

MEMORANDUM

To: Village Manager Jackie Menendez
From: Henny Gröschel-Becker, Chair
Crandon Boulevard Master Plan Implementation Committee (CBMPIC)
Date: January 23, 2007
Re: Recommendation from January 23, 2007 meeting: Towers entrance

The CBMPIC considered the following request submitted in a December 21, 2006 letter to the CBMPIC: "The Board of Directors of The Towers of Key Biscayne requests of the Crandon Boulevard Master Plan Implementation Committee that pavers be installed at the intersection of Crandon Boulevard and the entrance to The Towers of Key Biscayne." This resolution followed several meetings on this issue in Fall 2006 with Towers residents at weekly Phase 3 Progress Meetings and at the Towers.

Present were Committee Chair Henny Gröschel-Becker, members Karen Llorente and Andrew Lemke (Shayna Varkas was absent), consultants Ramon Castella and Paul Abbott, and BZP Director Jud Kurlancheek. No Towers residents were present.

Ramon Castella distributed a sketch of the requested paver infield and other Master Plan features approved by the Village and County in 2005: south-side pedestrian crosswalk, public right-of-way improvements at the Towers entrance and a traffic routing device in the southbound lanes. Adding a paver infield would add \$100,000 to \$150,000 to the base cost (materials plus equipment and labor).

Funds are not available in the Phase 3 budget for this project. The decision by the Master Plan Committee (that included a Towers resident) to not include a full intersection treatment at the Towers was revisited. Crandon Boulevard does not have a traffic signal and vehicular/ pedestrian traffic in and out of the entrance is not high. However, many cars exit the Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park during high use times on weekends and in the summer.

By a 3-0 unanimous vote, the CBMPIC recommends reconstruction of Crandon Boulevard at the Towers entrance as approved without the addition of a paver infield, but with the following modifications that address residents' concerns:

- 1) Traffic buttons (raised metal half-spheres permanently anchored into the pavement) will be installed at intervals along the lane divider stripe on the northbound lanes exiting the State Park. The speed of vehicles leaving the park should be reduced and through drivers encouraged to use the west-side lane closest to the median.
- 2) The traffic routing device will be changed to a raised area with curbs for visibility at the recommendation of Miami-Dade County plan/permit reviewers. The previous design included painted stripes flush with the pavement.

cc: Village of Key Biscayne Council
Jud Kurlancheek, Staff Liaison to Committee