

March 17, 2026 11:00 a.m.
Wadeview Neighborhood Center

Members Present:

Kevin Dunleavy
Jay Groves – Co-Chair
Natalie Houston, Chair
Jorge Macedo
Josiah Moore
David Riccardi
Tangia Hill-Smikle
Catherine Tugg

Members Absent:

Derek Lewis

Others Present:

Tyrone Walker, Parks and Recreation Program Manager
Avery Boger, Signature Parks & Events Manager
Michael Pavelko, Parks and Recreation District Manager
Brenda Scott, Parks and Recreation Program Manager
Brandy O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Edwin Sanchez, Parks Project Manager
Dr. Judith Shealey, Lion of Judah Academy
Aixa Gonzalez, Hebni Nutrition Consultants
Dylan Schimka, One Heart for Women and Children
Arlene Roque, UCF Graduate Student
Wystosia Mcmillan, UCF Graduate Student
Andrew Marshall, Citizen
Margaret Hill, Citizen
Sam Mercado, Citizen

1. Call to Order

David Riccardi, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. in lieu of the Chair and Co-Chair. Natalie Houston, Chair, arrived at the meeting shortly after and took over. The Co-Chair also arrived within 5 minutes of start time.

2. Public Comment

Andrew Marshall was present and addressed the Board regarding Lake Eola Park.

3. Introduction to Wadeview Neighborhood Center

Provided by Ashli "Nikki" Purvis, Community Center Manager.

4. Consideration of Minutes

Approval of minutes for the February 17, 2026, meeting was moved by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Jorge Macedo. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Parks Presentation of FRDAP Grant Application Process and Use of Funds

Edwin Sanchez, Parks Project Manager, provided an overview of the FRDAP grant application process and how the funds will be used to update George Barker Park with Pickleball Courts if it is awarded to the City of Orlando. The presentation is attached.

6. Loch Haven Cultural Park Requests

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for Banner: Science & Wine
Banner Display Dates: March 23 – April 27, 2026

It was motioned by Catherine Tugg and seconded by Jay Groves to approve the 10ft x 4ft “Science & Wine” roadside banner facing Princeton Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for Banner: Phenomenon, The Exhibition
Banner Display Dates: April 28 – September 1, 2026

It was motioned by Catherine Tugg and seconded by Jorge Macedo to approve the 25ft x 14ft “Phenomenon, The Exhibition” building banner facing Princeton Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Funding Requests

Applicant/Organization: Lion of Judah Academy
Amount Requested: \$1,800.00
Purpose of Funds: Park rental fees
Date of Event: April 18, 2026
Location: Eagles Nest Park

Dr. Judith Shealey, Founder of Lion of Judah Academy, came before the Board to present the “Community Multicultural Unity Celebration” event taking place at Eagles Nest Park. This event brings together people from all backgrounds to celebrate the diversity that makes the City of Orlando so special. It is a gathering where individuals share their traditions, food, music, and art while forming meaningful connections and fostering understanding. This celebration also provides local businesses, entrepreneurs, and artists with a platform to showcase their gifts. Beyond the performances and activities, it is the genuine conversations and new friendships that make this gathering so impactful. It was motioned by Natalie Houston to approve \$1200.00 for the event to cover City costs. David Riccardi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: One Heart for Women and Children
Amount Requested: \$1,800.00

Purpose of Funds: Park rental fees and permits
Date of Event: March 21, 2026
Location: Lake Eola Park

Dylan Schimka, Representative of One Heart for Women and Children, came before the Board to present the “Live Fest 2026” event taking place at Lake Eola Park. This vibrant, high-energy event is about embracing the rhythm of life, hope, love, healing, and togetherness—the beats that keep the local community strong. It aims to bring the community together for a day filled with inspiration, connection, and fun for all ages, featuring resources for a drug free life, kids’ zone, food trucks and live music. It was motioned by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the request of \$1,800.00 as presented. Jorge Macedo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Hebni Nutrition Consultants
Amount Requested: \$1,800.00
Purpose of Funds: Park rental fees and permits
Date of Event: April 11, 2026
Location: Lake Lorna Doone Park

