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January, 2021



Greetings FOSPC Members,

As our pickleball courts finally are to become a reality I thought it might be time to sit back, catch our breath and look back on this incredible, at the time unlikely, progressive event. In talking and listening to our pickleball 'forefathers' I came to the realization this was not a smooth road to arrive where we are today.

In beginning this historical review, I spoke with Denny and Randy Belluzzo who were among the first to even suggest to the FOSCA (then) board that pickleball might be a great investment for the future of FOS. I also recorded several meetings with Denny Belluzzo, Pete Whipple, and had several phone conversations with Keith Kellen. Not only was the FOSCA board majority opposed, but community support was zero. Denny said, "We felt like pigeons in a shooting gallery. We had very little community support at FOSCA meetings." Summing up the journey's beginning can be simplified in one email I received from member Brian Wagner when reaching out for experiences.

Quoting Brian: **" I remember in 2013, the first FOSCA meeting Judy and I went to after buying our house. Keith Kellen tried to have an architect explain an idea for a sports area in a maxi park. The meeting ended up looking and sounding like an out of order mess. It is a wonder they didn't suggest hanging Keith, but he continued to stand his ground."**

The sports complex, maxi park enhancement, and pretty much the very beginnings of FOS coming out of the dark ages of living in the 70s, began with a letter to the FOSCA Board and the FOS Community in 2012. Denny reiterated in these interviews multiple times, Keith Kellen was the initial force behind new courts. Denny said at every meeting Keith kept hammering to everyone over and over and over....

"Together we can make it Happen."

Sun Times Article – June 2012

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Granted, not all of this can happen at once! On the other hand we could not be retired today, if we didn't start planning for retirement 20-30 years earlier. We need to invest in ourselves, like we did in the earlier days!!!

If you want to do something for yourself, your children and this community, watch for the July issue for an opportunity for you to get involved!

Keith Kellen

Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee

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When did the FOS Pickleball push begin?

The idea for more pickleball courts in FOS began in 2011. Early promoters of the future project met with much resistance, not only in refusals for any construction but also they were often dismissed without even being able to voice their ideas. Some earlier FOSCA boards even announced in advance, there would be no pickleball ideas discussed at some of the FOSCA meetings.

One of the problems besides the disinterest by the FOSCA Board, was the hierarchy that existed. FOS had three boards, FOSCA (FOS Community Association) FOSCC (golf), and FOSHA (the home owners). Besides the complications of trying to coordinate three boards, the boards all had board term ending dates. You could not do anything in December because there were new officers coming in in January. The next group's board wouldn't do anything in February because their new officers took office in March. By then a lot of winter residents were leaving for the summer so it was very difficult to get anyone to commit to any ideas, especially when they were not really very interested to begin with.

2011- The Sun Villa complex was placed in foreclosure and suggestions to the board to pursue a possible purchase were rebuffed. Keith Kellen urged the FOSCA board to at least make a minimum offer as they may accept it. There was absolutely no interest in the board pursuing this. Throughout the next year, following up on a Keith Kellen idea, Denny Belluzzo and a few other pickleballers contacted various neighboring communities, including Carriage Manor, Sunland East, Viewpoint, and Crescent Run, with the possibility of them sharing their courts. In 2011 they finally convinced Carriage Manor to allow FOS players to play on their courts. The agreement was each player pay a yearly fee of \$50. \$25 was paid by the player, and \$25 paid by FOSCA, thus relieving FOSCA of the cost of any court construction.

What happened next was fairly unclear, as Carriage Manor, who was first in agreement, then sighted a 'liability' issue and backed out.

Another promising opportunity came from Crescent Run whose courts were in need of serious repair. Denny and the pickleballers agreed to repair and resurface the courts in exchange for playing time there. However, the Crescent Run manager then quit and moved back to California, and Crescent Run then decided not to allow FOS players access to their pickleball courts.

Along with the lost purchase chance for the Sun Villa complex, the current RV storage area was sold, then repurchased, but FOSCA was using RV storage income to pay off the RV storage purchase. Another idea, which could have been considered was the FOS Broadway area between the guardhouse and Sossaman sitting on Broadway Rd. FOSCA acquired this property from the builder, UDC (Universal Development Corporation). This was the last addition land wise for development for FOS. New housing units were built there in 2003. Again a golden opportunity lost as this parcel would have served well as a sports complex area with Broadway on the north and the golf course on the south side of the complex. Sound could have easily been directed to the street, and would have been a safe distance from FOS residents' units.

For a while Silver Ridge allowed outside players to play for pay but that soon ended also. When Leisure World put in 8 courts in 2015, they allowed ten outside memberships. Leisure World residents paid \$25 per year membership fees, outsiders paid \$50. This deal lasted three years, then outside memberships were discontinued.

The golf course was one area where several sites were suggested. Near the No 1 tee was a possible site, then off the 12th tee was looked into, and later an area adjacent to the south side of the golf clubhouse near the driving range. All of these failed to materialize.

The FOS Pickleball Club began to form in 2011 as a semi organized club. there was no official organization of the club till 2014. FOS League play began in 2015.

In 2011, for \$150 , Denny, and Pete Whipple purchased a portable net, paddles, and some snow fence to encircle the court. The court was located between Sun Villa and the current post office in the parking lot right next to Corabell. Boundaries were marked with chalk but then rain or foot traffic would eradicate the lines. So for \$60, Denny purchased rubber lines. These were each 2-3 feet long and placed every so often along the court boundary lines. Since they formed a broken line, the shot calls were eyeballed if between the rubber lines. Denny later sold the rubber lines to John Millar for \$60 and Denny said John probably still has them. Playing times were from 8AM to noon.

In between the allowed playing times the 'court' had to be dismantled and the net, poles, fencing, and other equipment was stored in the Sun Villa complex. It had to be set up every time one wanted to play and disassembled and stored till the next day. Request to play indoors in the activity center was denied as it would void the warranty of the flooring installation, plus the Board did not want errant pickleballs to possibly damage the overhead lights and sound system.

In speaking with Denny and Pete both agreed one of the big original pushers for FOS pickleball/sports complex amenities was Keith Kellen. His slogan was the well remembered "Together We Can Make it Happen". His idea was to raise funds for this sports complex project. This started the fundraising surge in FOS, which we still feel in FOS to this day.

The first committee for the sports amenities push was, Keith Kellen, Denny Beluzzo, Pete Whipple, Sue McMahon, Denis Cote and were joined a couple years later by Sue Mozeman who performed the secretarial duties and other invaluable jobs.



April 11, 2011

FOSCA
8001 East Broadway
Mesa, AZ 85208

Dear FOSCA Board Members:

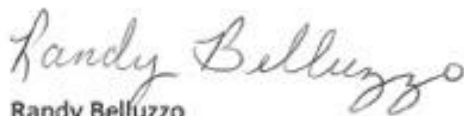
As a resident of this community I feel the need to write and make suggestions as to how to improve our community.

