

COMMUNITY TENNIS PLAN

Restoration and Maintenance of Davis Public Tennis Courts

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DTC was formed to promote tennis, a healthy lifestyle and recreational opportunities for everyone in the City of Davis. Though the plan was created by the following 2014 members of the DTC board it was made possible by those who have served on the club's board before them and by the many who have given their time to promote tennis in this city.

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1. Purpose of Plan

The Davis Community Tennis Plan is designed to provide City liaisons, Parks and Recreation Commissioners, City Council members and the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) officials with an informational guide containing the details necessary to budget for the rebuilding, repair and maintenance of the City's tennis facilities and the courts used by the public on DJUSD property.

Additionally, it is DTC's long-term goal to continue to monitor the conditions of City and DJUSD courts for future needs and work with the City and School District to address these issues as they become evident. DTC will also look for opportunities to build new courts in town including approaching the developers of the new Cannery project.

2. Davis Tennis Club and Our Mission

The Davis Tennis Club is a community-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization staffed entirely by volunteers which is dedicated to promoting and encouraging participation in tennis by sponsoring instructional, social, and team-based programs that are open to all.

It is DTC's mission to promote tennis and a healthy lifestyle in adults, seniors and children; to provide affordable lessons and free equipment so all can have the opportunity to play tennis; to attract United States Tennis Association (USTA) and Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA) tournaments to the city; to promote interclub league play; and to support Special Olympics events and other tennis-related events in Davis.

3. History of the Davis Tennis Club

The Davis Tennis Club was started in 1956 by a small group of tennis enthusiasts whose objective was simple...qualify for a group discount when buying tennis balls in bulk. Since then, the community-oriented club through thousands of hours of volunteer time, has become more organized by establishing a board of directors, obtaining a non-profit 501(c)(3) designation, and creating bylaws to more formally govern the club. The efforts of those who have served on the DTC board over the years have greatly contributed to the tremendous growth and popularity of tennis the community enjoys today.

The DTC offers the following programs that encourage participation in the sport and contribute to the greater health and well-being of those who play the game:

- Racquet and ball donations to school programs and Special Olympics
- Youth summer tennis camps through our club pro (Dale Hersch)
- Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA) and United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournaments for adults and youth
- Court maintenance including purchase of nets and court washing
- Community drop-in events and tennis socials with round-robin play
- SATA league play
- USTA league play
- Group and Individual lessons through club pro (Dale Hersch)
- Volunteer hours for tournaments and Special Olympics
- A web site (**www.davistennisclub.org**) with links to other online resources to update players on events and court conditions

Since the club's inception, DTC has contributed approximately \$166,000 to the City and DJUSD toward the maintenance of the various tennis courts in town, the construction of a community clubhouse, and the promotion of tennis in general.

4. Involved Parties and their Relationship

1. City of Davis: The City owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the following tennis courts:
 - a. Walnut Tennis Complex in Walnut Community Park near Peregrine (formally Merryhill) School in South Davis. There are six courts with lights.
 - b. North Davis Courts in the greenbelt area south of Grande Avenue in North Davis. There are two courts with no lights.
 - c. Slide Hill Courts in Slide Hill Park in Mace Ranch south of East Covell Blvd. along Tulip Lane. There are two tennis courts with no lights.
 - d. Chestnut Tennis Courts in Chestnut Park in East Davis on Chestnut Lane west of Pole Line Road. There are two courts with lights.
 - e. Pioneer Tennis Courts in Pioneer Park in South Davis on Glide Drive south of Chiles Road. There are two courts and no lights.
 - f. Redwood Park Courts on Anderson Road next to Cesar Chavez Elementary School in Central Davis. There are two courts with lights.

2. Davis Joint Unified School District: DJUSD owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the following courts, except where exists an agreement otherwise:
 - a. Davis High School Tennis Complex (AKA: Community Park Tennis Complex). The complex is located between DHS and Community Park. DJUSD owns the courts and has an agreement with the City whereby the City is responsible for maintaining them. The Davis Tennis Club helps maintain the complex by replacing equipment including nets, straps, windscreens and pays for the regular washing of the courts. The City is responsible for maintaining the lighting system and there are 12 courts with lights. These courts are open to the public 7 days a week and are the most heavily used courts by DHS, DTC members and the public. These groups use the DHS courts because they are in the best playable condition when compared to the other courts in town.
 - b. Emerson Junior High School Courts located at Emerson Junior HS, 2121 Calaveras Avenue in West Davis, south of Russell Boulevard. There are two courts and no lights.
 - c. Willet Elementary School, 1207 Sycamore Lane in Central Davis north of Russell Boulevard and south of W.Covell Blvd. There are two courts and no lights.
3. Davis Tennis Club: DTC is designated by the City as a “Sponsored Organization.” DTC is a nonprofit organization operated by a board of volunteers. DTC pays an annual fee (\$4,338) to the City, which applies the money primarily toward the maintenance of the Community Park Tennis Complex. DTC further maintains these courts by providing equipment including the replacement of nets, straps, and windscreens, and funds regular washing of the courts.

