

# Ashler Hills Public Outreach Summary

## **Overview**

A comprehensive public outreach strategy was used to communicate about and seek input the development of Ashler Hills Park. For the most part, outreach was focused on the residents and home owners associations in proximity to the park.

## **Project Website**

The cornerstone of all communication was the project website. All mailings, newsletter, social media post and signage directed interested parties back to the website.

Sections include:

- Project Status
- Project Overview
- Public Outreach (including the hosting of the Virtual Public Meeting)
- Exhibits
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Public Comment Form

## **Virtual Public Meetings**

The first Virtual Public Meeting was hosted on the project website in September and October 2021. The virtual public meeting consisted of a video presentation which introduced the overall project, then went over details of the conceptual plan. In addition, several frequently asked questions and answers were available for people to review as well as exhibits of project elements. Comments were received by a survey form and through the phone hotline phone number. The project generated 234 comments from the community. Additionally, the property owners/residents of Las Piedras at Sevano Village submitted consolidated comments and sent a letter which was signed by 55 residents.

A second Virtual Public Meeting was held in March of 2022. The meeting will present an updated conceptual plan based on the comment received during the public process and addressed neighborhood concerns and questions about the proposed park plan.

### **Project/Virtual Public Meeting Publicity**

Mailing (Postcard Attached)

- 1,010 homes and business in proximity of Ashler Hills Park

Electronic Publications

- Scottsdale Update

HOA

- Information on the project and the meeting was communicated to the following Homeowners Associations: Solstice at Sevano, Sevano Village, Whisper Rock, Pinnacle Peak Ranchos, Ironwood Retreat and Terravita. Many of them assisted with virtual public meeting publicity.

### **Stakeholder Outreach**

The Homeowner's Associations in the vicinity of the park site have all been active in the planning process and were notified of the meeting. Additionally, an interested parties email list was developed during the planning process and used for outreach for the project and was used to update the community on the public process.

### **Board and Commission Meetings**

The project will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission twice. The first meeting is informational and will serve as an update on the project and process. The second meeting will allow the commission to vote on the updated conceptual plans and take place in early 2022 after the second virtual public meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission Update	December 15, 2021
Parks & recreation Commission Action Item	May 18, 2022

# Ashler Hills Virtual Public Meeting #1 Comments

## Virtual Public Meeting Fall 2021

### **COMMENT 1**

Highest concentration of baby boomers in United States are in 85266. I would think a senior citizen exercise park as featured in AARP would be more of a health benefit to those that live in this area. And many of these over 50 have a dog so a dog park is needed and would be a good use of space.

### **COMMENT 2**

My wife and I live near the proposed park site. While we are concerned about increased traffic on Ashler Hills, having tennis courts nearby will be a great addition to the limited court facilities in this area. Please, please, include at least two tennis courts in the park. I am part of a group of 25-30 players who struggle for court time elsewhere, and I look forward to the new courts in the park. To that end, the many Scottsdale voters in our group supported the bond issue. Thanks for your consideration of two courts in the park. And please make tennis and pickle ball as separate facilities.

### **COMMENT 3**

I am reaching out to comment on the Ashler Hills project. I am in total support of this project. Let's get started on it right away!!!

### **COMMENT 4**

I would love to see a large grassy area in the park where there could be evening concerts! Where people can spread a blanket or use low chairs, pack a dinner picnic and enjoy life, and maybe even dance!! There is no where near here to feel grass under you feet! (Except golf courses, which are off limits.) My former home town in Oregon held these types of concerts and they were so well attended. People loved them! I believe it is a much better use of space at Ashler Hills Park than the possible exercise equipment platform that has been suggested. Please see Foothills Park Lake Oswego on Youtube.

### **COMMENT 5**

Love the look of the park. Would have loved to see a dog park and am not sure why this isn't feasible.

### **COMMENT 6**

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A DOG PARK!!!!!!!!!!!! THERE IS NO PLACE CLOSE TO LET THE DOGS RUN!!! ALSO I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PICKLEBALL COURT PUT IN!!!!

### **COMMENT 7**

I understand the desire to keep the pickleball courts away from the residential area, but if the courts could be laid out in two groups of 4 it would help with "drop in" pickleball. Also, it would be beneficial to have a place for players to sit (shaded or unshaded, benches or seats) and a space to rack-up between games outside of the court areas.

### **COMMENT 8**

Hard to believe that this park won't be done until 2023....but I'm still thrilled that there will finally be pickleball courts in North Scottsdale and we won't have to drive all the way to Thompson Peak!!!

**COMMENT 9**

Thank you for the work you have done on the park plan thus far. I think the renderings look nice, but there are not any components that I would use. I might use the walking trail a few times, but it looks to be rather short for my purposes. North Scottsdale has an older population, so it seems a neighborhood park should contain relevant activities. A rebounding wall would appeal to tennis players of all ages and to soccer players. This would be a small area where a person could practice alone using the wall as the opponent. A fitness circuit with exercises for adults and seniors would likely get more use than a playground.

**COMMENT 10**

Beautiful concept. VERY disappointed that the dog park is not being considered. There are more dogs than children/grandchildren in this area and no close dog parks. Dog parks offer a great way for older (and younger) residents to get some exercise and socialize while providing the same for their pups. I hope the sports courts will be pickleball as that is a huge up and coming sport and there are again, no courts nearby.

Appreciate all the work going into making this happen. Hope the feedback from the "neighbors" that will use the park are considered and a dog park and pickleball will be part of the final park. Looks to be plenty of space for both.

**COMMENT 11**

We voted for the park because a dog park was included. We might have opposed the park if we knew that one was not planned. I feel like it was a bait and switch operation. And I think the dog park should be included as first planned.

**COMMENT 12**

Hi,

Thanks for sharing the plan for Ashler Hills Park. It looks nice, I just have a few comments:

Name of park - I feel like the name Ashler Hills Park limits the scope of who can/will use the park. I feel Scottsdale North Park better captures the people who will use the park.

Sport courts - I feel 8 pickle ball courts is a lot. I would rather see 2 basketball courts and the rest pickle ball courts.

Thank you.

**COMMENT 13**

I live in Oregon I was told by a realtor that Scottsdale is such a dog friendly city but that there will be no dog area in the new park. Please reconsider this! Thanks

**COMMENT 14**

Please consider putting an off leash area for dogs in the new park-Scottsdale is considered to be such a dog-friendly city! Thanks

**COMMENT 15**

Thank you for eight pickleball courts, light and parking. I like that the lights go out at 10 pm and you located the courts closest to the shopping center to remediate noise. Thank you for preserving native saguaros and vegetation. I look forward to using this park often. As I live in the adjoining Las Piedras community, I am hoping construction traffic and noise will be minimal.

**COMMENT 16**

Great addition to our area.

**COMMENT 17**

The drop down regarding noise from the sports courts does not effectively provide an answer to that question. Noise from bball and pickle all is part of the nature of the game and there should be solidly planted areas and perhaps directional walls to funnel that noise away from residential areas. As an aside, noise from the increased traffic on Scottsdale blvd is creeping up and perhaps beyond the acceptable level and plantings along the "scenic highway" could certainly improve. But that is perhaps a story for another day, albeit an important one to quality of life for all of us.

**COMMENT 18**

I'm glad to see this land finally being developed. However, I think 8 pickle ball courts is excessive. This amount of courts will promote league play and tournaments. What will this do for neighborhood traffic and parking when lot fills up. My concern is how it will hinder my ability to get through to my neighborhood to get home. I would rather fewer pickle ball courts and add a bocce ball court. Activity for more people yet not large enough to promote leagues coming in and taking over the "neighborhood" park.

**COMMENT 19**

Looks like a great park! I am super happy about it going in this area. My kids and grandkids will love it!

**COMMENT 20**

I just got finished watching the video and looking at the planning and layouts for the new proposed Ashler Hills Park. When I visited the FAQ's page there are two areas that are not working properly.

1. When clicking on the question " Will noise from the sport courts impact the adjacent residential neighborhoods" the wrong answer comes up. I would like to see that answered correctly.
2. When trying to report the above issue I called the number listed as the hotline for to do so and it states that it if the hotline for the Bell Road Sports Complex. I think this needs to be fixed as it will lead to frustration on the part of anyone, like me, who calls it.

I am excited about the park rendering and will look forward to the meeting as I attended the prior one and I am glad the pickle ball is being incorporated here as an additional exercise option near us.

**COMMENT 21**

I would like to propose part of the Ashler Hills Park be designated as a dog park. North Scottsdale does not have a dog park nearby, and there are many dog owners in this area. I hope this will be something the project team will consider. Thank you ... Joy Houghton

**COMMENT 22**

Hello: I like your plans, BUT you really have to consider the demographics of this area. Not a whole lot of younger people here, so honestly, I think a basketball court will not be used. There are plenty of gyms with indoor basketball courts. Pickleball is a good choice.

Now, we do feel that a dog park is important. This can easily be accomplished by fencing on of the grassy areas. The nearest dog park is the Pinnacle Dog Park about 10 miles away. There are no other dog park areas nearby. If anything, favor a dog park which will be used, rather than a plain grassy area which will mostly be used for dogs anyway.

And a skatepark. For this area, that is a pretty funny suggestion.

**COMMENT 23**

I would like to see a dog park added to these plans. Currently I have to drive 20 minutes one way for a safe place for my dog to play. I was under the impression this park was to have an area for dogs.

**COMMENT 24**

I'm thrilled to have this park near my house! Thank you for including Pickleball courts as well!

**COMMENT 25**

I am in favor of the North Scottsdale park and as many pickleball courts as possible.

**COMMENT 26**

Looking forward to seeing this great project completed!!!

**COMMENT 27**

Dear Board members:

This park is very exciting and badly needed in the northeast valley. Please know that the pickleball courts will see by far the most use among the resources in the park, and plan accordingly. Pickleball is growing rapidly and attracting younger players and families so please take a bit of care and learn from the mistakes at older parks: not enough shade, not enough space to accommodate bystanders waiting to play.

So, please build small shade kiosks between the courts to allow for rest and social areas within the court area.

I strongly urge you to observe the pickleball play at Cholla and Horizon and Thompson Peak to see how dangerous and uncomfortable it can be for spectators there. Please do better!

Also, I think a dog park is entirely appropriate for a neighborhood park. The notion that one should drive 20 minutes or more to reach a dog park does not make sense. It wastes energy and time,

generates traffic, etc. A dog park is not loud and is not expensive to build. There's plenty of room for a 2 acre dog park on this site. Please reconsider this. Keep in mind that the dog park does not have to be grass: it could be a fenced off section of the desert area.

Thanks again!

**COMMENT 28**

Please consider speeding up the construction process. It should not take 20 months to build a park. Aim for completion 6 months from now, and incentivize the general contractor to get it done on time, with both positive and negative incentives. We've been waiting more than 2 years now - Citizens need this park yesterday!

**COMMENT 29**

It would be helpful to have a shady area and seating near the pickleball courts.

**COMMENT 30**

This is great news. There is a very real need for this facility and it will be a terrific asset for our communities.

**COMMENT 31**

We need more Pickleball courts so please include them in the plan

**COMMENT 32**

Thank you for all the continued support in implementing this project. I am so excited to have pickleball courts in North Scottsdale.  
With much gratitude

**COMMENT 33**

The plans look amazing! No negative comments other than the sooner the better. One of the only negatives of this area is the lack of parks. Great work and good luck!

**COMMENT 34**

Will be anxiously awaiting the new Pickleball courts. Thank you for making this a priority.

**COMMENT 35**

I noticed that the only FAQ you didn't answer was about NOISE !! Very telling. Do you really have to light Basketball and Pickleball courts until 10:00 PM. The purpose of that is ??? I think this stinks. My wife and I will determine who voted for this and NEVER vote for those again.

**COMMENT 36**

I am so excited that pickleball courts will finally be built in north Scottsdale. I have so many friends who live north of me, and we love to get together for pickleball, but the courts we are forced to use are in terrible shape. Thank you, Scottsdale!

**COMMENT 37**

I am so pleased to hear that this project will begin in a year. It is much needed in North Scottsdale.

**COMMENT 38**

The Ashler Hills Park Project has been in the works for a long time. The parks creation will bring many needed park facilities to this area of Scottsdale. The rapid growth Pickleball as the fastest growing sport in the country requires facilities for local residents to play. We need this park ASAP

**COMMENT 39**

What a wonderful project for our area. Thank you. We are especially happy about the Pickleball courts

**COMMENT 40**

First of all when did the definitions of the designated parks change? This neighborhood park is more a community park than neighborhood park with basketball and pickle ball courts and 70 parking spaces?

A playground? Why? Who asked for this? All of the local neighborhoods to this park have their own recreation centers - some already have pickle ball and playgrounds for their grandchildren to use when visiting. Nearly all of the neighborhoods are retired residents who roll up and are asleep by 8 or 9 pm. Why do we have lighting that stays on until 10pm? The open session meetings were attended by persons who wanted a dog park at this location yet our voices were not heard evidently and politics intervened for pickle ball and the other amenities of this planned park. Our community is one of the most impacted and I am extremely disappointed in the city and feel like I was conned into voting for a park we are not getting and are getting another type of park that stretches the original definition of a neighborhood park. Our board meeting is this evening and I will be presenting the plan to the community and energize our residents for their input! Thank you!

**COMMENT 41**

From what I have read, there will not be a dog park in the Ashler Hills Park and several of us felt sure that it was supposed to be included. I thought we voted on getting one there. There is not a dog park within miles of our area and it is desperately needed. This area is mainly older folks and I don't really see a need for basketball hoops. Very disappointed if we don't get a designated dog area.

