



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Greg Veliz, Community Services Director
VIA: David Fernandez, Assistant City Manager- Operations
DATE: February 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Approving the construction of a “Green Space” public recreation area located within the Truman Annex Waterfront Property

ACTION STATEMENT: Resolution approving the construction of a “Green Space” public recreation area within the Truman Annex Waterfront Property in an amount not to exceed \$62,100; amend the capital improvement program to include the construction of this “Green Space” in the master design of the Truman Waterfront Property development and authorize the use of funds allocated to the Truman Waterfront Property development project

BACKGROUND: Green space and recreational areas are limited in the City of Key West. This condition is prevalent in the downtown area. Finalized design plans for the development of the Truman Waterfront Property are not known at this time. The City Commission and the public have expressed a desire to create a usable green space prior to final design.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION: The process for the development of the Truman Waterfront property is still in the design phase. This project provides the City an opportunity to give the public over 23,000 square feet of recreational “green space” in the short term and incorporate that space into the master design. All conceptual plans to date have represented this area as green space. We are confident this project will be incorporated into the final design.



Figure 1. Proposed Project Site

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the construction of the “Green Space” public recreation area allowing additional areas for recreation within the downtown area.
2. Reject the construction of the “Green Space” and wait for the Truman Waterfront Development design completion.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The project would be funded from the Infrastructure Surtax account 101-4303-543.63 and/or reserves where all necessary budget transfers to this account will be made.

Due to time constraints, the cost of initiating water service in this area is not fully known. We understand that the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority must conduct site surveys and make estimations based on such surveys in order to formulate a cost.

The following estimates were provided from commercial vendors. Given current city

resources, staff believes the costs can be reduced using in house skilled and unskilled labor.

Description	Estimated Cost
Sod	\$12,600.00
Irrigation System	\$22,000
Electrical System	\$2,500
Picnic Tables	\$5,000
Mulch	\$3,000
Area Borders	\$1,500
Pump and Tank Pad and Fence	\$4,500
4 X 4 Rope w/ Concrete	\$8,000
Flexi-Pave	\$3,000
Total	\$62,100.00

Figure 2. Commercially Provided Estimates

We represent the total project cost as a “not to exceed” amount. While we anticipate cost cutting measures to be achieved, we request the entire amount to cover unforeseen expenses that may occur.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Option #1.