

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



TO: Mayor and City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Barry Gibson
DATE: December 15, 2010
SUBJECT: Improvements to Bocce Courts

Action statement:

Respectfully request approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Key West to fund specific capital improvements to the City bocce courts located at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and White Street in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Request approval to amend the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Annual Budget for Fund 101, Infrastructure Surtax Fund, specifically the appropriation of \$25,000 from account 101-1900-519-.94, Reserves, to the appropriate recreational project account in Fund 101.

Background:

The City owns, improves and maintains several recreational facilities throughout the City which are primarily used by adult groups. Unlike youth groups in which the City assist in annual operational requirements, primarily in the form of reimbursement of referee/umpiring services, the adult groups/leagues receive no on-going operational assistance from the City. In the case of the bocce courts, the City leases the property from the Department of Interior. Prior improvements made by the City to the bocce courts have been limited and most of the repairs and improvements in the past have been funded and made by the bocce members themselves.

The attached request from the Southernmost Bocce League, Inc. is presented as a “joint effort”, calling for the construction of seven (7) new ADA compliant bocce courts, relocation of existing benching and providing much needed shade for the relocated benches. The Southernmost Bocce League, Inc. has secured donated service commitments from several local contractors for heavy equipment. League members themselves will provide a preponderance of the required labor augmented by the City’s Community Services Department. The City’s \$25,000 appropriation will be used to purchase the necessary concrete, clay, 57 rock and miscellaneous materials; all pursuant to the City’s purchasing guidelines. Project control will be under the direction of the Community Services Department, with all appropriate approvals and permits being obtained.

The bocce courts are available for use by the general public. As in the case of most recreational facilities, organized groups have been formed which become the primary users of the facility. The Southernmost Bocce League, Inc., formed in 1991, currently enjoys over 430 players.

Financial Impact:

Sufficient uncommitted reserves are available in the Infrastructure Surtax Fund to support the outlined improvements to the bocce courts.

Recommendation:

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