline <baselinetennis@mail.com>

Hi Zac,

Why can't the club do what another group did some time ago? There were about a dozen players who liked to play doubles regularly. They exchanged e-mails before each session, asking who wanted to play on such-and-so date and time. First 8-9 to respond in the affirmative would play. They didn't always play on the same days or the same times, to accommodate all of them.

Then, those players would assemble (no reservations) at the agreed-upon location and wait their turn, just like the rest of us do. They would get their 90 minutes, maybe the two courts being staggered, maybe simultaneous. If nobody was waiting after their 90 minutes, they could continue until someone else asked for the court.

That would be fair. The club wants two courts three mornings a week, for more than 90 minutes. That will impact the tennis community negatively. And it is not fair for them to reserve two courts three mornings a week, because we can't do the same! All players should play by the same rules.

Greta

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Fwd: Baseline Tennis "club"

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This message against the Baseline Tennis club apparently wasn't forwarded to you by Zac. How many others did he neglect to forward?

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Baseline Tennis "club"
Date: Thu, 25 Aug 2022 13:06:35 -0700
To: zacq@cityofgrassvalley.com

Hello Zac,

I have been playing tennis in Nevada County for 35 years, mostly out of Memorial Park, but also Ridge Racquet Club, South Yuba Club and all the other parks around the county. In the early 90's I won many singles and doubles titles in the Memorial Day Tennis Classic tennis tournament that was put on for years in the county. My point being that I am a long time part of, and know the Nevada County tennis community extremely well.

Regarding the Baseline Tennis Club that is attempting to secure guaranteed court time for themselves, I would like to make a few points as to why the majority of the tennis community is against this:

1) Although no one in the community has ever heard of the Club, as they and their bylaws were just recently created in order to look legitimate to the city, we do know who this group of people are, and have seen them playing on the courts. They are a group of about 10 (maybe a few more) beginner level tennis players. Not only do they not have the resources or knowledge to "promote" tennis, they certainly do not have the skill level to teach tennis. If you look at any reputable tennis club in the United States (whether it be at a private club, or a park), you will see that clinics and lessons are given by USPTA certified instructors, of which this club does not have.

2) Tennis is not played like Pickleball and should not be compared to pickleball. Pickleball is an easy game to learn and matches last around 15 minutes. People rotate in and out around the courts in a "round robin" fashion. It is easy for players of different levels to play together. In tennis, you play singles with one other person, or doubles with 3 other people of your same level and there is no rotating in and out. Because of this, most of us would be excluded from this group simply by the fact that they are not a compatible match up in either their level of play or in the manner in which they want to play. Being in that we are excluded from this group for those reasons, now they would be getting an unfair advantage in that they get guaranteed, reserved court time and the rest of us don't.

3) Public courts have always operated on a first come, first serve basis with 60 minutes for singles, 90 minutes for doubles. This is how it has been done without conflict in our public parks since the tennis courts were built. I, for one, will not yield a court to them until after I've played my 60 or 90 minutes. If they have exceeded their 90 minutes, I will let them know they need to relinquish the court. Everyone else I have spoken to feels the same way. So now that this conflict has been created, are we going to start calling Law Enforcement intervention for tennis courts??...I can certainly see many verbal arguments on the horizon.

In summary, it is not fair to grant this SMALL group of specific friends special privileges to grab the court time they want during peak playing hours because they've put together a pretty package for the city promoting a fake tennis club that they made up. If they want to be able to reserve court time, they should join a private club such as Ridge Racquet Club or South Yuba Club.

We will be putting together a petition and obtaining signatures to show the city exactly how much of the tennis community is against this.

Thank you for reading and considering all of the above points.

Name obscured

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:40 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Against reservation system

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Hi,

The proposed reservations system was made by people who do not play tennis. There are a number of things wrong with this system:

It is discriminatory. Only members of the Baseline Club can make reservations. This is unfair to the vast majority of players in the area, who are not and will not become members of this tiny group.

The fee to be charged is ridiculously low. What's to stop tennis pros from terminating their contracts with the city and instead renting the courts at what amounts to \$2/hour after discounts?

Baseline Club members have said they don't have a problem during the week, and only potentially a problem on the weekend. E-mail will be provided on request. Don't fix what isn't broken.

Current court rules limit play to 90 minutes for doubles. Why does the proposed system allow for two hours of court time?

No other public courts have a small group able to reserve courts on a permanent basis.

Enforcement will be a nightmare.

The Baseline Club copied their bylaws from the Pickle Ball club. Tennis is improved by playing with players of like ability, having singles and doubles, and having lessons for all levels, including especially children. The Baseline Club does none of this.

Some of the tennis courts are unplayable in winter. If non-prime hours are used, they are different in summer than in winter. Non-prime summer hours are usually noon to 4 p.m.. There are none in winter. So, there should be no reservations in winter, period! Consider the months of December, January, February, and March as unavailable for reservations.