**COMMENT 42**

I think that we need additional park and pickleball facilities in Scottsdale. The pickleball population is constantly expanding. It serves all age groups and is a sport that families can play together. The pickleball community is a welcoming one where neighbors can meet each other and develop relationships. This will be a welcome addition.

Thank you

**COMMENT 43**

The park would be a wonderful amenity in this area as we don't have a park near by. Would appreciate trees to provide shade and paths for walking. A dog friendly park would be exceptional. The playground area should be shaded and a water feature would be wonderful for children. Thank you.

**COMMENT 44**

Very excited about this project and having a neighborhood park nearby. I'm an avid pickleball player and so happy the park will include 8 courts. The layout with 4 rows of 2 pickleball courts each is a great design. Looking at the renderings it's hard to tell how much space is allocated "between" the 2 courts. Can you please share what this distance is?

Also, on your website the question addressing the noise from the sports courts does not pop down and give an answer.

I've reviewed the video and all renderings it looks spectacular!

**COMMENT 45**

Yeah! More pickleball courts -- very much needed :-)

The link on FAQ regarding noise does not work.... could you please email me the text that is suppose to appear ? (It opens the link for plants)...

**COMMENT 46**

Glad City is adding more pickleball courts.... it looks like you have openings at the ends of the divider fencing at the baselines of the courts. I recommend there are gates that can be opened and closed since most pickleball that are not returned are usually in the corners of the courts.

Hopefully there is 8 feet behind baselines and 5 or 6 feet on the sides?

Can you send me drawings with dimensions of the pickleball courts?

Thank you :-)

**COMMENT 47**

I think that a park like this will be a favorable addition to the North Scottsdale area. There is a need for a family friendly recreation facility in this area. Proximity to neighborhoods, retail, restaurants, etc. is beneficial for park visitors and local businesses alike. Restrooms - definitely needed, shade structure - definitely needed, play structure/sport courts - definitely needed. Would be great if the paved pathway was a nominal distance "loop" for walkers/runners. (i.e. 1 mile loop, etc.) Thank you for sharing conceptual plans and providing explanations - looking forward to the development of this project!

**COMMENT 48**

I live in the adjacent Las Piedras Development.

My continued concerns:

- 1) TRAFFIC and PARKING! It is absolutely imperative no parking be allowed on Ashler Hills or on 74th Way. You can barely fit two cars up coming and going into our development as it is.
- 2) NOISE in the area. Lighted courts or any sports with "bouncing balls, etc" will disturb the residents of Las Piedras, particularly late in the evening.
- 3) If you must go forward, activities should reflect the demographics of the surrounding area ... the majority in this area is retired and senior citizens.
- 4) With increased activity adjacent to us, we are concerned about security for our neighborhood. How

will that be addressed?

Personally I still feel the City of Scottsdale could find a better use for the dollars that are going to be spent on this proposed project. Our government needs to address so many issues. Another park is certainly not the answer to anything. Thank you.

**COMMENT 49**

The plans and planning look excellent. I can envision us using the park often.

**COMMENT 50**

I am very happy that the funding for this neighborhood park has been approved. After watching the presentation and learning that Floor & Associates is designing the park, I am even happier. I know that it will be a great addition to the far North Scottsdale area.

I understand that a dog park is not allowed, but will people still be allowed to walk their dogs (on-leash) in the park area?

Thank you!

**COMMENT 51**

As abutters, we have a few questions.

Will the court lighting shut automatically if there is no usage, or is it preprogrammed to stay on until 10:00 PM?

Does someone maintain the restrooms and lock the doors at closing, or will they remain open for transients all night long?

Is there any consideration for closing the park at 9:00 instead of 10:00? It would be nice not to be impacted by traffic and noise at that hour.

Is it feasible to have speed bumps in the road?

How often will trashcans be maintained, and at what time? Early morning would be detrimental.

We look forward to your responses. Thank You!

**COMMENT 52**

Hello,

Ken and I have reviewed the virtual public meeting link. Our input would be to install two 25 mph speeds limit signs one for Ashler Hills Drive for traffic coming from Scottsdale Rd towards the park entrance and the second for traffic on N. 74th Way going the opposite directions towards the park entrance. Currently there are no speed limit signs on Asher Hills Dr and N. 74th Way.

Speed limit signs would to help slow down traffic on Asher Hills Dr and N. 74th Way for the safety of the those coming into and leaving the new Ashler Hills Park parking lot.

We live in the Solstice at Sevano neighborhood.

Thank You

**COMMENT 53**

One tennis court would be nice, and one or two less pickle ball courts. Also 70 parking spots seems a bit excessive. Looking forward to it!

**COMMENT 54**

Requesting public flat grass area for playing pick up sports games like football and ultimate frisbee. These require flat grass the size of a soccer field. Consider for future development.

I also saw that dog park is not allowed in this space. Consider for future park area please.

**COMMENT 55**

Request for a local "splash park" with shade. The one in carefree is beat up and old, far away, and only for little toddlers. Our kids ages 4-12 would benefit from a local splash pad/park closer to use, similar to all of the amazing splash parks in phoenix area.

**COMMENT 56**

Please give us a dog park. None in this area.  
Thank you!

**COMMENT 57**

This is a much needed addition to this neighborhood. We are especially excited about the addition of pickle ball courts.

**COMMENT 58**

Ashler Hills Park suggestions  
1 pickle ball courts  
2 Dog run/ Grassy area with shade  
3 Play ground/ Path for walking around park area  
4 Picnic Tables/ Ramada/ Barbeque  
Thank you !!!

**COMMENT 59**

I'm so excited to have a walking path at this park. It's nice to have a playground for the kids and then be able to take a walk so I get some exercise also.

**COMMENT 60**

The plans are really beautiful. My husband and I are so excited about having a park in North Scottsdale. We are especially excited to have Pickleball Courts to play on with lights.

My only observation is that I don't see any shaded areas for people that are waiting to play. Everywhere we play Pickleball there are people waiting to rotate in the games (with Round Robin play) and so I think it would be important to have some shaded areas for people who are coming and going off the courts.

THANK YOU very much for making a wonderful park a reality for North Scottsdale,

**COMMENT 61**

This appears to be a well-designed and well-thought-out park. We currently live part-time in Colorado Springs, CO and part-time in Terravita. My wife and I are tennis players in Colorado Springs and have recently added pickleball to our recreational pursuits. We love pickleball. Colorado Springs built 16 pickleball courts in a central park about 7-10 years ago. It has been almost impossible to play there due to the amount of use it gets by young and old. A few months ago Colorado Springs finished 12 more courts in a southwest neighborhood which has only slightly improved the ability to get on a court easily. "Build it and they will come" certainly applies to pickleball courts in Colorado Springs. I don't see any reason that the same thing won't happen in Scottsdale. As you can see we are strong supporters of the pickleball courts and are somewhat concerned that 8 may not be enough. We certainly don't need outdoor work-out equipment as most residents who have that interest will be using nicer indoor facilities. Overall we think this is a good location and very practical design.

**COMMENT 62**

Great plan.. cannot wait for u to start it soon enough

**COMMENT 63**

My husband and I just moved to the area and are THRILLED to learn of this park being developed! We just wish an enclosed area for dogs would be considered. Even if the enclosed area would be a small space it would be terrific. If possible, please take this into consideration.

**COMMENT 64**

Please incorporate a fenced-in dog park in this approved park. The surrounding communities to the park have a majority of 'senior persons' and over 70% of them have dogs. They need an area where they can take their dog, and many of the owners want to let the dog run free, which requires a fence and gates.

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**COMMENT 65**

The park plans look great! There definitely needs to be at least 8 pickleball courts. Each court needs to have it's own access, so players don't have to stop play on one court so that other players get through to play on another court. Also, if courts are side by side, there needs to be a fence between them, so balls don't roll onto another court during play, which interrupts other players.

Thanks for all your time & energy in making this park happen. It's very exciting.

**COMMENT 66**

This is a gorgeous park with many incredible amenities. My one and only concern is the increased need for watering the lawn areas that are being considered, and that we are currently in a drought situation.

I know that the idea of a park should include grassy areas but at this time, and in this drought, I feel this should be reconsidered and even possibly excluded. Please, this is a serious concern and something the entire state of Arizona needs to consider.

All grassy green park areas consume lots of water.

Think about how much water could be saved if this was eliminated.

**COMMENT 67**

Building this park in North Scottsdale is long overdue. After reviewing the rendering I believe that there should be the following items in order to make the park relevant for today and the future.

Build 12 pickleball courts - fastest growing sport in America

Provide shade for pickle ball players with benches

Build a gathering ares with shade for people waiting to play pickle ball

There should be fencing around the courts

Build a walking path with exercise stations around the park

**COMMENT 68**

I heartily endorse the development of the Ashlee Hills Park in North Scottsdale.

I believe at least 8 pickleball courts (ten would be better) with fencing around the courts to minimize runaway balls are appropriate. Fencing, at least 42" high, dividing the courts would also be a positive improvement.

I also urge that the design include benches and shade at the pickleball courts for waiting players.

Alignment of all the sport courts/pickleball courts be north to south would be preferable, to minimize the impact of sun in players' eyes during morning and evening play.

To facilitate uses of the park, I urge that there be work out stations around the walking path.

I also encourage that there be as much turf (grass) as possible, as well as other hearty desert trees and shrubs for the benefit of providing oxygen to the air. This must, of course, be balanced with landscaping maintenance requirements.

Seating and picnic areas, shaded as much as possible, are also desirable so families and friends can gather and enjoy the park.

Thank you.

**COMMENT 69**

1.) Courts should have benches and shade for people waiting to play.

2.) Courts should be oriented north south.

3.) Have more courts and have some designated for specific use i.e. some just pickleball, some just basketball et. al. ( I have seen this at Thompson Peak Park.)

**COMMENT 70**

What happened to the dog park that was to be included . I think this is an essential part of the project.

**COMMENT 71**

We are so excited about have pickleball courts near us! Because none are available at this area-there will be big demand for use If you can do more that 8-I believe all would be utilized! We will need tables and benches and shady areas for those waiting. Fencing to prevent runaway balls is important. Thank you so much-I can't wait to use this facility.

We desperately need a covered play area for very young and then older children-and it needs to be shaded. Picnic tables and benches will encourage families to use this facility-again, we need this! I have no place to take my grandchildren-school areas are locked off.

**COMMENT 72**

I fully support the construction of the pickle ball courts and would like there to be 12 courts instead of 8. Pickle ball is becoming so popular that even with 12 courts, people will still be waiting to play. There should also be shading, a waiting paddles board, water, and benches to sit on. This will be a great addition to this part of Scottsdale as of right now there are no public courts nearby for people who live in this area. Most of us drive to Thompson Peak park which is a good 15 minute drive and always crowded.

**COMMENT 73**

The new neighborhood park plan looks very well thought out. I am looking forward to the new trails, seating and restroom facilities.

**COMMENT 74**

I'm so excited this project is finally underway!! We definitely need a MINIMUM of 8 pickleball courts. Having fences/nets to contain runaway balls would be ideal...also benches for waiting and paddle containers for order of play. A park similar to Thompson Peak would be great....water fountains, picnic tables opportunity for shade. Thanks for letting us get in our 2 cents worth!

**COMMENT 75**

Love the park, especially the pickleball courts. Here are my ideas to consider in the final planning:  
- A pickleball waiting area (when courts are busy) with benches and a shade cover, as it can be very hot in the summer.

- The courts need fencing to keep the balls from leaving the area and interrupting others playing (just like any tennis courts would provide)

- Since pickleball is very popular and growing quickly, I recommend 4 more courts or a total of 12 courts to handle the large crowd that will want to play. This cuts down on waiting times and increases the number of people who could use the park.

Thank you for leading the development of this fine park that has been so long in waiting. Residents up here will be very supportive of this park and willing to help in any way to make it the best for Scottsdale.

**COMMENT 76**

Fantastic presentation and overall design, even taking the spectacular mountain views into consideration. It's exciting to see 8 pickleball courts are coming to North Scottsdale! The park entry structure offering shade and bathrooms is both beautiful and functional.

**COMMENT 77**

The plan looks amazing and would be a great addition to our community. Hoping for some shade around the Pickleball courts. Great job!

**COMMENT 78**

Omit 2 pickleball courts and add 2 tennis court. A dog park would be good too.

**COMMENT 79**

I believe more than 8 courts should be built. There are NO public Pickleball courts up here! Please add a shaded area with seating so players have a place to sit while waiting to play. Fencing around each court would be a GREAT asset to the courts!!! Thank you!

**COMMENT 80**

My interest in the Park is principally Pickleball. I currently play at Thompson Peak Park where there are 3 permanent courts and 3 portable courts and the place is packed every single morning and throughout most of the day. The proposed 8 courts should be viewed as a minimum. Also, having a shaded area close to the courts to sit between games is an absolute must. I would recommend a paddle staging area to assure that everyone knows who is up next in any play-in rounds. Fencing between courts will help speed up the games and reduce interference in others' games. Access to drinking water and restrooms is a must. That said, the proposed layout looks excellent and I can't wait to enjoy the park. We have nothing like this in North Scottsdale and it is needed and will be used extensively.

**COMMENT 81**

Very excited to see the plan for the park! I have a few questions:

- Is it possible to add 4 more PB courts?
- Will Paddle Saddles or some other device be provided to encourage players to queue up in order to play on a specific court? Concern there may be folks who may try to monopolize one or more courts and never allow others to play.
- Will courts be positioned in the north/south orientation to minimize glare from the sun?
- What will the hours for PB/basketball play? With lighted courts, will play be allowed up to 9 or 10pm?
- Are pets allowed in the park area?

**COMMENT 82**

I strongly favor as many pickleball courts as practical. There really are no public pickleball courts in North Scottsdale and it is the fastest growing sport in America. Rest areas and shade near these courts would be greatly appreciated.

