

Draft Motion

Motion 9

The Parliament of St. Maarten, in its meeting of today, April 17th, 2013,

CONSIDERING:

- The ongoing public debate on issues surrounding the draft 2013 budget;
- The assignment of a preliminary design for a Cricket stadium and Football field in a letter of the Executive Council dated December 30 2009 nr. 6893/09 awarded to Pream Architects;
- The principle of Continuity of Government;
- Finding another location for playing cricket is imperative, as part of the Link 2 road will run through part of the property –the so-called Caribe Lumber Ball park- where cricket is currently played;
- That softball, which is popular among young and old, attracts a large crowd and is now played at the Jose Lake / John Cooper Baseball Park and it is therefore advisable to have softball relocated and, from an efficiency standpoint, played in the same area as cricket and football, and to therefore add a softball field to the above mentioned project design;
- The cricket stadium and football field and softball field is a long-awaited project focused on facilities for the residents of St. Maarten and to create an unmatched sporting atmosphere specifically among the youths that will add to encouraging a healthy lifestyle, promoting self esteem, learning goal setting, experiencing teamwork and dealing with adversity, developing time management skills, having fun and appreciation for sports and fitness;
- The project is aimed at stimulating sports, and the economy of St. Maarten, whereby the stimulation of a new economical growth will be formed from a focal point of Sports Tourism and the promotion of the cricket stadium football field and softball field will attract a different genre of tourism to St. Maarten;

- That there has been a resurgence of cricket football and softball as important sporting activities locally, regionally, and internationally, and it therefore behooves St. Maarten to have top of the line sporting facilities so that the community of St. Maarten can benefit from this while creating the opportunity for our own athletes to perform at a professional level.
- That the realization of this project would also add to the already wide spectrum of how St. Maarten advertises itself;
- That incorporating sports as a marketing tool will add to the versatile facets of the friendly island to be a contender to hold major sporting events from a regional and international stand point with the proposed project;
- That the Eastern side of Pond Island is primarily used for sports, recreational, and educational needs, and it is therefore advisable for the new proposed project to be realized at the Eastern side of Pond Island.

RESOLVES:

- That the Parliament of St. Maarten requests the government of St. Maarten -specifically through the Minister of Tourism Economy Transport and Telecommunications the Minister of Education Culture Youth and Sports and the Minister of Public Housing Spatial Development Environment and Infrastructure- to do all that is necessary, to have the assignment of a preliminary design for a Cricket stadium and Football field, mentioned in the letter of the Executive Council dated December 30 2009 nr. 6893/09, and awarded to Pream Architects, be carried out;
- To have a softball field included in said design, and to have the draft 2013 budget amended to accommodate aforementioned sports facilities in order to commence with the building of a cricket stadium, football and softball field in the year 2013 on the Eastern side of Pond Island, on the location south of the Little League Stadium.

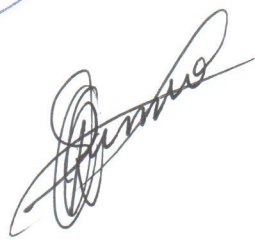
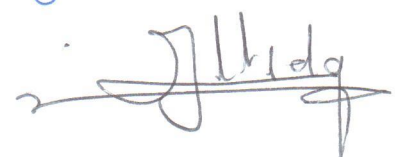
And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to:

- The Governor of Sint Maarten
- The Government of Sint Maarten
- The Council of Advice of Sint Maarten
- The General Audit Chamber of Sint Maarten



MP. Frans Richardson



2 signatures



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Voting list

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	drs. R.E. Samuel	✓	
2.	G.C. Pantophlet	✓	
3.	Patrick G. Illidge	✓	
4.	H.L. Richardson	✓	
5.	Petrus L. de Weever	_____	
6.	F.G. Richardson	✓	
7.	Lloyd J. Richardson	✓	
8.	Romain J. Laville	✓	
9.	Roy R. Marlin		✓
10.	Johan E. Leonard	_____	
11.	Silvia V. Meyers-Olivacce	_____	
12.	Jules C. James	_____	
13.	Louie E. Laveist	✓	
14.	Gracita R. Arrindell	_____	
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