

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**To:** Mayor Craig Cates and City Commissioners

**Through:** Jim Scholl, City Manager  
Enid Torregrosa-Silva, Historic Preservation Planner

**From:** Chairman Bryan Green and HARC Commissioners

**Meeting Date:** August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**RE:** Approval of an advisory, non-binding opinion from HARC of the demolition of certain components of the Diesel Generating Plant at 100 Angela Street as directed under City Commission Resolution 18-088.

### ACTION STATEMENT:

Approval of HARC Resolution No. 2018-001 containing an advisory, non-binding opinion of the demolition of certain components of the Diesel Generating Plant as directed under City Commission Resolution 18-088.

### BACKGROUND:

In March 6, 2018, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 18-088 that requested from HARC an advisory, non-binding opinion of the proposed demolition of certain components for the historic Diesel Generating Plant, pursuant to Section 102-221 of the Land Development Regulations. During the days of April 2, 5, and 10 HARC members, individually, visited the facilities in order to observe and study the current conditions of the buildings. In April 16, 2018 HARC held a public workshop where the Chief Building Officer and staff from the Engineering Department attended to discuss the existing conditions of the buildings, recommendations, and future action tasks. In June 26, 2018, HARC members approved Resolution No. 2018-001.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Historic Architectural Review Commission requests the City Commission to lead by example and take steps to minimize future damage of these historic buildings, to preserve Buildings 1, 2, 3a, and 4, and to bring them back with an adaptive use compatible with the adjacent Bahama Village neighborhood and the new Truman Waterfront Park. With June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 being the given date by the Chief Building Official to comply with his orders; long-lead funding and restoration plans should be immediately pursued to allow for funding cycle times.

## **HARC STAFF ANNALYSIS:**

HARC has rendered the requested non-binding opinion as directed by the City Commission. In order to make their recommendations HARC members took into consideration their own professional experience and expertise in historic buildings, staff and citizens suggestions, the City's Comprehensive Plan – Historic Preservation Element, as well as successful existing examples of adaptive use across the World. The Commission has performed their directed task in a transparent manner where all stakeholders had the opportunity to participate in the draft of the document in review.

It is HARC staff's opinion that the recommendations included in the Resolution are consistent with both, the vision and mission of the City of Key West, as they promote the preservation of the brick buildings in the complex that is part of the period of the historic significance of the Diesel Generating Plant:

### **Vision:**

*Key West has a beautiful natural environment with a vibrant culture, **interesting historical architecture**, active neighborhoods, and community-wide interests that are supported by involved residents from all walks of life **and a responsible and responsive government**.*

### **Mission:**

*Our mission is to protect our natural and built environment and honor our local heritage and cultural identity with citizens actively engaged in the life of our neighborhoods and community. Together we shall promote ongoing redevelopment of a sustainable economy, quality of life, and modern city infrastructure. **Our government shall act on behalf of the long-term, generational interests of residents and visitors of Key West.***