



MEMO

City of Venice Engineering Department

To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

From: Kathleen J. Weeden, PE, City Engineer

Date: 04/19/2016

Subject: **04/26/2016 City Council Meeting**
Request for Park Impact Fees for Pickle Ball Courts
Chuck Reiter Park

Background:

On February 8, 2016, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board received a request for Pickle Ball Courts on the Island of Venice. The Presentation provided included a petition with approximately 150 signatures. Based on the approved motion by the Board, staff researched possible locations and funding sources to construct the Pickle Ball Courts.

As shown in the attached exhibit, the playground equipment was recently removed and is scheduled to be relocated closer to the ballfields at Chuck Reiter Park. The relocation provided an open area at Chuck Reiter Park to construct Pickle Ball Courts. Staff requests that City Council authorize the request to Sarasota County to use Venice Service District Park Impact Fees for the construction of the Pickle Ball Courts. Chuck Reiter is a county-maintained park through the Park Interlocal Agreement and County Staff appears to be open to requesting additional operating funds to operate the courts starting in FY18. Since this park currently is serviced 6 days a week, additional county personnel and costs would be incurred. Construction of the Pickle Ball Courts in the spring of 2017 would allow sufficient Park Impact Fees to accrue and the required notification for turnover of new facilities to Sarasota County to be met. In the interim, Sarasota County has added Pickle Ball striping to the basketball courts at Hecksher Park.

Request Action:

Approval for Request of \$440,000 in City of Venice Park Facility District Funds when funding becomes available to construct Pickle Ball Courts at Chuck Reiter Park in Fiscal Year 2017.