

Indigenous Park Site

Concerns:

- Proximity to increased human activities at all hours:
Walking/ Biking/Bocce/Pickle ball
- Perimeter fenced area too small to provide appropriate sound and light barriers.
- Changing overall use of park from natural area to recreational area and negative impacts of wildlife that depend on park.

Positives:

- Lower budget and overall cost by far compared to any other plans.
- Walk in donations will remain at same amount/frequency
- Time tested success of location for Chicken drop offs will be retained
- More tourist and local resident visitation
- Convenience of overnight Chicken/Wildlife drop box retained.
- Environmental Interpretive opportunities are increased
- Implementation and administration of Together Green Grant can continue to progress on site where it was originally intended/designed

Suggestions:

- Keep core of park as natural area for wildlife
- Improve walking trails
- Allow KWWC to manage that section of park
 - Environmental Interpretation
 - Facility Maintenance
 - Trail upkeep
 - Grounds upkeep
 - Create Atlantic Blvd. entrance to park
 - Expand perimeter fencing

We believe that by working in cooperation with the Tree Commission and Planning Department, we can enhance the Indigenous Park and make it a tourist destination as well as a park enjoyed by Key West residents. (Please see the attached pages copied from the Key West Wildlife Center's 2013 Guest book.)

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- LEGEND**
- 1 ATLANTIC BLVD. NARROWED AND INCLUDES TRAFFIC SLOW TRAFFIC
 - 2 IMPROVED EXISTING PARKING AREA (17-53 SPACES)
 - 3 KEY WEST WILDLIFE CENTER WITH ADDITIONAL OFFICE OR LOCATION FOR POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
 - 4 EXISTING BOCCIE BALL COURTS
 - 5 EXPANSION OF BOCCIE BALL COURTS
 - 6 POLO BALL COURTS
 - 7 RESTROOMS
 - X DOG PARK (APPROX. 47,000 SF.)
 - 8 PARK PLAZA AND PAVILION
 - 9 LAWN
 - 10 PEDESTRIAN WALKING PATHS
 - 11 BEACH PAVILIONS
 - 12 EXPANDED POND (APPROX. 7,573 SF.)
 - 13 BIKE/WALKING PATH
 - 14 ANGLED PARKING (17-33 SPACES)
 - 15 SPEED TABLE
 - 16 PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
 - 18 STORAGE FOR BEACH CLEANING EQUIPMENT



DEPT #3
 ATLANTIC BLVD. IN EXISTING LOCATION

ENOUS PARK - KEY WEST, FL

#2



- LEGEND**
- 1 ATLANTIC BLVD. NARROWED, AND INCLUDES TRAFFIC SLOW TRAFFIC
 - 2 IMPROVED EXISTING PARKING AREA (74-53 SPACES)
 - 3 KEY WEST WILDLIFE CENTER WITH ADDITIONAL OFFICE OR LOCATION FOR POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
 - 4 EXISTING BOOCCE BALL COURTS
 - 5 EXPANSION OF BOOCCE BALL COURTS
 - 6 PICKLE BALL COURTS
 - 7 RESTROOMS
 - X DOG PARK (APPROX. 47,000 SF.)
 - 8 PAVY PLAZA AND PAVILION
 - 9 LAWN
 - 10 PEDESTRIAN WALKING PATHS
 - 11 BEACH PAVILLIONS
 - 12 EXPANDED POND (APPROX. 7,873 SF.)
 - 13 BIKE/WALKING PATH
 - 14 ANGLED PARKING (74-20 SPACES)
 - 15 SPEED TABLE
 - 16 PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
 - 17 STORAGE FOR BEACH CLEANING EQUIPMENT



DEPT #3
 ATLANTIC BLVD. IN EXISTING LOCATION

#3



- LEGEND**
- 1 PARKING (17-24 SPACES)
 - 2 DROP-OFF AREA
 - 3 PARK PLAZA AND PAVILION WITH RESTROOM AND CONCESSION
 - 4 EXISTING BOOCCE BALL COURTS
 - 5 EXPANSION OF BOOCCE BALL COURTS
 - X DOG PARK (APPROX. 60,000 SF)
 - 6 LAWN
 - 7 BEACH PAVILION
 - 8 BEACH PLAZA
 - 9 UPLAND BEACH
 - 10 EXPANDED POND (APPROX. 10,800 SF)
 - 11 BIKE/WALKING PATH
 - 12 TURN AROUND AND ADDITIONAL PARKING (17-24 SPACES)
 - 13 PEDESTRIAN WALKING PATH
 - 14 STORAGE FOR BEACH CLEANING EQUIPMENT

DEPT #2
 INATE ATLANTIC BLVD.

ENOUS PARK • KEY WEST, FL.

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

#4



- LEGEND**
- 1 PARKING (1-7-54 SPACES)
 - 2 DROP-OFF AREA
 - 3 PARK PLAZA AND PAVILLION WITH RESTROOM AND CONCESSION
 - 4 EXISTING BOCCIE BALL COURTS
 - 5 EXPANSION OF BOCCIE BALL COURTS
 - 6 DOG PARK (APPROX. 60,900 SF)
 - 7 LAWN
 - 8 BEACH PAVILLION
 - 9 BEACH PLAZA
 - 10 INLAND BEACH
 - 11 EXPANDED POND (APPROX. 10,600 SF)
 - 12 BIKE/WALKING PATH
 - 13 TURN AROUND AND ADDITIONAL PARKING (1-7-54 SPACES)
 - 14 PEDESTRIAN WALKING PATH
 - 15 STORAGE FOR BEACH CLEANING EQUIPMENT

CEPT #2
 INATE ATLANTIC BLVD.

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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Hawk Missile Site

Concerns:

- Chickens will be introduced to an area where there are none.
- Neighbor's concerns about introduction of chickens and noise associated.
- Flooding activity/low lying area
- Overexposure to heat/wind/no shade
- Airport security/safety of runways
- Timeline
- Budget
- Building Removal/Repurposing
- Clean-up/Hazardous materials
- Landscaping/plantings
- Utilities: Electricity/Water/Sewer

Positives:

- Quiet
- Room to expand KWWC
- Bring awareness to Salt Marsh Habitat
- Regenerate/replant area for Wildlife
- Cage layout keeps Educational Birds and Rehab Birds separate
- Nice view from clinic
- Possible access to boat dock for rescues

Negatives:

- Less visibility
- Less donations
- Less tourist and residential visitors
- Longer distance for Chicken drop offs- Old Town highest trap usage
- No location for chicken/wildlife overnight drop boxes or potentially too far from clinic
- Difficult for willing individuals to bring injured wildlife/chickens to clinic after dusk



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Imagery Date: 3/7/2013 24°33'33.52" N 81°45'40.67" W elev -1 ft

Little Hamaca Site

- Already getting opposition from public regarding moving KWWC into what is highly sensitive wildlife habitat.
- Problem of Chickens being introduced into area where they are absent now (Drop offs/Escapees).
- Neighbor's concerns regarding introduction of Chickens
- Flooding Concerns
- Airport Concerns: Security, 24 access, and potential of more Wild Bird traffic on runways
- Timeline
- Budget
- Sewer: How to collect run off from cages and chemicals/disinfectants/fecal material
- Electricity
- Water

Positives:

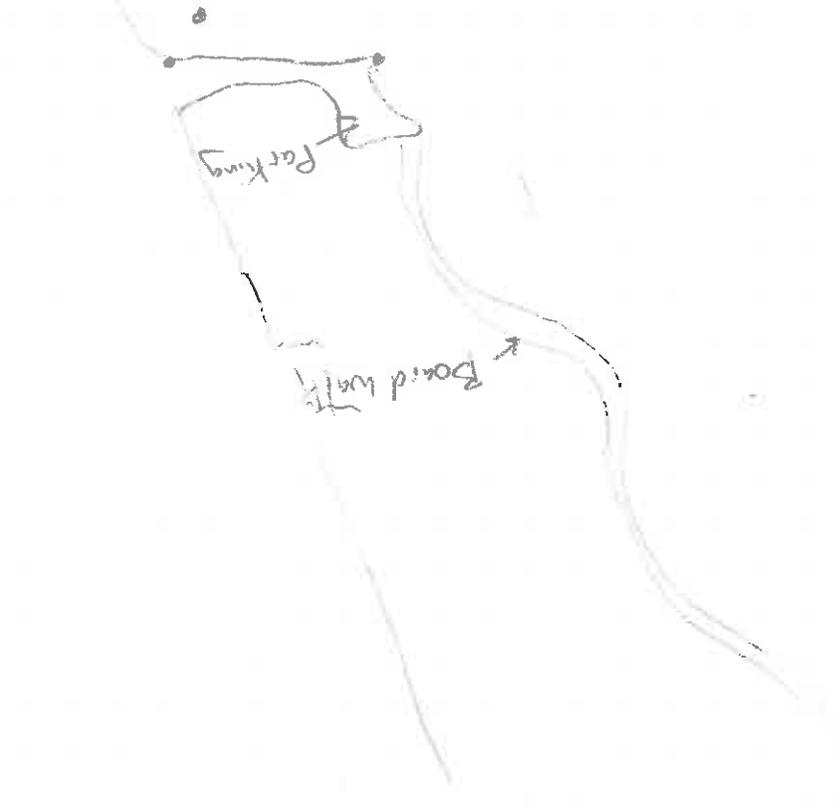
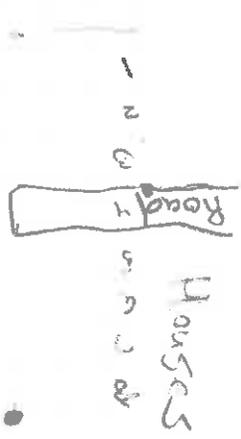
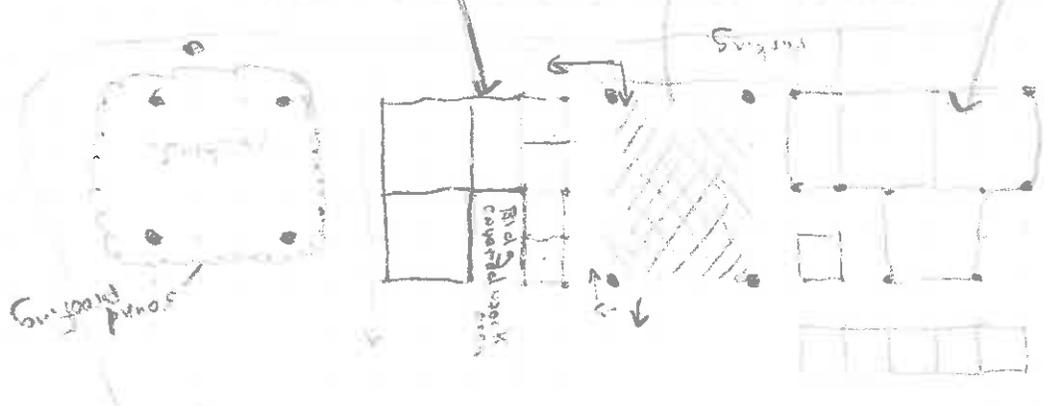
- Bring more awareness to Little Hamaca
- Restrooms only for visitors
- Environmental Interpretive potential
- Possible access to boat dock for rescues
- New enclosure layout allows for clear separation of Educational Birds and Rehabilitating Birds
- Less human ambient noise/disturbance

Negatives:

- Less tourist and residential visitors
- Walk in donations diminished greatly (at least short term).
- Longer distance for Chicken drop offs- Old Town highest trap usage
- No location for chicken/wildlife overnight drop boxes or potentially too far from clinic
- Difficult for willing individuals to bring injured wildlife/chickens to clinic after dusk



18ft x 18ft
 Rehabilitation
 Clogs
 Classroom
 Educational
 Non-Rigid
 Wall etc
 4 x 6 ft



Key West Wildlife Center - Guest Book 2013

Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
1/15/13	Sweet/Fischer	Uxbridge, MA		
1/15/13	P.H. Trout	Mo. Laurel, NJ		Keep Key West with wildlife only
1/15/13	The Howells	Chandler, AZ		Absolutely amazing LOVED IT!!!
1/15/13	CUNDIFFS	CORSICANA TX		
1/15	Zimmerman	Buffalo NY		
1/15	Daniel Delgado	Key West FL		Decease.
1/15	Jess Paoletto	Erie, PA	jesspaoletto@hotmail.com	
1/15	M. Jessen	Queens, NYC!!	matthew718@gmail.com	thank you!
1/17	M. Martin	Boa Heboro, VT		Nice spot
1/17	MATT HANEY & JEANNIE CULIS	FREDERICKSBURG, VA	MHANEY1963@Juno.com	
1/17	Deb + Ric Thell	Gays Mills WI		Good work!!
1/17	The Norths	Bedminster NJ		
1/17	Sheila McGraw	Seattle WA	sheila@sheilamcgrawgroup.com	
1/17	Sandy Critcher	" "		
1/18	KING	Box Elder SD		
1/18	Steve & Marjorie Sumner	Syracuse N.Y.		Great! We loved the turtle pond!
	Pat Clement			
1/18	N. Fowler	Houston TX		
1/18	Ally Courm	Cuff Co		

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Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
	Bike Tour	Moped Hospital	None	4 people
2/18/13	Dale Titus	La Bresa		
2/18/13	Tia + Brad Bannwart	St. Paul, MN		
2/18/13	Walter Heat	Fraser, MI		2
2/18/13	Bill + Marianne Wagner	Key West	akido28@bellsouth.net	Thank you!!!
2/18/13	Ernie & Linda Viers	NORTH CAROLINA		AWESOME WORK!
2/18/13	Curt + Erin Butler	Internat, FL	crindunaway3@yahoo.com	Great Job!!
2/19/13	Jess Hoffmen	Albany, OR		Fun!
2/19/13	WALTER BROOKS	Buffalo, NY	N/A	Great Advisory
2/19/13	David & Lacey Ayre	Chestnut Ridge, New York	N/A	Great Job.
2/19/13	Jim + Kathy Marshall	SALEM, OR	N/A	2 new life list warblers. This great job.
2/20/13	Robert & Ben Mander	Portsmouth, RI	-	Fond was awesome
2/20/13	Millie Dale Taylor	Jensen Beach FL	millie.t008@comcast.net	Great Birthday well
2/20/13	Kathryn Roberts	Key west FL	katie.y1988@comcast.net	very great
2/20/13	Coyne Family	Fultonville NY		Great
2/20/13	Wacky Coats	Phoenixville PA		
2/20	Katie Hamrick	Chatsworth, GA		
2/21	Melissa Wu	Lafayette, IN		
2/21	Brian + Pragna ^{PAH} Ellsworth	Buffalo, NY	BSE@ECOBUSINESS.COM	