There are many "Baby Boomers" looking to retire in Mesa. These people are active retirees and will only buy property where there are many activities for them to participate in. We don't have much to offer compared to many other retirement communities.

If we had pickleball and tennis courts it would be a desirable community to live in and would also be a great asset to all homeowners. There is not much available property in the area for these amenities. One possibility would be the west maxi park area. The FOSHA board meeting of today, April 11, 2011, mentioned that area as being re-done with picnic tables. At what board meeting was this ever discussed and approved? Do homeowners have a say in these improvements? Is this only being done to barricade the property of possible future court development? We as a whole community, both FOSCA and FOSHA, need to work together to find a solution to some of these new ideas.

I thank the board for it's approval for a temporary pickleball court which has been enjoyed by many players and newcomers to this great sport. But temporary is what it is and I think we need to look for a more permanent place to put courts. When can people expect some answers as to if this is at all a possibility for future development? I look forward to hearing from the board.

Sincerely,



Randy Belluzzo
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C: FOSHA Board



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April 18, 2011

Mr. Randy Belluzzo
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Re: Pickleball in Fountain of the Sun

Dear Mr. Belluzzo,

The Fountain of the Sun Homeowners Board of Directors are in receipt of your letter dated April 11, 2011 regarding Pickle Ball in the West Maxi Park.

The FOSHA Board will do some research and address this issue at the monthly Board meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 10:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Fountain of the Sun Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

January 2, 2012

Fountain of the Sun Homeowners Association Board
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Dear Board Members,

After spending much time talking to residents of FOS and several horseshoe players, we have come to the conclusion that by moving the horseshoe pits to the East Maxi Park on Pueblo Ave. would allow us to put a double Pickle-ball court in the location where the 4 horseshoe pits are currently located.

By moving the horseshoe pits to the East end of the East Maxi Park would also allow us to expand from 6 pits to 8 pits allowing more people to play during tournaments. (Most parks have 8 horseshoe pits for tournaments.) The horseshoe pits are mostly porous with the exception of the concrete walk between the stakes. This would be changed to a gravel walk, so that we would have a firm surface to walk on between stakes.

A building would have to be built along Pueblo Ave. to allow for a bathroom, storage and a room for scorekeeping and serving donuts and coffee during tournaments.

The Pickle-ball/Tennis Committee would cover expenses for this project. However, since this project would benefit our entire community, it would be greatly appreciated if the FOSHA and/or the FOSCA would help out with the expenses. When this project is approved, then we can contact contractors to get firm quotes to get this project completed by this fall.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration for this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Kellen
Chairman of the Pickle-ball & Tennis Committee
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Attachment
cc: FOSCA

SO NOW WHERE DO WE GO?

A Pickle-Ball/Tennis Timeline

Presented by Karlene Kitchen, Keith Kellen and Dean Vig

January 18, 2012

- 2/14/11 Sandy McCleary proposed initial request for pickle-ball courts.
FOSCA BOARD: No discussion. No action.
- 3/14/11 Proposal in writing to FOSCA Board to install pickle-ball and tennis courts on the island between 80th St. East and West. Drawings included.
FOSCA BOARD: No discussion. No action
- 3/18/11 Same proposal as above to Country Club Board.
COUNTRY CLUB: No reply.
- 3/28/11 FOSCA Board approved temporary pickle-ball court in parking lot from 3/28/11 to 4/30/11. Calendar with blackout days received immediately.
- 4/20/11 Written proposal to FOSCA Board to accept a DONATED double pickle-ball court and tennis court on the island between 80th St. East and West. Drawings included. Requested a response in writing.
FOSCA BOARD: No action. No reply.
- 4/20/11 Written proposal to FOSHA Board to accept a DONATED pickle-ball and/or tennis court on the plateau area of the West Maxi Park. Requested a response in writing.
FOSHA BOARD: No action. No reply.
- 11/7/11 FOSCA Board approved temporary pickle-ball court in parking lot from Nov. 7 to April 2012.
To date no calendar with blackout days received even though it has been requested several times.
- 11/16/11 Letter to FOSCA Board asking them to have FOS residents make wishes known by vote regarding:
1) having more physical activities
2) using the green space between 80th St. East and West for activities
3) if land could be acquired from the Country Club, use that for sports
FOSCA BOARD: No discussion. No action.
- 12/12/11 Carol Porath, FOSCA Board president opened meeting with statement there would be no discussion regarding PB/T because there is no room for it.
- 1/12/12 Written request to FOSCA Board about moving horseshoe pits to East Maxi Park and install DONATED pickle-ball court in pits area. Drawings included.
FOSCA BOARD: No discussion. No action.

Many homeowners have updated their homes and lots.

Now it is time for FOSCA and FOSHA to keep our park updated with activities in order to attract young, active retirees. Home values will likely flat line if we don't improve our facilities & activities.

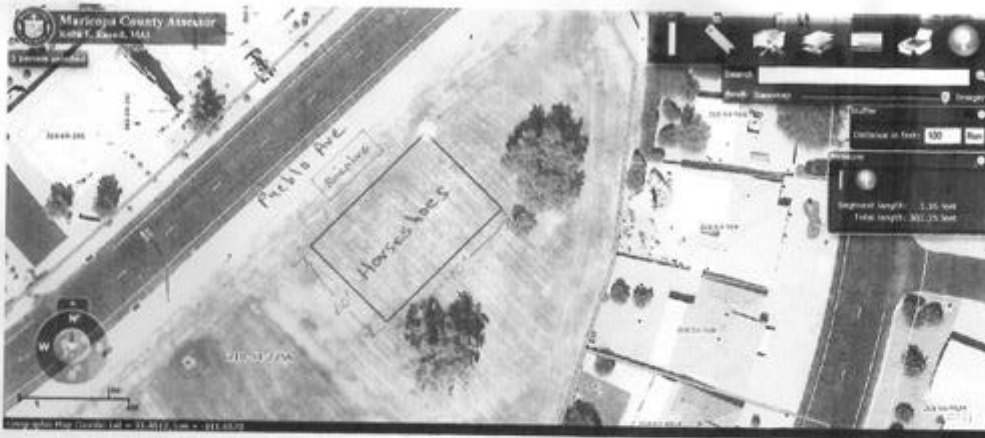
There will be financial obligations for initial improvements from our group.

Many, many homeowners have expressed a desire to help.



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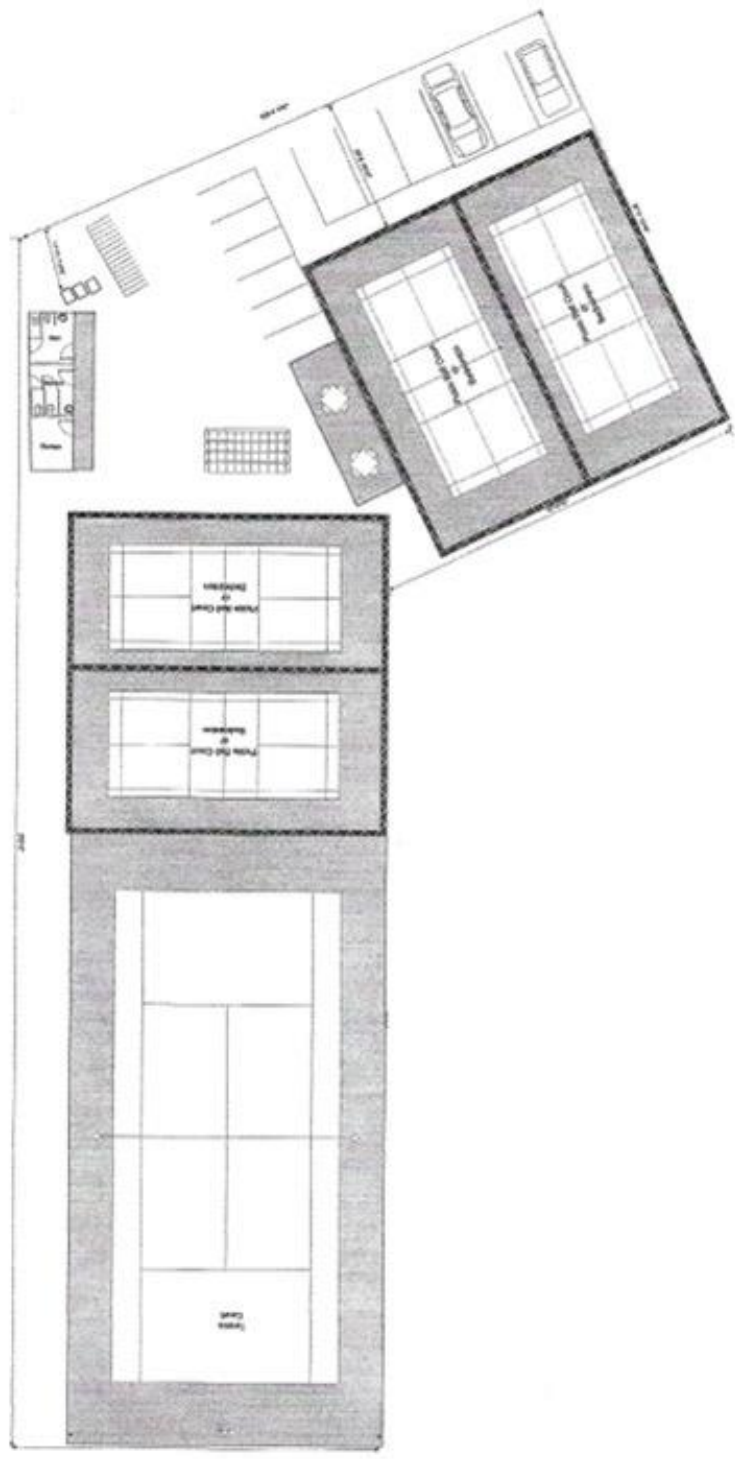
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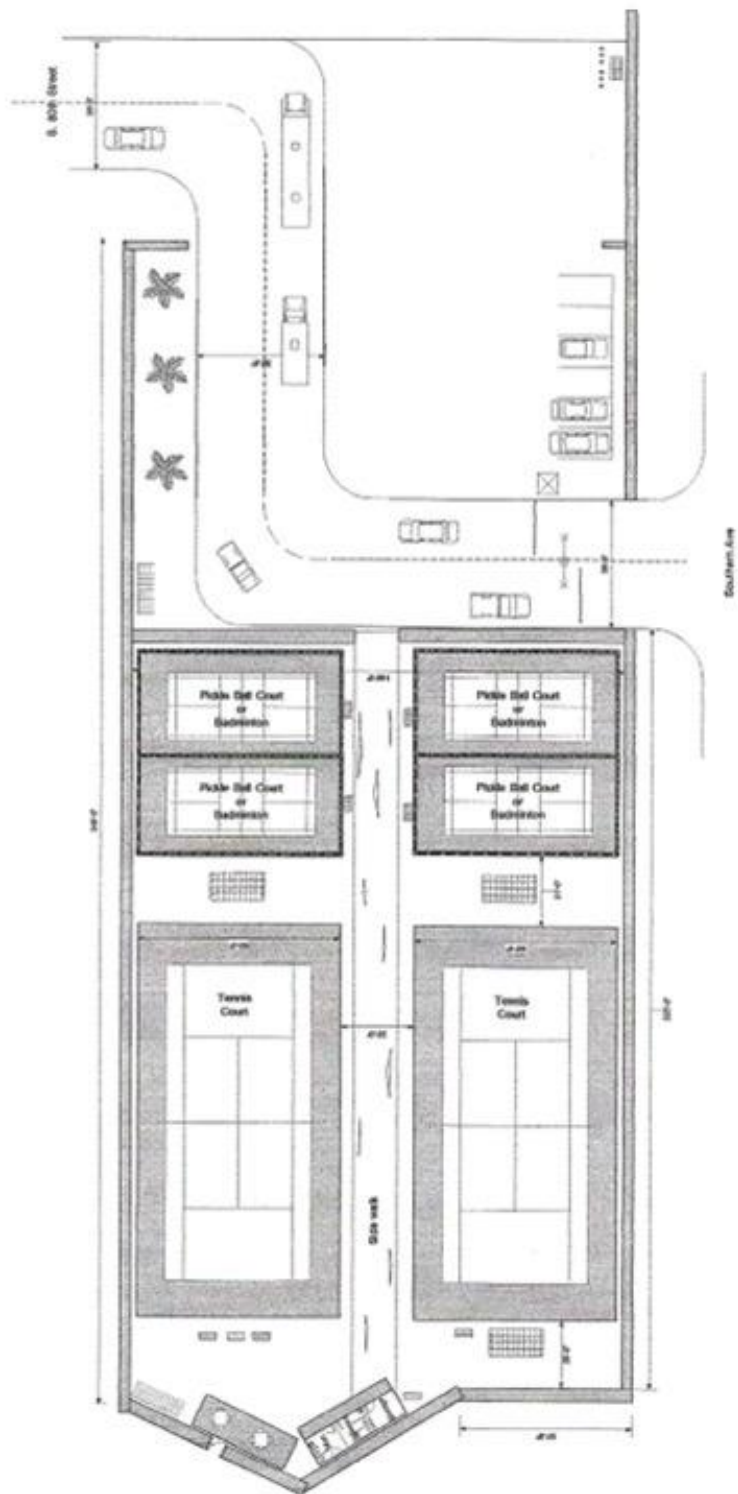


