

04-01-2026 Citizen Correspondence - Regular Meeting 3:15 PM

The City Clerk's Office received the following correspondence:

On March 27, 2026, Sandy Bachman wrote to the Commission suggesting to consider contacting the Marina property owner regarding a possible agreement for the use of his boat ramp and to avoid disturbing homeowners on 7th Street.

03-28-2026, Janie Byland wrote with concern about possible location issues and traffic congestion on 7th Street and the nearby properties.

03-30-2026, Andrea Felton and Michael Church, wrote with various questions to the City Commission about the proposed 7th Street Boat Ramp project and suggestions to consider the neighbors of the project who will be most affected.

On 03-30-2026, David and Beverly McKeehan wrote in strong opposition to the proposed project and suggested a possible cooperative agreement with the Marina.

03-30-2026, Ronald and Constance Foster wrote to the City Commission in opposition to the opening of the boat ramp for public use and provided several considerations to support their stance.

03-31-2026, Bob and Crystal Carew wrote to the Commission with a general opposition to the re-opening of the boat ramp and asked for the Commission to weigh potential benefits and downfalls.

On 03-31-2026, Steven Wenger expressed full support for opening the boat ramp to property owners and long-term renters, and shared additional thoughts on how to implement the change.

All correspondence has been distributed to the City Commission and will be included in the official minutes for today's meeting.

Thank you,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

Silvia Roussin

From: Sandy Bachman <sandy.bachman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2026 7:46 AM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: Boat Ramp on 7th

Please pass my comments on to the commissioners.

We already have a boat launch in the city where there is room for trailers and cars pulling in and out and not disturbing home owners and 7th street. Wouldn't it make more financial sense to do some kind of deal with Jim for KCB 's use of their facility? It's in a perfect place to launch boats because it's already a marina!

Silvia Roussin

From: Jane Byland <nannybyland@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 5:02 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Cc: David Mckeehan
Subject: Boat ramp on seventh Street

Hi Sylvia,

Just a quick note to tell the council that I think trying to make a proper boat ramp out of what we have there even if there is a grant isn't a real good idea.

I think the location is difficult. it's a very narrow place there between the residence and their landscaping and the Coconut Pathway and the landscaping there.

If we needed it because of lack of any other facility in KCB for boating purposes that would make a stronger argument for it but it's not needed since we already have someplace on Sadowski that can be used.

Having grant money is always a pleasant thought but sometimes you have to have matching funds or such. I would hate to see the city spend money on something that would possibly cause congestion problems on Seventh Street and on the adjacent properties. And it might not be used too much if we did have it because of the alternative boat ramp.

Thanks for all you do for the council and our city . Best wishes, Janie Byland
72 7th St., KCB

Sent from my iPhone

March 30, 2026

Mayor Freddie Foster
Vice Mayor Doug Colonell
Commissioner Tom Harding
Commissioner Tom DiFrancisco
Commissioner Kirk Diehl
City of Key Colony Beach
P.O. Box 51014
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051-0141

Re: Reopening of 7th Street Boat Ramp

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners,

I am a homeowner on 7th Street in Key Colony Beach and full time winter resident. I recently learned about the plan to seek a grant for reopening the 7th Street boat ramp. Before the City invests the time and resources to prepare the request, I am hoping to understand the basic elements of the plan:

- Is there a verified need for the project? (an existing boat ramp is across the street that does not appear to be heavily used)
- How will the project benefit the community?
- Does this project meet current City zoning ordinances for commercial use of property on a residential street?
- What reconstruction would have to be done?
- Who would be using the ramp: municipal personnel / full time residents / property owners / renters / the public?
- What are the estimated costs for construction, maintenance, oversight, and financial management?
- Would there be a cost to users? What would that cost be? Would the revenue meet the expenses?

I realize it's early in the planning, but I and others on the street have a number of questions we would like to hear the commission address at its meeting on April 1. These include:

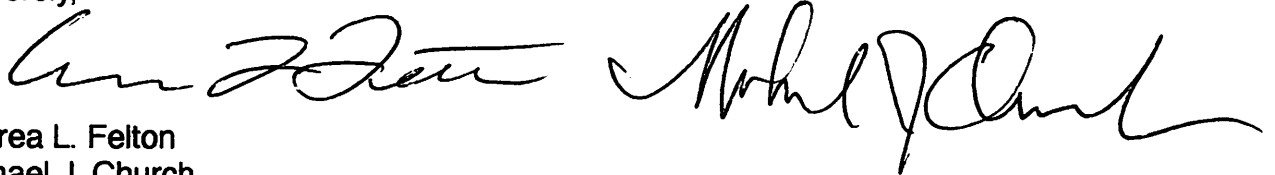
- What impact studies will be done, including traffic, noise, and environmental?

- How would the traffic and blocking of the street affect residents, events in the park, the school bus, and KCB police and emergency vehicles?
- Does the City have a realistic plan for where the vehicles and trailers will be parked?
- Would the existing space need to be widened to accommodate the multiple maneuverings needed for launching a boat? Will the planted walkway need to be removed?
- What regulations would be in effect as far as hours of operation, size of boat, etc? Who will monitor?

Experience from living in a marina has shown me that not all boat launches go smoothly. There are liability, safety, and adjacent property issues that would need to be addressed.

I am not aware of any outreach by the city to the neighbors of this project who will be most affected but understand they are not in favor of it. I believe the opinions of those most affected should be given preference over temporary visitors to the City. How will the City benefit from the project and is this benefit substantial enough to counter the inconvenience to the residents who are so close to the facility?

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Andrea L. Felton' and the second is 'Michael J. Church'.

Andrea L. Felton
Michael J. Church
46 7th Street
Key Colony Beach

3/30/26

Mayor Freddie Foster

Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell

Commissioner Tom Harding

Commissioner Tom DiFransico

Commissioner Kirk Diehl

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Honorable Commissioners

My name is David McKeehan and my wife, Beverly and I live at 2 Seventh St here in KCB.

We are strongly opposed to any plan to move forward with the re-opening of the 7th St Boat Ramp for several reasons cited below.

- 1) A 4.5 star rated boat ramp is already in operation at the KCB Marina on Sadowski.**
- 2) Unlike this commercial Marina, the 7th St ramp has no off-road preparation area.**
- 3) Preparation, line-up and successful back-in will block 7th st during launch/recovery**
- 4) Such blockage will restrict free access to the Golf course Condos and to my property.**
- 5) In general, all of Seventh street traffic will be restricted during every launch and recovery.**
- 6) It is likely that in worst case scenarios, this disruption will extend around Shelter Bay Drive and 8th st possibly requiring a Police presence to resolve.**

It is noted that this ramp was re-opened for some period in the past. This experiment was abandoned due to the factors noted above along with issues of noise and lack of organized control by the City and the ramp was re-closed.

In summary, we already have an arrangement that provides for use by Public Works, Police, Fish and Wildlife, and emergency services.

We ask you to vote no on this issue and perhaps consider investing in a cooperative agreement with the KCB Marina.

With Respect

David and Beverly McKeehan

David McKeehan
Beverly McKeehan

March 30, 2026

TO: Mayor Freddie Foster
Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell
Commissioner Tom Harding
Commissioner Tom DiFransico
Commissioner Kirk Diehl

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Honorable Commissioners:

My name is Ronald Foster. My wife Connie are permanent residents of KCB and have lived at 54 7th Street since retiring in 2006.

We are opposed to the reconstruction of the 7th Street boat ramp and consideration of opening it up for public use. The opening of this boat ramp has been considered by several city commissions in the past, each time rejecting it as a viable project.