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Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
April 11 th	PAT + Joe Slakey	Ches. VA	pslakey@cox.net	VA state + Fed Lic retrievers, birds + waterfowl
4/11	Angela Dailey	Norwalk, Ohio	adailey4@neo.rt.com	
4/11	Colin + Cindy Molze	Taylorville, NC		good work
4/11	Shirley Monroe	Hudson, F 134667	_____	impressive
4/11/13	Breuloh Campbell	Tampa, F 33647	_____	very good
4/11/13	CAROL Hill	Key West		nice
4/11/13	BARB MURPHY	KEY WEST		FUN
4/11/13	Betty Ann Stone	Key West		Great visit
4/11/13	Dona Shea	Key West		very nice!
4/11/13	Karen Raymond	Key West		Wonderful!
4-11-13	Lu Samuels	Key West		Fun
April 12	Giuseppe Parni	Canada British Columbia		very good
4/12	Stedone	Canton, GA		COOL PLACE!
4/12	Cindy Smith	Key West	CindySmith2@gmail.com	
4/12	Michelle Jan	St. Catharines, ON, CANADA		Real!
4/13	Anna + Jacque	Netherlands	decostr@home.nl	worthy under taking
4/13	Kathy Kersch	TAMPA FL	KLORON@AOL.com	
4/13	Dan Leon	Key West	dan-leon@yahoo.com	Great!!
4/13	Angelo Leon	Key West FL		Awsome

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Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
6/7	Graves Family	Tallahassee, FL	algraves69@yahoo.com	
6/8	May Family	Key West		
6/9	IVAN RAMIREZ	Sugar Loaf		
6/9	Katie + Ryan	England	*	
6/9	Doog Gruber	Sarasota, FL		Great place
6/9	Ivan Gruber	Plant Harbor FL		awesome birds.
6/9	Michael Roden	Key West		
	Howie	Key West	—	Thanks
6/9	Julie Novak	Ft Lauderdale		Thanks!
6-9	September Hamilton	TAMPA		PERFECT!
6-9	MARCUS BROXIC			
6-10	Ivan RAMIREZ	Sugar Loaf		
6-10	Hope Kowallis	Lombard, IL		Cool animals
6-10	Yaylor Kowallis	Lombard, IL		Great!
6-10	Ramirez Fam x 5	Los Angeles, CA		Beautiful!! ☺
6-10	GARY SANTOS	BISCAYNE PARK, FL		
6/10	August Laine	Plantation FL		
6/10	Bob Sanders	Edison, TN		
6/10	JATSIK-HANSEN	Los Angeles CA	vishadei	☺

Argeles CA @ home

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Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
8/22	Stacy Hillman	K.W. Light House	305-360-0922	Drop off Bird
	A. VANDERTHARK	Hoboken, NJ	ANTHONYVANDERTHARK@ MVARCHITECTURE.COM	TOLD TRICKY TOUR GREAT PLACE
	Chapman	Parsippany NJ		Head work you are doing here wonder bar
	Adelle   	Hamilton Canada		
	Andrea & Basil	Berne, Switzerland	b.anliker@a259.ch	really nice place
9	Jeff & Kathy Hage	St. Cloud, Minnesota	Kathyhage@me.com	love this place thank you
	Bob & Nancy Roberts	OHIO		
	Adam & Mary	Denver, CO	adammary@gmail.com	Great facility
	Virginia Black	Big Coppit		
	Robertor Bicalho	Brazil	rbicalo@gmail.com	
	Mario Costa Jr.	BRAZIL	MLACJR@GMAIL.COM	
	Mike & Gerri DeWahl	West Deptford NJ	mdewal@comcast.net	
	Gretchen & Joe	Columbus, OH		Love it!
8/23	Mark Salvato	Vero Beach, FL	hoyerh@bellsouth.net	thanks for what you do!
8/24	Jeff Mitchell	Key West!	None Yet	
8/24	Jean & Rosal	Vermont, FL		
	Kisten Miller	Key West		
8/24	Chris Byrd	Orlando	ByrdC@outlook.com	Nice work!
8/24	DeCoven & Denise Mcarty	Plant City, FL		

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Date	Name	Where are you from?	Email Address	Comments
9/29/13	Rebecca Wolff	Miami		
9/29/13	Lucky + Kerry	My mom		you are doing good - keep it up
9/30/13	Shane Johns	Pensacola, FL		
9/30/13	Christ April Roberts	Tallahassee GA		
9/30/13	DARREN SPINNY	GREENSBORO, NC		
9/30/13	McKe	NC		
9/30/13	Chris	NC		Thanks for what you do!
9/30/13	Bill + BRENDA	KW		
10/1/13	FRANK STAUERSHOF	Chicago IL		
10/1/13	the Kinders	Mokema, IL		Thanks for sharing!
10/1/13	Dave + Carl	London UK		
10/2/13	JANET GOLDMAN DUANE BIGELOW	CHICAGO		WONDERFUL VISIT!
10/2/13	LARRY TOZWIK	MILWAUKEE		"
10/2/13	Jim + Kathy Moore	Hornell NY	moorek@geneseo.edu	
10/2/13	MIKE + JOBY ANDERSON	WISCONSIN		Coal
10/2/13	GAIL FOURNIER	PA	chillingail@yahoo.com	
10/2/13	Steve Sickman	KW FL	erine@tkw.org	thanks for all you do!
10/2/13	ROB + GWEN GNAM	Lincoln Park MI		
10/5	Gary Gingres	Key West / Concord, NH	GGingres@aol.com	

Nicole Malo

Subject: FW: Future plan for Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park

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From: **Katharine Yang** <yangmonty@att.net>

Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:11 PM

Subject: Future plan for Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park

To: "dcraig@keywestcity.com" <dcraig@keywestcity.com>

Cc: Sarah Goodwin-nguyen Goodwin-nguyen <sarahgn@bellsouth.net>, Elizabeth Ignoffo <elizabeth2kw@aol.com>, Ellen Westbrook <Ellen_Westbrook@bellsouth.net>, Mark Hedden <mark@boneisland.com>, "Dr. Mark Whiteside" <mark_whiteside@doh.state.fl.us>, Ann-Francis Ford <wrf4@webtv.net>, Sue Sullivan <salsully@massmed.org>

Dear Don,

Please, please keep the Indigenous Park as green as possible for now and future in your plan of the Park. This park is the only green area in Key West that locals and visitors can walk and sitting down to reflect among many native plants and trees. The Botanical Garden on Stock is not within walking or biking distance for us who enjoy the nature without encountering barking dogs, skate boards.

As a birder and a member of the American Birding Association, I have received inquiries from out of town birders who are interested in birding in Key West. The Indigenous Park has always been one of the locations I have recommended besides Fort Zachary Taylor Historical Park.

I'm not a professional city planner nor a landscape architect. But I do know people need green, open space in our daily life.

Katharine Yang
Sent from my iPad

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[Donald Leland Craig](#) , AICP

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Nicole Malo

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:42 PM
To: bwells121@gmail.com
Cc: Stacy Gibson
Subject: Indigenous Deed

Barbara:

I have been asked to respond to a question you raised regarding the deed for Indigenous Park.