Another of the maxi-park ideas
Circa 2011

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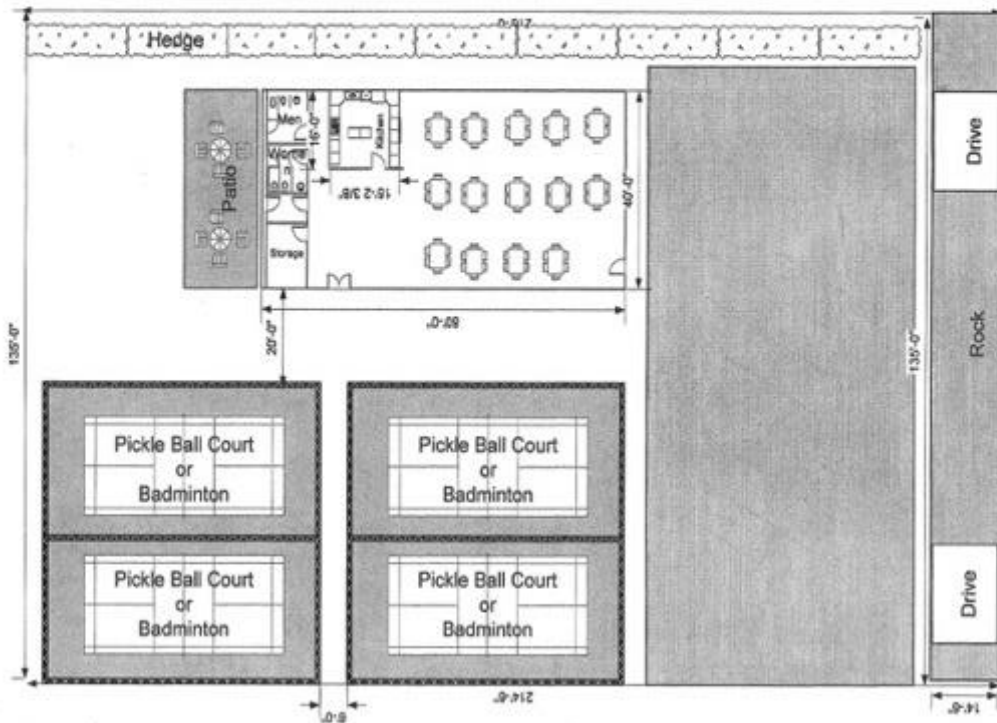
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Drawing of possible usage of the current RV storage area, Circa 2011

Keith Kellen drawing, displaying another maxi-park option



E. Pueblo Ave.

A Keith Kellen design for the area south of the golf driving range.



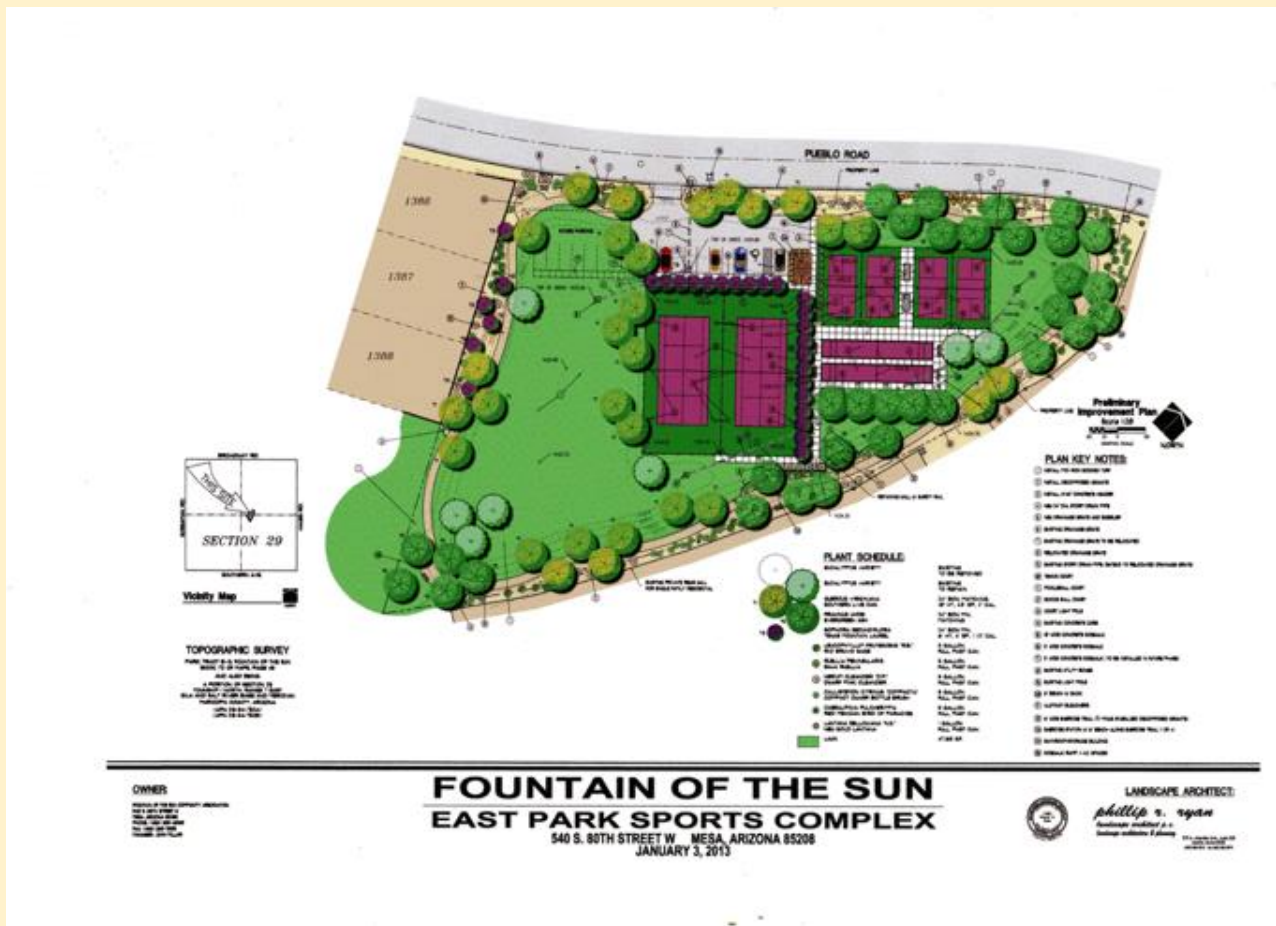
SWOT ANALYSIS

FOS FACILITIES

Facility Name: East Maxi Park

Facility Purpose: It has been assumed that the park was constructed to provide storm water control and, in the traditional sense of park design, to serve as a green-space gathering point for social, cultural, and recreational interaction by urban residents.

