



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: Jim Scholl, City Manager

Through: Donald Leland Craig, AICP, 
Director of Community Development Services / Planning Director

From: Kevin Bond, AICP, LEED Green Associate, Planner II /
Staff Liaison to the Key West Arts in Public Places (AIPP) Board

Meeting Date: August 19, 2014

RE: Diana Nyad commemorative plaque location on City Property

Action Statement: Proposed resolution approving the location of a plaque at Smathers Beach commemorating Diana Nyad's historic swim from Cuba to Key West

Request: That the City Commission approve the location and placement of a commemorative bronze plaque at Smathers Beach.

Location: Smathers Beach

Background:

On September 2, 2013, long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad completed a record-breaking, 110-mile swim from Cuba to Key West. On November 6, 2013, former City Manager Bogdan Vitas recommended to the City Commission that a nationwide design competition be held to commission a monument to be placed at Smathers Beach, the location where Nyad came ashore at the end of her swim. The Key West Arts in Public Places (AIPP) Board later recommended that the monument be a bronze sculpture, but Smathers Beach would not be an ideal location for such a monument. Instead, the AIPP Board recommended that the monument be placed on another location in the City, and that a plaque would be more appropriate at Smathers Beach. A rendering of the proposed 12-by-18-inch bronze plaque is attached. City Commission approval is requested for the placement of the commemorative plaque on City property.

Options:

Option 1: Pass the proposed resolution approving the location of a bronze commemoration plaque to be placed at Smathers Beach.

Option 2: Do not pass the proposed resolution.

Recommendation: Option 1.