**COMMENT 83**

Love the park concept, especially the pickleball courts. Be nice if there were more of them as the sport is gaining tremendous support. Like to also see water, shade and possible restrooms, but more courts would be my first choice.

**COMMENT 84**

It would be great if each court are fenced individually. For safety reasons  
Thanks,

**COMMENT 85**

Great idea

**COMMENT 86**

I do not see how you can say this will park will not bring more noticeable traffic to the area and Scottsdale Road.

This is just false. With 70 parking spaces and 8 Pickle ball and a basketball courts.

It will bring more traffic to the area which has increased since this project was approved in 2019.

The noise will also increase and you all know that. So just putting up trees and plants will not fix the new noise pollution in North Scottsdale.

Lights should not be part of this project at all.

What about the night friendly skies that are disappearing in North Scottsdale. This will just add to light pollution. No matter what you try to do to shield the light ..light pollution will happen.

Look at the Summit which changed all the parking light. It is like daylight and you can see the glow over the Winfield Hill.

Shame on all of your for ruining the night friendly skies here.

This project is way too big for the area. Needs less parking, less pickle ball courts, no lighting for night play, more walking paths. Make it a day park on a smaller scale.

Help me understand why you want to put more asphalt down to heat up the summers in North Scottsdale.

You need as much open space to let the heat cool down into the desert over night.

Tell me how this project will not heat up the area with all the parking and courts.

You cannot because it heat up the area.

Scale back ,way back and preserve the land and area and no light pollution.

**COMMENT 87**

This is a GREAT project. It fits right in with the surroundings.

We llove the 8 pickleball courts with lighting for summer play. It is a brilliant design having them by the retail parking lot to the west, and having all courts face north-south to avoid sun glare problems.

The growth of pickleball in our community is meteoric and we need to stay up with demand.

Thank to you all for this project.

**COMMENT 88**

I moved to North Scottsdale BECAUSE of the abundant open space and less development!! Night sky friendly and the lower temperatures living in an environment with abundant open space to absorb the heat are why folks choose to live in North Scottsdale!! This park paves over the natural Beautiful desert and changes the whole feel and dynamic of North Scottsdale - we don't want to be like lower Scottsdale where every inch of land is developed into a commercial and residential cement desert!! To imply that there will not be an increase in traffic is laughable! I have noticed a 100% increase in traffic to this area since July 2018!! And since you are classifying this as a "Neighborhood Park" have you asked the local folks in this "neighborhood" rather than all of Scottsdale? We don't want this!! It will forever change the aesthetic of the area!! Increased traffic, increased noise, increased light pollution, increased temperatures, desert destruction !! Sometimes the most thoughtful thing to do is to do nothing at all - the best development is saying no to development!! LEAVE THE AREA IN IT'S NATURAL STATE!!!

**COMMENT 89**

I think the park at Ashler Hills should include 8 Pickleball courts since there are no public courts in north Scottsdale. Pickleball is very popular and would be an excellent amenity for residents in the far north. People are clamoring for more courts and this is an ideal location.

**COMMENT 90**

I approved this bond increase when I saw that it included this park INCLUDING A DOG PARK. It is very discriminatory that there is NO DOG park north of Thompson Peak, when most of the \$\$ tax base is North of Dynamite. This feels like a bait and switch and I will NOT vote for any other bonds with this behavior. There are 3 dog parks around the 101. Why do you ignore this far North taxpayers?

**COMMENT 91**

Since a lot of the communities have added a couple of pickleball courts, I think adding a couple of tennis courts would be an important addition.

There are NO public tennis courts in the area and there are plenty of communities in the area with no courts.

**COMMENT 92**

Love the park concept but it needs more than 8 pickleball courts. We would love to see 16 courts, ideally with fences between them. Put up some shade and benches for people who are waiting. We realize this seems like a lot but the sport is only growing and we'd be shocked if all 16 courts weren't in use during the morning and dusk hours.

Thank you for your efforts on this.

**COMMENT 93**

Looks like a great plan. The 8 pickleball courts will get lots of use by North Scottsdale residents; given the space available and small incremental cost, please consider 12 courts instead of 8. They will get used! Please also consider adding fencing around each pickleball court so that balls from one court don't roll onto the other courts which can be dangerous and cause injury. Please have benches that players can sit on as they await play.

**COMMENT 94**

City of Scottsdale Rep,

We are missing the mark here... please hear me out! The crowd up here like me (for the most part) are 60+. Our kids are grown and we have dogs we are crazy about. We really NEED and WANT a dog park. Small is fine and there looks to be plenty of room for a small dog park. Paths and trails taking up a lot of room? North Scottsdale has PLENTY of paths and trails already. You've done an amazing job on that but our nearest dog park is on Chaparral, 20 miles away!

Let's take a breath and see what people like me are saying before it's too late.

Please let me know you received this - thank you!

**COMMENT 95**

It will be a crime and a renegeing on the promise made many years ago regarding this park. we were promised a dog park and back then it was included. We really, really need one in North, North Scottsdale.

Please add the dog park back into this site.

Thanks,

**COMMENT 96**

We need a dog park up in the north end of Scottsdale. Please continue to put in our dog park! I heard that you have stopped that portion of the project and we need it. We have to travel 20 miles for a dog park.

**COMMENT 97**

Very excited to see the plans. Love the idea of 8 (or more) pickleball courts. N/S Exposure is great! so thankful for this project.

**COMMENT 98**

We definitely need more public pickle ball courts in the Scottsdale area. Ashley Hills Park sounds like a beautiful park that would be a fabulous addition to the Scottsdale area. Please add this venue to your list of parks to build. Thank you!!

**COMMENT 99**

I am very disheartened that the dog park will not be included in Ashler Hills Park. When money is allocated, how can you just decide to change what has been decided. There is nothing else close to us. Please advise.

Thank you

**COMMENT 100**

If at all possible, this park should have an area for dogs. There's really nothing within 15 - 20 miles.

**COMMENT 101**

Will there be a place to sit for those who are waiting to play pickleball? A Shaded area is awfully nice and a place to put your bags for paddles & balls etc. Also, how many gates/doors are there to access the courts? Every time someone enters, will it disturb the play of the closer court? A small pathway between every 2 courts would be a nice feature, so that the closer court is not interrupted every time. Also, will there be water fountains to fill bottles or drink from near the restrooms? After playing at Cholla Park and Horizon Park for the last 4-5 years, I wonder if 8 courts will be enough. Last Friday and Saturday, there were about 40-50 extra people waiting to play in the 32 available pickleball slots at Cholla (almost 80 using the facility. Of course, Horizon is closed right now, but the out of towners haven't arrived yet either. With Ashler Hills being the only public courts in north Scottsdale, it could be very crowded!

It looks beautiful! I'm glad to see Scottsdale catching up to the interest in PB!

**COMMENT 102**

Thanks for adding as many new Pickleball courts with sufficient shade and seating areas for waiting players. Please build all the courts North-South, never East-West because of the sun.

The sport is booming. I'm a certified teaching professional and a 5.0 tournament player. The average age of player has gone from mid-60s to mid-40s. The average age will continue to fall as we make more programs and courts available for juniors programs.

I honestly believe Pickleball will one day be an Olympic sport. Let's make Scottsdale one of the best Pickleball destinations in the world.

Plus, we don't need as much water as golf courses even though I love golf, too.

Any way, thanks again for building as many courts as possible OF QUALITY.

**COMMENT 103**

I am a Pickleball player who enjoys the game and meeting new players. Being able to play the game on courts that are both accessible and of a quality surface are very important to me. One of the main problems has been these last few years is the lack of court availability here in Scottsdale. More people are playing the game but unable to play more often due to lack of courts. More tennis players are starting to cross over which means tennis courts around the city aren't being used to their full capacity.

Pickleball is growing at an extremely fast rate which shows everyone that it's a sport that is embracing all ages and here to stay, which only begs for city parks to put in pickleball courts to accommodate the demand. The City of Scottsdale has begun to benefit from offering PB lessons to residents and that has brought in additional revenue and more interested players to use the small amount of courts that are now available. The money spent on resurfacing Cholla Park a couple of years ago has been very beneficial. Horizon Park which is presently in the resurfacing/additional construction of two more courts, will help the PB community but still presents overcrowding. Other Arizona cities have embraced the PB community by building or expanding court availability. As much as building eight courts seems to be enough to help the overcrowding, I hope that the board can see that adding more courts such as twelve to fourteen courts would enrich the status of the City of Scottsdale.

**COMMENT 104**

Hello, really excited about the project of having a neighborhood park. But, disappointed that you won't put a dog park there. It is much needed. I Hope you will reconsider it. Thank you.

**COMMENT 105**

I understand that a dog park is not part of the plan for the new Ashler Hills park. Please reconsider this. We really need a dog park up in North Scottsdale. The nearest one is close to 20 miles from here. Our furry friends deserve better. We need this added to the plan.

**COMMENT 106**

Hi,

Where is the dog park that was in the previous plan? Nearest dog park is over 20 miles away. We are NOT in favor of this plan without a dog park.

**COMMENT 107**

To Whom it may concern,

Really excited there is a park going in at Ashler Hills finally! Been waiting for it since I moved to neighborhood 8 years ago. Very disappointed that the dog park is not going to be built like originally

planned. :(

Why is the dog park not being built now? Our area up North here needs a dog park! The closest park is 20 miles away. Please reconsider and put in the dog park as well.

Thank you.

**COMMENT 108**

I would like to have an area set aside for a dog park.

**COMMENT 109**

I think it is wonderful that Pickleball is included in the planned neighborhood park!

It would be great if there benches and more importantly, shade provided for those waiting to play as, undoubtedly, this is such a popular sport!

Thank you!!

**COMMENT 110**

The information about the bond promised a dog park as part of this project. We currently have to drive to Phoenix's Pinnacle dog park while Ashley Hills will be about 5 minutes away.

I will never vote in favor of another bond if the dog park does not get built in the early part of this construction project because I believe the drafters of the plan misled me should this be the outcome. As a senior (over 70 years old) it will get more and more difficult to drive to Pinnacle Peak park much less drive to the park off Hayden and McDowell I believe.

**COMMENT 111**

I am excited that the Ashler Hills Park is finally moving forward. My comments mainly concern the pickleball courts. As I'm sure you appreciate pickleball is very popular, particularly outside, especially now with concerns over large gatherings in an inside facility. I feel that shaded seating should be incorporated into the design where possible, also stray balls are a major irritation between adjacent courts and a barrier should be considered.

**COMMENT 112**

I am very enthusiastic about the park planned for Ashler hills. I would suggest giving strong consideration to increasing the # of planned pickleball courts in the park. Pickleball is now the fastest growing sport in the US. Most public courts are oversaturated with players because of insufficient court time because of insufficient # of courts. Building more courts at this time will only reduce later costs of retrofitting the park in the future.

Please consider increasing the # of courts on your plan for the Ashler Hills park.

Thank you

**COMMENT 113**

We live in Winfield. Given the new construction between us and the park, will we have walking access to the park?

**COMMENT 114**

I fully support building more pickleball courts in Scottsdale. We are far behind in having enough courts for the people wanting to play.

**COMMENT 115**

- 1) If building pickle ball courts for public use, my recommendation is 12
- 2) Waiting benches in a shaded area would be awesome.
- 3) North-South is always best for outdoor court sports
- 4) Budget and space permitting, fencing is needed to control runaway balls and injuries to players on other courts who are unable to see oncoming balls.
- 5) Although I workout all the time, I don't think workout stations are necessary. Came from an area in So Cal where they were rarely used
- 6) I'm not aware of the demographics of the area, so I won't comment on playground equipment
- 7) My recommendation is more turf or materials other than concrete which radiates so much heat

**COMMENT 116**

Our biggest concerns are light pollution, potential crime increase and traffic/parking increase. We've enjoyed living in Las Piedras for 14 years.

• Park lighting will compound the light pollution already created by the Summit Shopping Centre.

• We selected our neighborhood due to its low crime rate and are concerned about increased crime rates.

• N. 74th Way is not a through street, it dead ends at Las Piedras security gate. What is being done to prevent drivers from using Las Piedras security entrance/exit as a turn-around area??? Will parking be allowed along 74th Way between the parking lot and Las Piedras community???

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**COMMENT 117**

The playground area for kids seems small.

Put a few benches around the walking paths.

Put benches and shade areas for the ball courts.

Put fences around the ball courts.

Align the pickleball courts north to south. The low western sun makes it hard for players facing west to see a ball.

Make sure there is plenty of picnic area.

Have dog excrement pick-up stations with bags at each end of the park

**COMMENT 118**

I reiterate my comments from the first time I submitted them:

This area does not need the added congestion.

This area does not need the additional traffic.

This area does not need the additional noise.

I worry about added threat to privacy and security in my development.

Originally (17 years ago!) this was to have a public library. I was all for it at that time. Now, I think it is a waste of monies that could be better spent with the police department, the transportation department to fix roads/bridges, or the school districts which are definitely underfunded.

Take a step back ... we don't need this park.

**COMMENT 119**

I know there are more households that have dogs than children in my abutting neighborhood. I really think a small enclosed green space for dogs would get more use than a basket ball court and all those pickle ball courts.

**COMMENT 120**

Fantastic plans. Could the plans be expanded to include more pickleball courts with lights? Thank you for asking the community! Can't wait till the project is completed.

**COMMENT 121**

Why stop at 8 courts when you have room for 12 or 16. 8 courts will become very crowded and folks will be asking for more very soon.

**COMMENT 122**

I left a prior comment but was just reviewing again... could the pb courts be oriented side by side rather than front to back... to make for a more connected feel?

**COMMENT 123**

You need to add more Pickleball courts!!

