

HCP Committee

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Cc: Laurie Loney; Mark Tillman; Greg; Todd Richter
Subject: Requesting clarification

Aloha Karla, Lisa, Human Concerns and Parks Committee Members,

Thank you for the meeting with the Friday, Oct 21 Human Concerns and Parks Committee allowing all of us testifiers to speak out in support of more pickleball courts in Maui. Also appreciate the addition of 4 new pickleball courts at Waipuilani Park in Kihei.

In the Oct 30 , Sat /Sun Maui News front page article, "County to Add More Pickleball Courts" <https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2021/10/county-to-add-more-pickleball-courts-amid-struggle-for-space/>

In the Maui News article it stated the following:

There are currently 25 permanent outdoor pickleball courts in the county, 47 tennis courts and 31 outdoor basketball courts, according to parks department data shared at the committee meeting.

Since 2019, 17 pickleball courts have been added in the county, four each at the Lahaina Civic Center, Napili Park and Lanai 5th St. Courts, and five at Waipuilani Park.

I am requesting clarification of the number of designated pickleball courts vs shared courts in Maui County that the Parks and Rec Dept provided in the article. According to the pickleball ambassadors who are familiar with the number of courts in Maui County, their results are as follows:

Dedicated pickleball courts

4 in Waipuilani Kihei

4 in Lahaina Civic Center

4 in Napili (almost always empty)

1 dedicated court at War Memorial (middle court) in Wailuku that requires a portable net.

2 in Lanai

TOTAL: 15 Dedicated Pickleball Courts

Shared Pickleball courts

4 courts at Kula Comm Ctr. Tues and Thurs am. Portable nets and tape must be brought each time. Tape must be removed after playing.

1 shared pickleball court at Lahaina Civic Center (pickleball lines use tape)

1 shared court at Waipuilani

2 shared courts at War Memorial Wailuku in the two upper courts reserved only on Tues and Thurs evenings

3 shared courts at Eddie Tam Gym - shared with badminton. Reserved on Wed and Sat mornings. **Closed since COVID**

= 11 Shared Courts

TOTAL 26 courts in Maui County

Not sure if Haiku Field House should be counted as it's not been officially designated by the County as a place for us to use. It requires portable nets and taping of courts.

The Parks and Rec gave a presentation at the end of Friday October 21 Human Concerns and Parks Committee meeting showing statistics on the growth of tennis vs pickleball.

I would like to request to see the Parks and Recreation actual data.

I believe the Parks and Rec department is also surveying the use of tennis courts for tennis. We see empty tennis courts everywhere, even at times when they used to be full. The 2 courts are almost never used for tennis at the Lahaina Civic Center. We were told by Karla Peters and Mary Kielty a few months ago that Covid19 was the reason no one was using the tennis courts. How do you know this to be true? A 10 minute visit to Waipuilani any morning of any day of the week by Council or HC Committee members would show you how incorrect the Parks Dept. numbers are. Greg Smith, one of the pickleball ambassadors mentioned the numbers of pickleball players in his testimony. We plan to take photos at the various pickleball courts and tennis courts to document the numbers.

Also, I emailed Karla and Lisa over two weeks ago and still have not received a response regarding the Parks and Recreation 2023 budget. I inquired if the budget included pickleball courts.

Thank you, Ann Pitcaithley, Wailuku
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