Greta Watson

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 6:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Please do not approve the Facility Use Agreement with the Baseline group

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To the City Council:

It is my understanding that you will be determining whether or not to approve the Baseline group's request to permanently reserve tennis courts in Grass Valley. I'm opposed to this for a number of reasons.

Tennis and pickle ball are vastly different in everything, from balls to racket/paddle, to court size and markings. To compare them to each other does not make sense. Pickle ball games last a few minutes, and players change partners and opponents after each game. It's very social, and can be very competitive or not at all. It is much more easily learned than tennis. And it has seen a tremendous growth in popularity in the past few years.

Tennis takes a lot longer to learn, sets can last from about half an hour to a couple of hours, and a match from an hour to several hours. A match includes not only skill level, but also fitness, and strategy. Tennis is most enjoyable when played with and against players of similar skills, fitness, and strategy. Tennis has not had much growth in the past few years, partly because of Covid, partly because some players are playing pickle ball instead of tennis, partly because it takes a lot of time and work to get good at it.

Here are my reasons for not allowing the Baseline group to make reservations:

1. Don't fix what isn't broken. The current system of first-come-first-served has been successfully used in Grass Valley and all over the country for many years. In the past year, I've had to wait only about ten minutes for a court, and only once or twice. I have provided the Baseline group with a method they can use in lieu of reservations, basically using e-mail to get a head count, and then using that to split the group in case two adjacent courts aren't available.
2. No tennis entity, whether public or private, has ever given any group the ability to make a permanent reservation unless that person is a teaching pro. Doing so will show preference to a small group of players, and will leave the rest of us as second-class taxpayers.
3. The Baseline group says they're open to all. However, they don't do singles, and the only doubles they do is similar to pickle ball rather than to tennis, so isn't something most tennis players would be interested in doing. And, their drop-in tennis isn't done by skill level, so isn't something most tennis players would want to do.
4. Where reservations for tennis courts are allowed, there is a paid person on site who administers the reservations and collects the court fees, for example, \$11-\$20/hour per court that's charged at Mountain View's Cuesta Park. Reservations are one-time only, and may be made a few days in

advance. Many places prevent a player from reserving a court if that player or group already has an upcoming reservation.

5. The Baseline group has no concrete plans to improve tennis, and is making this request only to avoid having to wait for courts. Since that's not really an issue, they have no reason for their request. If the city council allows these reservations, what's to prevent other groups of tennis players from demanding equality and reserving the courts for their use? Where does it end?

6. The players who have signed the petition to deny the Baseline group's request far outnumber the number of players who are claimed by the Baseline group as members. And, how many of them are actually active members of the Baseline group? How many have dropped out when they found they weren't of the same skill level as the others? At the time of this e-mail, 70+ players have signed the petition against the Baseline group. The members claimed by Baseline have variously been stated as a dozen, about 25, or about 30. In any case, that's less than half of the current count against their request.

7. Grass Valley allows the pickle ball club to have reserved hours. During those hours, players not in their club have marked up the tennis courts on both the lower and upper courts at Memorial Park, as well as at Pioneer Park. Those markings are irritating and distracting to tennis players, who have had to try to get rid of them. Perhaps it was not a good idea to have permanent reservations by the pickle ball club? It is definitely not a good idea to do so for the Baseline group, as they are a small minority of tennis players in this area.

Thank-you.

Greta Watson

Petition against "Baseline Tennis Club"

We, the tennis players of Nevada County, petition to the City of Grass Valley, to not cater to the private group calling themselves "Baseline Tennis Club" by granting them preferential treatment in letting them have guaranteed, reserved tennis court time for the following reasons:

- 1) This is a small group of friends that do not represent the majority of the tennis community in Nevada County.
- 2) The first come, first serve rule of 60 minutes for singles and 90 minutes for doubles has served this community for the public courts without conflict since the courts were built. Giving this group special privileges will create conflict among the tennis community...and who will enforce their reservation when someone refuses to yield the court?
- 3) If they want to reserve courts, there are two private clubs in the city where they can do that...South Yuba Club and Ridge Racquet Club.
- 4) Contrary to what they state as their goals in Article 2 of their bylaws:
 - a) They do not have the knowledge, resources, or any type of specific plan to "further public interest and participation in tennis"
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- 5) You cannot compare the style of play and use of a tennis court to other sports...specifically pickle ball, in which matches only last 15 minutes and round robin play is the norm where players rotate between courts to play different individuals each match. As stated above, tennis is not played in this manner
- 6) Lastly, on a slightly different note...their bylaws state they are a Non Profit organization, yet they will be charging dues. What are the dues for? How will they account for them and will their Financial Statements be made public, as all Non Profit organizations are required to do by law? Who will monitor this?

For all of the above reasons, we think it would be highly unfair to grant this small group of people, who merely do not want to have to wait for a court like the rest of us, the special privilege of getting to reserve courts when the rest of us cannot.

See attached pages for signatures:

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