All courts are packed everyday with lots of wait times :( The most popular sport in the world and still not enough courts for all players!! Please add more courts!!

Thank you

**COMMENT 124**

Scottsdale definitely need more pickle ball courts... This is the fastest growing sport in the country and we are really lagging behind compared to other cities in the valley.

**COMMENT 125**

We desperately need as many courts as possible since the number of players both in Scottsdale and snowbirds coming to Scottsdale has expanded exponentially. With in the next year there will not be enough courts to satisfy demand. So building more courts is vital and thank you for all and any support

**COMMENT 126**

Pickleball is growing exponentially; fastest growing sport in America.

12-16 courts is recommended, especially for tournaments and money-raising events.

**COMMENT 127**

Pickleball is growing like crazy and Scottsdale is in desperate need of courts!

**COMMENT 128**

I'm in favor of building 12 pickleball courts.

**COMMENT 129**

The sport of Pickleball has been growing so rapidly since I started playing only back since December of 2020. And each day I've seen more and more new faces participating. We do need more courts here in North Scottsdale. It'll be tremendous if we can have 16-20+ courts in this new park. Thank you for making it happen.

**COMMENT 130**

Fantastic project. I believe there will be demand for 12 pickleball courts. All the existing pickleball parks are very overcrowded! Thank you.

**COMMENT 131**

We are very excited to have pickleball courts in North Scottsdale! There are no courts anywhere nearby. The closest courts are at Thompson Peak and they are extremely over crowded. We welcome the addition of as many courts as possible at Ashler Hills!!!

**COMMENT 132**

This looks like a well designed park that will be a nice addition to City of Scottsdale's other parks.

Scottsdale needs more pickleball courts. I'm excited to see pickleball courts included as part of this parks design. I support the addition of these courts.

**COMMENT 133**

As a 25 year resident of Scottsdale, my hope is for the City of Scottsdale, the Mayor and our Board of Directors to understand the growth of Pickleball in our Scottsdale community. At the existing parks with pickleball courts, those courts are currently getting more use then anything else in the park COMBINED, including playgrounds, baseball fields or basketball courts.

I'm in favor of as many courts as possible at Asher Hills and at all other future park projects.

The Scottsdale community would also be grateful if the Thompson Peak Park pickleball courts could be resurfaced without Basketball lines.

The basketball courts get little to no use compared to pickleball. There are also several other lighted, public basketball courts literally just yards away in Grayhawk Park.

Thank you,

**COMMENT 134**

This plan looks amazing, very appealing! We and many others we've spoken to think having some work out stations as you suggested would be great along the loop trail. The exhibits don't say how many picnic benches there are. Also, definitely there should be a fence around the pickle ball courts. It also seems like people love tennis up this way and we were told originally that it would be tennis courts. Perhaps consider one dedicated fully fenced tennis court. And yes, the idea of benches to sit and wait or watch along the perimeter of the courts makes sense. Thank you for your excellent planning and consideration of our input.

**COMMENT 135**

Please do add more pickleball courts, the ones you currently have are frequently over crowded & well used, much more so than tennis courts are. Out of town visitors are always looking for courts they can play on for free, leaving us local residents to seek out other options. Having benches and some shade nearby is also nice; the shade is welcomed especially during our hot summer months. The

idea of walk up play, (no reservations required) vs. having to make reservations is also nice. It would be wonderful for the City to consider converting some of the other tennis courts that seem to be very much under utilized, such as the ones in McCormick Ranch, into pickleball courts.

**COMMENT 136**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I am among the many pickleball players in Scottsdale. We love the sport. We play everyday! Most days, the 8 courts at Cholla Park are full by 6:30am. This means 32 people are playing, and there are players waiting on the sidelines. On weekends, it is common for as many as 20+ players to be waiting on each side. This means 32 people are playing and possibly 50 are waiting. I would love to see more pickleball courts built in Scottsdale.

**COMMENT 137**

Based on the growth of pickleball in the area, along with lack of City of Scottsdale pickleball courts in the immediate area (closest being 15-20 minutes away), my first reaction is that the current design does NOT include enough pickleball courts. I believe an adequate number of courts to service the current demand would be around 12 courts, at a minimum. This is also evidenced by the overcrowding at the current City of Scottsdale pickleball facilities. I also think it would be prudent to incorporate in the design a waiting area for players, with shade and benches, to make it more accommodating when there are large crowds. Thank you for letting me voice my concerns and I look forward to playing pickleball at Ashler Hills Park for many years to come.

**COMMENT 138**

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**COMMENT 139**

The sport of Pickleball is exploding, many families are now enjoying this sport, together. Scottsdale pickleball courts have huge wait times, and it's only going to get worse when the Snowbirds get here. Please build more courts in Scottsdale. Thank You, Julie Cowan

**COMMENT 140**

We really need a dog park! If it can't go on this site, can it go someplace else. Please, please, please!

**COMMENT 141**

Looks like this will be a great facility and addition to the area. Disappointed that there will not be a dog park included as it is difficult to find a suitable location to run dogs in our desert landscape.

Two questions:

- 1) Will dogs be permitted in the park?
- 2) If private funding were available, could a dog park be included in the design?

**COMMENT 142**

I am disappointed to see that a dog park has been excluded from the plan. As a 30-yr resident of The Boulders, I have seen an increase of dog owner population through the years, and not only for short-term "snow birds" population. A feature such as this would greatly appreciated and utilized by residents year-round.

**COMMENT 143**

I am in support of adding pickleball courts. Thank you.

**COMMENT 144**

This park, along with sports courts, would be a great advantage to N. Scottsdale. There are no public sports courts in this area. Pickleball/basketball has to be played at Thompson Peak Park, which is always over crowded. This would also be great for Carefree/Cave Creek residents.

**COMMENT 145**

More Pickleball courts, North/South facing. Very few children in the surrounding developments. (The Boulders, Terravita, Winfield, etc) less turf  
Thank you

**COMMENT 146**

I would really like to see 'adult' play equipment in the shaded area. I have seen videos of just such equipment and it is appropriate for all ages but designed to accommodate senior physical fitness.

**COMMENT 147**

I love the idea of 8 new Pickleball courts in north Scottsdale as we do not have enough public courts. Please include fencing around the courts, benches, a shade ramada and water fountains.  
Thanks,

**COMMENT 148**

I'd like to see a space dedicated to a dog park. I acknowledge the statement in the FAQs that a dog park is typically included only in larger Community Parks that can accommodate larger service areas. However, merely because it is "typically" only included in larger parks does not prohibit dog parks in "smaller" community parks. Also, I have not found a definition of "larger Community Parks." The public should be told whether the difference in size between this park and a "larger CP" is significant enough to excuse Scottsdale from including a dog park here. Scottsdale needs to understand and appreciate that there are an increasing number of households with dogs, and that the dog park provides as much of a social opportunity, if not more, for dog owners than the dogs, and it also increases the sense of community. Scottsdale should not be so dismissive of the positive impact a dog park has on the community, and it is a shame that this opportunity is missed.

**COMMENT 149**

The original plan shown to the public a few years ago included a dog park for the Ashley Hills Park plan. The new plan has no mention of a dog park whatsoever in the northern part of Scottsdale we are void of any sort of dog park or recreation area for pets. This is an absolute travesty and needs to be corrected in this new city plan.

**COMMENT 150**

We have lived in our current home for 21 yrs and have been looking forward to a dog park in north scottsdale. Keep the dog park at the Ashler hill park. Thank you

**COMMENT 151**

Please build some courts. There are too few and what we have is so crowded. Surrounding cities have so much more opportunities

**COMMENT 152**

For years the North Scottsdale area has been underserved, in terms of recreational areas for residents. I believe the Ashler Hills Park has the potential to help remedy this situation, if done properly. The desire and need for pickleball courts in this area, where the population trends to be seniors 55 and older (the demographic most likely to use the courts), will continue to grow. This relates to the fact that pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. I believe Scottsdale has the opportunity to develop a pickleball, et al complex that will not only serve the current population of this area, but be one that will serve future residents in this area of high growth. Therefore thought should be given to developing at least 12 courts, with sufficient lighting, areas of shade and seating for players waiting to play. Despite the fact that many communities in the area have pickleball as an amenity, most do not have enough to meet the need of residents. A good example is Winfield where only two courts exist. Another community that is underserved is Terravita where no courts exist. The city of Scottsdale would be wise in not only considering the current needs of its resident, but the needs 10 and 20 years in the future. I urge the City of Scottsdale to make Ashler Hills Park a premier setting for pickleball in Maricopa County. Thank you.

**COMMENT 153**

I am a IPTPA level 2, Pickleball teaching profesional. Pickleball is going to be by far the most used aspect of this park. The 8 courts will not be near enogh. There will be more people waiting to play than people playing. All the citys are way behind in meeting the needs of the comunity as far as pickleball courts go. The closest courts to theese are at thompson peak. Three courts were built about 4 years ago and they have converted the basketball courts to 3 more courts, so now they have 6 courts. Most evenings and weekend mornings there are 20 to 50 people waiting for a court. Horizon park is adding two more courts right now, getting up to 10. But they will still have more people waiting for a court than playing on weekends. Adding four more courts or 12 total would be a huge benifet in many ways, and be used every day. It would also enhance the playing experience because there would be adequit courts to enable courts to be designated for different levels of play. Also designating chalange courts on the far north side would be a great idea. Also two shady areas just outside the courts with benches and slots to place the paddels for your place in line for a court or a chalange is very important. A little shade and a bench or two where the paddels are placed for people waiting to play would be a huge step forward in desiging courts correct. Also what is behind in court design is the space beetween courts and behind courts. Best I can tell, there is 7 feet of space on the sides and behind each court, on the artist rendering. This is fine if you are a non moble 70 year old. But now that more and more young people are taking on the sport, they can run down balls 10 to 15 feet off the court. Just because other courts are built too small for todays game, we do not have to make the same mistake. Adding one, two or three feet to all sides of the courts, especaly the back, would make them superior courts and bring a higher level of play. I would be happy to meet and take a person in design and show him the situation around the courts, and how there is no place to wait for a court. If anyone could contact me, I can show them what is needed, and we could do this right.

**COMMENT 154**

I understand that a dog park is not included. However, I think the most needed area is a dog park. The closest ones are miles away - south of the 101 freeway. I believe it would get far more use than pickle ball courts.

**COMMENT 155**

Nice Plan!

Any chance to incorporate a water feature or fountains? Always nice to hear water.

What about bicycle parking?

Perhaps a seating/viewing area to watch the basketball or pickleball players?

**COMMENT 156**

We need a dog park more than anything else! The number of citizens with dogs is immense! We need space for dogs to play.

**COMMENT 157**

Hi, I have been a Scottsdale resident, living 21 years in Ironwood Village before moving to Carefree, living just north of the Scottsdale line. As an Interior Designer, nature lover, new pickle ball player, with friends in the neighborhoods flanking the park, I am incredibly excited to know this park is being so beautifully developed. I LOVED the basic little park off of Legacy behind Ironwood Village... and enjoyed for many years playing tennis there. Luckily it had little use. With the rise of pickle ball popularity, and the seeming shortage of courts, I think 8-10 courts would be ideal. The layout looks good, and I am sure you have visited for design ideas the Troon park which is private, but accessible for viewing of the design, low walls/bench seats which are nice and no fencing which is fine, except with your back to back court layout, the fences between will be necessary. Perhaps when not used for basketball, this court could transition for pb, with lines?portable nets accessible? Love the design/bridge, shade structure... flows with the styling of the Gateway Trailhead which I considered my "home trails" for years! Thanks for providing more spaces for play, something we need more of! Happy to help in any way I can.

**COMMENT 158**

Would like to see public pickle ball courts included in the proposed park at Ashler Hills. I believe that the courts should be built for pickle ball only and have first class nets and fencing. Six to eight courts would probably be sufficient if room left for future expansion. Thank You Dennis Mitchell

**COMMENT 159**

I would like the addition of a dog park section...

**COMMENT 160**

Scottsdale desperately needs more pickleball courts so I would ask that you make this a concentration. Cholla and Horizon are both critically full in the mornings with up to 75-85 people at peak hours with long wait times for courts. This is the fastest growing sport and we need to please try to keep up.

**COMMENT 161**

a lovely design .

**COMMENT 162**

My husband and I would love to see workout stations around the walking path. Would be a great addition for residents of all ages. Thank you!

**COMMENT 163**

I would love to see a dog park included in the plan.  
Thanks.

**COMMENT 164**

The design of this park is excellent. My only comment is that pickleball players need shade because most of the time there is an overflow of people so a group is usually waiting to get on the court. I just want to stress the importance of providing natural shade on and adjacent to the courts. Seating areas are also needed.

Thank you for addressing our concerns.

**COMMENT 165**

You can not have enough Pickleball Courts. Popularity across the country continues to grow across all age levels..... We welcome the new park! Thank you.....

**COMMENT 166**

We have had a home in the area for 6 years and just became full time. This new neighborhood park will become a wonderful and needed addition. We have grandchildren that visit from out of state and would certainly utilize it along with us .

I think the 2 turf areas are great for children to run and play (and fall ) on a more padded surface.

I wouldn't mind seeing those area enlarged.

We are regular pickle ball players . The 8 courts are great. I would strongly encourage the planners to fence in the courts. Best for the players and non players alike to not have balls flying around.

I would put in benches adjacent to the court for players to rest between games, getting drink supplies and equipment , etc,

Shaded playground is a must and I hope it contains a good deal of equipment and the rubberized ground surface.

At the restrooms have water dispensers to replenish water bottles. More sanitary these days than a drinking fountain.

My wife and I strongly support this project and it will fill a nice void in this part of north Scottsdale.

If going forward they need volunteers for an ongoing committees of residents we would be interested.

