

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-208

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF WINDSWEPT ACRES PARK
THE JOEL A. "BUBBA" WILLIAMS WINDSWEPT ACRES PARK

WHEREAS, Windswept Acres Park is located at 5385 A1A South in St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Family has requested the above referenced park be named the Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park; and

WHEREAS, Joel A. "Bubba" Williams was a longtime St. Johns County employee that was directly involved in the Lifeguard Corps; and

WHEREAS, Joel A. "Bubba" Williams lived an exemplary life servicing St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has followed and met the naming policies set forth in County Resolution 99-152; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Recreation Advisory Board has submitted a letter of support (attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has determined that the naming of Windswept Acres Park to the Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park is consistent and in accordance with applicable County policies; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has determined that naming Windswept Acres Park the Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park will serve the interests of both community and St. Johns County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the naming of Windswept Acres Park, the Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 18th day of August, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:

Pam Halteimer
Deputy Clerk

By:

Ron Sanchez
Ron Sanchez, Vice Chair

RENDITION DATE 8/20/09



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
Troy Blevins, Director

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July 13, 2009

The Honorable Cyndi Stevenson
500 San Sebastian View
Saint Augustine, Florida 32084

Dear Chairman Stevenson:

At the July 2, 2009 meeting, the Recreation Advisory Board was approached with a request from the family of Joel A. "Bubba" Williams to name the new Windswept Acres Park in his honor. This request has met with opposition from the South Anastasia Communities Association (SACA). SACA has been involved with the planning and designing of the parks located along historic A1A since 2002. However, we have learned that SACA has not spoken to the family regarding this issue, and they do not understand what the request entails.

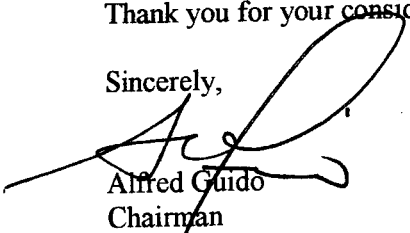
Mr. Williams widow Sandy, and his sister Patty, appeared at the July meeting, explaining the ties the Williams' family have to this property. According to Sandy, the property was acquired by the family in 1917, when it was designated as private ownership by a land grant to Vincent Joseph Mickler, Bubba Williams' grandfather. The property was named Windswept Acres in 1947 by Mr. Williams' aunt and uncle, Howard and Louise Thompson. They built and operated the cottages at Windswept Acres for years. The family is requesting the park be named "Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park".

Please see copies of these requests attached.

Based upon the information received by this Board, and in keeping with the naming policies set forth in Resolution 99-152, the Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommends the park be designated "Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Alfred Guido
Chairman
Recreation Advisory Board

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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
Troy Blevins, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation Advisory Board record

TO: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: SANDY WILLIAMS

DATE: July 2, 2009

With this letter, I am requesting the board's consideration of naming the park located at Windswept Acres after my late husband, Joel A "Bubba" Williams. I would like the name to be: Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park.

The property where the park is located has been in the family since 1917, when it was designated as private ownership by land grant to Vincent Joseph Mickler. In 1947 Howard and Louise Thompson (my husband's aunt and uncle) platted the land and named it Windswept Acres. Howard and Louise Thompson owned, and operated the cottages along A1A for years. Howard and Louise lived on Riverview Drive and owned all the property from Weff Road south to Mickler Road and west to the Intracoastal Waterway. Mickler Road was named after my husband's grandparents, (Vincent Joseph Mickler) who lived at the end of Mickler Road. Bubba and I built our house on Third Street in the Windswept Acres subdivision, as well as Bubba's sister, Mrs. Patty Harding, who lives on Riverview Drive. Bubba's cousin Betty Shoals (commissioner Dan Mickler's daughter) lives on First Street. Bubba's uncle Dan Mickler was a county commissioner for 24 years. The Mickler/O'Connell bridge is named after him. Bubba's grandfather, Vincent Joseph Mickler, was a city commissioner.

Bubba was a city firefighter for 38 years. He retired as a Captain. During that time he was featured on the 911 TV program for doing CPR on a dog he rescued from a burning building. He was involved with the lifeguard corps since 1955 when the corps was in its infancy. The corps was staffed by volunteer lifeguards, as there were no funds to pay the lifeguards. When Mr. Bill Fulton retired, Bubba was appointed Director of the lifeguard corps. He held that position for 10 years at which time he retired due to ill health.

Bubba was an active member of the community all his life. The board's consent to add his name to the park at Windswept Acres in his honor would be greatly appreciated by his family.

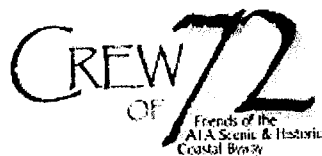
From: Grace & Al Guido [gguido@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 7:26 AM
To: Linda Guenther; Troy Blevins
Subject: Fw: July 2 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

----- Original Message -----

From: <Gordonlohman@cs.com>
To: <gguido@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2009 9:03 PM
Subject: July 2 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

> Dear Mr. Guido,
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> On the agenda for your July 2 Board Meeting is a request to rename
> Windswept Acres Park. The Executive Committee of the South Anastasia
> Communities
> Association (SACA) has discussed this proposal and has voted to oppose the
> renaming.
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> The SACA membership has been involved since 2002 with the planning and
> design of the parks along Scenic and Historic A1A. The objective of
> Windswept
> Acres Park is to recall the tourist accommodations that once adjoined this
> highway. To rename the park would not, in our opinion, be appropriate.
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> "Bubba" Williams was well known for his involvement with the Volunteer
> Life
> Guard Corps. While we do not think that renaming the park is appropriate,
> we do suggest that the fitness trail in the park could be named in his
> honor. The Williams family might want to donate a commemorative plaque.
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> Gordon R. Lohman
> President, South Anastasia Communities Association
> June 28, 2009</HTML>
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August 3, 2009

