

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**FROM:** Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director  
**DATE:** May 24, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Outdoor Venue Site Visit

### **Recommended Action**

None. For informational purposes only.

### **Background**

The Town of Longboat Key adopted Core Values, which are guiding principles of community expectations, include maintaining and improving *“the quality and variety of island-based recreational and educational opportunities...”*

The Town is proceeding with a plan to develop and activate the approximately 4-acre Town-owned site located at 555 Bay Isles Road into an outdoor venue to support a variety of Town and community-wide events. The Town recently completed the demolition of the Amore’ building, which previously existed on the site.

The Town has engaged George F. Young, Inc. to provide civil engineering construction plans and permitting for the outdoor venue. The Town has also engaged Hoyt Architects to provide a three-dimensions (“3D”) computer-generated visualization of what the outdoor venue will look like based on the George F. Young drawings to date

The George F. Young initial concept renderings were presented to the Commission at your September 24, 2018 Regular Workshop. Since that meeting the staff has been working with George F. Young to permit the initial improvements. At your May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting the staff provided a status report and reviewed the site plan. Recommended next steps were discussed and included:

1. Proceed with the planned initial site work
2. Develop a plan for public and Commission input over the next season
3. Develop funding strategies for potential longer term more permanent improvements for the outdoor venue

In our discussions with George F. Young and Hoyt Architects for planning purposes we have identified an area on the site to be preserved for a future facility of up to 20,000 sq. ft. It appears that the site can accommodate that size building and allow for the full development of a permanent outdoor venue.

The current status of civil design plans are 60% complete and have been re-submitted to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (“SWFWMD”) to address comments. Once design and permitting are complete, Public Works will proceed to bidding and construction.

Per recommendation at the May 6, 2019 Regular Commission meeting, staff will lead a site visit at 555 Bay Isles Road to discuss the proposed outdoor venue during the June 3, 2019 Regular Workshop.

**Key Elements on Site for Observation**

- Former Amore Building Pad
- Existing sidewalk path Proposed Shell and Sidewalk Path Additions
- Proposed Grading and Sloping
- Vegetation removal and grooming

We plan to start the meeting at Town Hall with an overview of the plan, conduct the walking tour, and then return to Town Hall for Commission discussion.

**End of Agenda Item**