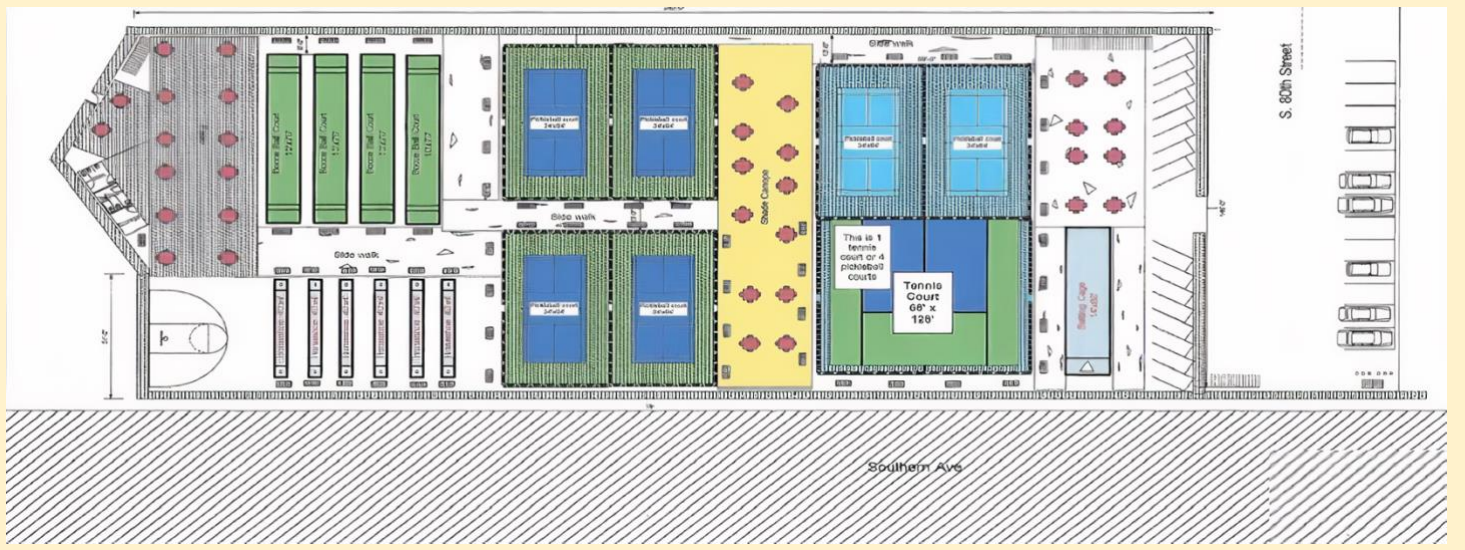
Internal Issues	External Issues
<p>STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Size - Aesthetics (green space and trees) - Hydraulic features - Location - Quiet and tranquil setting - Adds to real estate values 	<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suitable for multi-use conversion - Operating cost reductions - Positive environmental impact (reduced fuel and water consumption) - Xeriscape landscaping grants (water conserving techniques) - Increase real estate values - Attract new residents who value a strong community spirit
<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High operation & maintenance costs - Little recreational use by residents (green spaces in cities are built as gathering places for the public) - No amenities for the public - Few people benefit while a large number pay 	<p>THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reluctance to make changes and better utilize - Potential changes in State and Civic laws regarding irrigated green spaces (water restrictions, water use surcharges, etc.) - Loss of younger new residents who keep the community vibrant and responsive to a changing environment



Circa 2013

Schedule of Expenditures			
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Architect and Engineering	\$25,000		
Tennis Courts (2)	\$100,000		
Pickle Ball Courts (4)	\$80,000		
Bocce Ball Courts (2)		\$30,000	
Walking/Jogging Track		\$40,000	
Parking Lot	\$90,000		
Bathroom & Storage Bldg.	\$100,000		
Revised Drainage/Dispersion System	\$25,000		
Site Development			
Landscaping	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Walkways			\$10,000
Bleachers			\$ 5,000
Lighting			<u>\$30,000</u>
	<u>\$ 440,000</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

Yet another option for the RV area presented by Jerry Berg



**A temporary pickleball court is available
from 7 am to noon during the
month of April only.**

Paddles and balls are available because of your donations. There are usually players there who can assist you with the game.

Come and check out this fast-growing sport for seniors.



Review of pickleball / tennis - April 2011

- Since beginning this project about 2 months ago, there are over 200 people who have signed a sheet indicating their interest and/or support of installing pickleball and/or tennis courts in FOS.
- Approximately 100 are on an email list. They receive updates as progress is made.
- FOSCA approved a temporary court for the month of April, 2011 from 7 am to noon with a few exceptions when there are activities in the center. John Millar and CD, our head maintenance director, came up with the corner of the Activity Center parking lot. It has given the sport a "wonderful" exposure to residents who either want to play or who are just curious.
- Since beginning the temporary court on April 1, there have generally been 25-30 people each morning stopping by to play or watch. We are very pleased with this showing considering the fact that many residents have already headed for northern states.
- Over \$1500 has been donated in support of establishing courts in FOS. There are many others who have expressed interest in helping out financially also. We are currently looking at ways that persons can make a tax deductible contribution while making sure the money is funneled into this project. When a resource is found, it will be published in the Sun Times as well as through the emails that Keith sends out.
- Our request today would be seeking approval to again set up the temporary court in November when the snowbirds return and weather is cool enough to enjoy the fun and exercise.

Parking lot by activity center.