Aixa Gonzalez, of Hebni Nutrition Consultants, came before the Board to present the “4th Annual Arts & Heart Community Health Fair and 5k” event. This beloved annual event brings together movement, health, art, and community in one free, family-friendly morning. The event offers a 5k run or walk around Lake Eola as well as a community health fair featuring local healthcare providers, wellness organizations, and artisan vendors. Hebni Nutrition's mission is to empower culturally diverse communities through nutrition education and chronic disease prevention. It was motioned by Tangia Hill-Smikle to approve the request of \$1,800.00 as presented. Josiah Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Reports

Tyrone Walker, Parks and Recreation Program Manager, provided an update on the Capital Improvement Division’s 5-year plan for Families, Parks and Recreation and notification that the new Parks and Recreation Division Manager would be announced at the next meeting. Mr. Walker also asked the Board to refer any youth, 15 years of age or older to the Lifeguard Program.

Avery Boger, Signature Parks & Events Manager, informed the Board that the new bridge at Greenwood Urban Wetlands has been installed and the Gilbert McQueen Park renovation is completed. Ms. Boger also let the Board know that the City is working with the FL Health Department to finalize a permanent care plan for Lake Eola Park swans as well as recent directives to Lake Eola Park maintenance staff such as skimming the shoreline regularly for debris.

Michael Pavelko, Parks and Recreation District Manager, updated the Board on spring break happenings across the Neighborhood Centers highlighting the Girls Scouts camping trip and Edible Education Experience cooking classes that will take place while school is dismissed for Spring Break. Mr. Pavelko also reminded the Board that registration for Summer Camp starts on April 4th at 1:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Natalie Houston, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.



Natalie Houston
Chair

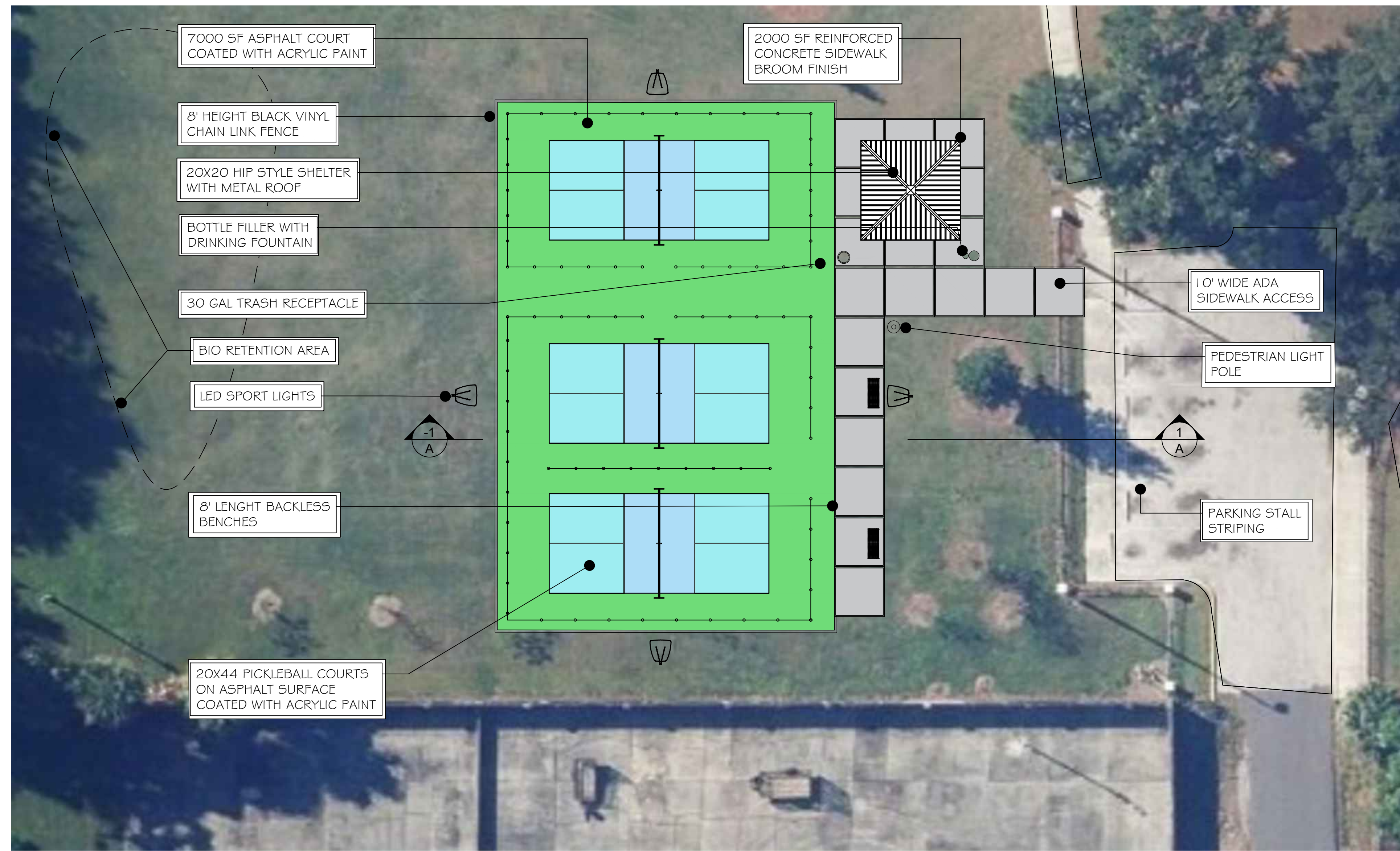
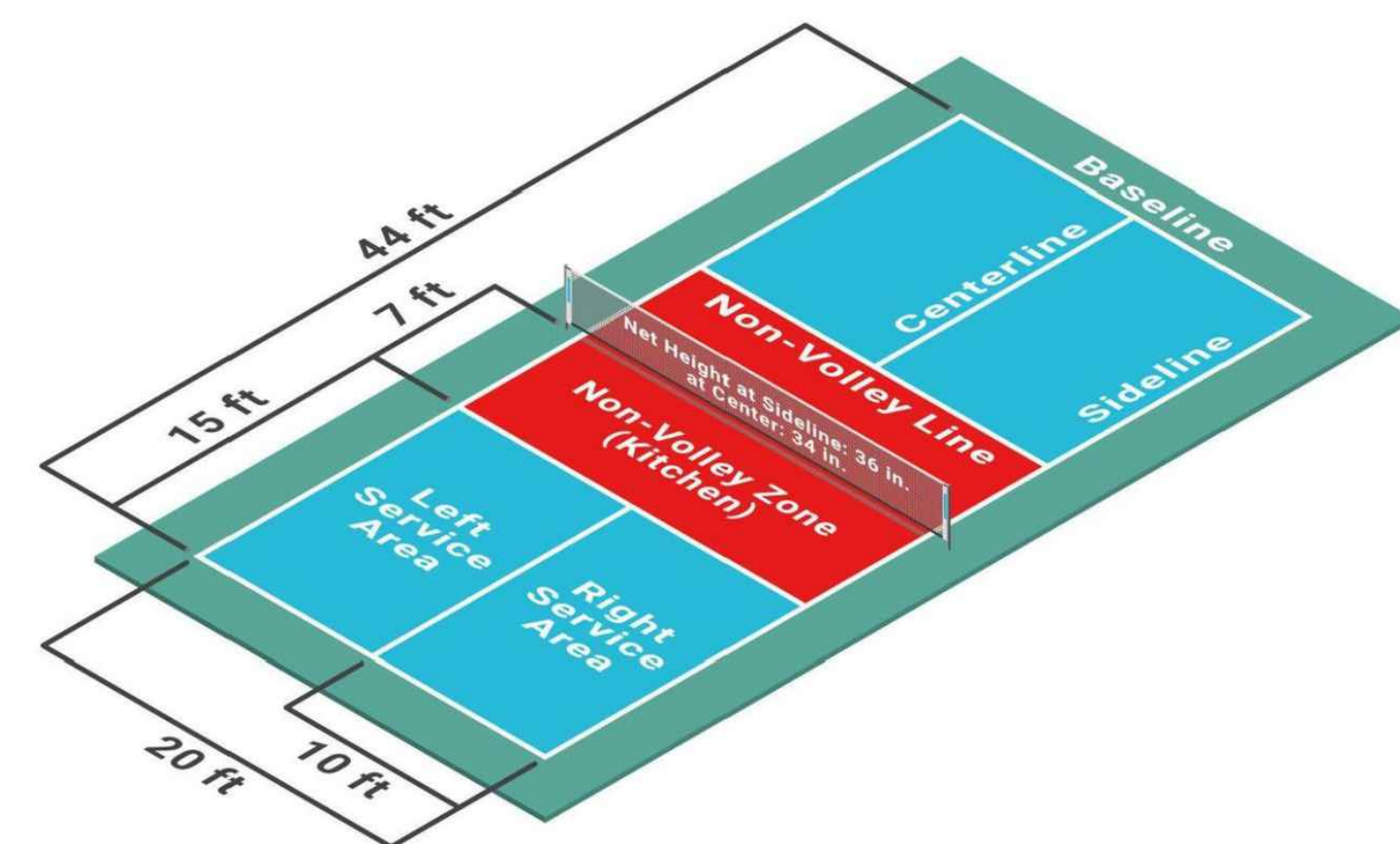


