

**FIRST ADDENDUM
VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Request to waive the \$125 damage fee and \$25/hourly rental rate by Boy Scout Troop 111 at the Cultural Center. (Village Manager)

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Agenda Item No. C- 9

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM:

Request to waive the \$125 damage fee and \$25/hourly rental rate by Boy Scout Troop 111 at the Cultural Center.

ISSUE:

Troop 111 wish to reserve and utilize Cultural Center meeting room for a parent meeting while the Boy Scouts participate in their monthly Tuesday night meeting. Boy Scout Troop 111 meets monthly at the cultural center sponsored and paid for by CAFCI. During the Boy Scout meeting, the parents would like to reserve and utilize one of the adjacent rooms for a meeting free of charge. Staff can allow them to utilize the adjacent room but cannot allow them to reserve it without payment.

See attached request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends allowing the parents of Troop 111 to use an adjacent meeting room at the Cultural Center during the Boy Scout monthly meeting, but not to reserve the room without payment.

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Village Manager		7/15/21	

Dear Mayor Pinto, Vice Mayor Valuntas and Village Council,

My name is Lorianne Cabrera. I am the Committee Chair for Royal Palm Beach BSA Troop 111. Our Troop started here in the Village in 2003 under the Charter of CAFCI. We were formerly part of Troop 120 which had grown way too large. We decided to form our own Troop to ensure that every scout had an opportunity to hold a position leadership. We recently celebrated our 50th Eagle Scout.

One of the requirements of becoming an Eagle Scout is to earn the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. The following are included in the requirements: learning what it means to be a good citizen in your community and demonstrating good citizenship in your community.

Many of our scouts have met in person and on Zoom meetings with Mayor Pinto and Councilman Hmara to learn about the organization of our local government and discuss various issues in our Village. They have also attended in person Council meetings and viewed taped sessions to observe how our Council represents and supports its citizens.

Our scouts have followed and benefited from such important models of citizenship. Every time our scouts recite the Scout Oath and Law at each meeting, they reaffirm their vow to do their duty to their country, be helpful at all times and do all these works with a cheerful spirit. Troop 111 has consistently been active in Village events volunteering at Veterans Day, Memorial Day, MLK and Cultural Diversity Day. Several Troop 111 Eagle Scout Projects have served the community at H.L. Johnson Elementary, Royal Palm Beach Elementary and Lakeside Challenger Park. We have also participated at special events like the dedication of the Vivian A. Ferrin Park at Royal Palm Beach Elementary School. We have held flag retirement ceremonies to dispose of the flags used by the Village respectfully and properly at various locations. For many years we participated in the Gulf Stream Councils' "Scouting for Food" program. Our food collections supported local food pantries right here in Royal Palm Beach. Many local park cleanups were also carried out by the Troop.

Prior to the Cultural Center renovation, we met their weekly for many years. During the renovation we moved over to the Recreation Center. When COVID struck our community all in person meetings ceased and we switched over to Zoom. Since then, we have transitioned to Hybrid, outdoor in person and now finally, indoor in person once again. We are proud to say that during this difficult

time we not only managed to sustain our membership but also recruited new scouts. Our success is not a single-handed endeavor but a collaboration with our Charter Organization, CAFCI, Caribbean American for Community Involvement, also another exemplary model of citizenship.

We are delighted to have recently secured our original meeting place, the Cultural Center. Although our Troop is truly “boy led”, our parents work diligently behind the scenes to create an environment in which our scouts can grow as young men, enjoy amazing adventures, and demonstrate citizenship by giving back to the community. This collaboration of dedicated parents occurs monthly in a separate meeting that occurs at the same time as the scout meeting. In order to facilitate this we would need to have an additional meeting space requiring the \$125 damage fee as well as the hourly rate of \$25/hour. Our Charter Organization, CAFCI holds fundraisers to pay for the Troops’ weekly meeting space and damage waiver.

My understanding is that the Cultural Center is not very busy on Tuesday evenings. Thus, I am requesting that Troop 111 be granted a waiver to hold our monthly parent meetings in an adjoining room without the additional fee of \$175. We hope that this is possible as it will truly help us to continue to provide a strong foundation for our scouts and foster the advancement of these fine young men in our community. Thank you so much Mayor Pinto, Vice Mayor Valuntas and Council Members for the role that you have played in our Troop as community leaders and mentors and for considering my request.

Yours Truly,

Lorianne Cabrera
Troop 111
Committee Chair