

JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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17 February 2022

Mr Jerome Fletcher  
City Manager  
City of North Port  
4970 City Hall Boulevard  
North Port, FL 34286

**Subject: Board of Directors Decision – Canine Club Expansion**

Dear Mr Fletcher,

In early November 2021, the Parks and Recreation Department approached the Jockey Club seeking permission to expand the Canine Club into land controlled by the Jockey Club in accordance with the 1981 Lease Agreement between the City and the Jockey Club. The Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Tricia Wisner, was kind enough to make a presentation regarding the proposal to the Board and members at a Board of Directors meeting held on 13 December 2021. Her efforts are most appreciated. Since that time, the Jockey Club sought the opinions of its membership through further discussions and a survey.

At our recent Board meeting held on 14 February 2022, the Board voted unanimously to not approve the City of North Port's request to expand the Canine Club on Appomattox Blvd. The decision was based upon a survey of the membership resulting in approximately 90% not favouring the expansion; with the major concerns being increased noise, traffic and parking issues. In addition, there was no direct benefit to the Jockey Club resulting from this proposal.

We would like to thank the City for acknowledging the terms of the Lease Agreement in giving the Jockey Club the final say in regards to events/activities conducted on those tracts governed by the Lease.

Sincerely,

William Seaver  
President



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TO: A. Jerome Fletcher II, City Manager  
THROUGH: Sandy Pfundheller, Director *SP*  
FROM: Tricia Wisner, Assistant Director *TW*  
SUBJECT: Evaluation of Potential Modification of Lease with Jockey Club for Canine Club Expansion  
DATE: March 14, 2022

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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) sent a letter dated July 21, 2021, to the City Commission requesting evaluation of a requested expansion of the Canine Club dog park utilizing a parcel that is included in the 1981 Lease Agreement with the Jockey Club of North Port.

During a regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on September 28, 2021, the Commission provided consensus for the City Manager to direct staff to discuss with Jockey Club representatives the potential to modify the lease agreement for the expansion of the park. Parks & Recreation staff presented information on the proposed expansion to the Jockey Club during their regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2021.

The Jockey Club provided the attached letter, dated February 17, 2022, stating that they are not in support of the expansion of the Canine Club.

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Attachments

1. February 17, 2022, Letter from the Jockey Club