While having a boat ramp inside the city should be a nice convenience, it is not viable at its current location for many reasons, some bulleted below:

- The current ramp is located in the most congested area of the city having the following uses:
 - i) Post Office accessibility by citizens and the daily 18-wheel P O delivery and pickup of our mail.
 - ii) The new City Hall
 - iii) Farmers Market vendors and patrons parking (which line 7th Street grass parking whether the setup is at the North end or South end).
 - iv) General use of Palm Path, City Hall Park and Gazebo Park.
- Logistically, the impact of staging IN/Out use on the area would be great. If not controlled by live city staff, or our police department, the wharf/walkway behind City Hall/PO would become a temporary staging area used by boaters tieing up and loading/unloading , regardless of what restricted signage would be placed there.
- Boat traffic in the 7th Street Canal would be significantly increased. The residents on 7th Street are constantly pleading for boaters to obey the no wake, 5 mph rules.
- The 200-foot-wide 7th Street canal is HOME to several manatee families which annual birth 1 or 2 pups each year. This would add additional risk to these protected animals.
- The opening of this ramp to public use would be a tremendous injustice to nearby residents, especially to David and Beverly McKeehan, who are adjacent to the ramp. Please think how this would disrupt their quality of life, the noise, abusive language especially when alcohol is

involved. Boatramp users can easily become unfriendly. The McKeehan's have and continue to generously donate their time and resources to this city.

The idea of the city having its own boat ramp, on the surface, appears inviting. The reality of renovating and using the existing ramp is not feasible for the reasons stated above and for many more not listed. The reasons past commission members have considered and rejected the idea are still valid today.

Please vote NO on this issue.

Respectfully,

Ronald and Constance Foster

3-31-26

TO: City of Key Colony Beach Commissioners and Mayor
FR: Bob and Crystal Carew (560 12th St., KCB)
RE: Proposed re-opening of KCB 7th St. Boat Ramp

We cannot attend the Wednesday meeting, but would like our input distributed to the Mayor and Commissioners.

Generally, we are opposed to the re-opening of the 7th Boat Ramp, because we do not think it is a good idea to add more boat traffic to the 7th St. Canal. The 7th St. Canal frequently has manatees – more than any other KCB canal, and usually has “resident” manatees. If you hope to show a visitor a manatee, 7th St. Canal is where you slowly go.

It seems to us, the primary use of a public 7th St. Canal boat ramp would be for renters who would not be aware or as caring as us locals for the manatees that frequent KCB. The additional boat traffic will have no positive effect on the manatees - only negative.

Commissioner Diehl did mention the possible use of a gate and code, like is used at Inch Beach, as a way to keep the use of the ramp to KCB residents.

We question the need to re-open the Boat Ramp as we already have a boat ramp at the Marina and one near the Island Fish Company and several more in Marathon.

If the Boat Ramp were to operate free or unpoliced, it won't take long at all for the Miami weekend crowd to discover it, which will then turn into a parking issue along 7th St. How would that get policed?

On the surface, the idea of re-opening the 7th St. Boat Ramp, might sound appealing, but could also spawn several other unintended consequences.

Other than the fact that there is grant money available, we ask the Commission to carefully weigh the potential benefits with the potential downfalls.

We appreciate the work of our elected officials.

Thank you,

Bob and Crystal Carew

Bob Carew
Crystal Carew

Silvia Roussin

From: Steve Wenger <stewelwenger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 1:06 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: 7TH STREET BOAT RAMP

As an owner of property in KCB for the past 25 years, I would like to add my opinion regarding the 7th Street boat ramp. I am fully in favor of opening up this boat ramp for property owners and long term renters (four weeks or longer) in KCB only.. It should be required that at least two people need to launch a boat, with one driving the vehicle and the other in the boat. Upon the boat leaving the trailer, the vehicle and trailer should depart without delay.

The open hours and method of securing the chain can be determined with a joint decision of the commissioners and a committee from the KCB Fishing and Boating Club.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Sincerely,
Steven Wenger
100 13th Street
KCB