Thank you.

**COMMENT 167**

I am in favor of constructing the park and of the plans. I especially like the building of the pickleball courts, as the sport is becoming very popular. It is also helpful that the courts will be lighted for evening play.

I would prefer fencing around the courts to prevent runaway balls, and shading and benches for people waiting to play.

Thank you for the plan.

**COMMENT 168**

I am very excited about Ashler Hills Park and am anxiously awaiting the opening!

Everything looks really good!

Following are a few suggestions that I think would really be great:

\* Add 2 more pickleball courts. This sport has become so popular that I think they would be utilized more than any other areas of the park.

\* Also, as a pickleball player, I think it would be very helpful to have the courts fenced to help prevent run-away balls.

\* Also, to have some shaded benches on the pickleball courts would be very appreciated in the heat of the day!

Thank you for all of the information and for asking for resident input!

**COMMENT 169**

The rendering of the park looks wonderful. A few items that would improve the site would be fences between each 'two' Pickleball courts (to prevent runaway balls) and benches/covered area directly next to the courts.

It would also be great to have workout stations around the walking path.

I also hope that if this is a successful project and heavily used, that additional courts can be built in the future.

Overall it looks great! Thank you!

**COMMENT 170**

A community park is sorely needed in our area. Pickle ball courts are # 1 on my list.

It's a great sport to meet others and exercise.

**COMMENT 171**

Glad that we will have Pickleball in North Scottsdale. The other public parks are very busy. I think the park should have at least 8 courts and 10 would be better. Thompson Peak and Cholla both need more courts. Cholla often has more than 20 people waiting to play.

**COMMENT 172**

Naturally everyone would welcome and appreciate additional pickleball courts, but I understand this has been proposed before with no movement.

One other point. Why build new courts when the old courts are in disrepair? The courts at Thompson Peak need some work. There are courts with temporary nets that have black lines which are very hard to see. I offered to buy the paint and if necessary paint them myself, but nobody from Scottsdale ever got back to me.

Some of the courts with temporary nets have surface "buckling" problems that need to be repaired. If you need further advice, help, etc. feel free to contact me!

**COMMENT 173**

To connect all the surrounding neighborhoods better the public sidewalks should be extended to the Summit shopping center. Then the new park should have a connection to the Summit between the Target and grocery store. An additional basketball court or more baskets to the side of the court would be good.

**COMMENT 174**

I am in favor of pickleball courts, perhaps lighted, shade for waiting players. I am also in favor of tables and chairs for waiting. Will there be a basketball court or two? I am in favor of that, also lighted for night play. I also hope you are planning on building restroom facilities.

**COMMENT 175**

I am against any development of the park. I believe it will cause unwanted traffic and noise to my neighborhood. I also believe it will negatively impact property values in Las Piedras.

**COMMENT 176**

Given what is happening with pickleball all over the valley, especially Horizon Park and the addition of 2 more courts, why not expand the 8-court plan to 12 courts, plus paint pickleball lines on the basketball courts just like the ones at Thompson Peak. Provide temporary nets for the basketball courts also.

With the current controversy at Terravita across the road and the number of players residing there, we can expect high usage for these courts immediately.

Thank you for considering an expansion to the pickleball courts.

**COMMENT 177**

Please make pickleball focal part of park. Pickleball is fastest growing sport in American. The area needs pickleball. I highly support pickleball being added. at least 8 courts. also should be lighted with some sun protection.

regards

**COMMENT 178**

There's a need for at least 15 Pickle Ball Courts to facilitate future demand.

**COMMENT 179**

Please include 8 pickle ball court as part of this Park. It would be great exercise for those that can no longer play tennis but was outdoor activity with good competition.

thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

**COMMENT 180**

Overall the park design looks lovely. My suggestion is to consider adding more pickleball courts or plan no for later expansion. This is the closest park in 10 miles and I believe with the high concentration of retired or older citizens there will be high demand for time on the pickleball courts. I also support the senior designed exercise equipment which has been installed in another Scottsdale

park with higher concentration of seniors than school age children. With all the schools on 60th Street there is a high concentration of playground for children near by.

**COMMENT 181**

Like what I've seen this far but would prefer we build more than 8 courts given the multitude of Golden agers in the area and the way pickleball continues to gain popularity.

**COMMENT 182**

Dog park some trees seats half for small and half for big if possible

**COMMENT 183**

I play often at Thompson Peak park. A couple of take-a-ways from that experience.

1. Pickleball use in this new park will be heavy with large turn out.
2. There will be a substantial number of people waiting to play there turn. An adjacent gathering place is needed with view of courts to allow orderly transition when a game ends and a new group takes the court.
3. Courts should be arranged such that it is easy to shift groups from court to court when a game ends and a new group enters play. The side-by-side layout at Thompson Peak works well for this. Courts arranged end-to-end create traffic jams and difficult viewing.

**COMMENT 184**

Please consider adding more pickle ball courts.

Scottsdale is very short on pickle ball courts and people drive from great distances to use them. These will be very popular since there are no parks up in this area and Thompson Peak has the closest courts. Those courts are very overused and many of those people will spill over onto these new ones in North Scottsdale. There also is a great demand for a dog park in this area-it would be very popular. Thank you for your consideration-we are so anxious to have this facility in our neighborhood!

**COMMENT 185**

Thank you for putting a park in the neighborhood! We will definitely make use of the walking trails, pickleball courts and basketball courts!

**COMMENT 186**

I just heard about this new neighborhood park being built behind Target. I love the design and know this park will be used by many people in Scottsdale, Carefree, Phoenix and Cave Creek. With that in mind, and looking at the design of the pickleball courts; I am asking you to consider adding 4 more courts to bring the total to 12 courts. There is space for 4 more courts and looks like it would not impact nearby homes as well. We know there is a large group of pickleball players and more to come, as this is a growing sport in our area. The only courts nearby are at Thompson Peak and Horizon Park and as you know, they are quite busy and hard to get on to. So many people want to play but lack access to public courts. So please make it a 12 court park. Thank you for considering this request!  
Sue Larson

**COMMENT 187**

This is a great plan! It's about time that this side of Scottsdale received some outdoor Pickleball courts. If the nearby residents had simply requested the zoning about this area prior to moving in,

they would have seen this coming! There shouldn't be any reason to stop this from happening, as the sport is gaining in popularity more and more every week!!

**COMMENT 188**

My husband and I are both avid Pickleball players. It has been a long unrealized dream to have accessible Pickleball courts near Terravita. We are excited to know courts are being studied at Asher Hills Park. Please consider as many as your budget will allow as it is true what they say... 'if you build it, they will come'. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**COMMENT 189**

Eight pickleball courts are simply not enough to adequately service an area as large and as heavily populated as the northern Scottsdale area surrounding Ashler Hills Park. We ask that you properly build a minimum of 12 courts for this very popular sport.

Marshall & Lee Antonio

**COMMENT 190**

Pickle Ball has become so popular. The communities in North Scottsdale have high populations over 50 and it is that demographic where this sport is gaining so much popularity. We need at least 16 courts to meet the needs of this group. Please consider more than 8 courts. Thanks Anne McDonald

**COMMENT 191**

Please create as many public pickleball courts as possible as they are needed & will be used constantly

**COMMENT 192**

We live in Las Piedras at Sevano Village, which is the 64-home community adjacent to the proposed "neighborhood" park and directly impacted by it.

What is a Neighborhood Park?

Signs were posted on the park area for many years, describing this as a neighborhood park called "Sevano Village Park." Sevano Village is a platted subdivision that includes (1) the park property, (2) our community of Las Piedras, (3) a 78-home community known as Solstice at Sevano, and (4) a yet-undeveloped single-home community on the east side of 74th Way.

This is "Sevano Village Park," for the Sevano Village neighborhood. A 70-space parking lot and eight pickleball courts are not appropriate or called for in "neighborhood" park on land that is nestled among three small, private communities on a dead-end street.

Changing the name of the park to "Ashler Hills Park" is just part of this attempt to expand a "neighborhood" park into a broader, "community" park.

In the City's bond outreach presentations, and in all of the materials now distributed by the City to describe and seek comments for this park, it is clearly called out as a "neighborhood park."

The definitions and descriptions of a "neighborhood park" that we have found on the City's website include a statement that such a park serves a neighborhood within a half-mile of the park, and is

intended to be accessed primarily by pedestrians and by bicycles.

The presentation made during the bond election outreach – to support the development of this “neighborhood” park -- depicted one basketball court, one tennis court, and three pickleball courts, along with 19 parking spaces. This would be a reasonable allocation of courts and parking for a neighborhood park. This is what we relied on in making our vote for the bonds.

Is this a plan for a Neighborhood Park?

The plans that are being presented now are not for a neighborhood park, but rather for a regional pickleball facility – offering far more pickleball courts than are reasonably expected for the “neighborhood,” and thus clearly intending to draw users from far outside the area – upsetting the neighborhood balance and sacrificing the neighborhood in which the park is located and its security.

The “neighborhood” that is directly impacted by this park -- by its lighting, noise, parking and traffic -- would never require this number of parking spaces, and this number of pickleball courts. Eight pickleball courts might be appropriate at a park located at a major intersection, or in the middle of a larger, regional park, but not here, at Sevano Village Park.

Since the time of the bond outreach, the neighboring communities of Winfield, Terravita and Scottsdale Heights have all constructed (or are in the process of constructing) pickleball courts for their residents. There is less need for public pickleball courts in this area than when the bond proposal was originally presented to us.

Concerns About Noise, Traffic and Light.

- There is no indication that a noise study has been done for this project, to review how noise will travel up the mountain to the north and east and how physical noise mitigation and deflection features could be incorporated into the design. Yet, noise studies are required for approval of pickleball courts by private owners – such as recently undertaken by Terravita in connection with its development of 2 pickleball courts deemed sufficient for that community. Why should the City be exempt from this requirement? A noise study would include the impact of both the noise from the game, as well as from its participants. An 8-court pickleball park could have as many as 32 persons present and playing at any single time. A single tennis court would have only 2 or 4 players at a time.
- The noise study undertaken for Terravita expressly noted how the sound of pickleball play is sharp and high-pitched – plastic balls being struck by solid paddles -- and very different from tennis – soft balls being hit by racquets with strings. Many residents complained of the annoying sound of pickleball, the loud and boisterous nature of the game, and how the noise travels off the courts.
- Several years ago, a use permit for a night club at the Summit shopping center was declined because of the way sound from that enterprise would “climb” the adjacent mountain and adversely impact the community.
- There is no indication that a light study has been done for this area -- always understood to be a “dark skies” community. In addition, having a park open and lit until 10 or 10:30 at night is too late for, and inconsistent with, the neighboring bedroom communities. We strongly believe that, for this neighborhood (which consists largely of retired homeowners), the park should be “lights out” no later than 9pm.

- The traffic study appears to focus primarily on the impact of the park on the intersection of Scottsdale Road and Ashler Hills, and not on 74th Way as a dead-ending street that curves north and east – past the Boulder House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places – toward Las Piedras at Sevano Village. There is no other way in or out of Las Piedras because of the mountain at the end of the internal streets.

#### Tennis Courts Would Reduce Parking, Traffic and Noise.

The drawings that were shown to us at the public outreach for the bond election showed a tennis court as part of the proposed neighborhood park. Although pickleball may be popular, it is not replacing tennis as a racquet sport. Tennis has soared in popularity as a result of the pandemic, with more people playing tennis now since tennis has been described as particularly safe during the pandemic because of its being an outdoor sport, as well as providing greater social distancing than during pickleball play.

There are no public tennis courts anywhere in this area, and the private communities with courts are now either restricting or closing off private tennis memberships. Incorporating a public tennis court or two into Sevano Village Park, in place of four of the proposed pickleball courts, would lessen the parking burden, lower the volume of noise from the pickleball activities, reduce traffic into and out of the park, and would provide a meaningful “neighborhood” amenity for this “neighborhood” park.

Kudos.

We understand and acknowledge that a park has always been intended for this area. Our concern is that the plans that have been developed show a concept that is not appropriate for the neighborhood. However, we believe that certain features of the proposed park are thoughtful and praiseworthy:

- The activity courts are well positioned against the Summit Shopping Center to the west, in order to deflect and absorb noise and light.
- The parking lot is well positioned to the south as being the most logical entry into the park.
- The walking trails to the north preserve the integrity of the adjacent desert area.

#### Additional Concerns.

- The height of the shade structure is not provided. Although we understand the need for a shade structure at the park, the City should provide information about the structure’s size for the neighborhood to be able to assess its impact on the mountain views while driving into the area.
- We understand the shade structure has been designed for a rusted, rustic feel – as a design concept that is popular and fashionable at this moment in time. A more timeless and practical look would serve the park (and the community) better.
- There are utility installations along 74th Way that should be shielded as part of the park development, but we have not seen this addressed.

Our suggestions for Sevano Village Park:

- The activity courts at this neighborhood park should consist of a basketball court, one or two tennis courts, and not more than three or four pickleball courts.
- Eight pickleball courts are not appropriate for a park in this area. This large number of courts will draw users far from the neighborhood, and is inconsistent with the concept of a neighborhood park.
- A substitution of one or more tennis courts for four pickleball courts will reduce the expected noise, traffic and parking in the neighborhood.
- A detailed noise study needs to be undertaken before the park proceeds further, with an emphasis on how the noise travels from the proposed pickleball courts up the mountain, and possible noise deflection and noise reflection opportunities.
- In any event, parking (which would include traffic) needs to be significantly reduced with respect to the neighborhood in which the park is located.
- Given the residential character of the neighborhood, court lighting at the park should end at 9pm.

