JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.



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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