

Pickle Ball

On behalf of Tim Annett

Problem

- **The racquet center loses approximately \$55,000 per year.**
- **There are currently 405 pickleball members and 66 tennis members.**
- **508 potential members are on the pickleball wait list. The center stopped taking new names several months ago.**
- **The current annual fee for pickleball is \$180.00.**
- **The current annual fee for tennis is \$339.00**

Solution

- Additional pickleball courts

Another Problem

- **The City originally approved \$768,000 for 8 additional pickleball courts and the demolition of the racquetball center.**
- **When it came time to move forward after several months and after expending over \$111,100 on design, the bid came in around \$1.8M and the City decided not to move forward.**

Solution

- A to-be-formed charitable entity partners with the City to raise the funds and to construct the additional pickleball courts using the City's existing Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, Inc., for the fundraising

Another Problem

- Noise

Solution

- Have 2 clay tennis courts along the west side of the center. This would shift all pickleball courts to the east side of the complex further away from the single-family homes.
- We will have noise protection installed.



Request

- Recommend to City Council that a charitable option be pursued