We understand that comments are collected City-wide, and that the City's staff pays attention to the number of respondents, notwithstanding where those respondents may live. However, we suggest that the concerns and comments of residents who are most directly impacted by a project – its light, noise, security, traffic and parking – should be reviewed and considered carefully vis-à-vis comments from casual residents whose homes and life-styles will not be so affected. As the saying goes, they have no skin in the game. We do.

Respectfully

**COMMENT 193**

I suggest the following:

1. At least 10 if not 12 courts. Thompson Peak courts are always under a lot of pressure even before the Horizon closure. Ashler Hills park will serve a large pickleball population in that area and additional courts are appropriate.
2. There should be seating and/or shade structures for waiting players. At Thompson Peak there are benches along the inside of the courts which creates a lot of congestion and risk. Benches and shade structures along the perimeter of the courts would be safer.
3. The site plan is not clear that there is a complete perimeter fence around the basketball and pickleball courts. They should be completely enclosed to prevent balls running into the desert. Half walls should be between each court for safety
4. The turf areas are inevitably going to be used as dog parks even if not intended. There should be poop stations at intervals along the turf and walking paths.

**COMMENT 194**

There is an excessive number of parking spaces and pickleball courts for this small neighborhood park. The parking lights will be on all night and it will increase traffic in an area that currently has no access or exit.

The area is a low light area. Preserving this is important. If Terravita wants more pickleball courts they certainly have plenty of land in their neighborhood way across Scottsdale road to build them. They don't want the lights or noise so they hope they can push it into our quiet neighborhood.

It is important that the parking of cars in the park be on the far SouthWest end. Parking for 70 cars is excessive. 8 pickleball courts are excessive.

**COMMENT 195**

We support the Ashlee Hills park and pickle ball courts as a community gathering point . This project has been recommended, approved and known about for years . The elimination of the project because a developer did not tell their home buyers should not be a consideration even though now it's a point of view. This is a very worthwhile project .

**COMMENT 196**

My husband and I are residents in Las Piedras at Sevano Village. When we purchased our home, there were plans in place for a park behind the Summit Shopping Center. At that time, the plans showed a library and some sports facilities - all that were within reason. Now the city has decided to offer a plan that is completely contrary to what we were sold (bait and switch) which includes pickle ball lighted courts that you have deemed necessary to be available until 10:30 at night. Unless you are deaf, there is no chance of a bedtime prior to 10:30 due to the excessive noise they produce. In addition, your "now" plan includes a number of items that were never presented previously. What we are asking for is some common sense! Apparently, the library is no longer an option and clearly, placing these courts near residents is egregious at best and should be moved to an area away from homes and never be lit until 10:30 at night! The City Council is elected to SERVE the residents and LISTEN to their concerns rather than doing whatever you want. Elections have consequences as well. Hopefully you will "re-think" your proposal.

**COMMENT 197**

The size and scope are too large for the area.  
My neighborhood (Las Piedras) is a "dark" area. No streetlights, etc.  
There are way too many lights.  
Too many courts.  
Too many parking spaces.  
10:30 is too late for having the park open.  
Turn off the lights at 9.  
Make the park more in tune with the age group that lives in the area. Very few children. Lots of Senior Citizens. Whatever happened to the idea of an Amphitheater?  
Did I mention there are too, too many lights?

Thank you.

**COMMENT 198**

We live in Las Piedras and will be directly impacted by the new park. We feel that the no of pickle ball courts is excessive. And play should not go past 8:00 pm. As we all know, it is loud and we bought in this area to avoid excessive noise. I also feel that the parking lot size is too big for a park.

**COMMENT 199**

I think you have done a fine job preparing your plan for the NEIGHBORHOOD Park near Ashler Hills and North Scottsdale Road. There is one very significant change from your original proposal discussed at neighborhood outreach meetings a couple of years ago.

Here is my concern:

Increasing the number of Pickleball Courts to eight (8) is not in the interest of the nearby neighborhoods. The increased "interest" came from the huge subdivision called Terravita, several miles away. Terravita has a large number of TENNIS courts, and all over the country, underused tennis courts are being divided into TWO Pickleball Courts. It is understandable that Terravita would prefer to keep their tennis courts and have the Pickleball Courts over here in our neighborhood, because Pickleball is NOISY.

USA Pickleball Association (USA Pickleball) has been studying how to replace the hard plastic ball with something less NOISY, but they have had no success. Three Pickleball Courts is plenty for this Neighborhood Park - it is NOT a community park.

**COMMENT 200**

I am a full time resident. My concern is the number of parking spots allocated to the park. It is supposed to be a local community park so why do you need 75 parking stalls? Also, the number of pickle ball courts also seems to be excessive. If other communities are requesting pickle ball courts then let them build them in their own communities such as Terravita or Winfield. The lighting also concerns me why are they allowing the lights to stay on after the park is supposed to be officially closed in the evening. The traffic and car fumes also concerns me.

Thanks for your accepting my comments.

**COMMENT 201**

We have significant concerns regarding these plans. The traffic, parking, noise and lighting will impact our community of Las Piedras. The density of amenities and parking seems excessive. All of the community lighting is very unobtrusive, lighted recreation will not be consistent with our community or those around us.

We have always known that this area will have public use. This type of facility is not what has been indicated on the signage or what we have anticipated. Please know, that we are not in favor of this project.

Thank you for your consideration of our thoughts.

**COMMENT 202**

This plan is not consistent with what has been represented on the current signage on the property. The design seems excessive for the property. Seventy parking spaces will attract a variety of uses, not all related to the park usage. Trash, noise, overnight parking, ect. will most likely result from this large parking area. The lighting of pickle ball courts is truly inconsistent with all of the subtle lighting required in all of the surrounding communities.

We have been expecting public use on this property. However, a major sporting complex is not what has been represented.

Thank you for your time to review my thoughts.

**COMMENT 203**

I think there are too many pickle ball courts and parking places for an area such as this. Once the fad of pickle ball is over (like tennis) there will be unused space in both. There will also be a lot of noise and light. Reducing the number of courts and parking spaces will reduce cost.

**COMMENT 204**

The park will now be intrusive to our community.

**COMMENT 205**

I live in the Las Piedras neighborhood at the end of 74th Way and have some concerns about the scope of the proposed park (Ashler Hills Park). Initial plans seemed more reasonable and described what, I thought, would be a small neighborhood park. A small, quaint park sounded like a nice addition to our neighborhood. Open turf play areas, shaded playground, restrooms, walking paths/trails and even a few sports courts sound like a reasonable and welcome addition to the area. However, the new plans suggest a much larger park than initially discussed. The initially proposed 2.8 acres of developed land has seemingly expanded to 6.8 acres. The park times have expanded and the scope has almost tripled. For example, eight pickle ball courts and a 70-space lighted-parking area are among a few of the additions that I do not think make sense for our small neighborhood. Twenty-two foot tall lights on the sport courts, 16-foot tall lighting in the parking lot, and 12-foot tall lighting along the hard surface walkways is quite excessive. And, despite the park closing at 10:30 PM, there will be security lights turned on all night. The residents of our small community have grown accustomed to and appreciate our peaceful night skies and quiet, serene surroundings. In fact, a lot of us have moved out to this part of town because of those exact features. Also, plans suggest that the park will be open from sunrise until 10:30 PM, which raises the concern for a lot of increased noise and traffic in our small community. We only have one entrance to our community and increased traffic poses a problem, in my opinion. To believe that there will NOT be an unacceptable amount of light, noise and traffic, unfortunately, would be incorrect. Please respect the opinions of the members of our small community and reconsider the size and scope of this 'neighborhood' park. We are happy to work with the City of Scottsdale to find a more acceptable plan for a neighborhood park.

**COMMENT 206**

My wife and I own property in the area, first in Solstice in 2008, and now in Las Piedras since 2011. We were always aware of a proposed park in the area. But we were disappointed to see that the original plans for the park have grown to a much larger park than the original bond issue implied.

We believe a park with 70 parking spaces and 8 pickle ball courts is excessive for the communities in the area. The lighting for both the parking and courts is a concern. But an even larger concern is the noise created from 8 pickle ball courts. We are aware of the complaints from other pickle ball courts in the area and don't see how this development will be any quieter.

Please, consider, scaling back the size and scope of this community park considering the proximity of the two nearby neighborhoods.

**COMMENT 207**

When we purchased property, first in Solstice in 2008, and then in Las Piedras in 2011, we were always aware of a proposed park in the area. But we were disappointed to see that the original plans for the park have grown to a much larger park than the original bond issue implied.

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Please, consider, scaling back the size and scope of this community park considering the proximity of the two nearby neighborhoods.

**COMMENT 208**

As a resident of Las Piedras, my home is directly inside our gate. I strongly object to the proposed park for the following reasons:

- The noise created by the basketball and pickle ball courts will definitely be heard in our backyard; it is very upsetting that this noise will happen from sunrise to 10:30pm.
- The lighting for the park will intrude on our beautiful view of the night sky; not just the regular lighting until 10:30pm, but the security lighting that will be on all night. Our community bylaws do include regulations with respect to downward lighting, so as not to affect the night sky.
- I understand that the residents of Terravita are pushing for the pickle ball courts. Having been a golf member at Terravita for 2 years, I know their amenities and usage well. It appears that, rather than expand their own pickle ball courts - likely because of noise and night lighting - they want to bring it over to our neighborhood.
- 70 parking spaces sounds like a lot of traffic and activity against our small, 64 home, community of Las Piedras.
- Most importantly, I am concerned about the affect this park will have on our property values. We all love our small, quiet community, and believe that this park will negatively affect the attractiveness of our location, and home property values.

Thank you,

**COMMENT 209**

Thank you for accepting comments regarding the park proposed for Ashler Hills, next to my community of Las Piedras. I have very strong concerns about the negative impact that the proposed park will have on my home.

I really think that my home property value will be negatively affected by the park because of noise, all-night lighting, traffic and the overall size of the project against our 64-home community.

- The lighting for the park will intrude on our beautiful view of the night sky; not just the regular lighting until 10:30pm, but the security lighting that will be on all night. Our community bylaws do include regulations with respect to downward lighting, so as not to affect the night sky.
- 70 parking spaces sounds like a lot of traffic and activity against our small, 64 home, community of Las Piedras.
- The noise created by the basketball and pickle ball courts will definitely be heard in our backyard; please, this noise cannot be allowed to happen until 10:30pm.

Thank you,

**COMMENT 210**

I've lived in Las Piedras for 18 years and this proposal is not what was previously slated for a neighborhood park. Increasing parking from 17 to 70 spaces and increasing pickle ball courts will have a very adverse effect on our neighborhood privacy and increase light pollution for many residents. I strongly oppose the park as currently planned. I would support a plan that is much closer to the original plan and a true neighborhood park as it was intended to be. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**COMMENT 211**

We believe that 70 parking spaces is excessive for this park. This will cause excessive traffic and a bottleneck. There will be more likelihood of accidents from this.

The lighting which is 22 feet tall on the sport courts, 16 feet tall in the parking lot, and 12 feet tall along the hard surface walkways will be adding light pollution to our dark skies. You also noted that there will be security lighting all night.

**COMMENT 212**

I live in Las Piedras at Sevano Village, a 64-home community adjacent to the proposed neighborhood park, and will be directly impacted by the building of the park. Since moving here, I have been reminded by signage that this will be a neighborhood park ("Sevano Village Park"). It is my understanding that Sevano Village is a platted subdivision including (1) the park property, (2) our community of Las Piedras, (3) a 78-home community known as Solstice at Sevano, and (4) a yet undeveloped single-home community on the east side of 74th Way. Since the Sevano Village Park is for the Sevano Village neighborhood, it is inappropriate to include a 70-space parking lot and 8 pickleball courts. We are at a dead-end street, and traffic and security for our residents is a big concern.

In the City's bond outreach presentations, and in the materials distributed by the City to describe and seek comments, it is clearly called a neighborhood park. The City's website includes a statement that such a park serves a neighborhood within a half-mile of the park and is intended to be accessed primarily by pedestrians and by bicycles.

During the bond election outreach, a presentation to support the development of the neighborhood park depicted one basketball court, one tennis court, and three pickleball courts. Only 19 parking spaces were included. This is what I relied on in voting for the bonds. When I purchased my home, I knew there would eventually be a park; so it is something I looked forward to seeing and using. However, I never expected something so large that it would draw people from other neighborhoods and communities and create a traffic and security nightmare for our residents. I believe further studies are required and that the presentation made for the bond election should be the basis for the park.

Respectfully,

**COMMENT 213**

We are Las Piedras home owners and the community mostly impacted by the Aslers Hills Park Project. We are VERY concerned about the park proposal. The size of the developed portion of the park has grown immensely in the last 2 or 3 years. Worse is that much larger surrounding communities,

communities not impacted by noise and light pollution, high traffic and reduced property values, are strongly lobbying for more and more including more pickle ball courts than stated in the current project overview. Combine that with 70 parking spaces being excessive for a neighborhood park (another huge concern) and it seems the park is being developed with near-future growth in mind. Also, rumor has it that the park project overview is inaccurate and deceptive; park will close at 10:30 rather than 10:00 as stated, lights will not go dark at and 10:30 as suggested. It begs the question, what else are we not being told. There are only 64 home in Las Piedras and the community most impacted. We deserve to be told the truth and treated fairly.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

**COMMENT 214**

I am writing to express my deep concerns and fears about the recreation area going in at Ashler Hills and 74th street.

I live in Las Piedras at Sevano Village which is a small community of 58 homes. The proximity of this large park DEFINITELY impacts our small community negatively!! Please do not continue with this type of recreation park so near to us.

