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Good Morning Commissioners, attached is a request from the Kiwanis Club to use space at Dallas White Park for a portable building. Our team will put this item on an upcoming agenda for your discussion and consideration. Thank you.



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**From:** Kiwanis north port <kiwanisofnorthport@gmail.com>

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To the Honorable City Commission and Jerome Fletcher,

For five decades, the city of North Port partnered with the Kiwanis Club of North Port Foundation on several projects including Kiwanis building the North Port Scout House which was given to the city through a hand-shake deal, the original Children's Closet, the wheelchair accessible swing at Dallas White Park and more recently the extremely successful Do the Right Thing program.

In 2022, the Kiwanis moved from a condemned one-room building into a beautiful new portable building on Sam Shapos Way.

However, on Sept. 28, Hurricane Ian destroyed the building with many of the new items inside. It was deemed a total loss.

Since then, the Kiwanis Club has operated out of a container and two costly storage units. It's not the same as having a building. Residents are accustomed to donating to the club to help others.

Since the hurricane(s), the needs haven't gone away, in fact, they have intensified with the 11 schools still asking us for help on a regular basis, including in the summer months.

Now, the club has the opportunity to apply for a new ADA portable building.

There is a good chance the club will be considered for funds to purchase the building with an ADA ramp, which will restore the services to the low-income, underserved area of the community .

The club is asking to locate the portable across from the old site of the original portable. It's the

same location that the city put the utility building portable units after the hurricane destroyed the utility facility on Price Blvd. in 2022.

They've been removed and the swath of land is now vacant. The club believes this is an ideal location for a portable. It won't generate an abundance of traffic during the city work day which has shared parking.

The club is asking for permission to place the portable on the property to serve the community with free clothing and household goods, especially to anyone after a house fire, families who come to the city from war-torn Ukraine or are fleeing a domestic violence situation.

The grant requires proof of an agreement for the placement of the portable on the property as well as a site visit.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to continue helping some of North Port's most vulnerable individuals and families.

Chris Street

Kiwanis Club President

