



# City of Apache Junction

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MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: July 17, 2024  
SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Architectural Services for Prospector Park Pickleball Courts

Pickleball courts have been among the most requested amenities throughout the entire state of Arizona, for the past 10-15 years. After a dog park, it is the most frequently mentioned need by city residents to our department. After converting one tennis court to four pickleball courts in 2014, we have seen the need increase exponentially year after year. During the cooler months of the year, staff see 30-40 people waiting their turn on the sidelines to play, every day.

After reaching out to several firms, City staff have selected Dig Studio to design and help implement the expansion of our Prospector Park pickleball courts, per the original master plan of this area. They are respectfully regarded throughout Arizona in the parks and recreation field and have proposed a price staff feel to be very competitive and within budget.

This project was approved in the FY25 budget to be funded by the development fund. This is money collected that can ONLY be utilized for projects within the parks system, identified in the state required, Infrastructure Improvement Plan, adopted every 5 years by city council. Local pickleball enthusiasts are also assisting with a corporate partnership effort.

Staff is recommending an architectural contract be awarded to Dig Studio in an amount not to exceed: \$138,624.15, which includes a 5% owner-controlled contingency for unforeseen circumstances.

This item will be presented and discussed at your August 4th Work Session and brought back two weeks later for consideration and approval.