Below are a few of my concerns:

1. Traffic--How will this be monitored?
2. Noise
3. Traffic
4. Having this type of park is an open invitation to many STRANGERS coming into this area. How will this be monitored? Will there be a gate that can only be activated by sliding in a designated card which will be only given to a limited amount of people that live within a four mile radius of the park ????. The open and closing hours are too late into the evening

t6. Will the city put in a guard gated security to my neighborhood????

Our property values will drop by having this LARGE LIGHTED PARK so close. RECLOCATE IT.

BAIT and SWITCH:

When we voted for the bond for the recreational area, this type of park was NOT divulged to our community. I would have been "out of my mind" to vote for this! I expected a small dog park and playground.

I can think of nothing positive that this park brings to my small, peaceful neighborhood.

This recreation area lowers my property value. I actually feel threatened by having this park so close to my home.

I understand that the neighboring communities find this park appealing. They are larger communities with higher population. Put this recreation area in their neighborhoods. Our community is quite small and, as I said, the closeness of this park to our community has a negative impact in everyway.

Find another location for this park. One that is closer to the larger neighborhoods.

Please, reconsider the size and location of this project.

Please do NOT proceed with this recreation area at Ashler Hills and 74th Street.

**COMMENT 215**

I live in Los Piedras at Savanna Village that is entered from 74th St. I am writing this letter to express my concern about the large recreation area going in there. The proximity of this park definitely invades our small and quiet community. I have 58 home owners, some of which are snow birds. I urge you to RECONSIDER the location of this park to one of the larger neighborhoods that are very close by and will have far more people from their area using this facility! I fear that this park will definitely lower our property value and increase the crime and mischief in our area.

The very hours that it's open and it is open until late in the evening is an OPEN invitation to crimes and UNSAVORY activities.

The increase in traffic on our very small quiet road is also undesirable.

The lights will also have an effect on our beautiful dark night skies.

Bait and switch: For years we happily anticipated having a dog park in that location as well as a children's area and some walking trails.

**COMMENT 216**

I have concerns that this is going to be a very active park with a lot of competitive sports events. I also discern that it will effect our quiet neighborhoods where I live. There is no dog park in the design because you felt it was not needed. I see so many walkers with dogs that use the side walks on Asher Hills and 74th way street. ?? I feel and think that you need to look at all the neighbors in the area with them in mind. A sports park?? I am in opposition to the plan that this on your web site for the land use as proposed.

**COMMENT 217**

We feel the hours of park being open are too long; especially in the evening. It should close earlier 8pm as it's right by two quiet/dark neighborhoods.

The paddle ball courts would cause too much noise; I don't think people realize how far that noise carries. And again the 22 foot lights is too much.

These are quiet neighborhoods and we feel the park that goes in should be quieter and less intrusive. Thank you.

**COMMENT 218**

To whom it may concern,

When we committed to our property in Las Piedras at Savanna Village a selling point by the builder in 2003 there were plans for a future library. Evidently not a consideration. What I'm understanding there will be a Neighborhood Park and not a Community Park. I would hope the voices of the people whose homes and property values that would be affected by the park's noise, lighting, parking and traffic will be heard.

Limited Noise

Parks to remain open until 10:30 PM? This means picnic groups, dogs barking, Pickle Ball courts, Basketball court, Frisbee throwing and hopefully NO Skateboarding. The initial site plan was for 2.8 acres and now is 6.8 acres, more noise.

Pickle Ball Courts & Parking

Proposed 8-courts? Plus 3-proposed portable courts? Please have Terravita build their own courts, we don't use their amenities. This small Neighborhood Park does not have room for a community of 1,380 to use. Scottsdale Heights, a K. Hovnanian builder (55& over) nearby, did they invest in Pickle Ball courts for their residents? Also proposing 70-parking spaces is excessive and incompatible for this area.

Picnic Pavilions and Benches

Nothing has been mentioned regarding picnic facilities. Limited to certain amount of people? No office conventions. This can be a big factor.

Thanks for your consideration,

**COMMENT 219**

Hello

I'm opposed to the current plan for Ashley Hills Neighborhood Park.

Being a resident of Las Piedras at Sevano, this park will have a negative impact on property values and the neighborhood surroundings.

The proposed 70 parking spaces and 8 pickle ball courts are excessive for a neighborhood like Las Piedras. There doesn't appear to be a noise or traffic study produced to discuss the impact on 74th Way, which is the only entrance to Las Piedras.

Also, its not disclosed in the Plan, but there must not be any public parking allowed along 74th Way. The excessive traffic and parking will be disruptive to the residents of Las Piedras.

**COMMENT 220**

Shade, seating, and drinking water needed at sports courts. Wind buffering material on sport court fencing suggested.

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Also, there is no light pollution study that has been conducted. Finally, its mentioned in the Plan, but there must not be any public parking allowed along 74th Way. The excessive traffic and parking will be disruptive to the residents of Las Piedras.

**COMMENT 222**

My wife and I were unaware of the plans for the Sevano Village/Ashler Hills Park Site and are concerned that, as residents of the area most impacted by this development, the City of Scottsdale has not made any notification to us about their plans and the resulting impact it will have on our community. We moved to Las Piedras, in part, because of the tranquility this community offers. In addition, the dark skies north Scottsdale, Carefree, and Cave Creek are known for was also a draw.

What could have been a reasonable community park has turned into a sports complex, with both basketball and pickle ball courts open until 10:30 p.m. This alone has the potential to increase traffic and noise in the area. The associated lighting for the sports complex will absolutely affect the dark skies this area is known for and create an eyesore for those whose property has views of the city lights in the distance.

We do not support Scottsdale's efforts and feel this is a development with good initial intentions, but one which has run amok with unnecessary expansions while catering to members of the community who aren't directly impacted.

We strongly oppose this development as currently presented.

**COMMENT 223**

We really have reservations about this park. We live right across the street in the development of Las Piedras. Our main concerns are the noise and the lights from the pickle ball courts. We are also concerned about the amount of traffic this will bring to our neighborhood. We would prefer not to have this park developed, or, if it is, would appreciate it if the hours were limited to a reasonable opening and closing time. Thank you.

**COMMENT 224**

I would like to know if you are planning to make it so that the pickleball courts have a rotation paddle holder so that everyone gets the chance to play. some parks do not have that and if you do not have 4 in your group you do not get to play.

**COMMENT 225**

As a resident of Las Piedras, I am strongly opposed to the size and scope of this project. It far exceeds the concept of a neighborhood park and the proposed hours of operation will be a huge disruption to our currently quiet neighborhood. I strongly urge re-consideration of number of pickle ball courts and hours of operation

**COMMENT 226**

I am absolutely against this park. There are too many existing parks and walking spaces, tennis courts already in the surrounding area. We do not need another huge concrete park next to concrete neighborhoods already dotting the landscape. Already the North Scottsdale area is looking like south scottsdale not only with the Ashler hills mall but developments that are sprouting all over the place. What are you thinking? Are your intentions to create another Southern California mess. You will change the landscape forever of North Scottsdale continually destroying the beauty with more concrete, more public parking, more houses. Have you not learned anything since Covid, protecting natural habitats and allowing desert space to be just that. What is the insanity of continuous building in Arizona to the point where you will have destroyed everything that is beautiful. Phoenix is already gone. North Scottsdale is all that is left of a beautiful desert environment. Not to mention the fact of the hundreds of gyms, tennis courts, squash courts, exercise clubs, pilates, barr...name it...it is everywhere on every street corner. We are living in a world of excess. How much is enough?. Leave the open space available so that younger generations can actually see what it is like to have a desert environment not slabs of concrete plastered on every street corner.. If anything, your council should

be reevaluating the exponential growth in favor of the environment, the natural habitat and beauty of what the desert was created for. I am absolutely against the building of anything on this land. Keep the land alive for future generations and their future thinking. It is the young people today who are more pro active on saving their green spaces, planting trees, and keeping nature alive than those in their 50's and 60's. I am infuriated that this is even a dialog. Absolutely against this absurd idea. Tennis clubs-check it out on Cave Creek Road, Pima Road, Scottsdale Road...Enough is enough. think Green, Think Smart and be Wise. Thank you.

**COMMENT 227**

I live in the Las Piedras neighborhood and felt compelled to contact the City of Scottsdale to oppose the Sevano Village/Ashler Hills Park plans. I have reviewed the plans on the City's website and have several concerns.

First and foremost, the Las Piedras community is most impacted by the traffic, noise, and light pollution which are associated with these plans. Regardless of what mitigation efforts you have, we will be the ones who will have to deal with these negative effects of the current plan. The amount of parking, 70 spaces, is absolutely ridiculous for what was supposed to be a community park. The hours of operation are much too late and listed as both 10:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in different information made available by Scottsdale. I can only assume the time changed for some reason.

The design of the park is beautiful but the aesthetic is ruined by the addition of the pickleball and basketball courts, which are in conflict with the natural aspects of the design and almost appear to be an afterthought. We were taken by the natural beauty of this area and are disappointed the City has chosen to pursue a design which is in conflict with it. I hope you will reconsider the inclusion of the sport-elements in the design and instead move forward with one which embraces the natural features of the Sonoran desert.

**COMMENT 228**

I live in Solstice at Sevano Village, across from where the proposed Ashler Hills park is being built. While I am generally in favor of the park, I do have concerns about the parking lot number of spaces and having the parking lot across from our neighborhood's entrance gates. From looking at the rendition, I just want to make sure that the parking lot will be off the main road and hidden by trees and shrubbery. If the parking lot's visual impact is mitigated by trees and shrubbery around its perimeter and maybe lowered to further mitigate its visual impact from the street I am OK with the park being built. I think it will be great for the area.

# Ashler Hills Virtual Public Meeting #2 Comments

Virtual Public Meeting March 2022

## **COMMNET 1**

"Below continue to be my main concerns regarding the proposed Scottsdale Park right outside the Las Piedras Community. I have already expressed my concerns at the community meeting that was held at Winfield, and submitted them to the online comments section at the [Scottsdaleaz.gov/Ashler Hills](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/AshlerHills) website several times.

- 1) Traffic and congestion. Besides regular increase in traffic, you just know there are idiots who will park on 74th Way. That street can barely accommodate 2-car traffic now. AND parking entrance should be BELOW that first traffic circle.
- 2) Noise, noise, noise ... from pickle ball and basketball courts, picnic areas, children, dogs, etc.
- 3) Late hours.
- 4) Lighted courts and intrusive lighting.
- 5) Security issues for our development and the area.
- 6) This is supposed to be a "neighborhood park?" Why should Terravita or any other community that is not within walking distance have any say so or input?
- 7) I am absolutely against any part of it being a dog park.

When we first moved here almost 17 years ago, I was for this project because it included a library. With the way things are today, there are much better uses for the monies being proposed and allocated for this park. There are also enough "walking trails" around this area already. A park is not necessary. I would much rather see the funds go toward teachers and our education system, first responders, police/sheriff departments, etc. We have so many other issues that need addressed.

Thank you.

## **COMMNET 2**

It is critical to get more Pickleball courts in the area. If 8 is the most you can squeeze in, then great. Pickleball is exploding and we need as many public courts as possible.

## **COMMNET 3**

Will it have a dog park? It is much needed!

## **COMMNET 4**

Love the idea of having the shade structures for the sport courts - one next to each of the 4 sets of PB courts and 1 next to basketball. Being a regular PB player at Cholla, Horizon, and Thompson Peak Parks, I'd like to suggest a slight modification to these shade structures that better supports how I see the 8 PB courts being used. Cholla, Horizon and Thompson Peak use Paddle Saddles to hold paddles for players waiting to play next; Ashler Hills would likely want to do the same thing. The approach used at Cholla

and Horizon (1 saddle for beginners/advanced beginners for half the courts and 1 saddle for intermediate/advanced players for the other half) works much better than the approach used at Thompson Peak (1 saddle for all 6 courts regardless of skill level). Suggest you combine shade structures 2&3 and combine structures 4&5 and locate a paddle saddle on fence just outside each of these two larger structures. This way courts 1-4 can be used for beginner/advanced beginner play and courts 5-8 can be used for intermediate/advanced play. I suspect the cost of two slightly larger shade structures for PB may be slightly cheaper than four smaller shade structures. To see how this works in practice, please visit the three other parks to see how people congregate around/near the paddle saddles and visualize a shade structure enhancing these waiting areas. Kudos for implementing shade structures from the start.

#### **COMMNET 5**

Eight pickleball courts will be barely enough to meet current demand as this sport continues to grow. The plan might include a set aside for more pickleball courts in the future. So happy to have a City of Scottsdale park in the far North part of Scottsdale. When does the city plan to build a golf course in North Scottsdale? Thanks, Dennis Mitchell

#### **COMMNET 6**

I did not see any provisions to widen the access and egress to the proposed park. The traffic on the proposed roads is currently extensive and will get worse during construction and open use. Will the improvement in road(s) usage be improved with the proposed park?

#### **COMMNET 7**

Excellent presentation & FAQ's. Where would you place additional pickle ball courts should they be desired in future years?

#### **COMMNET 8**

"Looks like more pickleball courts should be built-this is a beautiful park to be added to the area. The playground is much needed. Please install pet stations."

#### **COMMNET 9**

Overall, I think the design and usage are great. It appears that there is still plenty of open space. Would a small amount of that be useful for a play-type area for the younger generation? It seems that there are more families moving into the area.

#### **COMMNET 10**

"There are no of leash dog parks, especially in North Scottsdale!! When will this be addressed????"

#### **COMMNET 11**

I am extremely excited to see the development and completion of this park. It has been needed in North Scottsdale for some time. I am happy to see the consideration for dogs and dog walking. I also feel that due to the popularity of Pickle Ball Courts you should consider placing as many as possible. I

have frequented Horizon Park and used the Pickle Ball courts there. When building the courts, you need to place half fences between the courts as balls continuously will go into the neighboring courts disrupting play. This was not done at Horizon and would be a welcome addition at Ashler Hills Neighborhood Park.

