



Key West Parrot Head Club
400 Whitehead St., PO Box 1523,
Key West, FL 33040

28 October 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our 500 members, the Key West Parrot Head Club (KWPHC) strongly endorses the proposal for the Jimmy Buffett Mural at 513 Fleming Street.

The KWPHC is a local affiliate of Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization engaged in activities that are charitable, educational and promote the general welfare of the community. PHIP and KWPHC participate in community and environmental events and provide a variety of social activities for people who are interested in the music of Jimmy Buffett and the tropical lifestyle he personifies.

Jimmy Buffett's name has become synonymous with Key West. It's often said, "Jimmy Buffett didn't make Key West; Key West made Jimmy Buffett." His adopted hometown is the inspiration for numerous songs, and many of our iconic locations are immortalized in his verses. From Fausto's, Louie's Backyard, Blue Heaven, to Capt Tony's and Caroline Street, millions of parrot heads around the world have come to know Key West through the eyes of Jimmy Buffett. Every year tens of thousands visit our home for no other reason than to see the places about which Jimmy wrote.

We encourage all our local leaders to approve this project without delay.

Fins Up,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Kertis".

Edward Kertis
Vice President
Key West Parrot Head Club

Enid Torregrosa

From: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Enid Torregrosa
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 513 Fleming mural support letter

From: emma starr
<emmakeywest@gmail.com>
Date: October 29, 2023 at 5:49:0
To: kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com
Subject: 513 FLEMING MURAL F

A mural honoring Jimmy Buffet at
513 Fleming will bring energy &
existing large-scale 'blank' wall.
will encourage island visitors to
Duval' to view the artwork which

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Kristen Onderdonk

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From: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Enid Torregrosa
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Regarding the Proposed Jimmy Buffet Mural at 513 Fleming St.

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Hi there,
I'll forward these letters of support for the commissioners to review tonight.
Thanks in advance.

Kristen Onderdonk

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Begin forwarded message:

From: barb grob <bbopnbarb@gmail.com>
Date: October 28, 2023 at 1:40:57 PM EDT
To: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Subject: Regarding the Proposed Jimmy Buffet Mural at 513 Fleming St.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to voice my support of the Jimmy Buffet mural that's been proposed at 513 Fleming St. I think it is a wonderful idea to commemorate the beloved icon & a perfect place to do it!

I am the Owner of Key West Local Luxe Jewelry Store at 515 Fleming St. I've been in business on the 500 Block of Fleming St. for 14yrs. I have seen MANY changes... Our block has come a long way, since the days of Living Dolls, for example - it's flourished into a wonderful, thriving block of 100% locally-owned & operated businesses that have something wonderful to offer for everyone - from breakfast, lunch, dinner, & drinks, to mens & womens boutiques, books, antiques, art galleries & of course, a grocer & a jewelry store. The merchants have worked very hard to clean up this street & its image. I believe that this mural would not only enhance the visual - making something wonderful of a blighted, blank wall that's visible from Duval; it would also draw people up the block, where they could discover The Fabulous 500 Block & spend a day with 'The Locals'. The placement is also perfect because of its proximity to Margaritaville -- just around the corner.

I also think that Brandon Vessels is the perfect artist to complete the project - he's an accomplished, talented & respected local artist, who's already got a maintenance plan in place for it. This is a project that will enhance the character & identity of our island community, by celebrating one of our heroes & supporting The Arts - without asking any foundations or organizations for assistance... isn't THAT refreshing?! Frankly, I think this is a generous gift from the Onderdonks & the artist, to the Key West community & its guests!

It may also be noteworthy to mention that I moved here, 27yrs ago - as a sculptor & muralist, doing large scale works for commercial settings. I came here, because I'd read that Key West was 'The Island of The Arts'. Sadly, the restrictions & requirements for murals changed at about that time & became much more prohibitive, which is basically why I stopped that line of work & switched to art galleries. Over the 25yrs since I opened my first store, I have seen & I think we can all agree, that the vast majority of Key West's artists have been forced to leave, due to the cost of living in Paradise!. So, with that in mind - I would like to respectfully request that we as a community start making it EASIER on artists to express themselves & to beautify our island. Perhaps, instead of having so many restrictions & requirements - we could allow artists to decorate walls that fit basic criteria (with the Owners' permission, of course) with historic &/or culturally relevant themes & if the neighbors don't care for it - they can vote to let another artist re-do it. It seems to me that MORE publicly visible art & creativity would be much better for Key West & if we just allow people to do it, we will all win!

Thanks for considering my wishes. I really hope to see this mural on this wall. :)

Sincerely,
Barb Grob

Barb Grob - Designer/Director/Curator

Key West Local Luxe

JEWELS PEARLS GIFTS

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USA Today's "10 Best List"...We Make Women Happy!

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From: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 1:17 PM
To: Enid Torregrosa
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 513 Fleming Buffett mural Letter in support

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From: Oakleigh Waits <oakleighwaits@gmail.com>
Date: October 24, 2023 at 4:19:17 PM EDT
To: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Subject: Letter in support

To whom it may concern,

As a 40 year resident and business owner in Key West, I was thrilled to hear the the Onderdonk family was willing and supportive of this mural going up on their building at 513 Fleming St. I would be delighted to see Jimmy's face smiling at me as I pass by and grateful that local building owners are making efforts to keep the culture and the spirit of JB going. As well as keeping their property clean and updated. Thank you!

It would be incredibly disappointing if this mural placement is not allowed. Given the thousands of unfortunate imagery and language glaring through the windows all over our downtown area, Wouldn't it be wonderful to see art showing around town far more than vulgarities. It would be a perfect destination for photo ops and I am certain supportive of all of those neighboring small businesses.

Our vote is YES!!!

Oakleigh Waits
Susan Beale
Tina Hammond

Soul House

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From: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
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> Dear Mayor Johnston and the City Commissioners, I am writing this in
> support of passing a resolution, to place a mural on the building on the 500 block of Fleming.
> I think the mural of Jimmy Buffett is not only visually pleasing, but
> it's of great benefit to the City, which has a great history of
> honoring its past. Regards, Mark Gambuzza UVA 605 Simonton St.
> Key West, FL 33040
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