

Doug Bradshaw <dbradsha@keywestcity.com>

Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

1 message

Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 12, 2012 at 9:05 AM

Reply-To: Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com>

To: Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>, Doug Bradshaw <dbradsha@keywestcity.com>

Cc: Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>, Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>, Randy Hollingworth <RHollingworth@bermelloajamil.com>

Doug,

Once again we appreciate the work and time that is being put into this project. The adult league presently consists of 16 teams. Approx 180 players. This number would be considerably higher but unfortunately the lack of availability of a surface to play on hinders that growth,

Presently we play wherever is possible, sometimes on the outfield of the softball fields or occasionally on George Mira field, but consistently are removed from these fields. Truman annex is still being used (unbelievable I know) on Sunday evenings as part of the adult league. Athletic Club Key West presently use Poinciana field on Wednesday evening and the High school on Saturdays. Two additional adult teams use Poinciana on Sunday mornings and Truman on Tuesday evenings.

To summarize:

180 players

Presently using

Poinciana,

High School,

Truman Annex,

Softball fields,

Bernstein Park when possible.

This is happening on a year round basis and as soccer presently does not have a home to call its own, the importance of a proper size, year round playing facility is not to be underestimated.

I thank you all for taking the time to do the proper research with regard to something that will have a great and positive impact on the community going forward.

Doug I know that at the meeting the subject was discussed regarding the 25ft run off around the outside of the field. It would seem that if a spec could be found where only 20 ft is required then that would save an additional 10 ft for the width on the footprint of the overall field. It would seem 20ft is more than enough.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any other questions.

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From: Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>**To:** Doug Bradshaw <dbradsha@keywestcity.com>**Cc:** Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com>; Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>; Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; Randy Hollingworth <RHollingworth@bermelloajamil.com>**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2012 4:14 PM**Subject:** Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Doug,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input for our soccer community. As we discussed, we have approximately 700 kids who play soccer. Most of these are part of our Fall recreational program; however, our Spring competitive teams is increasing every year. This year we have five teams, and 100 kids playing in the Spring. We are hoping this trend continues to grow. Also, KW Soccer Club plays year round with usually 15 kids. And while I don't have firm numbers of the adults (Roderick will have this information), their numbers grow every year as well. And as you know, we have no option for them, as the existing field at Truman Annex isn't playable and the Poinciana field was set-up to be a youth field only. Although I know adults do play on it almost daily. Further, the new field at Poinciana is not doing well, as it never has an opportunity to rest, and continues to see heavy daily usage.

You requested a breakdown of our youth league... please see below:

Division	Number of Kids	Field Size	Requirement	Where Currently Play	Frequency
U5 Boys and Girls	85	30 yds x 15 yds		Gerald Adams Elementary	1 per week
U6 Boys and Girls	85	30 yds x 15 yds		Gerald Adams Elementary	1 per week
U8 Boys and Girls	155	50 yds x 25 yds		Gerald Adams & Poinciana	2 per week, plus 1 game / week
U10 Boys & Girls	140	80 yds x 40 yds		Poinciana & HS Backyard	2 per week, plus 1 game / week
U12 Boys & Girls	110	100 yds x 50 yds		Poinciana	2 per week, plus 1 game / week
U14 Boys & Girls	100	110 yds x 65 yds		Poinciana	2 per week, plus 1 game / week
U16 Boys	25	110 yds x 65 yds		Poinciana	2 per week, plus 1 game / week

A few other comments... at this point, Key West does not have a regulation size field anywhere on the island, thus the 125 kids who play U14+ are playing on too small a field. We have over 75 recreational teams, and 8 competitive teams who require field space. We are able to use Gerald Adams for our younger kids, but from U10+ we are limited to Poinciana Elementary, and the HS Backyard (6 games weekly). After we got the lights installed at Poinciana last Fall, we had 50 teams vying for the field space at Poinciana each week, as well as 2 games nightly at least five days a week. Lots of demand. We used to use the Truman field for practice purposes only, as it is too small for U12+. And as you know, is currently unplayable, thus is no longer an option. All of the fields except Poinciana are not available for soccer after the Fall season, as they are used for softball, baseball, and other youth/adult activities.

I hope this information helps, and if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Regards,

Tom Coward
 AYSO Commissioner
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On Mar 9, 2012, at 10:56 AM, Doug Bradshaw wrote:

Tom/Roderick,

Thank you guys for meeting with us yesterday. Valuable information was gathered and it will be very helpful as we put together the fact sheet for the major design issues for the Truman Waterfront. We look forward to receiving the additional information that we discussed at the meeting including break down of participants, number of fields and their use, and possible additional fields that could be used.

