Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

RESOLUTION #4B-26-1101
Supporting Conversion of One Tennis Court into Additional Pickleball Courts at Takoma Recreation Center
Adopted November 23, 2026

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4B (the Commission) takes note of the following:

- District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is responsible for providing recreational facilities and programming that meet the evolving needs of District residents, including opportunities for physical activity, social engagement, and community wellness.
- Takoma Recreation Center (the Center) serves as an important recreational resource for residents of Takoma and surrounding communities, offering opportunities for organized sports, individual recreation, and community interaction.
- Pursuant to a petition submitted by residents and users of the Center, the facility currently has five tennis courts and two dedicated pickleball courts.
- Community members have requested that DPR convert the tennis court closest to the existing pickleball courts into four additional dedicated pickleball courts, increasing the total number of pickleball courts from two to six while preserving four tennis courts for continued tennis use.
- The petition includes 108 responses from individuals expressing support for additional pickleball facilities and documenting their experiences using the existing courts.
- Respondents consistently identify overcrowding, extended wait times, difficulty accessing courts during peak hours, limited opportunities for open play, and the need to travel to other recreational facilities as barriers to participation.
- Several respondents report that the limited availability of pickleball courts discourages new and less experienced players from participating and restricts opportunities for lessons, organized programming, and recreational play.
- Pickleball offers opportunities for physical activity and social engagement among residents of different ages, abilities, and skill levels, supporting broader public health and community-building objectives.
- Expanding the number of dedicated pickleball courts would create additional opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors to participate in

recreational activities while fostering intergenerational connections and neighborhood relationships.

- The proposed conversion would allow four dedicated pickleball courts to occupy the footprint of one existing tennis court, potentially increasing the number of residents able to use that recreational space simultaneously.
- Locating the additional courts adjacent to the existing pickleball facilities could create a more cohesive recreational area and support more efficient maintenance, programming, and organized play.
- The proposed conversion would retain four existing tennis courts, thereby preserving opportunities for tennis while responding to documented community demand for additional pickleball facilities; and
- ANC 4B recognizes the importance of balancing the recreational needs of tennis players, pickleball players, nearby residents, and other users of the Center.
- Public recreational facilities should evolve in response to demonstrated community needs while maintaining accessibility, safety, responsible stewardship of public resources, and opportunities for meaningful community engagement.
- ANC 4B believes that the petition demonstrates sufficient community interest to warrant serious consideration and timely action by DPR.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B formally supports the community petition requesting the conversion of one existing tennis court at the Center into four dedicated pickleball courts, increasing the total number of dedicated pickleball courts from two to six while retaining four tennis courts.
- The Commission urges the DPR to evaluate and advance the proposed conversion, including an assessment of court utilization, community demand, site suitability, construction requirements, and anticipated costs.
- ANC 4B requests that DPR prioritize the tennis court located closest to the existing pickleball courts for conversion, consistent with the community petition and subject to appropriate technical and operational review.
- The Commission requests that DPR engage pickleball players, tennis players, nearby residents, community organizations, and other stakeholders before finalizing the project's design and implementation schedule.
- ANC 4B encourages DPR to incorporate appropriate court surfacing, fencing, accessibility improvements, signage, and other features necessary to ensure that the expanded facilities are safe, durable, and accessible to residents of varying ages and abilities.
- The Commission requests that DPR consider the potential effects of expanded pickleball use on surrounding residential areas, including noise, operating hours, and facility management, and implement

reasonable mitigation measures where necessary.

- ANC 4B encourages DPR to consider opportunities for beginner instruction, youth programming, senior recreation, organized play, and equitable public access when developing plans for the expanded courts.
- The Commission requests a written response from DPR within 60 days of receipt of this resolution identifying:
    1. Whether DPR supports the proposed conversion;
    2. Any technical, operational, or budgetary obstacles to implementation;
    3. The estimated cost of converting one tennis court into four dedicated pickleball courts;
    4. Potential funding sources and opportunities to incorporate the project into existing capital improvement or maintenance plans;
    5. The anticipated timeline for project design, community engagement, and implementation; and
    6. Any additional steps necessary to move the project forward.
- ANC 4B requests that DPR give great weight to this resolution, consistent with applicable District law governing Advisory Neighborhood Commission recommendations; and

FURTHER RESOLVED:

Commissioner Keenan Courtland, 4B03 and Tiffani Nichole Johnson, 4B06, are hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

If the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by a voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of of members were present) on October 26, 2026, by a vote of ___ yes, ____ no, ____ abstentions.

__/s/ Shamina Christian_____
Commissioner Shamina Christian
ANC 4B Chair