

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

- Action Item

On February 6th, 2007, the City Commission accepted the report and recommendations of The Salt Ponds Committee in Resolution Number: 07-042. In the January 2007 Salt Ponds Committee Final Report, it is reported that the Hawk Missile Site is zoned as a Public and Semipublic Services (PS) District, with 11 different permitted uses, and 6 conditional uses for areas zoned PS. The neighboring Salt Ponds habitat is zoned as a Conservation District, where any development is extremely restricted. To further complicate issue the 30-year lease for the property between the Monroe County Land Authority and the City of Key West states the property must be used for parkland, and improvements must be done within the terms of the lease and approved by the Monroe County Land Authority.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has been approached by two local business owners with unsolicited proposals; (1) a youth adventure park consisting of zipline, climbing wall, and more passive activities; (2) A kayak company that will store, launch, and recover kayaks at the Site.

Staff Recommendations: The Park & Recreation Advisory Board recommends to the City Commission to identify a funding source to use City Staff, or a consultant, to review authorized uses within the Hawk Missile Site, provide sufficient resources in the FY-22 budget, and to prepare the Hawk Missile Site for increased usage by establishing parking, securing safety hazards, and preserving hammock and wetlands in accordance with findings of authorized usages.