

MINUTES

City of Key Colony Beach Recreation Committee

Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 10:00 AM

& Via Zoom Conferencing Only

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1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:** The Key Colony Beach Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Cindy Catto at 10:00 AM, followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Chair Cindy Catto, Vice-Chair David Evangelista, Aleta Williamson, Frank Tremblay, Sally Cherry. **Also present:** 1st Alternate Lisa Joseph, City Administrator John Bartus, City Clerk Silvia Roussin, Mayor Freddie Foster (via Zoom).

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (Additions, changes, and deletions can be made via one motion and a second to approve by majority vote)

There were no changes to the agenda, and Chair Catto asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Aleta Williamson to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Evangelista seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. July 9, 2026: There were no changes to the minutes, and Chair Catto asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Motion made by Aleta Williamson to approve the minutes. Sally Cherry seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** City Clerk Roussin reported correspondence from Gail Alter, which was included in the agenda packet. There were no citizen comments.

5. **CHAIR REPORT:** Chair Catto reported that the City Commission approved the ceiling fans but was unsure whether they had been installed. She also reported that the golf course committee's request was denied and that future workshops are needed to gather community input on the golf course's future. Chair Catto stated that the Beautification Committee approved five Royal Poincianas on 8th Street by the golf course, as well as additional plantings to enhance two palm trees on the golf course. Chair Catto commented on Vice-Mayor Colonell's letter to the City Commission requesting a reevaluation of the basketball court location. Chair Catto recalled the history of finding a location for the basketball court, the Fact-Finding Committee's recommendation, and the Recreation Committee's subsequent recommendation to the City Commission regarding the proposed basketball court location. Chair Catto explained that the City Commission would need to determine whether to send the matter back to the Committee for additional evaluation and that nothing further should be done at this time until direction is provided by the City Commission.

- 6. REQUEST(S) FOR NEW RECREATION-RELATED PROJECT:** No new requests were received.
- 7. COMMITTEE PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT LIST:** Chair Catto reviewed the priority improvement list, which included completion of the basketball courts, Bocce Court improvements, and requests for bathrooms at 8th and 7th Streets as part of the grant funding request, leaving the East Park restroom on 1st Street outstanding. Chair Catto further advised that the exercise stations were included in a grant request as well. The Committee had no comments.
- 8. BUDGET REPORT**
- a. July 2026: Lisa Joseph reported on remaining funds, which City Clerk Roussin reported were allocated for the final payment for the Bocce Court improvements.
- 9. GRANT UPDATES:** City Administrator Bartus provided a grant update and reported on submitted grants for various projects. He stated that the local District Advisory Council would meet in September to decide on the grant application, and he would attend. City Administrator Bartus reported to be awaiting a decision from the City Commission regarding the basketball court location at their next meeting. He also commented on a quote from Bella Construction, which City Clerk Roussin confirmed had been shared shortly before the meeting. City Administrator Bartus further advised that he did not believe a change in the basketball court location would affect the grant decision. He stated that the DAC meeting would be held in person at the Marathon Government Center and that he would share the meeting information and advise whether Zoom access would be available. The Committee had no questions.
- 10. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT**
- a. Tennis: Aleta Williamson reported no report.
- b. Golf: Chair Catto had no report other than ongoing landscaping efforts between the Beautification and Recreation Committees. She also reported receiving comments that the new Golf Course Porch furniture is well liked.
- c. Bocce/Horseshoe/Shuffleboard/Cornhole: Frank Tremblay had no report for the summer.
- d. Recreation Activities: Lisa Joseph confirmed ongoing classes for different activities.
- e. Little Libraries: Sally Cherry had no significant updates and is waiting to see how usage will change when the season begins, specifically concerning the library by the tennis court, which is seeing very little use. One possible idea is to relocate it closer to the playground and bocce court to increase accessibility and usage.
- f. Basketball – no report
- 11. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL**
1. Discussion/Approval for a Proposal for Golf Course Landscaping Improvements by 8th Street
- a. Buttonwood Proposal by Plant Health Care for \$8,669.45
- b. Fishtail Palm Proposal by Plant Health Care for \$8,669.45

Chair Catto discussed the golf course landscaping proposals, available funds in the Public Works Department budget, and the scope of both proposals. Chair Catto read a letter of opinion from the landscaping contractor outlining available options, including recommendations for additional maintenance of the buttonwood hedge and the use of fishtail palms to eventually reduce the need for the safety nets.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Evangelista to accept the Fishtail Palms. Sally Cherry seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Vice-Chair Evangelista shared his perspective on the benefits of fishtail palms, including reduced maintenance. He further observed that the net may still be necessary, but the palms could help mask it and make it more attractive. He also discussed the possible relocation of the tee box due to its proximity to the net. Chair Catto advised that the trees would be placed behind the net and discussed the potential height of the palms and their proximity to the ground. Aleta Williamson supported the fishtail palm option and stated that she has them at her house and that the palms branch out low.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

