

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Jim Gray Mayor Geoff Reed Commissioner, General Services

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jim Gray, Mayor

Sally Hamilton, CAO

Urban County Council Members

FROM:

Brad K. Chambers, Director

Parks and Recreation

DATE:

September 25, 2014

RE:

**Facility Usage Contract** 

This is a request for Council approval of Facility Usage Contract between the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Lexington Art League, Inc. effective September 23, 2014.

The Lexington Art League has resided in the Loudoun House at Castlewood Park for decades. The Loudoun House was restored and reopened to use in the fall of 2003 following a major restoration completed with the help of both a federal grant and local matching funds in the amount of \$748,000 for a total of \$1,497,000.00. The project was undertaken as an official project of Save America's Treasures, the public-private partnership between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. During the restoration, the Art League was displaced for over a year.

The current lease expired on June 18, 2013. It recognized the greater value of the Loudoun House and the League's willingness to provide valuable in-kind programming at the Castlewood Community Center, which they have performed every year since 2003.

The lease is for a term of 5 years, and gives LFUCG the right to extend the lease for a further period of 5 years. The lease continues to charge the Art League \$500 per month, in recognition of the additional consideration provided by them, which is valued at \$500 per month. They will continue to provide programming, including art education, public relations and community art events in the Castlewood Park area. They have been a willing and innovative partner in providing year round art activities at the Castlewood Community Center.

The lease also obligates the Art League to pay all utilities, while Parks and Recreation provides maintenance to the building. The insurance requirements of the lease have been met.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the lease.

CC: Geoff Reed

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