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Dear Bellevue Parks Advisory Board,

My name is David Lai, a Bellevue resident for the last 20 plus years. I am the team lead in a volunteer committee advocating for more pickleball courts in Bellevue. Thank you all for including the need for pickleball courts in the 2022 Bellevue Open Space System Plan.

Our committee has been looking for space for dedicated pickleball courts in Bellevue.

We understand that the Parks Department is in the process of updating the Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan. The updated Master Plan will include an aquatic center and ball fields. Since it only takes 1/3 acre to accommodate 8 dedicated pickleball courts, it appears that it would not be that difficult to add 8 pickleball courts in the relatively flat 14.6 acres area of the Park.

Attached is a document describing our proposal. This proposal has lots of support from the Eastside pickleball community including many Bellevue residents. We plan to register only 2 speakers, myself and Leslie Wang, for the oral communication section of the board meeting. Instead of inundating the board meeting with speakers, we have asked our supporters to provide inputs to the Parks Board by sending in emails.

Hope you have a chance to read our proposal before our oral communications.

Regards,

David Lai