

21**AGENDA ITEM
ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting***8/15/2023****BCC MEETING DATE****TO: Joy Andrews, Interim County Administrator****DATE: July 27, 2023****FROM: Ryan Kane, Director****PHONE: 904 209-0324****SUBJECT OR TITLE: Relocation of the Canright House to County Park Property.****AGENDA TYPE: Consent Agenda, Resolution****BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The historic Canright House at 5480 Atlantic View, on Anastasia Island, has significant links to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's visit to St. Augustine in May of 1964. This beach cottage attracted international attention in 1964, and a photograph taken there of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. pointing to a bullet hole in the window has become one of the iconic images of the civil rights movement. It was the winter home of Dr. Cyril M. and Winifred Canright which they made available to Dr. King when he came to St. Augustine in May 1964 for the mass campaign that led to the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. Staffers stayed there, but Dr. King had not yet spent a night in the house when the local newspaper ran directions to it on the front page, and segregationists attacked it on numerous occasions, shooting up the house, attempting to burn it, and fire bombing it. These events were widely reported around the country, and increased public pressure to do away with racial segregation. On August 16, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners discussed the relocation of the Canright House and upon motion of the Board, gave direction to write a letter in support for two non-profits organizations in their effort to raise money for the relocation of the structure to Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park. The house is currently owned by St. Johns County resident David Manaute, who is offering to donate the structure to St. Johns County. The St. Johns County Parks Foundation received a state appropriation for the Foundation to relocate the structure. The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking the Board's approval to accept and authorize the relocation of the structure, and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute agreements with the Parks Foundation and the home owner for the relocation of the Canright House to Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park, 210 Mickler Road, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? No**2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED.** No**IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:****INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE:****SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-_____, accepting the donation of the house located at 5480 Atlantic View and authorizing its relocation at Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park and authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate and execute agreements necessary to effectuate the donation and relocation.

For Administration Use Only:**Legal: Kealey West 7/31/2023****OMB: N/A****Admin: Sarah Taylor 8/1/2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 5480 ATLANTIC VIEW TO JOEL A. "BUBBA" WILLIAMS WINDSWEPT ACRES PARK; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the house located at 5480 Atlantic View, on Anastasia Island, known as the “Canright House” has significant links to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s visit to St. Augustine in May of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Canright House attracted international attention in 1964, and a photograph taken there of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. pointing to a bullet hole in the window has become one of the iconic images of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the current owner of the Canright House is redeveloping the property, and has agreed to allow relocation and donation of the structure to further preserve the history of the events that occurred there; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns Count Parks Foundation, Inc. requested and received state funding and has agreed to undertake the relocation and restoration of the structure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for relocation, Joel A. “Bubba” Williams Windswept Acres Park, at 210 Mickler Road, is ideal due to its proximity to the existing structure and historic site; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public to accept the structure and allow for its relocation to County property due to its historic significance for the citizens of St. Johns County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby, accepts and authorizes the relocation of the house located at 5480 Atlantic View to Joel A. “Bubba” Williams Windswept Acres Park, at 210 Mickler Road.

Section 3. The County Administrator is authorized to negotiate and execute

agreements with the owner of the house and St. Johns County Parks Foundation, Inc., to effectuate the donation and relocation.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical, scrivener or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this _____ day of August 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST.
JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Deputy Clerk



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the Board of County Commissioners

August 19, 2022

Mr. David Manaute, Owner
Canright House- 5480 Atlantic View, St. Augustine, FL 32080

Elizabeth Duncan, President
57 Bannbury Ln., Palm Coast, FL 32137
40th Anniversary to Commemorate the Civil Rights Demonstrations (40th ACCORD)

Thomas Jackson, Chair
PO Box 1586, St. Augustine, FL 32085-1586
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee of St. Johns County

Robert Olson, Chair
1801 Windjammer Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32084
St. Johns County Cultural Resource Review Board

To the parties above,

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the property owner and additional stakeholder's efforts to preserve and promote the cultural resources of St. Johns County by relocating and restoring the Canright House.

The Canright House is located at 5480 Atlantic View and is associated with the National and St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement of 1963-1964 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The house's relocation or, alternatively, placing significant historic elements from the house into a museum, will enhance the interpretation of civil rights history in St. Johns County and promote the value that the County places in preserving its cultural resources.

Additionally, St. Johns County Land Development Code section 3.01.00 reads, "the cultural resources of St. Johns County are important community assets that enrich the lives of citizens and visitors alike" and that "such significant cultural resources should, to the extent possible, be maintained and protected in order to benefit the educational, cultural, and economic, and general welfare of the public."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Dean", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Henry Dean, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, FL