**COMMNET 11**

Overall, I think that the plan looks great. I would like to see the team double the pickle ball court availability to 16. It appears as though there is plenty of room and north Scottsdale doesn't have access to pickleball courts like the other portions of Scottsdale. I would be willing to pay for this via a special levy or individual donation should cost be the issue. Thank you for your willingness to take comments.

**COMMNET 12**

I am delighted that we are getting a true park in this area. The plan seems well thought out and should fit nicely into our community.

**COMMNET 13**

Please consider putting in 16 pickle ball courts rather than 8. There are no public pickle ball courts at on the north side of Scottsdale. With only 8, there will always be too many people and pickle ball is only increasing in popularity among the older population that lives in North Scottsdale.

**COMMNET 14**

The pickle ball courts should be rotated 90 degrees. The sun shines in players eyes in the morning and evening as presented. DC Ranch is building two additional courts rotated 90 degrees from their two existing courts for this reason. Also a noise buffer would be appreciated. The sound of striking the ball is annoying. I'd hate to hear eight balls at the same time.

**COMMNET 15**

Please build more than 8 pickleball courts. Judging from the interest we've seen and the overcrowding at Thompson Peak, the park easily has room for at least 16 courts. I'm confident it will be extensively used.

**COMMNET 16**

Very good presentation and summary of the project status. Layout of the planned park looks great. In my opinion, 8 pickleball courts is enough. There are other pickleball courts in the area (private and public). Project schedule looks to be realistic. Project cost may be in jeopardy, with fast rising material cost inflation and labor costs.

**COMMNET 17**

"No need for a park. A waste of money, a liability issue for dogs, accidents, parking, etc.

A nice restaurant, a fresh market, and food would be better since area is becoming more populated. DO NOT WANT A DOG OR PICKLE-BALL PARK!"

**COMMNET 18**

"WE COULD DEFINITELY USE A NO-LEASH DOG PARK IN THIS PARK AS THERE ARE NONE IN OUR AREA.

SOMETHING SIMILIAR TO THE DOG PARK ON HAYDEN WOULD BE WONDERFUL. IT IS TOO FAR FROM

HERE TO BE ABLE TO GO THERE AND THERE IS NOTHING IN N. SCOTTSDALE."

**COMMNET 19**

"This looks beautiful!! It is going to be a wonderful enhancement to our community. THANK YOU.

I am so happy to see shading added on the Pickleball Courts. I know that costs are rising significantly, but it does look like there is some land to put additional Pickleball Courts. If public funds are not available could private funds be used? I know that there is interest in providing additional funds if needed. Or, consideration of a potential Phase II for additional courts that could be incorporated in the current plan.

Thank you for the amazing work that has been done on this project. Thank you for listening. Thank you for supporting North Scottsdale.

**COMMNET 20**

Thanks for planning this park! Pickleball is quickly growing in popularity, and the closest public courts are at Thompson Peak park. It is very crowded there. I suggest that the number of PB courts at Ashley Hills Park be increased to 12 or 16. We would be willing to contribute to the cost, if there is a way for the public to do so.

**COMMNET 21**

I would like to see a dog park included in these plans. There is nothing close by that people can allow their dogs off leash in a safe environment. Also, Pickleball has become a very popular sport so I feel 8 courts would not be enough.

**COMMNET 22**

"I think your design is absolutely perfect. It takes into consideration noise, lights, animals, parking.

I approve and commend your plans and forward thinking.

Thank you so much for this wonderful addition to our neighborhood."

**COMMNET 23**

I am very disappointed that you have not included a dog park as you had originally. There is such a need for one in our area. I understand that the space is there for one but it is not in the final one. Please please reconsider.

**COMMNET 24**

"Rather than one large shade structure, I would suggest a smaller shade structure at the entrance and adding shade structures for basketball and pickleball players waiting to play."

**COMMNET 25**

What's described here is a COMMUNITY park, not a NEIGHBORHOOD park. Driven by larger communities that are not impacted by the park and do not want their tranquility, safety and home values diminished, this project has repeatedly and deceptively morphed into something much larger than originally planned or approved. Deeply disturbed by our city and aforementioned communities.

**COMMNET 26**

"I have followed this project from the two meetings at Winfield, through the bond-funding legislation which I actively supported, to this plan.

I am an active tennis player, and supported the project because it promised two courts at its inception, and now we are stuck with 8 pickle ball courts and no tennis courts. I am disappointed, to say the least, and feel somewhat betrayed by the reversal which eliminates tennis courts.

The park plan looks excellent, in most respects, but this glaring omission is, indeed, a glaring omission.

Please reinstate the tennis courts which got this project started, There are no neighborhood public courts in Scottsdale north of Grayhawk, a long way from here, and that was the promise of this park.

I am a resident in Solstice at Sevano, nearby, and am very concerned about the amount and visibility of traffic coming west to Scottsdale Road from the park. Traffic from Las Piedras at present is somewhat hard to see from our exit gate because of vegetation, and I hope that visibility will be improved as part of the construction, to avoid collisions or near-collisions with park traffic.

Thanks for your consideration."

**COMMNET 27**

Looks awesome and we can't wait! Please connect the park to the Scottsdale Heights community so we can walk directly to the park. Thank you.

**COMMNET 28**

"I think it looks very nice!

Thank you! I'm very excited!"

**COMMNET 29**

I think the design is great. Hurry please and build! Can we get a court reservation system and prioritize the local neighbors? People from far and wide will be coming to use these courts.

**COMMNET 30**

My husband, John, and I were at all the earlier meetings re: Ashler Hills Park. A few years have passed and we now realize that the 6 pickleball courts that were suggested will not be sufficient. After seeing how the demand has increased in places like Thompson Peak park, and knowing we would be the only neighborhood park in North Scottsdale, we definitely will need 8 courts minimum....12 courts ideally.

Your design right now is beautiful, and we can't wait for Ashler Hills Park to be completed. THANK YOU!!!

**COMMNET 31**

I live in the new community Scottsdale Heights. Will there be a pathway from Scottsdale Heights directly to the park?

**COMMNET 32**

looking forward to the park being constructed Looks great. Hopefully it will not be de-railed. Thanks for the information. Can hardly wait to walk the grandkids to the park and use the exercise area.

**COMMNET 33**

The park looks beautiful. I won't mind the construction phase for the benefits it will provide. I have a question about the trees shown in the proposal pictures. Will they be mature trees or will there be a few years of growth needed to achieve the look in the proposal?

**COMMNET 34**

"I would really like to see 'senior playground equipment', easily used by multi-generations.  
Thanks

**COMMNET 35**

I wish they would have carved out an area for a Dog Park w/shade... We could really use one up in this area...

**COMMNET 36**

i think it is strange to have 8 pickle ball courts and not ONE tennis court. Couldnt we do 6 pickle ball and 1 tennis?

**COMMNET 37**

"Please build more Pickleball Courts! 12 courts would be ideal. Can you put fences in between each court? If not, then fence a central walk way so you don't disturb the players on the other courts. Plan out where the paddle racks would be.  
Thanks,

**COMMNET 38**

I understand cost may be a factor, but I would think we need more pickleball courts. For residents that don't have neighborhood courts, these will be the only public courts nearby. Everyone I know is looking for a place to play. There is a great need for many many courts!

**COMMNET 39**

"A major concern is that the restrooms will be locked every evening at 9:00, when the park closes. The proposed plan to keep lights on until 10PM will disturb the peace in the neighborhood, and in consideration of abutting neighbors, the park should close at 9PM.

Hopefully there will be some patrolling after hours to discourage teens and vagrants from lingering. Thank you for considering our needs!"

**COMMNET 40**

"It seems like this park has taken so long to come to fruition and now to learn it will take another full year or more to actually open, seems unreal. I know there have been challenges due to Covid, but can't wait to finally be able to enjoy this beautiful plan. I will enjoy using the adult exercise area and walking the trails for sure. I like the lighting being directed completely downward for our night skies since I live in Terravita and we are a dark sky community. I have concerns about the light and am hoping these lights keep it to an absolute minimum. With being open till 10:30, will the park have any security after dark to keep vandalism and other nefarious things under control? Our area has been seeing more crime in the last few years and it should be address before the park is opened to the public."

**COMMNET 41**

The park must respect neighbors with regard to noise (mainly from pickleball), lights including controlling light trespass and hours they must be shut off, and traffic. I also am not in favor of changing tennis courts for pickleball as tennis has been around a lot longer and is growing in popularity while pickleball is a novelty which may or may no last. Also a lot more courts are being added which means a lot more noise and possibly desire to keep lights on longer. Most of the developments in this area have their own facilities so the need is in question. I also think grass is out of place here, this is the Sonoran desert, and in an ESLO overlay, not a park in Florida.

**COMMNET 42**

"I down loaded the exhibit- does not really show where children's playground will be and what ages will be included. There is no children's playground in North Scottsdale!

Additionally, Pickle ball is a multi-generational sport! More courts will allow more play."

**COMMNET 43**

"There is strong demand for pickleball courts in North Scottsdale. I strongly urge the City to build more than the proposed 8 pickleball courts in the Ashler Hills Park. This is an excellent opportunity to show citizens and residents of the North Scottsdale area that the City supports their recreational interests. Please consider installing 4 to 8 pickleball courts in addition to the currently proposed 8 courts. Thank you.

**COMMNET 44**

With the growing number of people playing pickleball, please reconsider the number of courts your putting in.

**COMMNET 45**

ASHLER HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WILL BE A WONDERFUL ADDITION FOR OUR NORTH SCOTTSDALE NEIGHBORS..I WOULD BE REMISS IN NOT COMMENTING ON THE NUMBER OF PICKLEBALL COURTS PLANNED FOR THE PROJECT..I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT THE NUMBER OF PICKLEBALL COURTS BE

INCREASED AT LEAST TO THIRTY..PICKELBALL IS EXPLODING AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS INCREASING BY TEN FOLD..LET'S ACCOMMODATE THEIR NEEDS. WHILE I AM NOT A PICKLEBALL PLAYER I RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR MORE COURTS.. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.....DON ARBOGAST

**COMMNET 46**

I am very excited to see a Neighborhood Park in this area. It is a wonderful addition. My biggest disappointment with the plans is the number of pickleball courts. As a very fast growing sport that I and my family have all recently begun to play..... I would expect many more courts than the 8 proposed. I moved from Minneapolis where the parks are all adding up to 24 courts if space allows. Those parks with 8 courts are consistently too busy and it is not unusual to have to wait behind 12 other players before being able to play. This has left families and players frustrated and disappointed. Please add as many courts as possible. I know they will all get used consistently and it will be the most used part of the park. Thanks for your consideration.

**COMMNET 47**

Please consider adding 8 more pickleball courts. Thank you.

**COMMNET 48**

"Amazing design and amenities!

We've been looking forward to this park since purchasing our retirement home in the Scottsdale, two years ago.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US (just look at the complex in Mesa!!) Is there room to add additional pickleball courts, if the current 8 prove to be not enough? If so, what is the process for consideration/expansion?

Are these courts 100% public, or there any agreements pending with outside organizations or associations, that will allow them to reserve one or more courts during particular days or times during the week?"

**COMMNET 49**

"8 courts not near enough. should be double that. fastest growing sport in USA. do it right the first time. plenty of room

**COMMNET 50**

The are not enough pickle ball courts. At lease 12 are rneeded and possibly 16+

**COMMNET 51**

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. This is an extremely carefully thought out and well-designed neighborhood park. I agree completely that an off-leash dog park requires different space and staffing (as is available at Thompson Peak/Hayden). Given the growing popularity of pickleball for individuals of

all ages however, I would recommend that the City consider expanding the number of pickleball courts from 8 to 12. There appears to be adequate space at the site for this. Alternative sources of funding could be explored if costs are the driving factor in limiting the number of courts to 8.

**COMMNET 52**

"In regards to Ashler park Pickleball courts. We are very interested in having more courts and can see that more than 8 courts would be highly beneficial.  
Please consider our recommendation.

Thank you so much

**COMMNET 53**

PLEASE, please ...add more than the 8 pickleball courts as in the proposal. The local neighborhood would utilize double that amount. Hopefully you hear this loud and clear from my neighbors. This is a huge need for community and family.

**COMMNET 54**

"I am wondering what the policy for the restrooms will be:

Who will be responsible for cleaning them and how often?

Will the restrooms be locked at night?

There is a concern that this park could become a popular place for homeless people to ""make home"".

Thank you,"

**COMMNET 55**

"I don't feel 8 Pickleball Courts will be adequate for the demand in NorthScottsdale . The area is growing and now most players drive over 15 miles for competitive matches.

The surrounding private clubs will not be allowing visitors on their courts as they do not have enough courts don't and the only way to get a game is to drive about 15 miles. There is great demand up here; do it right and make enough courts the first time around."

**COMMNET 56**

"So glad this park is finally getting built. It will be a wonderful addition to our community. We need more Pickleball courts! 8 will be really undersized for the popularity of the sport and growth in North Scottsdale.

Please, please put in a dog park."

**COMMNET 57**

"Great project and extremely well laid out. Exciting addition to north Scottsdale life style. My only concern is the number of pickleball courts given the popularity of the sport and the available land. The

number of players is growing exponentially and the demographics of this area suggest we could use at least 5 more courts. Appreciate all you folks have done and this is a wonderful project for our area.

**COMMNET 58**

There should be at least double the number of pickleball courts. With only 8 courts there will be a back up of people hanging around to play all day. It is SO popular for all age groups and is even gaining in popularity as everyone learns the game. Definitely build 16 or more since you have the space at this time.

**COMMNET 59**

We need at least 16 pickleball courts