



Executive Summary

To: Jim Scholl, City Manager

From: David Hawthorne, Marilyn Wilbarger

Date: June 1, 2012

Re: Grant Application for repairs to Wahoo Pier and parking lot resurfacing and striping

ACTION ITEM

The purpose of this item is to receive approval to apply for grant funding in the amount of **\$270,000** from the Florida Boating Improvement Program.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

City Marina at Garrison Bight is a centrally located transient boater facility with a combination of fixed and floating docks catering to trailer boaters and vessels up to 60 feet in length. The 600 foot Wahoo pier which is a fixed wooden dock supports three adjacent floating docks that slip transient boaters visiting Key West. The Wahoo pier dock, which was installed approximately 40 years ago has sustained substantial wear and tear over the years and is in need of restoration. A survey of the Wahoo Pier indicated that 100 percent of wood decking was in need of replacement due to dry rot and overall wear to material from high foot traffic. Along with repairs to the Wahoo pier fixed dock, substantial repairs are needed to the adjacent three floating docks which include steel framing supports and gunnel support boards to keep it safe for public use. Also included in the grant application is replacement of the domestic water piping system for those docks. **The domestic water line servicing the transient tenants on Wahoo pier is at the end of its useful life. The waterline has become brittle and often breaks causing disruption of service. The materials used in the water line have become obsolete with special fittings that are hard to find to make repairs. The waterline is in need of total replacement.** The trailer parking area is also in need of asphalt resealing and restriping. The Florida Boating Improvement fund can support the cost to make repairs to the aging dock structure.

One of the grant requirements is that Key West City Commission adopts a resolution that the Project Manager has the authority to apply for and administer the grant on the behalf of the City of Key West.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION

City Marina is a vital resource for transient boaters. The marina is centrally located and convenient for trailer boaters with an abundance of parking and overnight transient dockage. Wahoo dock has deteriorated to the point that it needs to be refurbished. If approved the grant funding will support the cost of labor and repairs to the dock and restore the dock system back to its original condition for safe use to the public and transient visitors

OPTIONS

1. The City Commission can adopt a resolution so that the Project Manager for City Marina @ Garrison Bight has the authority to apply for and administer the grant on the behalf of the City of Key West.
2. The City Commission may elect not to adopt a resolution to apply for and administer the grant at this time.

ADVANTAGES

- The cost to make repairs to Wahoo dock and redo the parking lot will be paid for with grant money if the grant is approved.
- The Wahoo pier transient dock will be restored to it's original condition and made safer for public use

DISADVANTAGES

- Staff sees no disadvantage to applying for the grant money to refurbish this dock and reseal the parking lot.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

The City of Key West's City Marina would have to pay for the project up front for a total of **\$270,000** which is budgeted in 413 7551 575 6300 for FY 12-13. City Marina will use in kind services for administration and construction management of the project as the match for the grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopts a resolution that the Project Manager for City Marina @ Garrison Bight has the authority to apply for and administer the grant on the behalf of the City of Key West.