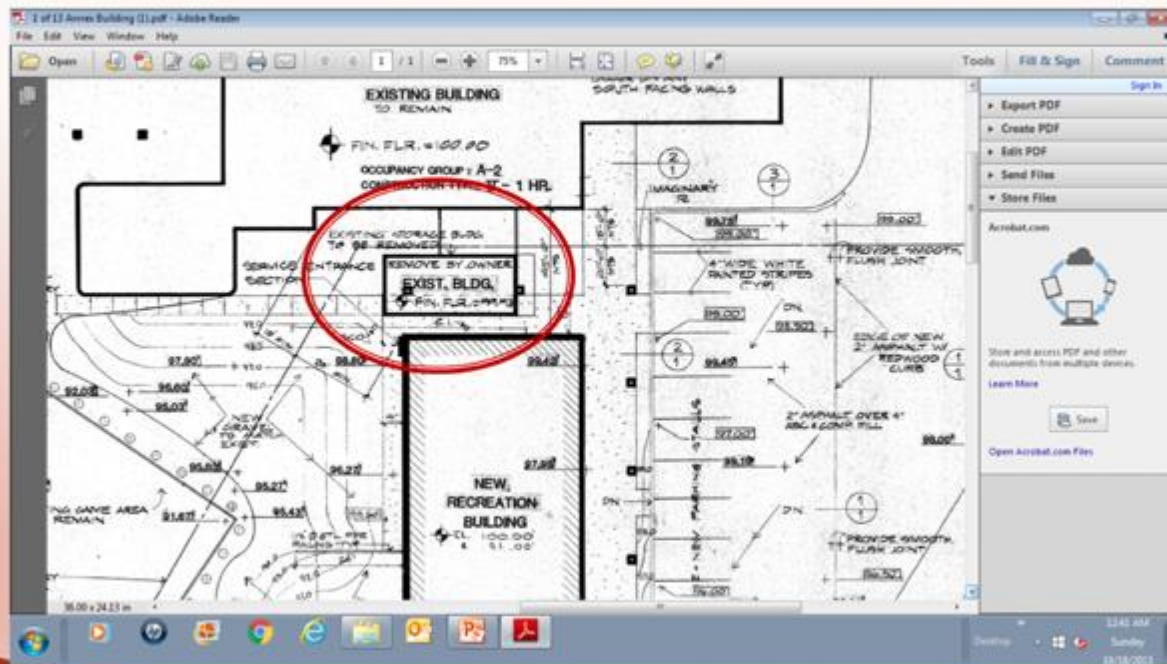


10-20-2015 Preparation for temporary court



2014

New Annex Building



Pickleball Court Cost Breakdown

- ▶ Total Cost: \$40,000
- ▶ Project Activity:
 - Remove tin shed, fence and old concrete
 - Repair Activity Center stucco wall & soffits; Installed new gutters
 - Improved drainage of Act. Ctr. Area with underground drain piping
 - Installed 5 conduit underground to Annex for phone, fiber optics and future needs.
 - Estimated cost of these improvements: \$10,200
- ▶ Estimated Cost of Pickleball Court \$29,800

Pickleball Court

- Removed Tin Shed and Fence to improve appearance of area between Activity Center and Annex Building
- Installed 5 conduits below concrete slab for telephone, fiber optic cable and future use
- Repaired soffit, new rain gutters and repaired stucco on Activity Center
- Installed underground drain pipes to improve drain run off from the Activity Center

Court 1 upon completion 2015



Second article presented by Keith Kellen 2016

Sun Times Article – March 2016

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If this sounds familiar, I wrote an article very similar to this about 4 years ago; and it is still very applicable.

Keith Kellen

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January 27, 2017

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Re: Pickleball Complex Proposal

Dear John and Larry

Thanks to you both, and also to Sheila, for attending our January 18th meeting. We regret that it was so contentious, but as your presentation pointed out, over the last couple of years, we have been able to cooperate on projects that have benefited the entire FOS community. Even with our disagreement on this issue, it is our intention to continue to work with FOSCA, FOSHA, or hopefully the new combination of the two organizations, so that we are all working together to "make good things happen in our community!"

The FOSCA resolution which you presented to us states that the FOS Community needs land to construct additional pickleball courts and that the location of the courts should minimize interference with other activities.

We absolutely agree with these statements but would add that the site chosen has to also be large enough that safety is maximized and liability minimized, has to have water and sewer access, needs adequate off-street parking, and must be available at a reasonable cost. We also need to consider neighborhood noise and congestion concerns, and ensure compliance with all city and county regulatory requirements. Whether a site meeting these essentials exists in FOS is uncertain.

After review of all studies and reports that we have, it appears that there are at most four FOS sites that have a reasonable possibility of meeting the needs:

1. The RV Storage Area owned by FOSCA,
2. The East Water Retention Area on Pueblo owned by FOSHA,
3. The West Water Retention Area on Pueblo owned by FOSHA and
4. A location on the FOSCC owned golf course.

During the presentation to the FOSCC Board, President Shima was asked if FOSCA considered construction on the first three sites, and if so, what were the reasons they were not selected. Our understanding of his response was that the RV Storage Area was not selected because it brings in over \$30,000 per year for FOSCA and that the water retention areas are not available because the city of Mesa will not allow construction in a water retention area. If our understanding of these reasons is not correct, please let us know. If we are correct, FOSCA has determined that three of the four sites identified as being viable are not available.

The first action item in the FOSCA proposal states that FOSCA would purchase 37,000 square feet of golf course land for \$50,000 (about \$1.35 per square foot). President Shima was asked during the presentation how FOSCA arrived at the purchase price. He stated that FOSCA had not done a market study to ascertain the value, and the \$1.35 offer was just a starting point. Considering that FOSCA paid about \$6.00 per square foot for its RV storage area a few years ago, a decision to present an offer much lower than that without making any effort to determine a fair market value is puzzling to us.

The location selected by FOSCA on the golf course is now being used as a sand trap, chipping and pitching practice area, and a driving range. The range is divided into eleven tee areas or stations, each of which must be located a certain distance from the adjoining area for safety reasons. All eleven range stations are usually fully utilized prior to league play. The range is also used for group and individual lessons. If the pickleball courts and additions are located as proposed, the sand trap, chipping and pitching practice areas and a minimum of five of the eleven driving range stations will be eliminated. If regulatory agencies require setbacks, sound walls, or other plan changes, additional stations would be lost. If five of the driving range stations are lost, the west edge of the driving range landing area becomes unusable.

In 2012, a tennis facility conducted a study that examined the sounds produced during pickleball play, including the amount of sound generated, the distance the sound will travel, the level at which the sound is considered a nuisance, and methods of mitigating the sound problems. Based upon the map attached to the FOSCA proposal, Rochester's patio, the golf practice green, and all residences east of South Desert Palm would appear to be in an area the study indicates would be adversely affected by the proposed location of pickleball courts. The study is difficult reading but can be accessed at: <http://ironoakstennis.net/documents/noisetesting.pdf>

As a Board, we conclude that FOSCA has submitted to the golf club a proposal that will eliminate almost half, if not all, of the driving range, would decrease revenue from the range, will most likely disrupt the club's neighbors and potentially lead to lawsuits, and will make Rochester's patio and possibly its dining room, unsuitable for relaxing and dining. In exchange the club is asked to sell land that it has no desire to sell, at a price that is at least 80% less than fair market value.

After giving this matter due consideration, the Board of Directors of FOSCC declines the purchase offer.

FOS Pickleball Club Agenda

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

1. Call to order – This is the first Pickleball Club meeting for FOS
2. Provide background about agreement between Carriage Manor and FOS
 - Join FOS pickleball club for \$25.00
 - If approved by FOSCA Board of Directors, FOSCA would pay Carriage Manor \$50.00 per head
 - FOSCA/Carriage Manor will issue Identity Cards to allow us into Carriage Manor
 - FOS Pickleball Club members will be able to play in Carriage Manor anytime
3. Getting into Carriage Manor and Playing:
 - Ride your bicycles or golf carts when possible – very limited parking
 - Get bicycle and walking passes from FOSCA office or guard desk
 - Show your Carriage Manor (CM) Associate Membership Card to CM Guard
 - Sign in at CM pickleball courts
4. Pickleball paddles: If you already have paddles, use what you have. Once we have our own pickleball courts, we will be requiring the quieter paddles. Venture Out sells paddles and has an ambassador that will assist you with your purchase. Pickleball Club president is Curtis Martin 206-227-2388. Venture Out address: 5001 E. Main Street.