The property was deeded to the City as a public park and public recreation area in 1973. Page 2, #1 of the deed states "This property shall be used and maintained for the public purposes for which it was conveyed in perpetuity as set forth in the program of utilization and plan contained in the application, submitted by the grantee on July 5, 1972, which program and plan may be amended from time to time at the request of either the Grantor or Grantee, with the written concurrence of the other party, and such amendments shall be added to and become part of the original application." The City nor the Park Service has been able to find a copy of the original plan submitted with the application that the deed refers to. We have searched every hard drive and file cabinet in city hall and in the community services department. The community services staff has also gone through old boxes in its department. The original 1972 application nor amendments to it can be found. The Park Service, with whom we have been in contact, also does not have a copy of the original application. This does not seem to be an issue as, according to the deed, the City or the Park Service can amend the original application, as stated above.

I have been in contact with personnel with the National Park Service regarding the deed for Indigenous Park to make sure whatever ideas/plans are being thought of for the park, are acceptable to the requirements on the deed. Presently, there does not appear to be any items that conflict with the public purposes and public recreation area clause of the deed.

Sincerely,

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager

Nicole Malo

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Thomas Brindisi
Cc: Stacy Gibson
Subject: Re: Key West Indigenous Park Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Brindisi:

The City Commission has allocated monies for the planning of the Park. The planning is in its initial stages where broad, generalized concepts are being considered with no decisions yet made as to any one alternative or the individual components of any particular alternative. We have begun, but not yet finalized, public input to establish final alternatives to present to the City Commission. There is no item on the City Commission agenda for November 6. Staff will not take any plan options to City Commission until further neighborhood meetings and meetings with individual adjacent property owners have been completed .

Once the City Commission takes action to select an alternative, which is programmed for December, but most likely to occur in January, then final plans for park improvements will be made and programmed for construction to start at the earliest in the 2014/2015 fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2014.

The City is looking at a wide range of options for the improvements to Indigenous Park including working with the County regarding their improvement plan for the Higgs Beach park. The removal of large areas of trees or shrubs to create a lawn area is not an option we are promoting for Indigenous Park. The City has extensively mapped all the canopy trees in the park area and recently, a City crew removed a large area of invasive plant material/underbrush from some of that large tree area. We would like to eventually improve the trail area with various native plantings and garden areas once a plan has been decided.

All the proposed plans that have been presented to the public show the main trail area continuing as a passive park area with nature trails. There was discussion regarding the potential placement of a dog park near the trail area but the public voiced their objections. The thought of moving the dog park from Higgs Beach to Indigenous was to help to create a larger green/lawn area for the Higgs Beach park, as also requested by the public. Potential proposed impacts to Indigenous park will be occurring primarily in areas where there is existing parking or is currently an open or disturbed area.

Sincerely,

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 1:13 PM, Thomas Brindisi <brindisi@aol.com> wrote:

Hello Karen,

I am a new resident of Key West who is concerned about the City's plans to redevelop the Indigenous Park as laid out in the attachments here. Yesterday it was announced that the city has now allocated money for the redevelopment, and we have also heard that final decisions may be taken at the Nov. 6th City Commission meeting.

I know the Tree Commission isn't in charge of such matters, but it seems logical that its members may want to register input (even just as concerned citizens of the city) since all of the proposed concepts involve cutting a number of trees to make room for parking lots and the like and/or a rerouting of Atlantic Blvd. through the park. And while some of the three concepts may cut more or less trees, just as importantly each concept seems to eliminate the brush and undergrowth and buffer zones that are critical to the park's unique wildlife habitat, in favor of 100% open space (parking lot, roadway, lawns).

Please call or email me back if you would like to discuss or seek more info.

Best regards,

Tom Brindisi

1613 Sunshine Ave. // Tel. [305-741-7455](tel:305-741-7455) // Cel. [213-716-4370](tel:213-716-4370)

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Nicole Malo

Subject: FW: Indigenous Park
Attachments: IPL131015-Indigenous Park Letter-dCraig-wB2.pdf

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From: **Will Brimberry** <wbrimberry@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 3:53 PM
Subject: Indigenous Park
To: Don Craig <dCraig@keywestcity.com>
Cc: Weekley@keywestcity.com, mRossi@keywestcity.com, bWardlow@keywestcity.com,
tYaniz@keywestcity.com, tJohnston@keywestcity.com, Lopez@keywestcity.com,
dFernand@keywestcity.com, mFinigan@keywestcity.com

October 15, 2013

Mr Donald Craig
Director of Community Development Services
Key West, Florida 33041

Dear Mr Craig:

As a Key West homeowner, I appreciate the city's effort to improve the "Indigenous Park" and the surrounding park areas that boarder White Street and Atlantic Boulevard intersection. For my benefit please address the following questions:

Process:

- What is the city's "decision making" process for determining the "Indigenous Park" design specifications and community requirements? *Comment: for me and other homeowners, the process is not fully articulated. A clear process description may help generated better community input and communication.*
- Specifically, what is the community outreach process that will facilitates maximum input from the surrounding community? *Comment: to date, I personally have received minimal information on the (public and focus group) hearings and opportunities for my input.*
- Associated with the first and second questions, have the hearings and other outreach events (mailings and city website postings) been published to a public calendar that represents all steps in the process? *Comment: The impact of this will promote greater transparency that will result in greater and better public input.*

Designs:

- Are there only three design considerations? *Comments: All three proposals have benefits (advantages), costs (disadvantages that are financial and social) and risks.*
- Do the design considerations explain impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods? *Comments: My interest is to better understand "how" our neighborhood will benefit and becomes a more livable safe neighborhood. I have an interested in reducing vehicular traffic in the Indigenous Park area and especially to the surrounding neighborhood. I am very interested in having the Indigenous Park's Wildlife Center remain a good neighbor. This means that it remains a controlled sanctuary that has perimeter fencing. It must not turn into a haven for the homeless, threatening its mission of providing to shorebird a sanctuary, rehabilitating injured shorebirds or threaten our neighborhood's livability and*

safety. Again, my interest is to better understand how our neighborhood will benefit and becomes a more livable safe neighborhood.

- Do the design considerations explain impacts on other areas just outside the surrounding areas? *Comment: The Indigenous Park designs and plans need to address “how” the traffic routing changes will improve and not threaten other neighborhoods. The Indigenous Park plans and designs need to be complimentary to the City of Key West master plan.*

Again, thanks for your efforts and I wait to hear your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

Will Brimberry

Will Brimberry

wBrimberry@gmail.com

[703-535-3214](tel:703-535-3214)

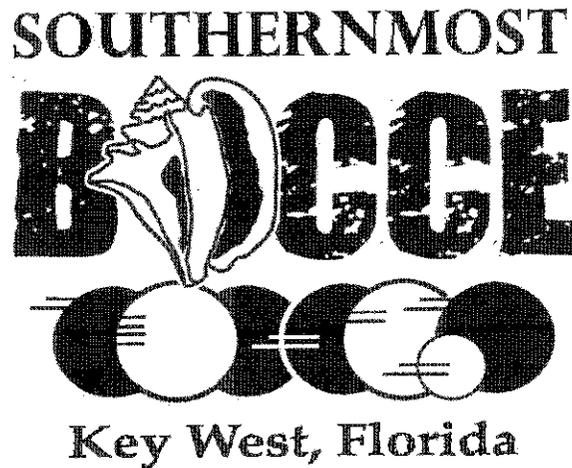
“Communication is everything,” author: Anonymous

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[Donald Leland Craig , AICP](#)

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October 14, 2013

Donald Craig, Director
Community Development Services
City of Key West
3140 Flagler Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mr. Craig:

The Southernmost Bocce League appreciates the opportunity to provide input during the preliminary planning process regarding upgrades to Indigenous Park, which has been the League's home for over 20 years.

We have reviewed the three concept pages distributed at the Community Meeting on October 3, and, for the most part, we support Concept #2. The drop off area is convenient and there is no Dog Park included. We do, however, like the idea of the road going along the north side of the park, as pictured in Concept #1, relocating Atlantic Boulevard.

Again, thanks for including us – we are grateful for all the support we receive from the City of Key West.

For the League,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Trixie Phelan".

Trixie Phelan
League Secretary

www.southernmostbocce.org

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Neil Mellies
President

Pat Lash
Vice President

Trixie Phelan
Secretary

Jennifer Lloyd
Treasurer

Nicole Malo

Subject: FW: Indigenous Park

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Valerie Hines Grohol** <vhines57@hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 18, 2013 at 8:56 AM

Subject: Indigenous Park

To: dcraig@keywestcity.com

Cc: jweekley@keywestcity.com, mrossi@keywestcity.com, bwardlow@keywestcity.com,
tyaniz@keywestcity.com, tjohnston@keywestcity.com, clopez@keywestcity.com, dfernand@keywestcity.com,
mfinigan@keywestcity.com

Mr. Craig,

A As you may have already been aware, you have several very concerned residents in regards to city and county plans to reconstruct, relocate, and remove areas of Atlantic Blvd, Higg's Park, McCoy Park and all that encompass this part of our island.

My husband and I feel very strongly that you must keep in mind those living in and around the areas along with our wildlife that will be effected by such plans. While looking at all 3 concepts for this project, my fellow neighbors and I can agree that the only option that meets everyone's needs is Concept 3.

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There is a large group of residents that have recently moved into a new neighborhood that occupies parts of Laird St, Sunshine Dr, and Atlantic St. We have all been in discussion as to how concepts 1 and 2 will not only change the quality of our neighborhood but also fear increased flooding, noise, traffic, and the risk of a parking lot in our backyard being utilized by more of the homeless people that take up "residence" in the majority of Higg's Beach/Park area.

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We are also quite concerned about our wonderful wildlife center and what's to become of all those creatures that inhabit that area! What about the Chicken Relocation Program, which seems to be quite successful?

While I certainly like the idea of an improved Higg's Park/Beach area and more green space, I have to ask, at what expense?

My husband and I have lived in Key West for a combined total of of 27 years. We work in the service industry. This is our 1st home. Our only home. We are not "snowbirds" or even new residents for that matter. We are a part of this community and not only deserve a say but demand one as well. We have worked so hard to end up where we are and chose this location very specifically. Please consider the people that use the parks, beach, dog park, bike path, etc EVERYDAY!

T Sincerely,

Valerie and Mark Grohol
1619 Sunshine Drive
394.4993

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Donald Leland Craig , AICP

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Not a blot on my copybook

Nicole Malo

Subject:

FW: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

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From: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>

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Sent: Thu, Oct 17, 2013 2:09 pm

Subject: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Craig,

Greetings from 1607 Sunshine Drive! My name is Vinnie Corsano. My partner, John Torsiello, and I purchased our new home at 1607 Sunshine Drive on July 3, 2013. Not only were we very excited about buying a new home in Key West, but we were thrilled with the location - close to beaches and parks and the wonderful proximity to Key West's Wildlife Center.

Unfortunately, our excitement has been put "on hold" recently since we have learned from a number of our new neighbors about the City's three proposals, which basically "destroy" Indigenous Park. We have also learned Mark Horofino has worked very quickly and diligently to schedule a meeting with you personally so we can find out what the City's objectives, and to give us an opportunity to discuss our questions and concerns, regarding these proposed changes.

Therefore, the purpose of this e-mail to confirm my attendance at this meeting scheduled for Tuesday - October 22, 2013 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. In preparation for this meeting, I have included below a number of items I would like to address, which I am sure you have already received from a number of my new neighbors as well.

Again, I want to thank Mark for setting-up this meeting and you for agreeing to host it. I look forward to meeting you in person, along with a number of my other new neighbors I have yet to have an opportunity to meet in person. If you would like to contact me before this meeting, please feel free to call me at (305) 517-6775. Thanks again and see you Tuesday.

Vinnie Corsano
1607 Sunshine Drive

Process:

- What is the city's "decision making" process for determining the "Indigenous Park" design specifications and community requirements?
- Specifically, what is the community outreach process that will facilitates maximum input from the surrounding community?

Designs:

- Are there only three design considerations?
- Do the design considerations explain impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods?
- Do the design considerations explain impacts on other areas just outside the surrounding areas?

Thomas J. Brindisi
1613 Sunshine Drive
Key West, Florida 33040

October 19, 2013

Mr. Donald Craig, Planning Director
City of Key West Planning Department
3140 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida 33040

via email to dcraig@keywestcity.com

RE: The City's Proposed Redevelopment of the Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park

Dear Mr. Craig:

I offer the following comments and questions on the above matter, and look forward to exploring them with you at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday at 2:30pm in your office. Any responsive information that you can provide beforehand also would be much appreciated.

The Indigenous Park's Wildlife and Environment

Any aerial or satellite picture of Key West clearly shows that the Indigenous Park is a last bastion of nature on the island. The Park's forest and wetland habitat is indeed a critical and delicate public resource for Key West. The Key West Wildlife Center maintains educational and recreational resources including beautiful, discreet trails on the Park's protected land, open to the public 9am to 5pm daily.

In addition to being such a unique asset for the public's personal enjoyment, the Wildlife Center also has become a critical last refuge for various birds – some imperiled – of the Keys, South Florida, the Caribbean, and beyond. Donors including numerous individuals and the Florida Keys Audubon Society have invested significant sums in helping protect and enhance the Wildlife Center's capacity to harbor that precious wildlife. Numerous species of frogs, turtles, snakes, butterflies and other non-avian animals also inhabit the park, some of which are protected under federal, state, and/or local law – like the Florida Brown Snake (*Storeria victa*) I recently saw slip back into the Park under the fence along my street's cul-de-sac.

The 1973 land grant that conveyed the Indigenous Park from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to the City requires in its first Covenant that the Park, in perpetuity, "be used and maintained for the public purposes ... set forth in the program of utilization and plan" in the City's July 5, 1972 application. Careful review and observation of the various obligations that result from the Park's having become a unique environmental resource over the last four decades, as well as of the details of the program of utilization and plan in the City's July 5, 1972 application, are of prime importance to any prospective changes the City considers.

My questions on this topic are as follows:

1. Wildlife/Environmental Surveys & Inventories

Task Order No. 1 for the Ft. Lauderdale office of EDSA, Inc. (approved by the City Feb. 2013) specifies the deliverable of an Environmental Report, a wetland functional assessment (UMAM), wildlife surveys including threatened and endangered species, wetland delineation, and report identifying all habitat types in the Park including wetlands and surface waters.

