

Public Art Administrator Report City of  
Key West Art in Public Places

**AUGUST 2025**

Attended 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with Growth Management – met all new staff and learned about projects, and new organizational chart. AIPP reports directly to Mr. Patrick Wright – Director of Growth Management. Conferred with Patrick and emailed with the Mayor & Commissioners re: AIPP ordinance & guidelines as follow up to artist's inquiry.

**Public Art Projects: Updates in ORANGE:**

1. **John Jones Navigational Center:** **Art Budget: \$71,500.** Budget: \$79,388. Project manager – Glynn Meienburg. Ribbon cutting completed. Liz met with architect Bill Horn and has the targeted species. **RFP draft started.** We will request our 2 stakeholder selection committee members from the City Manager. Liz to draft the RFP once she receives the targeted spaces. Building underway – we will have access to our funds in June.
1. **1400 Duval Park/Mall Signage** – **Call for proposals draft started – turnover October 1 as contracts go through Sept. 30.** Approved to start call for proposals by Board. Parks & Rec board working on new landscaping, cleanup and painting of knee walls – RFP for signage to complete.
2. **KW Seaport Public Art project** – **Requested update on 8/18.** Foundation work has started as of July 8<sup>th</sup>! Postponements occurred – installs to begin anyway. Liz met with artist on site and reviewed all installs with Bight management and AIPP. Installation of all 4 pieces set for APRIL. We have requested 24-hour notice so we **can visit and have press.** Completed site visit and shift of main piece, working on Caroline St pieces first, while Greene St undergoes sewer and utility work. Ferrill-Trellage Studios Inc proposal has been approved as the recommended project by The KW Seaport Bight Board, HARC, and staff. Next stop City Commission in July. RFP was released and distributed widely – Bid Opening Date January 18<sup>th</sup>. Request to City Manager for 2-3 stakeholders complete, meeting to review and score set for February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Final revisions completed – moving through City Staff for approval and release as an RFP – due date to be determined. New Port Director is Steve McAlearney – was Director of Engineering.
3. **Douglass Community Center** – **Ongoing – Craig Gray is complete, and Sally Binard presented final design to BVRACR on 8/14. She is moving forward with fabrication. Liz working on signage.** Billy Kearins is complete. Craig will begin working this month. Sally moving forward with final design. Sally to present at May meeting. Craig postponed to family medical issues. Invoices are being paid and schedules will be set and AIPP will be informed. 3 artists selected and approved by all boards including City Commission- awaiting final renderings and 1<sup>st</sup> payments submitted and paid this Friday. COMPLETED 2 site visits, meeting with Commissioner Lopes and Karen Wilman to finalize targeted spaces. – have new photos, reviewed feedback from surveys, artist workshop, and BVRAC meeting. RFP in progress, Construction underway and on schedule. Postponed one more month – awaiting City Commission approval at July meeting. We will have \$\$ in June/July. Invited staff to our meeting to review the plans and timeline. Following presentation by City Staff at June AIPP meeting – we requested a budget and potential “targeted space”. Will continue communications with Karen Wilman, and consider best timing for community workshop for feedback prior to any RFP.
4. **STATE of FLORIDA SEAL-** **working on repairs to reinstall over United St. exit door in Commission Chambers. Artist has been traveling extensively – rescheduled for September.**
5. **Police Station** – Building has been painted. “Naming” mural – **Call for proposals in draft form – budget approved \$5,000.**
6. **Truman Waterfront Park** – **Ongoing Phase 1B – Draft in progress on RFP for pairs of double “barn” doors facing the new sports field with an art budget of \$15,000.**
7. **Simonton Street Fire Station** – Ongoing Draft RFP in progress, Reviewed guidelines for HARC.
8. **Poetry in Sidewalks/Bus Stops:** **Grant application completed and submitted by deadline.** Met with Sustainability coordinator in July – applying for a NEA grant for new bus shelters for island areas that do not have them – will consider artistic designs and room for poetry revolving program. ONGOING conversations on pieces removed and how to best move forward with this beloved project. 4 have been removed and need to be replaced.
9. **Gift from Timyan family and Gift from Kathryn Kilgore** – Working with Marcus Davila and Mike in Community Services to install in new locations – dog park on Grinnell and small Flagler Ave Park.
10. **Mallory Square/ Zero Duval Street - Private/City** – **No updates.** Excellent website hosted by consultant group Sasaki.
11. **Collections Management** – **Ongoing City Webpage for AIPP – Ongoing –**

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