



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 31, 2009

To: Rafael Payan, Director
Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C.H. Huckelberry", is written over the printed name of the County Administrator.

Neil Konigsberg
Deputy County Attorney, Civil Division

Re: **Short-Term Lease of Sportspark**

Presently, the County pays to maintain the fields and other physical facilities at Sportspark, while contracting out the softball league management and administration. This arrangement costs the County approximately \$500,000 each year in maintenance expenses. It would be appropriate to advertise a short-term lease for Sportspark, allowing the facility to become a leased softball tournament venue, privately operated with a lease payment to the County. The term of this short-term lease should be five years, with two 1-year options at the County's discretion.

Given the park will no longer be an open public park, the successful lessee may serve alcoholic beverages with appropriate licensing by the state. Our use restrictions will relate to hours of operation and accessory events, with restrictions designed to minimize noise and light issues that have plagued leased Sportspark operations in the past.

The lease should be effective as close as practically possible to July 1, 2009.

CHH/jj

c: Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Chris Straub, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tom Burke, Finance and Risk Management Director
Thomas House, Budget Manager, Finance and Risk Management