

Possible List of Pickleball Projects:

Here is an initial list of enhancements and needs for pickleball at The Grand – a starting place for discussions, additions, deletions, and alterations. This list is compiled from player requests made at pickleball meetings or from player comments made to board members. (Language used below is in the type of format that would be presented to the CAM Board.)

Improvements:

- **Bike Racks** – Replace the current ineffective bike racks with some “high density” racks that can accommodate more of our bike riding players. These would replace the three we currently have and be located in the same place.
- **Brick Replacement** – the current brick breezeways look nice but are a problem. They require regular adjustments, they are difficult to keep clean (sweeping is the only option), the sand used is getting onto the courts and other adjacent areas – creating both a slipping problem as well as a cleaning one, and uneven bricks could become a hazard, causing someone to trip. They need to be replaced with a cleanable, easy-to-maintain, smooth, good-looking surface – such as what we have already in the large breezeway.

Additions:

- **Bathrooms Added and Upgraded** – Add a second set of bathrooms at the Northwest end of the courts. (Clearview side)
As you know, the courts are busy with players and most stay for 2 or more hours. We are all drinking lots of liquids to stay hydrated and as we age, we might not have the time needed to get to the current restroom. Having restrooms at both ends of the courts would help to handle the growing numbers we have on the courts at any given time. Additional bathrooms are a major project but an important one.
The current bathrooms also desperately need to be upgraded to match others in The Grand. There are also plans in the works to make each restroom Unisex – which will improve availability.
- **Mister System** – Add a mister system to each of the breezeways similar to what is currently in the pavilion area.
- **Electrical Outlets** - Add electrical outlets along the east side of the complex (the golf cart path side). Currently there are only outlets on the parking lot side and center of the complex. Additional outlets will help us with court maintenance, social events, loudspeakers when needed, and ball machine utilization.
- **Add Storage Space** – we also need some additional storage space which will either be taken care of by the addition of the second bathroom or by adding a fence and door across a dead-end part of a breezeway. The storage would help keep the vacuum safe as well as some of the other cleaning equipment.

Maintenance:

- **Drain Outlet** for the Tomcat (the machine we use to scrub every court twice a month). Our regular cleaning significantly extends the longevity of the courts, reducing the frequency of resurfacing. At the end of cleaning two courts the machine must be emptied. What we dump out is a mixture of biodegradable soap, anti-suds agent, and dirty water filled with all the muck that was on top of the courts – and the bottom of your shoes. That all has to be dumped somewhere. Currently we try to spread it through the fence onto the rocks along the edge of the courts – which isn’t as effective as we would like and often causes some splash-back onto the courts. A couple of well-placed drainpipes leading into an area conducive to draining would solve the problem.

Covering the Cost:

This has been a tough year for all of us and a lean year of income for The Grand. A lot of time and effort is being spent on trying to come up with ways to finance all the important projects that keep The Grand what it is. Pickleball is part of that, and our current list of projects is sure to come with a hefty price tag. The SCG Board will have to weigh the need and benefits against the significant demands that it faces from all fronts.

To help meet the expenses associated with our requests, we believe court sponsorship is the most effective solution. SCG Board members have been advocating for that for some time as a way to bring us in line with other high-use outdoor sports—at some point, it will likely happen anyway. We feel that now is the time to implement such a plan in the most tasteful way possible.

Court Signage – We propose that the Pickleball club find sponsors for each court and that small, tasteful signs be placed, either over the court numbers or above the door, to indicate the sponsor. The details of sponsorship will be worked out, but we project that with all 22 courts sponsored, we would be able to contribute close to \$25,000.00 per year toward facility expansion and enhancements. This would significantly improve the likelihood of being able to move forward with the projects we have listed.