

To: AIPP Board Members, Mayor & City Commissioners
From: Ben Volpian

Moving the 'SHIP'S WHEEL' Bike Rack to another location:

The 'SHIP'S WHEEL' BICYCLE RACK should be moved from its present location because it breaks the otherwise flowing, unobstructed look of the beautiful, wide and long Pier at the Truman Waterfront Park. It would be very simple to correct this problem by picking it up and moving it to my suggested location. The photo shown does not *completely* reflect the interruption of sight as different angles and distances show the entire picture.

A much better position for the 'SHIP'S WHEEL' would be at the other end of the Pier approximately 8' away from the right side of the 'MONSTERA WHISPER' BENCH as that at least would balance out the other 'SHIP'S WHEEL' on the property instead of continuing a cluttered look at the Park.

The City of Key West's engineers, Director of Engineering Jim Bouquet and Civil Engineer Gary Volenec, who was called the City's Project Manager for the park, *spent much research time choosing the approximately 51 aluminum benches as well as the matching 62 bike racks to be used on the Pier for function, low profile and a BLENDING IN of their surroundings.*

51 benches @ \$2,300 each = \$117,300. No exact cost available for the bike racks at this time, but a low estimate is 62 bike racks @ \$200 each = \$12,400 - For a **GRAND TOTAL** of around **\$130,000**.

This Pier was a United States Navy pier that always had a look of both function and uniformity. One particular 'SHIP'S WHEEL' in question takes away that look and feel as does the 'MONSTERA WHISPER' BENCH. However, *if there is no thought about moving the BENCH which is also out of place, then at least let's put the WHEEL over where the BENCH is as it at least does not obstruct the view.*

In today's money, the Pier is valued at approximately \$5,500,000, and the **PIER PROJECT** was a finished product, **WITH NO INTENTION TO HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ADDED ON.**

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CALL FOR ACTION: Quay Wall/Walkway Configuration

A vote shall be taken by the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board to keep the boundaries and width of 70 feet 'as is' in the area identified as the Pedestrian Promenade, also known as the Quay Walkway, on the City of Key West's Truman Waterfront Park map. The current 70 feet width of the Pedestrian Promenade should not be decreased by 1/3 or 1/2 as presently proposed which would decrease the present width to 35 feet or 47 feet depending on location design.

A "YES" majority vote by the members of the Advisory Board would mean that the Pedestrian Promenade would remain at its present 70 feet width and will be in turn a recommendation for the Key West City Commission to request this change to the Truman Waterfront Master Plan. The adjacent area known as McCoy Gardens shall also reflect the Master Plan change by respecting the present boundaries of the Pedestrian Promenade and all, if any, landscaping proposed there shall not infringe on the present Pedestrian Promenade dimensions.

Ben Volpian

This Agenda Item sponsored by Ben Volpian was passed by the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board when I was a member, and then by the City Commission acting as the CRA. *The Pier* is identified as the Pedestrian Promenade/Quay Walkway in this Agenda Item.