Sun Country Grand has a list of quiet paddle brands and models. This list is provided on the back of this agenda. Web site is: www.grandpickleball.org

5. Fund Raising. Every club in Carriage Manor has a fund raising function. Since the FOS Pickleball Club will have to pay back FOSCA for the extra charges that will occur, the club will have to create different types of fund raisers. Like the FOS softball players, many of these fund raisers include making and serving food. With this being the case, I encourage everyone to get a food handlers license. This can be taken on-line by going to: www.statefoodsafety.com. The charge is \$8.00, for the internet course and \$6.00 for the card. However the FOSCA office will reimburse you for this expense.

We should continue to have fund raising projects to help pay for a Sports Complex. Let's think outside the box to make this happen.

6. Elect Club Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Denny Belluzzo
Sue McMahan
Pete Whipple
Denis Cote

One of the first Pickleball Club Boards of the latter day “push” era. This is when Pickleball began to meet with larger club membership meetings and with the power of numbers FOSCA, then FOSA, began to listen to the pickleball people. Followed in a few years by the Wendy Hultzman Study, momentum was in full swing. Not fast moving, but at least moving forward. Having attended the initial pickleball club meetings firsthand, I attest we were a rather unorganized group. A lot of questions with not many answers was a common meeting scenario. But we eventually matured and with baby steps progressed. After the first FOSA rejection the Pickleball Board entertained the idea of disbanding the club. We were doing fundraisers and attending a lot of FOSCA meetings and for what?

It was at one of our meetings, Keith Kellen again stood up and said “DO NOT ABANDON THIS CLUB!” He said to keep with the fundraisers and meetings. If you guys quit, obviously FOSCA will also. He said to stay on them, stay on them, stay on them. That is the only way you will get courts. It was at that meeting we all voted to continue.

Below is the 2016 Club Board

Don Boudereau, Sue Cushion, Pat Moser, Glen Finck. Not pictured- Daryl Woods



Pickleball Club Boards

2011 Original committee to push for pickleball and other amenities.

Keith Kellen, Denny Belluzzo, Pete Whipple, Sue McMahon, Denis Cote and were joined a couple years later by Sue Moseman

2014/15

Denny Belluzzo -President
Sue MacMahon – Vice President
Pete Whipple - Secretary
Denis Cote - Treasurer

2015/16

Carl Wright - President
Pete Whipple – Vice President
Sue Moseman – Secretary
Sue MacMahon - Treasurer

2016/17

Glen Finck - President
Pat Moser - Vice President
Daryl Woods - Vice President
Sue Cushion - Secretary
Don Boudereau - Treasurer

2017/18

Jess Smith - President
Daryl Woods – Vice President
Lori Ferrell - Secretary
Don Boudereau - Treasurer
(Glen Finck- Past President)

2018/19

Alice Mullin - President
Lori Ferrell - Vice President
Mark Welshinger – Secretary
Marilyn Block - Treasurer
(Jess Smith – Past president)

2019/20

Marilyn Block - President
Caroline Campbell – Vice President
Mark Welshinger – Secretary
Dave Christiansen – Treasurer
(Alice Mullin- Past President)

2020/2021

Caroline Campbell – President
Dianne Ornberg - Vice President
Dave Christiansen – Treasurer
Barb Smith - Secretary (Appointed due to Diane Morrison stepping down)

2021/22

Dianne Ornberg – President
Louella Copeland – Vice President
Barb Smith – Secretary
Dave Christiansen – Treasurer

2022/23

Jerry Reece -President
Colleen Nelson – Vice President
Louella Copeland - Secretary
Dave Christiansen-Treasurer

2023/24

Jerry Reese - President
Colleen Nelson -Vice President
Louella Copeland - Secretary
Dave Christiansen -Treasurer

2024/25

Jerry Reese - President
Colleen Nelson -Vice President
Merry Jo Escher - Secretary
Dave Christiansen -Treasurer



March, 2015

The *FOS Pickleball Club Newsletter* contains current information on the Club's events, activities and other happenings for residents at Fountain of the Sun.

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FOS Pickleball Club Business Meeting

FOS Pickleball Club Wine & Cheese Party – RSVP Today!

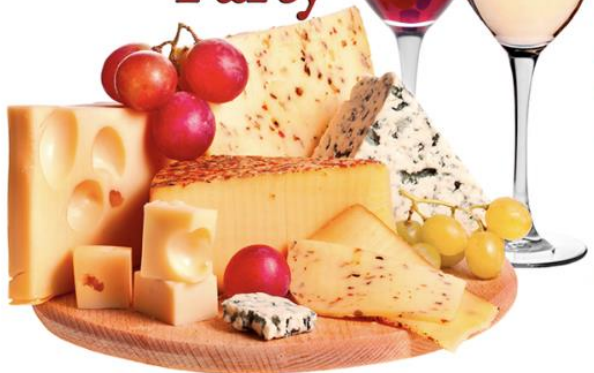
Pickleball Club Member Speaks Out

FOS Pickleball Club Business Meeting

March 8, 2015 from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room

A financial report on funds raised, expenditures, future plans, private pickleball lessons by Nancy Stern and more will be discussed. Please attend and bring the committee your ideas for future improvements and activities that you would like to see the FOS Pickleball Club implement.

FOS Pickleball Club Wine & Cheese Party



Come and celebrate a fun season of pickleball with other FOS pickleball enthusiasts.

When: Sunday, March 8

Where: Fireside Room

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

(Immediately following the Business Meeting.)

Please bring a bottle of wine (or two) to share with other pickleball club members. The FOS Pickleball Club will supply the cheese and crackers.

IMPORTANT: Please RSVP to Sue McMahon at tjsmcmahon@yahoo.com the number of people you will be bringing to the event *before Friday, March 6*, so the FOS Pickleball Club Committee can obtain a headcount before purchasing the cheese and crackers.

After 10 years plus or minus, a motion is finally passed for two new courts between court 1 and the lake.

