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February 20, 1986

Mr. Ronald R. Watson  
Acting Director  
Recreation and Public Affairs  
Department  
851 N. Market Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202-2798

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to Florida's local assistance Land and Water Conservation Project #12-00182 for the development of Metropolitan Park in your City.

Pursuant to your letter of February 10, 1986, please be advised that the Florida Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service previously agreed that a total, not to exceed six (6) paid events per year (as described in Julian Barr's letter of August 2, 1982, to Ney C. Landrum) could be held at Metropolitan Park. These events would be staged by WJCT - Channel 7 without closing the park to the general public for other than recreational purposes. However, contrary to your interpretation, under terms of the original agreement, the City was not authorized to sponsor additional admission - paid events, nor close the entire park to public use during such proposed events.

We regret any misunderstanding with the City over this matter and believe our phone conversation today clarified the matter. Should you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Cordially,

Richard W. Froemke, Chief  
Office of Recreation Services  
Division of Recreation and Parks

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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Gator Bowl Sports Complex & Auditorium  
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August 2, 1982

Mr. Ney C. Landrum, Director  
Division of Recreation & Parks  
Department of Natural Resources  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Dear Mr. Landrum:

This is the City of Jacksonville's official request to reactivate Florida's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) project No. 12-00182 and to change the location of the project to reflect the Metropolitan Park site. We believe all state and federal guidelines and requirements have been met. Therefore, we respectfully submit the requested documents to amend the project.

On July 15, 1982, project participants met with Mr. Froemke, of your staff, and Mr. Parker, from the regional office, to review those elements of the project which did not qualify for LWCF assistance. In accordance with the consensus reached at that time, the project was revised.

Regarding Channel 7's involvement in the project, I assure you the city will maintain total jurisdiction of the park and functions therein. Channel 7 has indicated that occasionally (5-6 times a year) they would like to utilize the performance stage, which abuts other city property not included in the LWCF project, to conduct special events which would require a fee. Those events would be subject to the approval of this department and would not prohibit, or interfere with the use of the park by the public. In fact, park users, fishermen, picnickers, etc. would be able to enjoy the sounds of the event without cost. Although Channel 7 contributed substantial funds for the project, I do not believe it's motive is to control the park. To the contrary, Channel 7's intent is to enhance the project by further developing complimentary features on adjoining property. Development of Metropolitan Park will fulfill our recognized needs and desires to preserve our remaining open urban spaces and shoreline and increase public access and enjoyment of valuable riverfront.

Revised cost estimate and site map, clearly depicting the boundaries of the park is attached. Please advise, if additional information is needed. Thank you, and your staff, for continued support of the project.

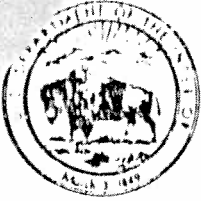
Sincerely,

Julian W. Barrs, Director

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Att.





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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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12-00182

Mr. Ney C. Landrum  
Director  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Department of Natural Resources  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Dear Mr. Landrum:

Amendment No. 2 to Florida Project No. 12-00182, St. Johns River Esplanade, is returned without action in this office. The amphitheater does not qualify for assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

Although the amphitheater may be utilized for local amateur groups and many of the events will be available to the general public at no cost, it is clear that the physical structure is designed to accommodate semiprofessional and professional performing groups and far exceeds that which is necessary for amateur or impromptu outdoor recreation experiences. It is therefore precluded from LWCF assistance based upon Parts 640.3.6 J and 640.3.6 M of the LWCF Grants Manual. In addition, we do not consider extensive spectator facilities or elaborate facilities that are supportive of entertainment other than active participation in outdoor recreation to be eligible items for LWCF assistance.

It is possible that certain elements of the amphitheater proposal might contribute to the overall outdoor recreation use of the park and may become eligible for assistance.

We will be glad to assist you and the project sponsor in pursuing other options to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director  
Southeast Region

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Rick Froemke

PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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M E M O R A N D U M - 83-PDC-46

March 7, 1983

TO: Richard L. Bowers, Director

FROM: Ann R. Perrotta, Chief

*Ann R. Perrotta*

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Park

Recently \$233,425 of CD funds were transferred for the purpose of developing Metropolitan Park. It is my understanding these funds will be used as part of a local match to implement the master development plan involving that area around the Gator Bowl. Please be advised that Federal regulations governing the use of community development block grant dollars at 24 CFR 570.207 - subparagraph I states the following activities to be ineligible:

Facilities used for exhibitions, spectator events and cultural purposes, including stadiums, sports arenas, auditoriums, concert halls, cultural and art centers, convention centers and exhibition halls, museums, central libraries, and similar facilities.

As Metropolitan Park fits the above given description it is ineligible. However, under subsection 570.204, subparagraph A, grant assistance may be used by applicants to provide block grant funds for activities designed to implement economic development and neighborhood revitalization efforts. These efforts must be carried out by a private non-profit entity, a neighborhood-based non-profit organization, a local development corporation, or a small business investment company. Thus, Channel 7 as a private non-profit entity may conduct activities in pursuit of economic development which the City cannot. Under paragraph 570.204, subparagraph A, subparagraph 2, subparagraph i, a private non-profit entity is defined as follows:

A private non-profit entity which is any organization, corporation, or association, duly organized to promote and undertake community development activities for a non-profit basis including new community associations as defined in 570.403 (b).



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Section 570.204 (b) provides that grant assistance may be provided by an applicant to be utilized by a private non-profit entity for activities otherwise eligible for block grant assistance under those regulations governing economic development activities which also include public facilities and improvements. Where such entities use block grant funds to acquire title to facilities they shall be operated so as to be open for the use of general public during all normal hours of operation. Reasonable fees may be charged for the use of facilities acquired by such entities. However, charges such as excessive membership fees which will have the effect of precluding low and moderate income persons from the facilities are not permitted.

I have recently learned a Trust Fund account for Channel 7 has been established within the City. I recommend entering into an agreement with representatives of Channel 7 to acquire titles to facilities to improve and reconstruct Metropolitan Park and transferring the CD funds into this trust account. The community development funds appropriated toward this end must be accounted for separately. Some statement to the effect that low and moderate income persons will not be precluded from using the facilities after improved should be included in the contract. I suggest that a meeting for formulation of this contract be gotten underway almost immediately.

Please advise me as to how you feel we should proceed.

/jh

cc: Charlie Crews  
Henry Stout  
Dan Lee  
Joyce Bizot