



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AGENDA ITEM  
Department of General Services /  
Parks & Recreation**

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**Date:** January 9, 2023  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Thru:** Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator  
**From:** Beth Powell, Interim General Services Director/Parks and Recreation Director  
**Subject:** 2023 STEAM Fest License Agreement

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**BACKGROUND:**

STEAM Fest is an annual event that has been held at the Indian River County Intergenerational Center (iG Center) since 2018. The purpose of the program is to provide children and young adults an opportunity to learn about exciting opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math through interactive and hands-on activities. The one-day event brought in more than 2,000 attendees last year. This year, STEAM Fest is gearing up to provide an opportunity to engage with more than 50 hands-on exhibits, provide unique art classes, science shows, and other exciting STEM experiences for students and families.

This event is hosted by the First Church of the Nazarene as a fundraiser for Vero Beach Academy, a local homeschool learning cooperative. As the event has grown in popularity and size, the organizers of the event reached out to the Indian River County Parks and Recreation staff to inquire about a partnership so that the event and its outreach could continue to grow. After consultation with various County Departments, it was determined that participation in this event would bring a benefit to the community and allow various departments to highlight the ways that County staff utilize the skills of science, technology, engineering, art, and math, in our day to day public service. This unique outreach opportunity is particularly important to help motivate students to pursue careers in areas of County and municipal government which include necessary infrastructure like utilities, solid waste disposal, recycling, water quality, conservation, road and bridge construction, project management, and more. Parks and Recreation staff will help to coordinate the STEAM Fest organizers with the County's various departments which is anticipated to include the following Departments/Divisions: Public Works, Utilities, Solid Waste Disposal District, Coastal, Stormwater, Conservation, Information Technology, Human Resources, and Budget/Finance. The date of the one-day event is Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 10am to 4pm. County staff will represent various departmental functions, have staff and equipment/activities on-site, and provide a unique "government in action" perspective for the guests and visitors therefore enriching the event's offerings to the community.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

As a partner of the 2023 STEAM Fest, the proposed License Agreement will provide an in-kind contribution toward the iG rental fees for March 4, 2023, in the amount of \$5,179.00. The balance

of \$5,179.00 plus the necessary \$500 damage deposit will be payable in full by the Applicant to the iG Center by February 3, 2023. The event date will be secured by a 25% deposit (\$1,294.75) paid upon execution of the License Agreement.

**FUNDING:**

No direct funding is required for participation in this event. The partnership will be in the form of an in-kind contribution of the building facility rental.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the attached License Agreement with the First Church of the Nazarene for the 2023 STEAM Fest and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**ATTACHEMENTS:**

2023 STEAM Fest License Agreement First Church of the Nazarene Inc.

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR JANUARY 17, 2023**