

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF PROMOTING ADDITIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PONTE VEDRA AREA OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, IN THE FORM OF A UNITED STATES CROQUET ASSOCIATION FACILITY TO BE CONSTRUCTED UPON PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AND VACANT ST. JOHNS COUNTY PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the County has supported the promotion of a variety of sports including golf, tennis, boating, fishing, softball among others; and has adopted the theme, "Headquarters for a World of Sports," and

WHEREAS, the County has recognized the importance of recreational facilities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, presently a certain parcel of County property in the Ponte Vedra area ("the Property") situated adjacent to the County fire station and library facilities in that area is presently available, vacant, and not needed for other County purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Section President of the United States Croquet Association ("USCA") has presented the County with a draft lease proposal (with revisions) that provides for the construction, at USCA cost, of three "championship" size croquet courts; and

WHEREAS, such lease proposal further provides that USCA "shall maintain and operate the property as a non-profit recreational facility open to the public..." and "shall promote and develop the sport of croquet by offering instructional schools and clinics..." and

WHEREAS, such lease proposal further provides that the County may terminate the proposed lease at any time (with 90 days written notice) if the County should need the property for expansion of the fire station or library facilities, or any County use; and

WHEREAS s. 125.38, Fla. Stat. provides in part: "[i]f...any...corporation or other organization not for profit which may be organized for the purposes of promoting community interest and welfare, should desire any real or personal property that may be owned by any county of this state or by its board of county commissioners, for public or community interest and welfare, then the...corporation or organization may apply to the board of county commissioners for a conveyance or lease of such property. Such board, if satisfied that such property is required for such use and is not needed for county purposes, may thereupon...lease the same...to the applicant for such price, whether nominal or otherwise, as such board may fix, regardless of the actual value of such property."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that:

1. The Board supports the leasing of the Property to USCA; contingent upon a lease agreement that fully satisfies any management concerns the County Administrator may identify.
2. The County Administrator is directed to identify and provide appropriate leasing concerns pertaining to the Property, and draft an appropriate lease for review by the County Attorney's Office; and present said draft lease for consideration by this Board after said review.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 10 day of November, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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