

Jamie Gray

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Jamie: please give this comment to the Mayor & Council members re: the CIP. I am unable to address this at the meeting today. Thanks!

Mayor Salcido and Council Members:

I am submitting these comments concerning the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as I once again see an omission in the CIP of an important park facility: the Community Center Tennis Courts. I have heard Recreation Commissioner Dan O'Connell ask for these tennis courts to be placed at least somewhere on the CIP several times, and I have requested this many times, also. However, for whatever reason, the voices of many of us who play tennis have been ignored over the years, and now two of the six courts are closed as they are, at present, a Town liability. The remaining four courts are not something that we, as a Town, can be proud of, as they, too, are in great need of repair. At the draft CIP meeting with the Recreation Commission, I heard staff inform the Commission that the courts were going to be "resurfaced"; however that is nowhere to be seen on the final CIP. If this is an omission, it is easily corrected. Resurfacing is generally not regarded as "deferred maintenance" however, as it usually involves more capital outlay.

I urge the Council to add the Community Center Tennis Courts to the CIP, on the behalf of the many tennis players (and pickle-ball players, also) who have always supported the Town's recreation programs. Pre-Covid, the Recreation Department offered many adult four-day tennis camps which were always full and with a wait list, as well as afternoon clinics which were well-attended. Asking our locals to travel to Bishop for playable courts, or to join the local athletic club, does not seem reasonable nor fair.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment, as I have a prior commitment and am not able to comment on the CIP in person this afternoon.

Sandy Hogan, a long-time tennis player and recreation supporter