**One of FOSA President Calvin Stone's first signed documents.
February 17, 2021**



**Fountain of the Sun Association
540 S. 80th Street Mesa, AZ 85208-6401**

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

City of Mesa
Development Services
Attn: Jason Hamilton
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Re: PMT20-07723 Pickleball Courts and Batting Cage – Approval of Final Design

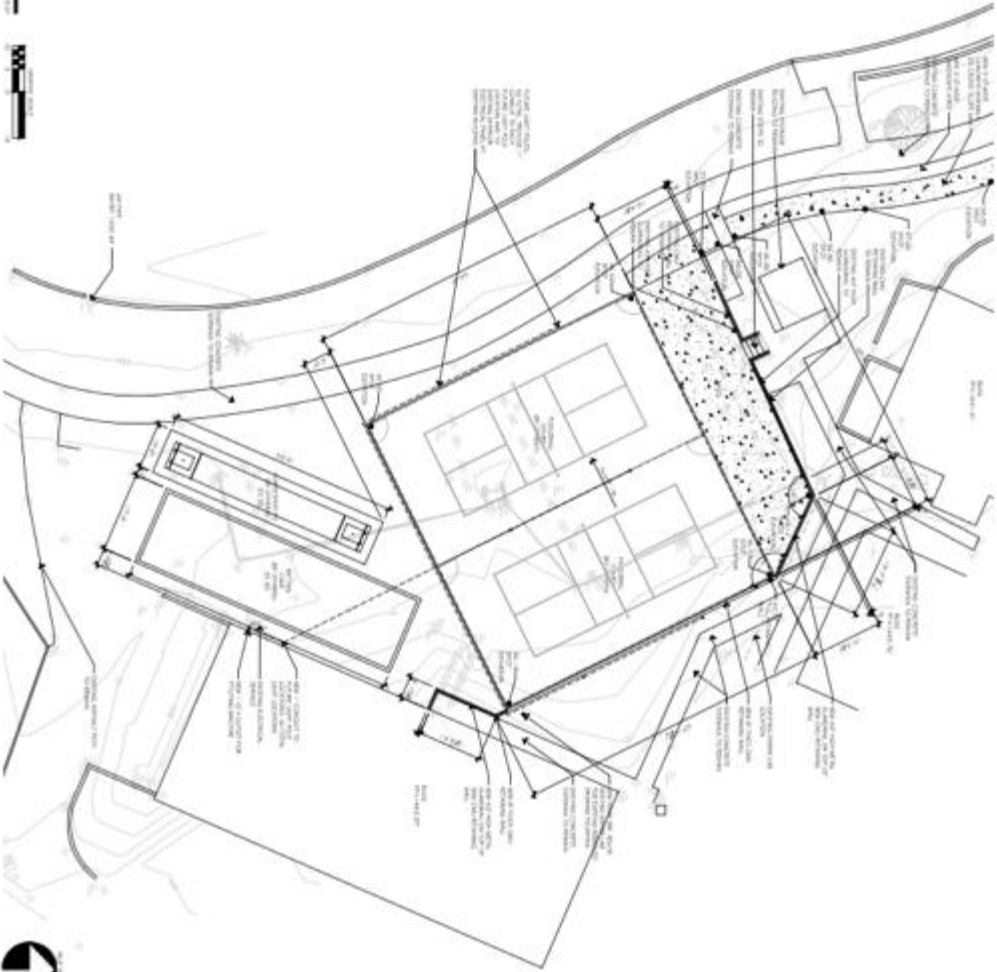
On behalf of Fountain of the Sun Association (FOSA), please accept this letter of approval for the Final Design for PMT20-07723 Pickleball Courts and Batting Cage project in Fountain of the Sun.

The FOSA Board of Directors approves the location and scope of the project as submitted by Katy James with Architectural Collaborative Team (ACT).

If you require more information regarding Fountain of the Sun Association's approval please contact us via General Manager John Millar at email: john@fos-az.com or phone: (602) 703-8524 [Insert contact details: website, phone, email].

Sincerely,

Calvin Stone
President
Fountain of the Sun
Association



			<p>NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AND BATTING CAGE FOR FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN 540 SOUTH 80th STREET WEST MESA, ARIZONA 85208</p>		<p>UNCLASSIFIED NOT PLAN</p>
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Followed by GM John Millar to Elite Construction

Jason,

The Board has approved the motion to construct the two pickleball courts, batting cage and horseshoe pit.

We will be in touch shortly with the signed agreement.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.



John Millar, AMS

General Manager

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April 15, 2021







Dreams do come true!



Pictured, Heather Roberts, Activity Manager, Blake Frey Maintenance Supervisor, Mark Welshinger, Doug Moser, John Millar General Manager, Bob Talley, Betty Johnson Compliance Manager and John Pete Jackson.

By Dianne Ormberg, Pickleball Club President

After many years of dreaming, meetings, rejection after rejection, and much perseverance, the new FOS Pickleball courts have become a reality.

For some of the longtime FOS pickleball group, this is a day they thought would never come. All Fountain of the Sun residents and staff should be very proud of the only major amenity constructed in the last 35 years in the community.

Did you know, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S.? According to an NBC news story, "Pickleball: The Fastest Growing Sport You've Never Heard Of," pickleball memberships have increased 650 percent over the last five years.

At first the over 55 age group numbers were dominating, but younger players are now making their mark. Tournaments are now offering big money prizes and last year's USPA doubles finals were broadcast on ESPN in prime time. The Plaza Hotel Casino in Las Vegas has 12 courts

on the roof for tournament play. There will be a push for men and women's Olympic play in the future.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, YouTube offers videos on all assets of the sport. A simple explanation sometimes used is pickleball is ping pong played while standing on the table!

There is also a batting cage for softball enthusiasts and a horseshoe court as well.

This amenity is not only for FOS Pickleball members but for all FOS residents. We encourage all FOS residents to utilize the courts and strongly consider joining the FOSPC (Fountain of the Sun Pickleball Club). It offers several benefits and perks. Check out the Club's web site fospc.com for more info.

The project has been documented by video cameras, thanks to FOSA approval. There will be a project construction video presentation available soon so all can observe the project from start to finish.

Let's all enjoy the new amenities and continue to make FOS better for everyone.



Community to honor Veterans

By Sandy Hansen

Thursday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, a day when we honor those who have served our country. There will be a celebration at the Maxi Park on Pueblo at 11 a.m. The FOS Lions, Citizens Service Club and Veterans Group will be working together on this program. The FOS Choir will provide music and the Service Club will have food and beverages for sale. It's a good opportunity to thank a vet for their service. Thanks go to Sue and Jerry Favero for overseeing the organization of this event.

It is exciting to see people in their red, white and blue patriotic dress and waving flags, so I checked on the meaning of the colors we use; White signifies purity and innocence, Red stands for hardiness and valor, and Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

TRASH TALK!

It's time for some TRASH TALK!

Join us for a Town Hall with representatives from Waste Connections (RAD) and the Compliance Committee to answer all of your questions about the new community-wide trash service **Monday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.** in the Activity Center. If you can't make it to this town hall, another is scheduled for **Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

Activity Expo / Open House

Friday, Nov. 12

Get more details on Page 10.

Come learn & get the scoop about your community; all showcased in one convenient location!



COMMUNITY-WIDE PATIO SALES

Saturday, Nov. 20
from 7 a.m. to Noon

Read more on Page 11.



Community Cleanup Day- Monday, Nov. 22

Clean up your home and yard and help our community look great! Large roll-off dumpsters will be available in the Activity Center parking lot for trash and yard waste drop off, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information on Page 12.

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So, we finally end up here. 2021



Still needing more courts, FOSSPC continues researching and offering suggestions for the future.

And, into the future we go.....



