



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 17, 2015

TITLE: Approving a three year agreement for operating remote control miniature
race cars at Mills Pond Park – Broward County R.C.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a three year agreement with Broward County R.C. Race Club, Inc. to operate remote control miniature race cars at Mills Pond Park, from April 7, 2015 through April 6, 2018.

Background

On August 21, 2012, the City Commission approved a one-year agreement, with two (2) one-year extensions, with Broward County R.C. Race Club, Inc., to operate remote control miniature race cars at Mills Pond Park. The Broward County R.C. Race Club, a non-profit corporation, has utilized this portion of Mills Pond Park for over 17 years.

The Club is open to members of the public who want to join the activity, provided that all membership fees, as determined by the Club, are paid in full. The Club has agreed during the term of their contract with the City, that they will make available, at no cost, two cars for children or adults who do not have a membership, or cannot afford to pay a membership fee, to participate in the races.

The Club has approximately 80 members and currently charges \$10 per race entry during local race events, which average one race per month, and \$5 for Wednesday practice. The previous agreement stated that the user, RC Race Club shall be required to pay the City \$850 per month plus sales tax. The Club is run by volunteers receiving no compensation for providing this recreational activity.

The club's president and treasurer met with staff and requested a 53% reduction in the previously contracted monthly rate. They are unable to continue operations at the previously contracted monthly rate as well as provide needed maintenance and improvements to their existing tracks and structures within the racing complex, as

mandated in the agreement.

Staff recommends the Commission approve a reduction in monthly rent if the following stipulations are completed by The Club within 120 days of the executed contract:

- Main electrical panel needs to be replaced and remounted.
- Pole #1 needs new 6 x 6 electrical box and pipe strapped to pole.
- Pole #2 needs new electrical panel and miscellaneous upgrades.
- Pole #3 needs miscellaneous upgrades with old pole next to it removed.
- Pole #6 needs panel remounted to the pole (currently mounted to plywood), pipe strapped, new outlets and miscellaneous upgrades.
- Patch-up holes in container and paint the container.
- Removal of all rubbish - trash and articles that are not associated with the operation of the race track.
- Removal of tractor.

The value of these repairs is estimated at \$6,000.

The chart below depicts the R.C. Race Club Balance Sheet for races held in 2014. The balance sheet reflects the club's inability to financially sustain the track and operate their business.

	Race Day	Practice	Additional Race	Rent	Electric	Track Expenses	Balance
Jun-14	\$780.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	(\$134.73)	(\$133.40)	(\$126.13)
Jul-14	\$1,050.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	(\$189.32)	(\$10.60)	\$157.08
Aug-14	\$485.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	\$0.00	(\$303.67)	(\$551.67)
Sep-14	\$190.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	(\$148.16)	(\$181.66)	(\$877.82)
Oct-14	\$550.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	(\$64.57)	(\$277.99)	(\$455.56)
Nov-14	\$215.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	(\$848.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$468.00)
Dec-14	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$750.00	(\$848.00)	(\$239.69)	(\$74.24)	(\$31.93)
	\$3,460.00	\$1,130.00	\$750.00	(\$5,936.00)	(\$776.47)	(\$981.56)	(\$2,354.03)

The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with R.C. Race Club for the past 17 years. The Club was established to promote the sport of radio-controlled car racing, which is a family activity for all ages and skill levels. The Club allows children a place to be competitive while teaching good sportsmanship. The Club encourages all participants to maintain good grades in school.

Staff recommends that a new agreement with RC Race Club be approved with an annual fee of \$4800.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2800 for the remainder of fiscal year 2015. It is anticipated that we will receive \$4800 in fiscal year 2016 and \$4800 for fiscal year 2017 for a total impact of \$12,400. Future year revenues are contingent on approval and appropriation of that year's annual budget.

Strategic Connection

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Agreement

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