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Subject: FW: Prentiss French/Hecksher Park

Heather,

Please put on the agenda under Council Action.

Suggested motion:

I move to have the Parks and Recreation Board research the playground area of Heckshire Park to see if it is suitable for Pickleball as a replacement and report back to City Council. This should be completed ASAP so that funding can be located for the fiscal 2018 budget if the report is to the affirmative.

Thanks,

John

Subject: Prentiss French/Hecksher Park

Good Afternoon John,

I had an interesting conversation the other day. We were discussing permanent Pickleball courts on the island. As you know, Pickleball courts are in high demand on the island and as an Ambassador for USA Pickleball, I feel it's my duty to help the cause. With that being said here's an idea to consider...Hecksher Park has a rather lackluster, outdated playground. Just 1 block away is Prentiss French Park with a beautiful, new, updated playground.

If the old playground equipment was removed from Hecksher, that would be the perfect spot for a couple of permanent Pickleball courts.

Hecksher is known for tennis, Shuffleboard, and maybe, Pickleball going forward. It could be a win-win for everyone. Tennis players can preserve their courts, shuffle board continues on, permanent Pickleball courts on the island satisfy the need and the kids still have a great playground a stones throw from Hecksher.

Just passing along a great idea to you.

Thanks,

Dorian

USA Pickleball Venice Ambassador

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