Troy Blevins, Recreation and Parks Director
Attention: Wil Smith, Assistant Director
2175 Mizell Road
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Re: Proposed Renaming of Windswept Acres Park

Dear Mr. Blevins:

On July 13, 2009, the St. Johns County Scenic and Historic A1A Corridor Management Council discussed the proposed renaming of the Windswept Acres Park and voted to retain the current name. Friends of A1A will assist in maintaining future operations as a vital beachfront wayfinding park along the A1A National Scenic Byway. Windswept Acres Park is well known by that name in the community and has long been in the master plans for the corridor. Construction at the 9-acre park is progressing in accord with the plans and we appreciate the constant involvement of county staff being in tune with the desires of the community.

The decision not to support a name change for Windswept Acres Park was based on a higher need by the county to recognize community service in a more fitting manner than an addendum to a park name. It is unclear what contributions Joel A. "Bubba" Williams made to the creation of the park itself. Within the park Interpretive Center, yet to be completed in 2010, fitting memorials will be bestowed upon the Mickler family and early settlers of the area. The consensus of the CMC was to encourage the county to establish a permanent memorial for community servants such as the lifeguard corps, policemen, and other citizens.

Later this week, Sandy Williams and Pat Harding, relatives of Joel Williams, will be meeting with the A1A Byway Program Administrator, Sallie O'Hara, to discuss how to best reclaim the nostalgia of the motor court era and the memorabilia held by local residents.

Thank you in advance for your support and listening to all concerns.

Warm Regards,

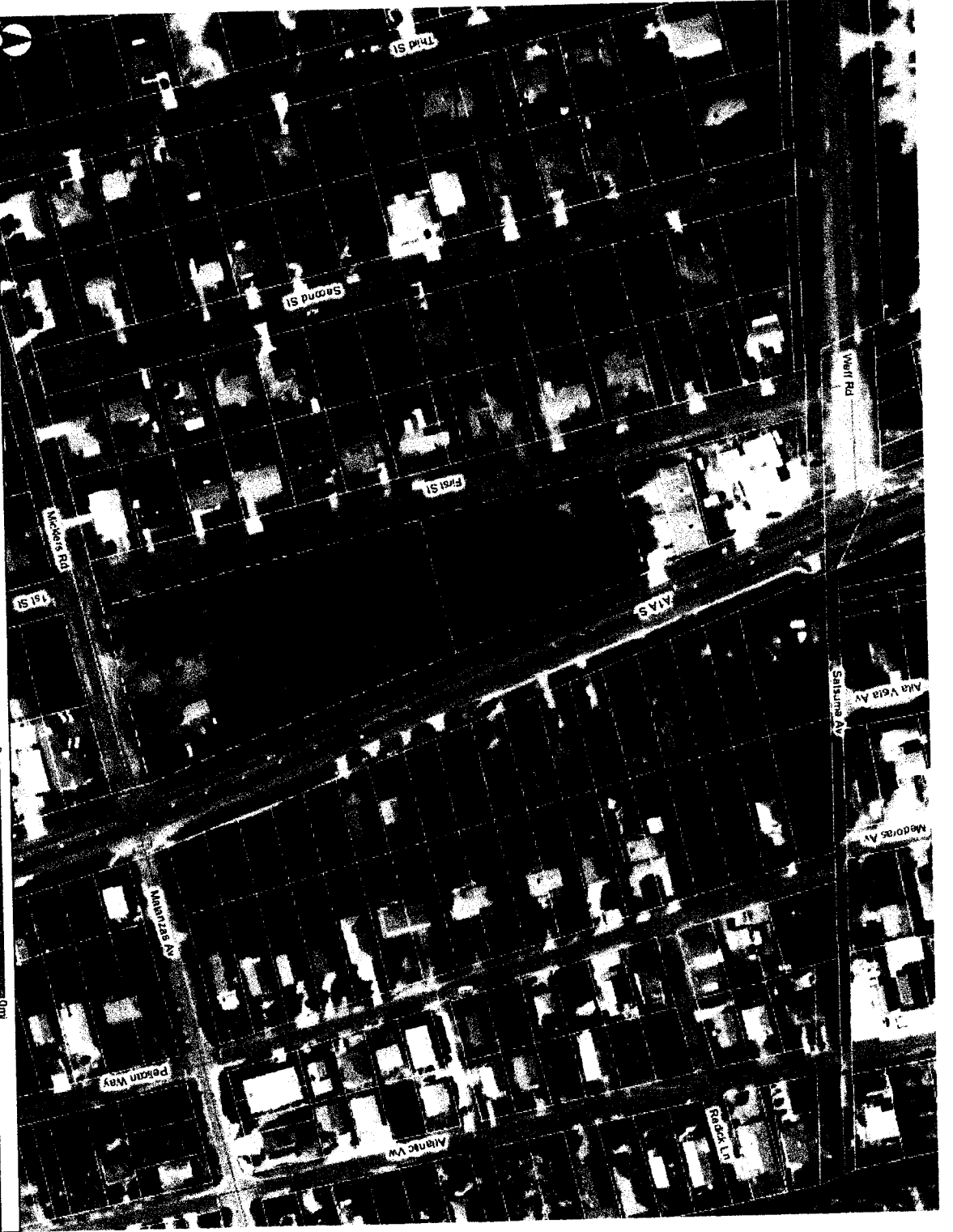
Barbara Jenness
President of Friends of A1A Board of Directors
Chair of St. Johns Scenic and Historic A1A

Cc: Friends of A1A Board of Directors

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