



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley
From: David Jarrell, City Manager
Date: September 4, 2020
Subject: O-34-20: Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating Lease Agreement

This Ordinance will approve the long-term lease of the property currently known as Port Williams Marina, which is located at 7040 Bembe Beach Road, Annapolis, to Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating, Inc. (CRAB).

CRAB will make improvements to the leased property to create the Annapolis Adaptive Boating Center, with state-of-art accessible facilities for its disabled patrons. The Center will provide boating instruction and education programs to its target population, as well as the general public on a space available basis.

The term of the lease is from the date of City Council approval until June 30, 2040. The lessee has the option to renew the lease for two additional ten year periods, up to and including June 30, 2060. In lieu of monetary rental payments to the City, the lessee will be financially responsible for the operations and maintenance of the property after making the initial capital improvements.

The lessee make the required improvements required for the Boating Center. The following improvements are planned for the Boating Center:

1. Removal/demolition of the existing docks and commercial building
2. Installation of new floating ADA docks and fully accessible building
3. Replacement of the existing house with a new accessible pavilion for patrons.

The acquisition of the Port Williams Marina property was funded by \$500,000 of City of Annapolis Program Open Space funding from the State, \$1,300,000 of Anne Arundel County Program Open Space funding from the State, and \$450,000 from a State Capital Grant to CRAB.

The Boating Center will be a tremendous amenity for Annapolis, filling a need for an accessible facility that will allow disabled patrons to experience the thrill of sailing on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay.

Prepared by David Jarrell, City Manager