



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Art in Public Places Board

FROM: Art in Public Places Administrator

DATE: April 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Location for the installation of a commemorative statue of Diana Nyad

ACTION STATEMENT

A statue commemorating Diana Nyad's historic swim from Cuba to Key West is to be commissioned by a sponsor and a group of her supporters. The Planning Department has determined two specific site locations to be the best options for the location and installation of such a work of Public Art. The AIPP Advisory Board should provide a recommendation on which of the two locations it finds most favorable. The two locations for consideration are Smather's Beach (see attached) and the John and Mary Spottswood Park (see attached).

BACKGROUND

Diana Nyad completed the historic swim from Cuba with a landing in Key West at Smather's Beach. A commemorative plaque was installed at stairwell#11 on Smather's Beach recognizing the significance of such an achievement. The commemorative statue to be commissioned is to be 1.2 times the life-size of the subject and to represent the athlete in her full length. The monument is to be made of bronze and designed to allow for photo opportunities to 'pose' with Diana Nyad. AIPP documents indicate support from the Board for this installation dating back to 2014.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION

In order to keep the Public Art visible and accessible to the Public in accordance with the City of Key West's Municipal Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-487 (b), the City Planning Department recommends one of two locations selected along the Atlantic Coast of the City which correspond to the significance of the accomplishment. The two locations for consideration are Smather's Beach (see attached) and the John and Mary Spottswood Park (see attached).

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RECOMMENDATION

Upon review and consideration of the proposed locations, the John and Mary Spottswood Park affords a highly visible opportunity for placemaking around the proposed Diania Nyad Public Art installation. The AIPP Board may consider contributing to the installation of the Public Art work from their budget. In particular, the Board may elect to sponsor the accompanying recognition plaque.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The AIPP Board may consider contributing to the installation of the Public Art work from their budget. In particular the Board may elect to sponsor the accompanying recognition plaque. A funder has offered to support the commissioning of the piece and collaborative funding sources are being sought for the installation of the work, which include the sponsor of the commission.

John and Mary Spottswood Park



Dale M., 1949-2007. View of the John & Mary Spottswood Waterfront Park - Key West, Florida. 2006. Color digital image. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. Accessed 5 Apr. 2017. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/101970>>.

Smathers' Beach Location

