



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 8, 2024

To: Key West Bight Management District Board

From: Gary Moreira
Senior Property Manager

CC: Steve McAlearney, Todd Stoughton, Albert Childress

Subject: **First Amendment to Lease for the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum – Lease Term Extension**

Introduction

This is a request to consider a lease renewal with the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum for the continued operation of a public education exhibit in the Turtle Cannery building.

Background

The Turtle Cannery building at the Historic Seaport had been reconstructed with a historic preservation grant with a maritime museum as the intended use and was leased to the current tenant, the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society. They have been tenants since the original lease was approved in September of 2009 under Resolution 09-147. The tenant maintains a permanent exhibition of the turtle industry and rotating exhibitions focused on the history of the Bight. The renewal is proposed on all of the same terms and conditions as follows:

Procurement

Premises: 1,076 square feet located on the dock in the Key West Bight

Use: Public education exhibitions representative of the history of the building, turtle industry, and historic seaport coupled with evening public programming such as lectures, events, and a meeting place for the Historical Maritime Society.

Term: Five years

Rent: \$1.00 per year plus tenant shall pay its pro-rata share of CAM, taxes and insurance.

Utilities: Tenant shall pay for all utility usage

Recommendation

Staff recommends the CRA approve this First Amendment to Lease renewing the term for an additional five years.

Attachments:

Lease