

RESOLUTION NO. PR 22-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY WEST PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR EXPERT LEGAL SERVICES TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF PURSUING EMINENT DOMAIN AND DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS IF FEASIBLE TO ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS BETWEEN THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT PARK AND MALLORY SQUARE THROUGH ADMIRAL'S CUT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, at its meeting of [August 25, 2022,] the Key West Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended that the City Commission should authorize staff to commence Eminent Domain proceedings to allow public access across the privately held "Admiral's Cut" parcel between Truman Waterfront Park and Mallory Square; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board finds that providing access to the Truman Waterfront Park (TW Park) via Admiral's Cut is vitally important for the City of Key West and its residents and visitors to fully realize the potential uses and benefits of TW Park; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City

Commission pursue access to TW Park via Admiral's Cut; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board finds that the City of Key West has exhibited extraordinary patience in repeatedly attempting to negotiate access to TW Park via Admiral's Cut with the Owners of Pier B for more than a decade without success; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the City Commission allocate sufficient funding for legal services to explore the feasibility of pursuing eminent domain and direct the legal department to pursue eminent domain proceedings, if feasible, to allow public access from Mallory Square to the Truman Waterfront Park through Admiral's Cut.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Agency.

Passed and adopted by the Key West Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board at a meeting held this 25th day of
August, 2022.

Filed with the Clerk August 30, 2022.



TIFFANY PELICIER, CHAIR

ATTEST:



KERI O'BRIEN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK