



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department

Date: July 9, 2024
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
From: Gustavo Vergara, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Assistant Director
Subject: The Vero Beach Rotary Foundation Inc. Kids Triathlon License Agreement

BACKGROUND:

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, The Rotary Club of Vero Beach held the first Kids Triathlon at Victor Heart Sr. Community Enhancement Complex. The event was held in collaboration with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office who provided Mode of Transportation (M.O.T) and free bicycles for children in need, and Indian River County Fire Rescue who provided standby personnel. Additionally, the Metropolitan Planning Organization provided free helmets to children. Special recognition for Alan's Bicycle Center of Vero Beach who attended on the day of the race with staff who tuned and fixed participant bicycles to ensure proper working conditions. The intent of the event was to promote physical wellbeing and instill a love for running, bicycling, and swimming for children in the community. To assist children who didn't feel comfortable with the swim portion of the event, the Gifford Aquatic Center held a free learn to swim/prep series for any child that was participating, and Recreation Division staff held a free running clinic with children enrolled in the race as well as children from the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. In all, the race was a great success; 200 children ranging from ages 6 to 13 registered for the race with 167 finishing the race. 184 of the children that registered had never competed in a triathlon in the past. All participants received a shirt, finishing medal, prizes, as well as trophies for the first three finishers in each age division. The goal of all supporting sponsors and the Rotary Club of Vero Beach was to ensure every child that wanted to participate in the event had the opportunity regardless of finances or equipment.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Due to the success of the event, The Rotary Club of Vero Beach have requested that this becomes an annual event held at the Victor Hart Sr. Community Enhancement Complex and Gifford Aquatic Center. This year's race is proposed to occur on December 7, 2024. The number of participants will be expanded to accommodate up to 300 children. Several local nonprofits such as Bike Walk Indian River County, Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County, Crossover Mission, Float Hope Now, Girls on the Run, Kid PWR Vero Beach, and the Gifford Youth Achievement Center will be assisting this year with promotion, running clinics, and equipment. As an in-kind sponsorship, the Gifford Aquatics staff is proposing to host five swim clinics to help participants learn basic swimming skills

and improve their swimming techniques for those that already swim. These clinics constitute a total of 25 staff hours instructing children on the different facets of swimming. It is estimated that approximately 51 staff hours will be dedicated on the event day by the Aquatic Program Manager, Facility Supervisor, and Lifeguards on deck and in the pool. The Rotary Club of Vero Beach would like to make the Victor Hart Sr. Community Enhancement Complex the home for the annual race. As such, Staff is requesting approval of the in-kind sponsorship with the attached License Agreement to properly memorialize the relationship. Because of the public benefit of the program and the non-profit status of the hosting organization, a 25% non-profit discount is proposed for the Daily Swim Meet fee of \$425. Due to the nature of the community event and County collaboration, approval of a waiver of the \$100 Special Event Permit fee associated with this type of event is also included for consideration. The total proposed fee for reserving the facility for the day of the event will be \$318.75.

FUNDING:

There is no direct funding cost resulting from the approval of this License Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the License Agreement between Indian River County and The Rotary Club of Vero Beach and authorize the Chairman to execute the same after review and approval for legal sufficiency by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

License Agreement between The Vero Beach Rotary Charities Foundation, Inc. and Indian River County for use of the Victor Hart Senior Community Enhancement Complex.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 20, 2024