



VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

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Genaro "Chip" Iglesias

DT: August 19, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FR: Genaro "Chip" Iglesias, Village Manager

RE: **Resolution Urging the Board of
County Commissioners to initiate the
Crandon Park Master Plan
Amendment Process Regarding
Calusa Park Improvements**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Village Council approve the resolution urging the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to take all necessary actions to improve Calusa Park.

BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2005 the Village obtained an eight year extension of the field lighting located at Crandon Park. This agreement required the Village of Key Biscayne to make quid pro quo improvements to Calusa Park that would bring several items into compliance with the Crandon Park Master Plan. This agreement required the Village to "fund improvements to the Calusa area as part of the requirements of the Master Plan" including the renovation of the existing structure consistent with the South Florida Vernacular, upgrading restrooms, adding a storage room, and converting the existing four tennis courts to multi-purpose use courts. The Village has reserved funds and has completed plans to accomplish this agreement.

The Village has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Village and Miami-Dade County to increase the scope of the improvements to Calusa Park. The Village would fund the renovations described in the attached site plan, Exhibit "A" resulting in a park that would better serve all Miami-Dade residents. The plan described in this site plan accomplishes more of the items included in the Crandon Park

Master Plan than achieved by the original quid pro quo agreement and create a more functional facility while increasing green space.

The Village Council's approval of this resolution would allow the improved Calusa site plan to begin the Miami-Dade County processes required by the Crandon Park Master Plan.

The Village is concurrently working to determine the cost of implementing this plan. The Village has an existing reserve of \$750,000 for Calusa Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAVNE, FLORIDA, URGING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CALUSA PARK IN CRANDON PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a portion of Miami-Dade County Crandon Park, known as Calusa Park is located within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Key Biscayne; and

WHEREAS, Calusa Park has and continues to provide essential recreational space for the residents of Miami-Dade County and the residents of the Village of Key Biscayne; and

WHEREAS, Calusa Park is underutilized in terms of its space and functionality; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne Village Council has determined that it is in the best interest of all Miami-Dade County residents that the Village plan and participate in the cost of improving Calusa Park in order to maximize its service to the community; and

WHEREAS, any change to Calusa Park must be initiated by Miami-Dade County and approved by a Crandon Park Master Plan Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAVNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The recitals stated above is hereby confirmed and adopted.

Section 2. Request. The Village Council hereby urges the Board of County Commissioners take all necessary action to amend the Crandon Park Master Plan to allow for the improvement to Calusa Park substantially in accordance with the plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Village Manager and Village Mayor to immediately take any and all action necessary and expedient to implement the purpose and intent of this Resolution. The Village Manager is also authorized to continue to utilize the services of the Village Attorney and any other professionals who may be able to assist in accomplishing the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26h day of August, 2008.

MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

