

To all who have written in about the Pflugerville Race track: Please accept my apologies up-front for the impersonal nature of this email (and if you receive multiple copies), but I want to quickly fill you in on today's action by the Travis County Commissioners Court. Thank you for the opinions you shared with the Court, both pro and con. All viewpoints were considered. We unanimously authorized a letter (that follows) to be sent to the Texas Racing Commission, OPPOSING this location and urging REJECTION of the application. The Court spent considerable time on this issue today and we respect the fact that the City of Pflugerville has come to a different conclusion. We tried to stay focused on the issues that are within the county's jurisdiction and reflect issues that we have a duty and responsibility to comment upon. This issue is on the TRC agenda next Monday, November 22. This motion was made by me, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner, and seconded by Commissioner Ron Davis and passed on a 5-0 vote. Feel free to forward this information to anyone you think would want to be made aware of this action. Karen

November 16, 2004

Texas Racing Commission  
Attn: Paula C. Flowerday, Executive Secretary  
8505 Cross Park Drive Suite 110  
Austin, Texas 78754

Re: Austin Jockey Club, Ltd.  
Application for Change in Racetrack Location

Dear Ms. Flowerday:

Today the Travis County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to oppose the application of Austin Jockey Club, Ltd. to change its racetrack location to Pecan Street, east of the City of Pflugerville. Pecan Street is a rural, two lane county road and is inadequate to serve the traffic demands of the race track. Whereas, the county has completed design plans to upgrade Pecan Street to a multi-lane arterial, neither the county, nor city, nor state has committed funds to construct the improvements. Moreover, the county expects private development, such as the race track, to bear its proportionate share of the roadway improvement costs. The application of the Austin Jockey Club being considered by the Texas Racing Commission shows no financial commitment to improve Pecan Street.

Further, it has come to the attention of the Commissioners Court that the Texas Racing Commission obligated Manor Downs Race Track, another racetrack in Travis County – miles from Pflugerville, to make a multi-million dollar upgrade of its facility. The court does not understand why the state would require this investment and then subsequently approve a competitor within the same market area.

At this point, the Travis County Commissioners Court opposes this application at this location and we urge the Commission to reject this application.

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge  
Ron Davis, Commissioner, Pct. 1  
Karen Sonleitner, Commissioner, Pct. 2  
Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner, Pct. 3  
Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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