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ST. TAMMANY PARISH

MICHAEL B. COOPER
PARISH PRESIDENT

Date: February 11, 2025

From:  Ross P. Liner, AICP, PTP, CFM
Director, Department of Planning and Development

Re: Koop Drive, Lot 1 Lease

Background: In 2008, St. Tammany Parish accepted a donation of a 3.62 acre parcel (Lot 1 – survey attached) on Koop Drive with the stipulation that only recreational and cultural opportunities be allowed by way of buildings, parking, and other supporting infrastructure.

St. Tammany Parish Government advertised in November 2024 for receipt of proposals for the site development and operation of a recreational amenity located at Lot 1 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471. The property and grounds are within the Koop Dr PUD and adjacent to the Tammany Trace and Kids Town.

Purpose: The goal of the Parish within the Koop Drive recreational amenity is to ensure that proper operation and maintenance of the building and grounds are used as passive and/or active recreational activities.

In addition, currently underway is the Tammany Trace Trailhead and Recreation Master Plan. The plan will provide a framework for improvements to the Koop Dr recreational area (attached) including a Tammany Trace trailhead and assuring it positively interacts with the community and the environment; functions as a community park that emphasizes green development and water management; is environmentally and economically sustainable; and provides features that attract more users and events to fully utilize the park.

