

Gardens of Key West
A Condominium Association, Inc.
PO Box 4852
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March 2, 2015

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

We are homeowners at the Gardens of Key West. We are nine single family residences directly across the street from the Angela-Simonton site being considered for a parking garage.

In November of last year we wrote to you stating our opposition to a parking garage at this location. Some of us were also able to attend a commission meeting and spoke out against this proposal.

We continue to oppose a parking garage at this location for several reasons:

We were promised a high quality "park like" parking lot as part of the overall redevelopment of this site. A "park-like" development is what was presented to HARC, the Tree Commission, and to the community to secure approvals and support. This included getting support for the variances needed to construct the firehouse. The plans that the Commissioners approved for the firehouse and parking lot satisfied our concerns. By building a garage at this location will make us feel as victims of a "bait and switch" and broken promises.

We doubt the need for a garage at this location. The utilization statistics show the current lot was rarely at capacity. Since City Hall and its employees have relocated, this lot has been even less utilized.

Our side of the street is primarily residential and a concrete parking structure would have a negative impact on its character.

- A residential area is not suited for a parking garage.
- It does not seem to make economic sense to build a garage here.
- Keep the promises made by staying with the previously approved plans.
- We ask you **not** to move ahead on any design plans for this location.

Many of the commitments made to secure support for the firehouse would be tossed aside by moving ahead with a garage at this location. This impressive community asset will be diminished with a garage.

Sincerely,

Gardens of Key West Condominium Association

Joe and Elizabeth Allatta -603 Angela St
John and Marilyn Bamford -621 Simonton St
Tom and Hanna Fortin -623 Simonton St
Gary Garland -617 Simonton St
Tim and Luann Grosscup -601 Angela St

Tim and Deanna Hoover – 605 Angela St
Roger and Cindy McVeigh – 627 Simonton St
Leila Rupp and Verta Taylor – 625 Simonton St
Bill Simpson – 619 Simonton St