

MEMORANDUM



DATE: 8/22/2022
TO: Mayor Lankford & City Council
VIA: Mercy Rushing, City Manager
FROM: Owen Tiner – Marketing and Tourism Director
SUBJECT: Concert by Clay Walker at the Nature Preserve

Council Meeting Agenda Item for September 30, 2021

Background Information:

A group representing country music singer, Clay Walker approached Mercy Rushing and Owen Tiner about putting on a concert at the preserve on November 19 to benefit Mr. Walker's *Band Against MS Foundation Inc.* The concert will be put on by Mr. Walker's promotional group with the help of some volunteers from Mineola and the surrounding area. This concert will require the nature preserve to be closed all day Friday, November 18 for set up, Saturday, November 19, and until noon on Sunday, November 20 for cleanup.

Band Against MS, Inc. (BAMS) is a 501 (c) (3), not-for-profit public charity, committed to providing educational information for those living with Multiple Sclerosis, funding programs researching a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, and funding programs helping those living with the disease. Nationally acclaimed recording artist Clay Walker established BAMS in February 2003, because he wanted to help others living with the same disease he has battled since 1996. A new era is ahead as the foundation is being renamed the Clay Walker Foundation.

Recommendation:

The recommendation of the Parks and Open Spaces board is to allow Mr. Walker's group to put on the concert and give a portion of the proceeds to the city and/or the nature preserve.