

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 19, 2011

Division: BOCC_3

Bulk Item: Yes No

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Discussion and action by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners to consider dedicating all revenues and event fees generated from Higgs Beach Park to future operating and capital needs of the Park.

ITEM BACKGROUND: County Public Works and Project Management have been working in conjunction with a dedicated group of Key West Citizens and a nonprofit organization, Friends of Higgs Beach, to facilitate the development of and long-term improvements to Clarence Higgs Beach Park. Thanks in part to financial support from the TDC and the concerted efforts of a number of County employees and Key West Citizens Clarence Higgs Beach is moving toward becoming a World Class Beach Park.

It has been the BOCC's view and the view of those groups referred to above that any Higgs Beach improvements should, as much as possible, be accomplished and financed through a diverse group of funding sources outside of the County's general fund. Furthermore, the Friends of Higgs Beach believe such investments should be made in a sustainable way so that the Park can be maintained at an exceptionally high level with little recurring need for resources from the County's general fund.

As Friends of Higgs Beach continue to explore opportunities for revenues to achieve the goal of self-sustainability, they would like the BOCC to consider dedicating all revenues generated from the Park to future operating and capital needs of the Park. This will give the group ongoing incentives to explore other opportunities for generating revenues to support the ongoing improvements and maintenance of the Park and will stand as a model for self-sustainability in other county-owned parks.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST:0 **INDIRECT COST:** 0 **BUDGETED:** Yes No

DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE: _____

COST TO COUNTY: 0 **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

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