

Meeting Date
December 1, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	CONSENT
Item No.	<i>II.B.1</i>

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Approval of \$75,000 grant of Tourist Development Tax from Capital Facilities Reserves to be awarded to the Brevard County Field of Dreams to assist in completing the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality.
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group / Tourism Development Office (TDO)

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve a \$75,000 grant from the Capital Facilities Reserves from the Tourist Development Tax be awarded to the Brevard County Field of Dreams to assist in completing the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality. This approval would also allow the necessary budget changes needed to complete this transaction, moving the funds out of the Capital Facilities Reserves into Operating Expenditures of the Capital Facilities Fund for the purpose of completing the payment of the grant award.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Tourist Development Council (TDC) and the Capital Facilities Committee received a grant request from Milo Zonka from the Brevard County Field of Dreams in the amount of \$75,000 to assist in completing the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality. Both groups reviewed and discussed the request at their October 28, 2015 meetings. The request from Milo Zonka of the Brevard County Field of Dreams is attached for you review and reference.

In their meetings on October 28, 2015, the TDC and the Capital Facilities Committee both approved the release of \$75,000 of the Capital Facilities Reserves funds into Operating Expenditures within Capital Facilities Fund in order to grant the request of the Brevard County Field of Dreams to receive these funds to assist in completion of the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality. Milo Zonka reported to the TDC and the Capital Facilities Committee the progress of the project and also reported that there are several community sponsors of the project both for funding and volunteer work. The project will prove to be one-of-a-kind in its class and the only facility of its type in the state of Florida. It is uniquely built and structured in the community of Melbourne centered among several other facilities with its mission – to help those with disabilities to have a better quality of life and more opportunities.

The TDC and the Capital Facilities Committee are now requesting the Board's approval to release the \$75,000 from Capital Facilities Reserves funds to Operating Expenditures within the Capital Facilities Fund in order to award a grant to the Brevard County Field of Dreams in the said amount to assist in the completion of the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality and approval of all necessary budget change requests to complete this transaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Contact: Eric Garvey, Executive Director at 433.4470
Eric.garvey@visitspacecoast.com

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: \$75,000 Grant Request from Milo Zonka of the Brevard County Field of Dreams

Contract /Agreement (If attached):	Reviewed by	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Attorney							
County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Frank Abbate	Department Director / Extension					
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo <i>Venetta Valdengo</i>						



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December 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric Garvey, Tourism Development Director

RE: Item II.B.1., Award of \$75,000 Grant of Tourist Development Tax from the Capital Facilities Reserves to Brevard County Field of Dreams for Assist in Completing the Park with the Highest Possible Levels of Safety and Quality

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 1, 2015, approved a \$75,000 grant from Capital Facilities reserves from the Tourist Development Tax be awarded to the Brevard County Field of Dreams to assist in completing the park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality; and the approval would allow the necessary budget changes needed to complete the transaction, moving the funds out of the Capital Facilities Reserves into Operating Expenditures of the Capital Facilities Fund for the purpose of completing the payment of the grant award.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance
Budget



October 19, 2015

Mr. Eric Garvey, Executive Director
Brevard County Tourism Development Council
430 Brevard Avenue, Suite 150
Cocoa Village, FL 32922

Dear Mr. Garvey,

It has been a pleasure working in partnership with the TDC during the development of the Field of Dreams sports park in West Melbourne, FL. Thanks to the TDC's efforts, in concert with the State of Florida, Brevard County, the City of West Melbourne and so many public and private partners, we are on the cusp of completing Florida's first multi-sport park designed to accommodate special needs users.

Since the time of the TDC's site visit in August, we have substantially completed Phase I, including the concessions building, parking and baseball field, and we anticipate billing against the balance of the Phase I TDC grant for expenses already incurred to complete the phase. Also since that time, our board elected to rename the organization to the Space Coast Field of Dreams, which is now in progress, and will assist in branding in concert with the TDC's efforts to market the Space Coast.

I'm very excited to report that, with the support from the State of Florida, we were able to launch directly into Phase II sooner than planned, and we are continuing construction on our soccer, basketball and playground play areas! Our estimated completion date is mid-December.

In the rapid planning for Phase II, after receiving bids and value engineering the phase, we have identified a total cost of \$1.2 million to accomplish all of our safety and accessibility goals, and we have \$1 million in currently available resources. We are continuing to pursue all means of financial support to be able to finish the project on time and we have additional pledges to assist, but on behalf of our volunteer board of directors, I respectfully request the TDC consider a \$75,000 grant from the capital facilities budget to assist Field of Dreams in completing this park with the highest possible levels of safety and quality.

Thank you for consideration of this request. On behalf of our board and the special needs community, we truly value the TDC's investment in this park, as well as the partnership that has been fostered. The Field of Dreams will be a true asset to the Space Coast and to the region.

Sincerely,

Milo Zonka
Director/Treasurer

cc: Field of Dreams Board of Directors

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