

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Boston Red Sox Spring Training Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: #3
COMMISSION DISTRICT: CW

9:30 #1

3. MEETING DATE:

03-01-2005

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner St. Cerny
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY:

St. Cerny
County Manager

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Lee County welcomes the 2004 Major League Baseball World Series Champion Boston Red Sox and their families back to their 13th Spring Training at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers; and

Whereas: Lee County officially became a partner with the Boston Red Sox in December 2003 when the City of Fort Myers transferred operation of the stadium to the county and the Boston Red Sox organization signed a 15-year lease renewal; and

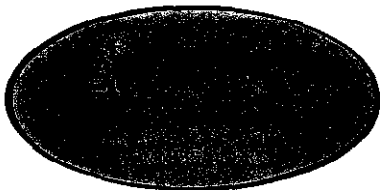
Whereas: The still new partnership between the county and Red Sox flourished in 2004 with a successful Spring Training and season; and

Whereas: Since 2003, the county has added more than \$1.5 million of maintenance and improvements to City of Palms Park, and you'll notice that during this past off-season we've added 642 new seats closer to the field; and

Whereas: We are privileged to be associated with an organization of the Boston Red Sox's caliber and wish you the best in the upcoming season. We also hope to continue the tradition started last year of collecting dirt from the City of Palms Park stadium field during Spring Training for use, at the Red Sox's discretion--if and when you feel it is needed for good luck purposes--at Fenway Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida--along with Lee County's Visitor & Convention Bureau, Sports Authority, Parks & Recreation Department (which maintains the fields), Facilities Management Division (which helps maintain the stadium), and the City of Fort Myers--do hereby proclaim its full support for the Boston Red Sox organization and we send our most sincere best wishes for success in the upcoming 2005 baseball season.

Duly Executed this 1st day of March 2005.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman