

ITEM # 20

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Mayor Cates, Commissioners, and City Manager

RE: Assisted Living Facility Site

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KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Recently, the site for the assisted living facility at Truman Annex has been denied. There has been discussion as to where best to locate this facility. One site proposed, by myself and others is at Poinciana on the corner of Duck Ave and 17th street. This location is near the hospital, doctors' offices and shopping centers.

While initially I supported this site—after reviewing the proposed plans drawn up by architect Tom Pope, I no longer support such a major development.

The proposed facility consists of 110 units three stories high. This is unacceptable for this neighborhood.

Clearly the obvious concerns are: density, building height, impact from tenants, employees, visitors and vehicles. Also what defines or who qualifies for assisted living? Will it be for residents of Key West or all of Monroe County? What is the cost to build and maintain and what is the cost to live there?

Before the process of selecting a new site for this facility begins I request that these concerns be addressed and that all property owners and residents adjacent to this site are notified.

Further.....when Poinciana Housing was transferred to the City via the BRAC process...one concession we were given was the police sub-station. The proposed plan eliminates this substation. This is unacceptable as well. Another issue is the 19th St. gate that remains locked. This gate needs to be opened.

My primary concern is disclosure. Notify the property owners and neighbors affected by this proposed facility before RFP's are given. We do not want to hear about grant cycles driving the bus on development deadlines.

Sincerely



Allen Tidball