

RESOLUTION NO. 12-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAL PROPERTIES LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST (LRA) ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD'S (TWAB) AND THE BAHAMA VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BVRAC) AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED UNDATED MEMORANDUM FROM CITY ENGINEERING AND PLANNING STAFF RE DESIGN PROGRAM DIRECTION FOR THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, TWAB and BVRAC held a joint public meeting on March 19, 2012 to discuss design of the Truman Waterfront Property; and

WHEREAS, City staff has prepared the attached memorandum and report on the results of the March 19 meeting, to provide guidance to the LRA as the design process moves forward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NAVAL PROPERTIES LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the recommendations described within the attached memo from City Engineering and Planning Staff re "Design Program Direction for the Truman Waterfront Park" are hereby accepted.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Authority.

Passed and adopted by the Naval Properties Local Redevelopment Authority at a meeting held this 16 day of April, 2012.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Authority on April 17, 2012.

Filed with the Clerk April 17, 2012.

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK


CRAIG CATES, CHAIRMAN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: Naval Properties Local Redevelopment Authority

From: City Engineering and Planning Staff

Meeting Date: April 3, 2012

Subject: Design Program Direction for the Truman Waterfront Park

Action Statement:

This action item request is to obtain direction from the Naval Properties Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) in order to clarify five (5) program design concerns with unclear standards or that are in conflict with project goals identified by city staff and the design consultant for the Truman Waterfront Park Master Plan.

Background:

On March 1, 2012 a kick-off meeting was held with the Truman Waterfront Park design team of Bermello Ajamil and Partners, Inc. and city staff to discuss the next steps for the design and development plan process. At the meeting five (5) program concerns were identified that affect the design of the park and require resolution before the plan can be further developed as follows:

1. Size and location of multi-use recreational field.
2. Should the USCG Ingham remain within the marina at the Truman Waterfront?
3. Maintain existing former Navy galley, Building 1287, currently utilized by the Police Athletic League (PAL) or construct new purpose built community recreation facility?
4. Should the park be designed to accommodate the World Championship Power Boat Races (+/- 70 boats)?
5. Size of fixed seating for the amphitheater and intended use of the lawn.

In order to provide the LRA with a final detailed recommendation for the five program design concerns, staff gathered information provided by numerous interested parties regarding these issues and held a joint meeting on March 19, 2012 between the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board (TWAB) and the Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BVRAC). In this report please find the recommendations of the TWAB and BVRAC and attachments that include additional information regarding the programming design concerns and a summary of the information provided by interested parties.

The TWAB and BVRAC recommendations are as follows:

1. Build a multi-use purposes field capable of supporting an adult size regulation soccer field (110 yard x 65 yards) in the location determined to be the most adequate for the use, adjacent to the Navy Property where the Building 1287 is currently located. BVRAC recommended

that the field be located outside of the CRA boundaries.

2. Move the USCG Ingham for the best and most efficient design of the future marina (perpendicular to seawall). Additionally the TWAB recommends that a business plan be required from the Miami Dade Historical Maritime Museum for the future financial viability of the Ingham.
3. Demolish Building 1287 in order to more cost effectively build a new community recreation center in a more appropriate location on the site that serves the needs of the community, including but not limited to the Police Athletic League and horse stables needs. Additionally TWAB and BVRAC recommend that demolition not occur until plans are in place for the new community center.
4. Accommodate future power boat and sail boat races and other events utilizing trailers, vendor displays, storage and boat displays on hard surface areas only including streets, parking lots, the East Quay and the proposed event lawn adjacent to Building 103. Request the use of the adjacent west Navy Mole Pier property as an auxiliary area for the event.
5. Design the amphitheater to provide approximately 250 fixed seats with informal lawn seating that can also be used as recreation area. The BVRAC recommends that no more than 250 seats be allowed.

Advantages/Disadvantages and Financial Impact

Without the benefit of financial impact assessments staff is not fully aware of the financial impacts of the five issues; however based on available information and information provided by the parties of interest related to the five concerns discussed herein staff has provided a brief summary within the attached Background Information.

Recommendation:

Based on the conclusions of the joint meeting, city staff recommends to the LRA that the Truman Waterfront Park Master Plan be designed with the following fixed elements as follows:

1. Build a minimum 110 yard x 65 yard multi-use field adjacent to the Navy Property where Building 1287 is currently located.
2. Require the Miami Dade Historical Maritime Museum to relocate the USCG Ingham perpendicular to and at the south end of the East Quay seawall.
3. Demolish Building 1287 and design, fund, and construct a needs based community recreation center in a more appropriate location on the site that serves the needs of the community.
4. Accommodate future power boat races and sail boat races and other events utilizing trailers, vendor displays, storage and boat displays on hard surface areas only including streets, parking lots, the East Quay and the proposed event lawn adjacent to Building 103. Request the use of the adjacent west Navy Mole Pier property as an auxiliary area for the event.
5. Design the amphitheater to provide approximately 250 fixed seats with informal lawn seating that can also be used as a multi-use recreation area.

