

Melinda C. Stewart

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Dear Miss Cheri:

Please forward this to The Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners of Key West for the August 6, 2019 Commission Meeting. Also please have it read into the Public Record.

Thank you,

Danny

Dear Madam Mayor & Esteemed Commissioners:

As I am out of the Country while the Commission Meeting of August 6, 2019 is underway, I respectfully submit this to each of you, and ask that it be read into the Public Record. The following is my perspective of the "Mall on Duval", and I will be brief.

1) This Initiative proposes to change the functioning of one of the most iconic, photographed, and famous streets in the United States.

2) This Initiative has not been brought to the Citizens of Key West through a Referendum, even though the cost of such a Referendum is a fraction of what has already been spent.

3) I have reviewed the Resume' of Carl Fischer, the individual hired to spearhead this Initiative. Mr. Fischer has no experience or education in an initiative of this magnitude. Upon researching Mr. Fischer's Resume' online, his experience is in positions not at all related to the demands of this Initiative. Further, Internet findings were all but non-existent.

4) If it was important to some that the new City Manager position be subject to a Nationwide search, why is the same not true for the lead position on changing the functioning of one of the most iconic, photographed, and famous streets in the United States?

If a Referendum is held, and the Citizens of Key West choose to direct their public monies to the Mall on Duval – though few are directly benefitted - the City Commission should hire the finest, best-qualified individual available. Absent that, the Mall on Duval in its present state should be terminated immediately.

In Closing: If the City Leadership is certain that the Mall on Duval reflects the will and desires of the Citizens of Key West, there is no fear in having a Referendum; the same has been done in the past for far less important matters.

I thank you for your time and service to our Community.

Respectfully,

Danny Hughes