- a. Has the City or its contractors (e.g., EDSA) or subcontractors (e.g., Terramar Environmental Services, Inc.) formally inventoried and surveyed all plants and wildlife in the Indigenous Park, and analyzed all uses made of the Park by wildlife through the seasons and times of day?
- b. If so, where can the public obtain the work product and supporting documents?
- c. If such has not been completed, is it planned?
- d. If such is not planned, is there documentation supporting the City's decision that it (or any parts not to be done) is not warranted?
- e. Will the EDSA reports noted above (wildlife surveys, wetland delineations, etc.) be made available in full online for the public to review and comment upon with sufficient time for the City to debate such input at a public meeting, and to then after that have a City Commission meeting before deciding upon any redevelopment activity in the Park?
- f. How much of the approved \$173,690 has been paid to EDSA thus far?

2. The Core Wildlife Area: Trees, Ground Cover, and Surrounding Buffer Areas of Low or Moderate Human Activity

The City recently removed ground cover and trees from the Wildlife Center.¹ All three redevelopment concepts propose reducing the Park's currently protected high-density vegetation and wetland area – in other words the core wildlife area – in favor of various combinations of high-activity parking lots, vehicular boulevard, lawn, and/or dog park. All three concepts also would eliminate much or all of the existing low or moderate intensity human activity areas that surround and buffer the (remaining) high-density vegetation and wetland in favor of areas for more intense activity, commotion and noise such as unleashed dogs, vehicles (including headlights at night), sports, etc.

- a. Have formal assessments been made of the anticipated impact on the Park's wildlife by: (i) the City's removal, trimming, and/or relocation of plants and/or trees ("alteration of plant material") this past summer; (ii) each of the proposed concept's further possible alteration of plant material and reductions of the size of high-density vegetation areas, and (iii) each of the concept's increased encroachment of higher-intensity human activity around the core wildlife area?
- b.-d. Same questions as 1.b.-d. above.
- e. Did the City collect pre-removal photographs and/or written descriptions of the plants and trees that it recently removed from the Park?
- f. For each Concept, what specific further alteration of plant material is proposed?
- g. Is there a publicly-available description of the process that the City follows, and of the plan and timeline that it will follow going forward, for identifying alteration of plant material as part of the redevelopment?

¹ In August, the City revised its Tree Protection Law in part to: a) delete the prohibition of removing plants on public land in Sec. 110-321; b) allow removal of various additional tree species including fig trees and certain palm trees without Tree Commission approval; and c) permit the Urban Forestry Manager to deem trees dead.

3. Dog Park

All three proposed concepts create a dog park inside the Indigenous Park. Concept #2 would replace a large part of the Park's protected area that now contains the core wildlife area with a 60,900 square foot dog park; Concept #3 would eliminate most of the medium-density vegetation area in favor of a lawn and place a 47,000 square foot dog park all along a reduced area of high-density vegetation. The dog park aspect is strongly opposed by neighbors (though most of us are dog owners) and likewise by numerous other concerned residents of the island. The noise and commotion of numerous unleashed dogs and their owners at such close quarters – even without with the associated reduction of vegetation – would extirpate valuable wildlife from the Park.

- a. For each Concept, has a formal assessment been made of the anticipated impact on the Park's wildlife by the proposed dog park?
- b.-d. Same questions as 1.b.-d. above.
- e. Monroe County's adopted plan for revising the Higgs Beach Park – right across the street – already includes dog parks. Why does the City propose placing another dog park in the Indigenous Park?

4. Fencing

At page 4 (“Site Inventory & Analysis”), the EDSA proposal notes the “opportunity to open the park on three sides by removing the fence” that presently encloses the Wildlife Center and all of the Park's high-density vegetation and wetlands. The fence is critical for protecting the core wildlife area and buffer areas from undue disturbances such as human presence during the night, foot or other traffic crossing through in an unregulated fashion throughout the day, etc.

- a. Has a formal assessment been made of the anticipated impact on the Park's wildlife of removing the fence?
- b.-d. Same questions as 1.b.-d. above.

5. Lighting

EDSA Task Order No. 1 mentions the addition of lighting within the Park.

- a. For each Concept, has a formal assessment been made of the anticipated impact on the Park's wildlife of adding such lighting?
- b.-d. Same questions as 1.b.-d. above.
- e. For each Concept, what are the locations, and zones and brightnesses of illumination of lighting that is proposed to be added?

6. Planned Wild Bird Center Upgrades

The original version (1) of City File #13-3841 included “upgrading of the Wild Bird Center” in its title, but that was deleted in the current version (2).

- a. Where can the public obtain a copy of the original version of EDSA Task Order No. 1 (evidently dated October 23, 2012) referenced in this City File?
- b. For each Concept, what are the upgrades (if any) proposed to be made to the Wildlife Center within the Indigenous Park?

7. Federal, State, County, and City Laws and Regulations

EDSA Task Order No. 1 included over \$20,000 for assisting the city in obtaining permits (construction, environmental resource, etc.), and its Schedule apparently forecasts completion of this item by next month.

- a. Where can the public obtain documentation of the City's past and ongoing compliance with federal, state, county, and city environmental resource, protected wildlife, construction, and zoning laws and regulations, including any submissions made by or on behalf of the City, in relation to the proposed redevelopment?
- b. What permitting and/or assistance by the City, ERP, and/or sub-contractors have been done so far, what is underway, and what is imminent?
- c. What is the City's understanding of the distance of any buffer required around delineated wetlands, and of the uses that are permitted within the buffer?

8. Federal Covenants

The City's Urban Forestry Manager, Karen DeMaria, advises that the City has searched extensively but no longer has any record of the aforementioned application that it submitted to the U.S. government on July 5, 1972. She also advises that the City has contacted the U.S. National Park Service ("NPS"), that it does not have a copy of the application, that the NPS has been consulted to confirm that the proposed redevelopment does not violate the general language in the 1973 land grant's consideration clause (though the grant's first *covenant* cannot have been considered since neither the City nor the NPS has a copy of the application it relies upon), and that in any case this does not seem to be an issue because the City or the NPS can amend the original application.

The 1973 land grant was signed on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior by the Regional Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR). The BOR was later subsumed into the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, and that agency was later subsumed into the NPS. Assuming BOR originally had authority to consent to the City's amendment of the application, it does not seem self-evident that the NPS would today have the same authority, given that numerous pertinent laws have been enacted, changed, and repealed in the intervening time.

- a. Has the City sought a copy of the July 5, 1972 application from the records of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management?
- b. Where can the public obtain documentation of the City's communications with the NPS regarding the City's proposed redevelopment of the Park?
- c. Who is/are the City's point(s) of contact at the Department of Interior?
- d. Has the City obtained a formal confirmation from the U.S. government (or prepared its own legal opinion) that its present laws vest the NPS with authority to provide written consent on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior for a proposed amendment to the 1972 application?
- e. Has the City prepared or begun drafting an amendment to the 1972 application?

I thank you kindly for your time and assistance, and again look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday.

Very truly yours,



Thomas J. Brindisi

October 14, 2013

Mr. Donald Craig
Director of Community Development Services
Key West, Florida

Dear Mr. Craig:

We have been homeowners in Key West, both on and near Atlantic Boulevard, for over ten years. We have had opportunities to find our place in the sun here, there and everywhere, but we have become Conchs at heart. We are here to stay and are committed to participating in decisions that affect the culture and ambiance of our paradise island. In that spirit, we would like to offer that we find the options for changes to the Indigenous Park troubling.

