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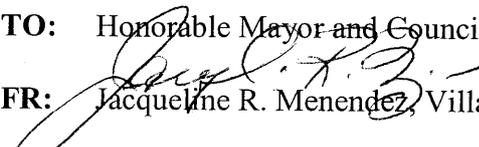
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DT: May 15, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FR: 
Jacqueline R. Menendez, Village Manager

RE: Skate Park

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Village Council review the information presented and direct staff accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The Village Council requested that staff research the feasibility of a skate park on. Staff presented a power point presentation providing several possible locations to the Village Council on December 6, 2005. Staff was directed to examine the possibility of placing the skate park within the Bell South or Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church parking lots.

On February 21, 2006 the Village Council agenda included the "update on status of location search for a skate park". Staff reported that the two locations identified in the December 6th Council meeting were contacted with both stating that at that time that they could not consider this proposal. The Presbyterian Church was currently in a master plan process of its own and Bell South stated that the same Homeland Security requirements that would not permit the parking of police cars within their property limits would also preclude a skate park.

The Council continued by discussing other potential locations. Calusa Park was discussed as a potential site. The Village Attorney advised that this process would take a minimum of eighteen months to three years. The Village Attorney continued by stating that a skate park would have to be accepted by the County then proposed to the County Commission. If the Commission approved the proposal it would then be sent to the Crandon Park Master Plan Amendment Committee where it would require a vote of three out of the four members to be approved. The Council then discussed a potential temporary skate park while the Calusa Park request process proceeded. The Council also discussed looking at the

Village Green as a potential site. The Village Council recommended that a citizens group speak about the need for a skate park.

On April 25, 2006 a “motion to build a skate park with a site to be selected within thirty days” was moved. Public Comments were permitted by Mayor Oldakowski. A citizens group comprised of both adults and children addressed their desire for a skate park. The Village Manager discussed two potential sites located on the Village Green. The motion to build a skate park with a site to be selected within thirty day passed unanimously.

On May 5, 2006 a “motion to study, and if necessary, redesign the Village Green to better address the Village’s current needs and include in the study a master plan for both the Village Green and 530 Crandon”. The Village Council discussed the pressure to use the Village Green to address various needs within the community. The Master Plan Committee’s recommendation of a golf cart path and the Vision Committee’s recommendation of a deck placed in the Village Green were sited as examples. The temporary batting cage and bocce court were identified as recent additions to the Village Green. The Council discussed how this conflicted with Calvin Platt’s recommendation that the Village Green not be modified. The fact that 530 Crandon will serve as a staging site for both the Crandon Blvd. and Sewer projects for at least two years was discussed. Staff discussed Vision Committee’s recommendation that Wallace Roberts & Todd conduct a charrette for 530 Crandon after the first of the year. An amendment passed to remove 530 Crandon from the motion. A motion passed stating that information from a Leisure Vision Survey would be provided to SWA/Wallace Roberts & Todd who would work in a collaborative effort to provide the Village Council with options to address the needs of the community recognizing the limited resources available. This motion passed unanimously.

I have met with Vivian Rodriguez, Director of Miami Dade County Parks & Recreation, to explore the possibility of placing a skating facility at Calusa Park. She rejected the concept citing numerous reasons why the County is opposed. We are currently awaiting a letter affirming the County’s opposition. At this time, I cannot recommend a site for a skate park.