

### **Bahama Village Community Garden**

Keys to Be the Change would like to collaborate with the City of Key West and the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County to create an organic raised bed vegetable garden on the Douglass Gym property. The location would be in the park-like area outside the entrance to the Bahama Village Music Program facility. Potentially we could invite the BVMP children to participate in the growing and eating of the vegetables. This is all part of the Keys to Be the Change mission of providing programs, education, awareness and opportunities for children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life. The collaboration is also part of FDOH-Monroe's Healthiest Weight Florida Initiative whose goal is to increase access to healthy foods for community members.

We will add additional documents by your deadline, Wednesday. Clayton said this project can still take place as the gym expansion will be in 3+ years and will need to identify an alternate location to move this garden when the renovation begins. If we decide that 3 years is too short of a time frame to have a garden in place, I can always pull this agenda item during the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, right? Three years of growing/learning is better, I personally think that to leave it sitting as it is where the children frequent.



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