We have tried to learn as much as possible about the reasons for suggesting the options, the process whereby the options were generated, the impact the proposed plans will have on our community and our specific neighborhood, and the plans for deciding which, if any, option will be pursued. Researching postings on the City of Key West website has provided some information, but the data available are sketchy and terse. We would appreciate answers to the questions below so that we may be better informed.

Planning Board Resolution No 2012-013

- The above-cited document, signed in March and April of 2012, has a draft Development Agreement attached. The signed document states, "Whereas, the draft Development Agreement was amended in response to City staff." Can you clarify: is the draft attachment the amended copy? We ask because items included in the draft, e.g. New Development Plan (Master Plan, item #4) states the plan will "relocate the small dog park, revise the large dog park;" "add two pickle ball courts," at Higgs Beach. Yet, the Indigenous Park Site Analysis and Design Plans recently presented include large dog parks, pickle ball courts, etc. It is difficult to crosswalk your planning documents.

Process for Development of the Indigenous Park Site Analysis and Design Plans

- The Planning Board commissioned a consultant to develop the Indigenous Park Site Analysis and Design Plans. From information available, it appears 3 focus groups were conducted (bocce players, wildlife center, and community). Why these 3 groups? Were other groups, such as environmental organizations, involved or invited to provide input?
- How were members of the 3 groups chosen? Particularly, how were the community representatives selected?

- When were the focus groups conducted? There are several homes within 300' of the park, with 16 new ones recently added. Were any nearby property owners represented on the focus groups?
- Was a professional focus group facilitator hired to conduct the sessions? Usually there are minutes and summaries following the conduct of focus groups. Are there minutes and summaries of these focus group sessions available for review by the public?

Traffic, Noise, and Environmental Impact

- Rerouting Atlantic Boulevard directly adjacent to the park's surrounding neighborhood, with traffic overflowing to other neighborhoods, will have major noise, traffic and environmental consequences in large residential areas. Have traffic studies been conducted to assess the noise and traffic impact in these neighborhoods, and at both high and low tourist seasons? Are there studies of the environmental impact? Are the details and results of these studies available to the public?

Impact of Relocating the Key West Wildlife Center

- Two of the proposed park options relocate the Center. What are the known and presumed stresses and burdens on wildlife in the Center -- many of which are recovering from injuries and illnesses -- given the noise and activity of relocating its facility near an airport?

Costs and Financing

- Are there cost estimates available for each of the options?
- When will potential costs and funding options be made available to the public? When will they be introduced in either county or city budget projections?

Public Safety

- Have any studies been conducted or plans developed as to how the proposed redevelopment will impact and address the chronic problem of homelessness and vagrancy in and near the Rest and Higgs Beach areas? Some of the proposed plans could potentially escalate the presence of homeless populations, while making portions of the park less assessable to the police. Will the police patrol on foot? On bike? The Police Department is represented on the Planning Board. What has its response been?
- A facility that cages and rehabilitates birds can attract external birds. What are the safety implications of the Wildlife Center's proposed proximity to the airport? Do you have an explicit understanding of any increase in the presence of wild birds, and the potential consequences to air safety? Have you consulted with the FAA?

Need and Usage Studies

- The City has verbally told us that sports fields are needed just north of Higgs. Where are the quantitative data that support this? Are City residents being denied activity space at the sprawling fields and facilities of the public schools and other parks (e.g. Bayview)? The anecdotal comments to date are not substantiated by quantitative data we can find.
- The City approved a Major Redevelopment Plan of Higgs Beach, which cites that 2 pickle ball courts would be added to Higgs Beach. What is the demand for pickle ball courts that the Indigenous Park redevelopment plans also includes them?

Addition of Dog Parks in all 3 Conceptual Plans

- Dog parks require special considerations since they pose potential risks to people and other dogs (see for example, https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Documents/disease_risks_dogs.pdf). In addition to sanitation issues, dog parks will add noise to an adjacent neighborhood. Incessant barking can deteriorate residents' enjoyment of their homes on a daily basis. And any notion that birds and other wildlife in the Indigenous Park could continue to use the park with the constant presence of dogs is likely misguided.

The extent that the City plans to change the Indigenous Park appears drastic as compared to how it currently showcases it: <http://www.keywestcity.com/egov/apps/locations/facilities.egov?view=detail&id=3>, where it states: "Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park was dedicated to the City of Key West from the Department of Interior, Parks and Lands, and is an active bird watching location. Also housed within the park is the Wildlife Rescue Center that cares for injured wildlife. Tours are offered."

We would appreciate answers to the foregoing questions as soon as possible. As you might assume from the nature of these questions and comments, without more compelling data to demonstrate that changes will not adversely impact our community and neighborhood, much less improve it, we are firmly opposed to any significant changes to the Indigenous Park.

Sincerely,

Charles Buehler
Barbara Wells
1308 Atlantic Drive, Key West

Nicole Malo

From: Thomas Brindisi
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:29 PM
To: 'Nicole Malo'
Subject: RE: Indigenous Park

And in my view, concept #4 much improves over the prior three.

From: Thomas Brindisi [<mailto:brindisi@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:26 PM
To: 'Nicole Malo'
Subject: RE: Indigenous Park

Thank you kindly for the updated info Nicole. I missed the meeting with Don Craig (had to drive my mom to the airport at the same time), but will make the next meetings.

Best regards,
Tom

From: Nicole Malo [<mailto:nmalo@keywestcity.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:34 PM
To: Sarah Nguyen; Stephanie Southgate; Steve Henson; Steven & Nilvfer Kessler; Sue Sullivan; Suzanne Howze; Terri Johnston; Theresa Phelan (bocci); Timothy Ryan; Tom Brindisi; Tom Coward; Tom Sweets (bird rescue); Valerie Hines Grohol; Vincent Corsano; Will Brimberry
Subject: Indigenous Park

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Nicole Malo, LEED Green Associate

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Nicole Malo

From: Nancy C. Coward
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:24 PM
To: Nicole Malo
Subject: Re: Indigenous Park

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Thanks for the update, Nicole. The plan looks good! I don't know if the design consultants have considered including a basketball court, but I sent an earlier email suggesting this. I know the residents near Higgs Beach did not want a basketball court, but I am pretty confident that the more family-oriented neighborhood adjacent to Indigenous Park would support it. I also don't know why there are additional bocce courts on the new plan. While the courts are busy during league nights, they are virtually abandoned at other times of day and the league has not asked for additional courts. It looks like a basketball court could fit in the area next to bocce courts if the four extra bocce courts were not added.

One thing I can't figure out from drawings is where the access points to the park are. Is there any fencing besides around the dog park? I think it would help us better understand the flow of the park if entrance points and fencing were defined. It looks like this plan keeps Atlantic Blvd open, but narrows it considerably. Is that true? Lastly, if you are looking at traffic-calming devices for Laird St., does this mean you expect more traffic on Laird St. with the proposed plan?

Thanks for your help,
Nancy Coward
1316 Laird St.
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Nicole Malo

From: Valerie Hines Grohol
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2013 2:07 PM
To: Nicole Malo
Subject: Re: Indigenous Park

Nicole,

Thank you so much for taking the time to keep us all informed. Speaking for Grubby and myself, we were quite pleased with how the meeting went on October 22nd. We appreciate our thoughts and concerns being heard and taken in to consideration.

We love all the ideas in order to improve the park/beach area. See you at the next meeting!