Thanks,

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On Thu, Mar 8, 2012 at 11:19 AM, Tom <tom@andrewsinn.com> wrote:

I thought we settled on 3:30 today at Don's office on Flagler?

Advise if different... and I cannot make it Friday at 1.

Tom
 849-1180

|-----Original Message-----

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To: Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>
Cc: Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com>, Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>, Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>, "michael@behmke.net" <michael@behmke.net>, Randy Hollingworth <RHollingworth@bermelloajamil.com>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2012 09:18:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Tom,

We cannot meet at 11:00 but I left a message with Roderick seeing if you guys could move it to 1:00 on Friday. Does that work for you guys?

Thanks,

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On Wed, Mar 7, 2012 at 4:08 PM, Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com > wrote:
Perfect... Where would you like to meet?

Thanks, Tom

On Mar 7, 2012, at 3:01 PM, Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com> wrote:

Friday at 11am?

Roderick Gill

From: Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com >
To: Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com>; Doug Bradshaw <dbradsha@keywestcity.com>
Cc: Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>; michael@behmke.net; Randy Hollingworth <RHollingworth@bermelloajamil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 2:11 PM
Subject: RE: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

[Don is booked all day Thursday](#)

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From: Roderick Gill [mailto:dub5@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:09 PM
To: Doug Bradshaw
Cc: Don Craig; Nicole Malo; Tom Coward; michael@behmke.net; Randy Hollingworth
Subject: Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Doug, does Thursday afternoon at 3.30pm work for you?
Roderick

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Cc: Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com >; Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>; michael@behmke.net; Randy Hollingworth <RHollingworth@bermelloajamil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 8:23 AM
Subject: Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Roderick,

Absolutely. Don Craig and I would be happy to sit down with you guys to discuss. When is the best time for Tom and you to meet?

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On Tue, Mar 6, 2012 at 3:57 PM, Roderick Gill <dub5@yahoo.com> wrote:

Doug, would it be possible for yourself, Tom and I to sit down and go over some basic discovery in order to have a proper understanding of the challenges facing the upland design. It would certainly give Tom and I a better understanding to help appease the different interests in order to help pave the path going forward.

Many thanks,
Roderick Gill
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From: Doug Bradshaw <dbradsha@keywestcity.com>
To: Michael@behmke.net
Cc: Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com >; Tom Coward <tom@andrewsinn.com>; Roderick Gil <dub5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 2:15 PM
Subject: Re: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Thanks Michael. Tom and/or Roderick please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thanks,

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On Tue, Mar 6, 2012 at 2:06 PM, Michael Behmke <Michael@behmke.net> wrote:

Doug,

I have copied the two point people that should be included on this. Tom Coward is the Regional Commissioner of AYSO and Roderick Gil is one of the Board Members of Athletic Club Key West. I have served on both of these boards, but have taken a back seat as (you know) my training has taken most of my free time.

I can say that there has been a lot of promises made over the years on this and it is not surprising to get your message, but a flow of information through these two and their respective constituents would be the best way to proceed.

Tom/Roderick,

Please see if you can assist in this and let me know if you cannot.

Michael Behmke.

From: Doug Bradshaw [mailto:dbradsha@keywestcity.com]

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 2:15 PM

To: Michael@behmke.net

Cc: Don Craig; Nicole Malo

Subject: Soccer Fields Truman Waterfront

Michael,

At the Truman Waterfront design kick-off meeting with the consultant and City Staff, several major issue were identified that could have significant impact on the programming of the upland design of the property. One of the issues was the retaining of the current multi-use/soccer fields (along Fort Street) and how it will affects the upland design. Currently at the next TWAB meeting on March 19, which will be a joint meeting with the other advisory group for the area BVRAC all these issues will be discussed and a recommendation to the LRA concerning these issues will be made.

As it stands now before the existing fields can be removed a regulation high school field must be built on the property. With the Truman Waterfront being such an unusual shape, fitting the field in is a somewhat difficult task with all the other desired uses of the property and compromises are going to have to be made. Since you are a huge supporter of soccer I could really use your input on the true needs of the community for an additional field, size, use (practice or games), etc. I could really use the info this week but first of next week at the latest. I know this is a short turn around, but I feel this is the final time these issues will be addressed before design is completed. Feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

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