Brandy O'Brien
Recording Secretary



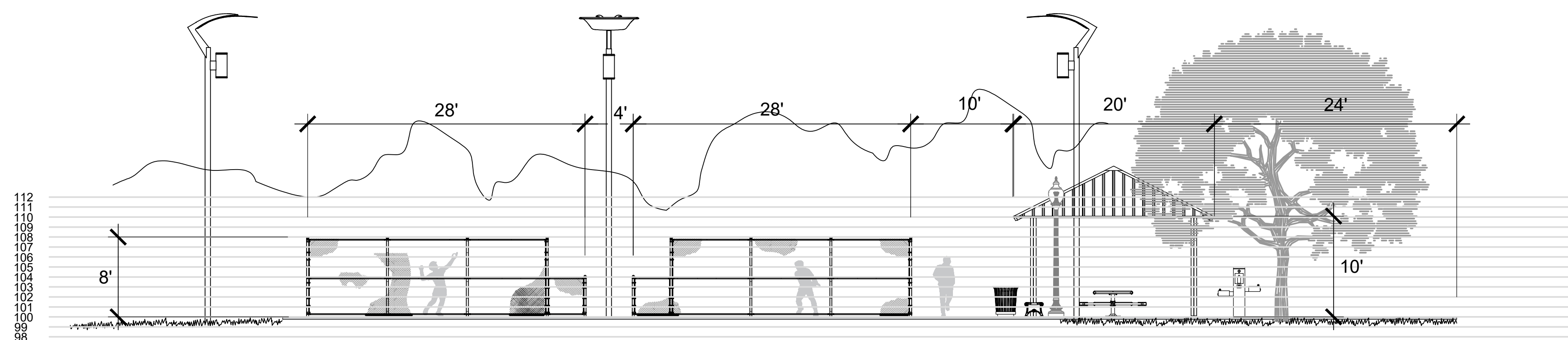
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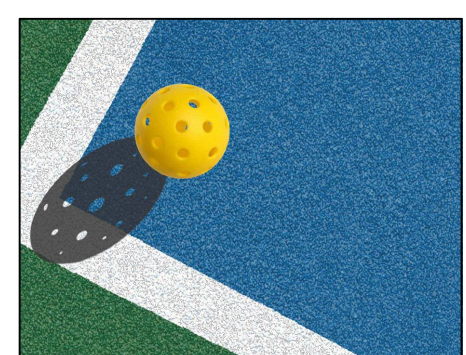


GEORGE BARKER PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

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GEORGE BARKER COMMUNITY PARK PICKLEBALL CONCEPT PLAN

2000 MONTE CARLO TRAIL (DISTRICT 5)

ORLANDO FL.

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