DTC permits the courts through the DJUSD which allows DTC to reserve them for public tennis events and youth programs during the summer. DTC acknowledges that the school district has use priority at the Community Park Tennis Complex and works with DJUSD officials to organize permitted events around the high school’s schedule. DTC also posts a calendar of reserved courts to inform the public of court usage and availability.

Dale Hersch (Davis Tennis Academy) is DTC’s professional instructor. He provides private individual and group lessons to the public. Additionally, Dale offers many youth programs sanctioned by USTA,

including leagues, tournaments and summer camps which are held at the Community Park Tennis Complex. Dale is a certified tennis instructor through the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and he is Davis High School's tennis coach. He contributes 70% of the annual fees DTC pays to the city.

5. Current Court Conditions and Estimated Rebuild and Repair Costs

DTC met with Bruce Sheldon of Tennis Court Specialists, a licensed and local contractor who specializes in building and repairing tennis courts. Sheldon provided an estimate on the cost of repairing or rebuilding where necessary the various tennis courts in Davis used by the public.

Sheldon provided the following estimate per complex:

Community\Davis High School Court Complex

Courts 1-7: Sheldon recommend repairing the cracks in the court with Rite-way repair system, acrylic resurfacing and color coating to extend the playability of the courts at a cost of \$5,000 per court for a total of \$35,000.

Courts 8-12: Sheldon recommended replacing the existing courts with new ones at a cost of \$40,000 per court for a total of \$200,000. DTC has access to a USTA grant opportunity for up to 20% of the cost to rebuild or repair these courts. The DTC will apply for grant funding to help defer costs.

Walnut Court Complex

Sheldon recommended replacing existing complex with a new one at \$50,000 per court for a total of \$300,000. This includes relocating the lights from inside to the perimeter. DTC has access to a USTA grant opportunity for up to 20% of the cost to rebuild or repair these courts. The DTC will apply for grant funding to help defer costs.

Two-Court Complexes

These complexes include the city park tennis courts at North Davis, Slide Hill, Redwood and Chestnut and the Emerson Junior High School courts. Sheldon recommends replacing the courts. Costs will include 8 inches of rock, 3 inches of asphalt and an acrylic top coat at \$40,000 a court for a total of \$400,000 (ten courts).

The total cost to either repair or replace all courts as estimated by Bruce Sheldon is: \$865,000 (includes adjustment for USTA grant of \$70,000.)

Based on the community's needs, the DTC recommends the following order in which to perform the maintenance of the courts:

1. Walnut Court Complex. These courts are in the worst condition and badly in need of rebuilding. DTC can apply for a grant of up to a 20% of the cost to repair or rebuild the complex.
2. Community Court Complex\Davis High School Courts. These are the most widely used courts for tournaments, league play and by the general public. DTC can apply for a grant of up to a 20% of the cost to repair or rebuild the complex
3. All other two-court complexes in town.

To view condition photographs of the various public tennis courts go to **www.davistennisclub.org/ctp**.

6. Fundraising and Grant Opportunities

DTC is affiliated with the United States Tennis Association as a Community Tennis Association (CTA). To help fulfill our mission of promoting tennis in the City of Davis, we have access to grant funds from the USTA toward rebuilding and/or maintenance of tennis courts. The USTA will grant up to 20% of the cost of rebuilding facilities such as the Walnut Park Tennis Complex and the Community Park\Davis High School Courts. DTC will apply for a grant of 20% toward the reconstruction of the Walnut Park Tennis Complex and Community Park\Davis High School courts to help defer the cost to the City and DJUSD.

Youth tennis programs are a key element in being awarded a grant. DTC's teaching professional, Dale Hersch, offers many youth programs sanctioned by the USTA, including leagues, tournaments and summer camps which are held at the Community Park Tennis Complex. The DTC predominantly uses the Community Park Tennis Complex for its programs because the Walnut Complex and two-court complexes in town are in poor condition. Rebuilding the Walnut Park Complex and repairing the two-court complexes will allow the DTC to expand its youth programs.

In addition to the USTA grant, DTC will seek other available grants to help defer costs in rebuilding/repairs to Walnut/Community Court complexes and to the two-court park and school courts in town.

7. Ongoing Evaluation and Monitoring of Public Tennis Courts

After all repairs are made to the tennis courts in Davis as described in this plan, DTC will continue to monitor and evaluate the conditions of the public tennis courts. DTC will work with the City and School District to recommend repairs as they become necessary. DTC will continue to pay for equipment and court washing of the tennis courts used by the DTC for community events. DTC will also meet with companies who develop new housing areas in Davis to negotiate for the construction of new tennis courts in these developments. Lastly, DTC will work with the City and School District to promote tennis for all to enjoy in Davis.