- 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Vice-Chair Evangelista commented on the City Commission's denial of the recommendation to form a committee and questioned whether the City Commission had an interest in forming one. Chair Catto stated that she believed public workshops would be held to encourage community involvement. Vice-Chair Evangelista noted that the City Commission had denied the formation of a committee on two occasions and questioned the need for the Committee's efforts. Chair Catto stated that she believed the Committee had the right to make a recommendation but not to write contracts. Vice-Chair Evangelista stated that he believed discussions should be held later in the season regarding the Committee's effort and a workshop if it appeared that the City Commission shows no interest.

Vice-Chair Evangelista commented on the letter received from Vice-Mayor Colonell and expressed concerns about timing if the Committee waited for a City Commission directive regarding construction of the basketball court. Vice-Chair Evangelista further expressed concern that the Commission could make a unilateral decision without sufficient time and suggested that the Committee voice its opinion regarding Vice-Mayor Colonell's letter. City Clerk Roussin informed the Committee that it can always provide its opinion to the Commission and that the Commission can reach its own conclusions and decisions on matters. City Clerk Roussin advised that Chair Catto can call the matter for discussion. Sally Cherry asked whether she could review the other options presented during prior discussions on the basketball court location, noting that she was missing much of the information needed to form an opinion.

Chair Catto informed of the opening of discussions on the matter.

Chair Catto asked Vice-Chair Evangelista to recall the events regarding the recommendation. Vice-Chair Evangelista stated that he had been one of three people on the Committee who made a recommendation to the Recreation Committee and referred to a document evaluating locations. He stated that the recommended location had been physically measured. Vice-Chair Evangelista commented that he was unable to attend the City Commission meeting but believed it was important to make counterpoints to Vice-Mayor Colonell's letter. Frank Tremblay commented on the time spent and the prior decisions and recommendations made, stating that the Committee had weighed the questions and voiced support to stay with the recommended location. Aleta Williamson echoed Frank Tremblay's comments about the significant time and discussion the Committee had already had. Aleta Williamson further commented on Vice-Mayor Colonell's letter regarding fencing, Clam Bake use, and additional loss of green space. Aleta Williamson stated that she felt strongly that the Committee had recommended approving the location.

and moving forward so it could be completed with grant funding by the end of the year. Vice-Chair Evangelista commented that not all members had the history of the discussion needed to make an informed vote and offered to write a letter directly to the Commission as an individual voicing concerns if the Commission attempted to make a decision at the next meeting. Chair Catto stated that she planned to attend the next meeting via Zoom and asked for comments from Lisa Joseph. Lisa Joseph commented that she would abide by the opinions of other Committee members and their determination of the best location and would not go against it. Sally Cherry confirmed that she had the same opinion and planned to attend the Commission meeting. She stated that she now understood more about the work that went into selecting the location and that preventing further loss of green space appealed to her. Vice-Chair Evangelista further commented on the possible loss of trees at the other location, and Aleta Williamson said she would be happy to put her thoughts into a letter to be shared about not further diminishing green space. Vice-Chair Evangelista stated the importance of the Commission understanding the Committee's position and acknowledged that the newest Committee members, Sally Cherry and Lisa Joseph, did not have adequate information for a vote and that it was therefore appropriate for the Committee not to make a motion. Chair Catto expressed understanding and stated that she would attend the Commission meeting representing the Committee. Chair Catto asked for Mayor Foster's comments. Mayor Foster stated his support for the location as designed and planned and stated that he did not support moving the location or delaying the project. He stated that he had promised to have it completed. Mayor Foster believed enough time had been spent on the topic and promised, to the best of his ability, to follow the Committee's recommendation.

City Clerk Roussin informed of a request for citizen comments. Chair Catto opened the meeting for citizen comments.

Lynne Benton suggested using a decision matrix to support decision-making with a clear record and an easy-to-review document so the issue would not have to be revisited again. Chair Catto advised that the Fact-Finding Committee had used a matrix in its decision. Lynne Benton further commented on concerns about the loss of trees and her community vision for a plan, stating that if a plan existed, all decisions would flow from there if all pieces fit together.

13. NEXT MEETING: October 8th, 2026 – 10:00 AM ZOOM ONLY

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

ADOPTED: October 8, 2026

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