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Colleen

Can you add this entire conversation the the Chinsegut agenda item for the next meeting.

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Good Afternoon All,

This is to confirm that the Tampa Bay History Center will not be able to continue as a partner if the County's contributions towards maintenance change.

Best regards,  
Maria

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Good Afternoon Jeff and Blake,

Jeff, we are so grateful for all you and Hernando County have done for our partnership for the Chinsegut Manor House. And, thank you for your very kind words. I know our staff have very much enjoyed working with you, your staff and the County on this worthy project.

I am copying our CFO, Maria Steijlen, here for confirmation, but yes, it is my understanding that it is fair to assume that, without maintenance support at the current level, the History Center would not be able to continue in its operational role at the Manor House at Chinsegut. Maria, please confirm or correct on this point.

Kind Regards,  
Lisa

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Mrs. Richardson

Hi. I am the County Administrator of Hernando County, as you are aware. The Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County are going to discuss our lease with the State of Florida for the Chinsegut Manor House and Retreat Center on our May 27, 2025 BOCC meeting.

The County is very appreciative of the partnership we have with the Tampa Bay History Center for the operation of the Manor House. Your organization has made great improvements and improved the museum experience.

What I wanted to know and discuss with you is the thoughts from your organization on your future partnership.

Currently we contribute to the costs of maintaining the Manor House and the grounds. In our past discussions, if the County did not contribute to the cost of maintenance, I believe your organization would not be able to continue to partner. Is that a fair statement?

I invite you or a representative to attend our meeting on May 27, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Hernando County Courthouse. Also, I am willing to have a conversation to discuss the details of these discussions moving forward.

I realize this is a short time frame for any decisions, and I understand if you cannot commit to any decisions at this time.

I have copied Blake Bell, one of your Trustees that I have been discussing this situation with also.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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