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Project Proposal

Convert Murdock Park Handball Court into an Outdoor Squash Court

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Parks & Recreation

Purpose

This project proposal idea has come from observing how a non profit group did this exact same thing in New York.

<https://www.publicsquash.org/outdoor-squash-court>

There was also a feature about how they converted an underused handball court into a beautiful outdoor squash court in the October 2018 edition of Squash Magazine. <http://www.squashmagazine.com/>

With the loss of the Squash Courts in Los Gatos, Cupertino and Sunnyvale, there are not many places that existing squash players can play. It would be great if San Jose can offer a court. Not only this but given all these closures if additional funds are needed you will also get many of these squash players in the area willing to donate.

San Jose will also lead the way by offering a public place to play squash. Squash usually has an image of being an exclusive sport that is usually only available in high end clubs. But just looking at local charities like <http://squashdrive.org/> you will see that it has served hundreds of low income and at risk youth in Oakland. Supporting the local youth can help them on the pathway to some of the best colleges in the US.

The San Jose Parks & Rec team can also offer weekend and after school squash training as part of their city programs partnering with the charities like squashdrive and the local squash coaches, who would be more than happy to grow the sport and work to encourage local san jose low income youth to take up the sport.

It will definitely benefit the community at large

- Allows San Jose to offer a New Sport to the Area
- Replaces the loss of the existing recently closed courts
- Can develop Youth Programs and work with local charities to deliver the sport to low income and at risk
- A pathway to college for local youth (did you know that existing players in the area despite having limited resources are already in the nations top rankings)
- Beautifies the Park.
- Will encourage community members to want to use the facility
- Makes use of an underused handball court to what will be a highly used squash court.
- San Jose will get international and national recognition for becoming a public squash advocate. Raises the perception of the City further.

Location in District 1

Murdock Park