Valerie and Mark "Grubby" Grohol

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Subject: Re: Follow-up to meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Nicole,

Thanks a million for the update and I know all of us anxiously await your e-mail.

Vinnie

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>
To: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>
Cc: CDRHAPPY <CDRHAPPY@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Oct 30, 2013 2:57 pm
Subject: RE: Follow-up to meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Hi Vinnie,

The link to the Planning Department website is <http://www.keywestcity.com/department/index.php?structureid=20>. The Indigenous park information has not been updated since our meeting. I am composing an email to the group and we are working to update the website this week.

Thanks

Nicole Malo , LEED Green Associate
Planner II
City of Key West Planning Department
305-809-3778

From: The Vinman [mailto:luidgi@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 2:13 PM
To: nmalo@keywestcity.com
Cc: CDRHAPPY@aol.com
Subject: Re: Follow-up to meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Nicole,

Greetings again from 1607 Sunshine Drive. I am just following-up on my e-mail below. I was hoping to share the requested link with my neighbors. Hope to hear back from you soon.

Vinnie

-----Original Message-----

From: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>
To: nmalo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>
Cc: CDRHAPPY <CDRHAPPY@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 24, 2013 9:58 am
Subject: Follow-up to meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Nicole,

Greetings from Sunshine Drive! I was sorry I didn't have an opportunity to meet you personally on Tuesday at our meeting, but I noted your attendance at the front of the room. Thanks so much for helping to organize this meeting. I am sorry I "underestimated" the number attendees, though I was quite happy with the turnout.

I thought it was a good meeting and Don did a fine job. I believe all of us were much happier with the "revised" concept Don presented at the meeting. Unfortunately, I was not able to record the exact link in the City's Web site where all the correspondence is posted on Indigenous Park. I was hoping you could provide me with the exact link.

Thanks again for all of your assistance and have a great day.

Vinnie

-----Original Message-----

From: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>
To: nmalo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>
Cc: dcraig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; kdemia <kdemia@keywestcity.com>; brindisi <brindisi@aol.com>; chuckbuehler <chuckbuehler@gmail.com>; bwells121 <bwells121@gmail.com>; dahliawoods <dahliawoods@gmail.com>; suzhowze <suzhowze@gmail.com>; 80302michael <80302michael@gmail.com>; mark1ges <mark1ges@gmail.com>; annemccarthy317 <annemccarthy317@gmail.com>; michaelkasperski <michaelkasperski@comcast.net>; brgosnell <brgosnell@gosnell.com>; maffeor <maffeor@gmail.com>; vhines57 <vhines57@hotmail.com>; wbrimberry <wbrimberry@gmail.com>; David.forest <David.forest@comcast.net>; conchyjoekw <conchyjoekw@yahoo.com>; CDRHAPPY <CDRHAPPY@aol.com>; mggosnell <mggosnell@mac.com>; Geoffkaplan <Geoffkaplan@gmail.com>; amannix <amannix@aol.com>; rkaplan54 <rkaplan54@gmail.com>; dkstofa <dkstofa@gmail.com>; meyer <meyer@arcinst.org>; Keywestwildlifecenter <Keywestwildlifecenter@hotmail.com>; morofino <morofino@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon, Oct 21, 2013 8:24 pm
Subject: Re: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Nicole,

Greetings from Sunshine Drive! Sorry for the delay in responding but we had weekend visitors...you know how that works! I'm not sure of the exact number but I have spoken to a few and received a few e-mails informing me certain neighbors are coming. I can at least confirm nine, including me. Please note, this count doesn't include Mark Horofino, who I believe initially requested this meeting. I know we are all looking forward to the meeting. Thanks again for the note.

Vinnie

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Malo <nmalo@keywestcity.com>
To: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>
Cc: Don Craig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>; kdemia <kdemia@keywestcity.com>
Sent: Mon, Oct 21, 2013 5:54 pm
Subject: RE: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Mr. Corsano,

We look forward to having you at the Planning Department tomorrow to discuss the conceptual plans for the indigenous park. Do you have any idea how many of your friends and neighbors will be attending the meeting?

**Nicole Malo , LEED Green Associate
Planner II
City of Key West Planning Department
305-809-3778**

From: The Vinman [mailto:luidgi@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 2:11 PM
To: nmalo@keywestcity.com
Subject: Fwd: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

-----Original Message-----

From: The Vinman <luidgi@aol.com>
To: dcraig <dcraig@keywestcity.com>
Cc: brindisi <brindisi@aol.com>; chuckbuehler <chuckbuehler@gmail.com>; bwells121 <bwells121@gmail.com>; dahliawoods <dahliawoods@gmail.com>; suzhowze <suzhowze@gmail.com>; 80302michael <80302michael@gmail.com>; mark1ges <mark1ges@gmail.com>; annemccarthy317 <annemccarthy317@gmail.com>; michaelkasperski <michaelkasperski@comcast.net>; brgosnell <brgosnell@gosnell.com>; maffeor <maffeor@gmail.com>; vhines57 <vhines57@hotmail.com>; wbrimberry <wbrimberry@gmail.com>; David.forest <David.forest@comcast.net>; conchyjoekw <conchyjoekw@yahoo.com>; CDRHAPPY <CDRHAPPY@aol.com>; mggosnell <mggosnell@mac.com>; Geoffkaplan <Geoffkaplan@gmail.com>; amannix <amannix@aol.com>; rkaplan54 <rkaplan54@gmail.com>; dkstofa <dkstofa@gmail.com>; namlo <namlo@keywestcity.com>; kdemaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>; meyer <meyer@arcinst.org>; Keywestwildlifecenter <Keywestwildlifecenter@hotmail.com>; morofino <morofino@gmail.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 17, 2013 2:09 pm
Subject: Attendance Confirmation of Meeting with Don Craig on 10/22/13

Craig,

Greetings from 1607 Sunshine Drive! My name is Vinnie Corsano. My partner, John Torsiello, and I purchased our new home at 1607 Sunshine Drive on July 3, 2013. Not only were we very excited about buying a new home in Key West, but we were thrilled with the location - close to beaches and parks and the wonderful proximity to Key West's Wildlife Center.

Unfortunately, our excitement has been put "on hold" recently since we have learned from a number of our new neighbors about the City's three proposals, which basically "destroy" Indigenous Park. We have also learned Mark Horofino has worked very quickly and diligently to schedule a meeting with you personally so we can find out what the City's objectives, and to give us an opportunity to discuss our questions and concerns, regarding these proposed changes.

Therefore, the purpose of this e-mail to confirm my attendance at this meeting scheduled for Tuesday - October 22, 2013 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. In preparation for this meeting, I have included below a number of items I would like to address, which I am sure you have already received from a number of my new neighbors as well.

Again, I want to thank Mark for setting-up this meeting and you for agreeing to host it. I look forward to meeting you in person, along with a number of my other new neighbors I have yet to have an opportunity to meet in person. If you would like to contact me before this meeting, please feel free to call me at (305) 517-6775. Thanks again and see you Tuesday.

Vinnie Corsano
1607 Sunshine Drive

Process:

- What is the city's "decision making" process for determining the "Indigenous Park" design specifications and community requirements?
- Specifically, what is the community outreach process that will facilitates maximum input from the surrounding community?

Designs:

- Are there only three design considerations?
- Do the design considerations explain impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods?

- Do the design considerations explain impacts on other areas just outside the surrounding areas?