

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of
County Commissioners

DATE: 1/30/08

FILE: PRA08-0144

THRU: Daniel R. Johnson
Assistant County Administrator
(Public Services)

SUBJECT: St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc. -
"Friends of the Park" Agreement

FROM: Frederick J. Buckman, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

REFERENCES: All Comm. Dists.

It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

St. Petersburg Astronomy, Club, Inc., wishes to enter into a "Friends of the Park" Agreement with the County. Under the agreement, St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc., will support and promote various events and programs offered by the Pasco County Parks and Recreation Department.

The "Friends of the Park" Agreement will help this club promote programs and projects which enhance educational and recreational opportunities for the citizens of Pasco County, while achieving accountability and liability protection, and providing specific guidelines for conducting volunteer activities. This club will assist with the organization and administration of annual events, including the Mountain Man Rendezvous, along with monthly astronomy programs.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. Approve the "Friends of the Park" Agreement with St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc., providing this volunteer group with the opportunity to supplement services which are available from existing facilities and County staff.
2. Deny this agreement and give further direction.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the BCC approve Alternative No. 1 and authorize the Chairman to execute the three original agreements provided. Further, it is requested that the Chairman direct the Board Records Department to retain one original and return two originals to the Parks and Recreation Department, Land O' Lakes, for distribution to St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc.

No additional County funding is required for this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. "Friends of the Park" Agreement (Three Originals)

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