

November 27, 2018 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #19

Subject

Bid Letter for Baseball World Cup

Approved & Ratified in Open Session 11/27/18  
Manatee County  
Board of County Commissioners

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Presenter: Elliott Falcione, CVB Director, x3940

Contact: Monica Luff, CVB Sr. Admin Spec, x3944

Action Requested

Approve and ratify execution of a letter to the World Baseball Softball Confederation.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Background Discussion

- The CVB was recently notified that out of 30 locations throughout the USA, USA Baseball had selected the Bradenton Area's bid to be the host of the World Baseball Cup. Since it has not been in the US since the 1990's, USA Baseball will now submit a bid, along with other Countries, to the World Baseball Softball Confederation for the opportunity to hold the World Baseball Cup at the Pirates Facility in September 2021.
- To enhance USA Baseball's bid, a signed letter from the Chairman of the Manatee County Commission was needed. The letter was signed by the Chairman prior to November 27 BCC meeting due to the timing of the bid deadline.
- This letter enhances our bid by showing the World Baseball Softball Confederation that our County supports this opportunity and that we are excited to host this world-renowned event within our destination.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
Commission Chambers, First Floor  
9:00 a.m. - November 27, 2018

Instructions to Board Records

Copy of approved agenda memo to [Monica.Luff@mymanatee.org](mailto:Monica.Luff@mymanatee.org)

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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [Letter to World Baseball Confed 2018.pdf](#)



## MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

November 6, 2018

Riccardo Fraccari, President  
World Baseball Softball Confederation  
Maison du Sport International  
Av. de Rhodanie 54  
CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland

Dear President Fraccari,

As Manatee County (the Bradenton Area) works to provide exposure to our destination and create momentous events for our local citizens, we thrive from opportunities such as hosting the 2021 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Under 18 Baseball World Cup.

We are always looking for opportunities to highlight the assets we have to offer within our destination. This includes our hotels, restaurants, arts & culture, and attractions as well as our partnership with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization at both LECOM Park and Pirate City.

When the international players, families and local fans visit LECOM Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates spring training, they will experience a first-class playing facility, receive top notch hospitality and a classic tournament structure.

Thank you for considering the Bradenton Area, Manatee County, and the State of Florida as the host of the 2021 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup. We look forward to being part of bringing this event back to the United States.

Best Regards,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Priscilla Trace  
Chairman

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