

Lively, Cathy

From: Smith, Susan
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Lively, Cathy
Cc: Commissioner, D2
Subject: D2 Appeal Disclosure List
Attachments: Brevard Renaissance Fair -- Commisioners meeting; My support for the Florida Renaissance Festival; Brevard Renaissance Faire; Brevard Renaissance Fair

Good afternoon Cathy,

The D2 office has received the attached emails regarding Agenda item I.2. – Citizen Request RE: Appeal Wickham Park Usage Denial.

Thank you,



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From: Peter Moolhuizen <pete@brevardrenaissancefair.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 10:41 AM
To: Commissioner, D5; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4
Cc: Feltner, Rob; Steele, Jason; Goodson, Tom; John.Tobias@brevardfl.gov; Rita.Prichett@brevardfl.gov; Donner, Mary Ellen; craig hessee; Barb Moolhuizen; Andrew Meade; Jason Hart; Paul.Alfrey@mlbfl.org
Subject: Brevard Renaissance Fair -- Commisioners meeting

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Subject: Upcoming Commissioner Meeting - Items of Interest and Request for Support

Dear Commissioners,

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to Rob Feltner, his staff, and other departments for their collaborative efforts to find a solution that allows the Brevard Renaissance Fair and other significant community events to remain in Brevard County.

As Brevard County's population grows in the coming years, the demand for county parks will increase, leading to inevitable conflicts among different groups vying for access to these facilities. Establishing a dedicated site specifically designed for significant events and capable of accommodating substantial crowds would be advantageous for everyone. Unlike surrounding counties with fairgrounds, Brevard currently lacks a comparable venue. For example, Indian River has a 185-acre site dedicated exclusively to hosting various events. A similar facility in Brevard could serve the community's needs more effectively and mitigate the stress on existing parks.

Looking ahead to next week's commissioner meeting, there are two agenda items of particular importance to us:

1. ****Land Swap with the City of Melbourne****: After visiting the proposed site this week, I am convinced it would serve as an excellent venue for significant events, benefitting both the City of Melbourne and the residents of Brevard County. We are eager to assist in developing this location. While it may not be perfect now, it presents a clean slate with great potential for enhancement. Over time, this could become a valuable asset for all Brevardians.
2. ****Application for the Use of Wickham Park****: Our team has been actively collaborating with Rob Feltner's office and our real estate consultants to ensure our continued presence in Brevard. While not all solutions explored have been ideal, some have shown promise. We have initiated preparations at a potential site in Cocoa, facing several challenges that must be resolved by January. I remain optimistic about meeting our January 15th deadline, though I acknowledge some reservations due to the cautious outlook of others. Consequently, we propose using Wickham Park as a **contingency plan**, ensuring the fair's continuity. External factors, such as the St. John Water Authority, FPL, Zoning, Site Plans, bridge and road construction, and seasonal weather conditions, particularly during the summer, could impact our readiness.

Our application for Wickham Park will be reviewed at the meeting on the 23rd. We request your approval to use this location as a **fallback** option. This would safeguard against the potential discontinuation of the event, which, if delayed for what would be effectively two years, might lead to its cessation.

We greatly appreciate all the efforts to address these challenges and hope for a resolution to benefit all involved parties. Making this decision is challenging, as there will inevitably be detractors regardless of the outcome. We hope you will consider what is most beneficial for most Brevardians, even if it entails some short-term inconvenience for a few.

Thank you for considering our requests. I look forward to your support and finding a way to enrich our community.

Warm regards,

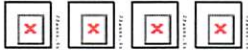
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From: Jessica Pac-Talbot <j.pac-talbot@nextech.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 11:30 AM
To: Commissioner, D2
Subject: My support for the Florida Renaissance Festival

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Dear Sir

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that the Renaissance Festival is a big part of my and my husband's background, we went often and spent a lot of time and money there with our family of 6 and more when we encourage friends to go as well.

We are 40+ year old registered voters in Brevard county and voicing my opinion regarding keeping the Ren Fair in Brevard County is my wish as a constituent here.

[Want to schedule time with me? Just click here!](#)

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From: Chenna J. Cook <chennajt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 4:45 PM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4;
Commissioner, D5
Subject: Brevard Renaissance Faire

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Dear County Commissioners,

I am a native of Brevard County and grew up a familiar face at several events, especially those promoting the arts, going from patron to volunteer to worker. Over my 26 years, I have never worked at a more beneficial event than the Brevard Renaissance Faire, for both the county and the citizens. Because of this, I urge you to find a solution that benefits the Brevard Renaissance Faire and the community as a whole.

Even if only focusing on this from a financial perspective, the Brevard Renaissance Faire has only had a positive influence on the economy. Over nine years of festivities, we have brought \$450k to Wickham Park alone, close to \$20 million to the county as a whole. Thousands of people, myself included in the last two years, have come from out of town or even out of state to support this festival. These visitors not only support us and the arts, but our county's tourism industry through the hotel rooms they sleep in, the restaurants they eat in, and the other forms of entertainment they visit while taking an extra day in Brevard. In short, taking away the festival would only spell a significant cut in county income. I (along with these thousands of people) would encourage you to reconsider your previous decision, for yourselves and the community.

Sincerely,
Chenna Cook

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From: Scott Berner <srberner11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 7:27 AM
To: Commissioner, D2
Subject: Brevard Renaissance Fair

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Deeply consider allowing the Brevard Renaissance Fair to operate in Wickham Park until they can find a new and permanent location, or even help them.

Failure to consider the negative economic impact of the targeted legislation that prevents them from operating, that I have yet to see or hear any legitimate public agreement to outside of the new rules your board passed, will threaten all of your jobs. I will vote against all of you and I will encourage everyone I know to do the same.

Thank you.

-Scott Berner