



August 17, 2022

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John Tobia, District 3 Commissioner

RE: Item L.4., Direction to Staff to Contact the Appropriate Parties with Brevard Public Schools to Gauge Responsiveness and Willingness to Enter into a Long-Term Lease with Brevard County for the Hoover Middle School Athletic Fields

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 16, 2022, approved directing staff to contact the appropriate parties with Brevard Public Schools to gauge responsiveness and willingness to enter into a long-term lease with Brevard County for the Hoover Middle School Athletic Fields.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager

Board Report

Talking points:

- On July 19th, I suggested to the Board the idea of removing ourselves from the agreements regarding athletic fields owned by Brevard Public Schools but maintained by Brevard County, as this money could be redirected into our own parks
- As I am a Commissioner whose district is included in the south parks area, along with Commissioner Zonka and part of Commissioner Smith's districts, my focus has been the fields located there:
 - Gemini (D3)
 - Hoover (D5)
 - Suntree (D4)
- After looking at the maps of where the fields are located and where available County parks lands are located, the options beachside in D5 are non-existent
- In trying to keep the access to parks equitable throughout the south area, the idea of possibly a long-term lease of the current field location at Hoover is something we should consider
 - Suntree can be redirected to Wickham Park, also in D4
 - Gemini can be redirected to South Beach Community Center, also in D3
- This would be a long-term lease that would be cohesive to capital investment
 - Emergency Management made a similar arrangement with Brevard Public Schools

Motion:

I make a motion to direct staff to contact the appropriate parties with Brevard Public Schools to gauge responsiveness and willingness to enter into a long-term lease with Brevard County for the Hoover Middle School Athletic Fields.