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I think painting the buoy on two sides to have two lines is a great idea. You all have a fiduciary duty to the citizens of Key West. I think this will do more to improve the area than narrowing the entire length of South St.

If you paint this buoy on two sides, you may have solved all of the problems with just that one stroke of a pen.

No plaza would be needed. No taxpayer money wasted. You have the obligation to the residents to fix their drainage and to pave their roads. If you don't have that obligation, why do we have a city government in the first place?

Why is there so much energy spent on plazas, and the rest of our streets are in need of major repair?

How can you even think about spending money on light poles in this affluent neighborhood ---- and neglect Bahama Village and new town, etc.? The street behind HOB - terrible.

The tourists are fine there. I talk to them all the time. They just want to know if my parents house is for sale. They never complained about the width of the sidewalk. Some just don't want to stand in line. That has nothing to do with the current 11 ft sidewalk.

So yes to painting on both sides, and there's no need for this plaza. The only resident who asked for a plaza is Peter Janker who wants San Antonio Riverwalk in Key West.

And in case you didn't read my email where I called out his shadiness, he conducted no vote in 2025 or 2026 regarding the plaza.

That's partly why we are here today discussing the buoy, discussing the length of the street, because he and Gary Volenec wanted One Way and Peter also wanted San Antonio Riverwalk. I have all the meeting notes. If anyone wants to see, there were about 15 ppl in attendance — not 90.

And like I said in my other email on #29, and I speak for myself here, if I had to choose between a narrower South St or the buoy at the pocket park, I choose the buoy at the pocket park. That's because it'll affect all of us who utilize this street. The rest of town avoids it all together.

We can make the buoy work if we address the specific safety issues head on and let go of this need to push through a project only partially funded by the TDC grant ---- a project whose foundation broke apart with the nixing of the One Way, and the cracks keep cracking and the math isn't mathing.

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