

3-8-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # D.5 State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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**Council Meeting Date**

Mar 08, 2023

**Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?**

No (Digital comment only)

**Agenda Item**

D5

**Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:**

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

**Your Comment**

RE: \$2.1 million for Reno Tennis Center. I support funding repairs and maintenance to the courts themselves. In regard to the canopies proposed, more courts are needed in the community rather than those types of upgrades. It is great so many people are wanting to play pickleball and tennis in our community; pickleball courts are at a premium. We don't have enough, and it is a sport that is keeping a lot of us moving - great for public health. Also, the Reno Tennis Center needs to be run like a public facility, not a country club, and this funding should only be awarded contingent upon an agreement that assures this. Current management sells "memberships," and members get privileges that the general public do not get. Those who can afford the memberships and to play every day and put the most wear and tear on the courts are in effect paying less per session than those who do not sign up for membership and do not

have as much free time to be on the courts every day. We need policies that support public health goals of getting those who are not playing/moving to get moving more, not policies that favor those who are already playing/moving daily or almost daily. In my observations, current members could certainly afford to pay the \$4/session fee that the general public pays, and this would bring in more revenue to support the facility. Punch cards for 10 sessions or whatever could reduce administrative costs of having everyone pay each time they come. In closing, I support repair/upkeep of the Reno Tennis Center's tennis and pickleball courts if these courts will be run like a public facility, not a country club. I also support spending any other funds on funding more courts in our community.

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## External - Agenda item D5

1 message

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**Richard Jay** <richardljayreno@yahoo.com>  
To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 9:14 AM

Greetings,

My name is Richard Jay and I have been a resident of Reno here since 1967. I've seen this community grow from a small city to what it is today and I know what it will be like in 10 years from now. It's a great community live, and we have much to offer. One thing that we are severely lacking is flat fields for youth, sports, soccer, lacrosse, and other field sports. Last estimate from the parks and recreation department showed that we are lacking 46 fields now and that number continues grow as our community grows. Now more than ever we need to start planning and building new fields.

The Covid funding could make a major impact building those badly needed 46 fields. The plan is pretty straightforward, a joint cooperation between the City of Reno and Great Basin Youth Soccer along with the Reno Youth Sports Association, we can build up to 10 fields out there, more for the smaller kids. That along with eventually finishing Mill Street, we can have upwards of 30n new fields that are badly needed.

I have been working closely with the former Parks and Recreation Director and staff to come up with a plan that makes sense. We spent countless hours in zoom meetings, working with planning engineers and surveyors to come up with a plan. CFA, Inc. has graciously donated their time and services to develop the tentative master plan. GBYSL has been working with the city managers office to come up

with a MOU that makes sense. The plan is the users will be responsible for all maintenance, mowing, water, utilities, sod management and repairs. This will not be funded by city tax dollars, the end users will be responsible. Much like Moana is now, no tax dollar are used there for maintenance.

Bottom line it's a win-win for all, a win for the city, a win for a community, and a win for our youth sports players in our community. Not to mention the economic impact that our community can receive when we start hosting large youth flat field tournaments at Pembroke, as well as Mill Street.

Reno currently has no venue with more than three large fields, Reno is not built any major complex since Moana Springs Sports Complex, which was actually funded privately and to this day is maintained privately. While Cyan Park was built it lacks parking and overall space games. It is a great facility for practices only.

There will be no permanent structures out there, concessions will be handled by food trucks, portable bathrooms, and there will be a section out there for local bike riders, riding in the area to pull into to rest, get food and make repairs to their bikes if needed.

I urge you to continue to support this badly needed flat field facility.

Richard L. Jay  
Local resident of Reno since 1967





