

- Recommendation on Seeking Reimbursement from MCSD for Field Maintenance and Other Costs (Resolution for a Vote attached)

Key West recreation and athletic activities are a vital part of our City's culture, have an extraordinary reputation both at the state and national level, and are critically important to the long-term development of both mental and physical health of the youth of our community.

Recreational and athletic fields are a scarce commodity in the City of Key West because of our limited geography and high land costs.

The Parks and Recreation (PAR) Advisory Board's understanding is that the City of Key West has limited resources and incurs a significant amount of costs to maintain recreation fields that are owned and used by both the City of Key West and the Monroe County School District (MCSD).

The PAR Board is grateful that the MCSD allows the City to use these fields certain days and certain limited hours. The PAR Board believes that basic fairness principles would suggest that the costs expended associated with the maintenance and care of these fields be shared equitably among the City and MCSD.

The shared fields that the City maintains and incurs substantially all costs include (1) the George Mira field (s), (2) the Horace O'Bryant field (s), (3) the Gerald Adams field (s), and (4) the Poinciana field(s). **(any costs incurred by City on KWHS Stadium or KWHS Backyard?)**

The costs incurred by the City of Key West include labor and benefits of Parks and Recreation, Facilities Maintenance, and Community Services employees in planting, fertilizing, watering, and maintaining these fields, restrooms and concession stands. Costs incurred also include capital and operating investments and all utilities expenses of these fields and facilities (lights, electric, water, etc.).

The PAR Board recommends that the City Commission direct the City Manager to obtain the total costs incurred by the City in maintaining these shared use fields and the estimated allocation of time used and discuss a new and more fair allocation of these costs on a prospective basis.