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Chickees

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crossing for us," he said. The park service chose the Johnson Key and Shark Point locations to replace former campsites on Carl Ross Key and Rankin Key, according to Everglades planning documents. The former was closed in 2005 after Hurricane Wilma severed the island, the latter because its low-lying location is frequently inundated with seawater.

The new sites were also chosen because of their accessibility for paddlers, locations outside of main boating routes, wind exposure that minimizes mosquitoes, and locations in areas that aren't especially environmentally sensitive.

Nevertheless, a park analysis states that the use of chickees could have a limited impact on nearby wildlife, and that visitors might lead to some flushing of birds from nearby mangrove islands.

The waters around Johnson Key have 3 feet or more water at low tide, charts show. On



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This is North River chickee. Two new chickee platforms will be opened; one at Shark Point, about six miles east of Flamingo in the northern bay, and the other off Johnson Key, about five miles south of Flamingo.

a recent Tuesday, a couple of hours before high tide, water levels were closer to 6 feet. Water around the Shark Point platform is lower, said Peter Frezza, an Audubon biologist who monitors Florida Bay out of the society's Tavernier Science Center.

The chickees are just fine by Audubon, Frezza said.

"There's really no environmental issues that we see," he said. "We're actually happy that the park is offering camping options for paddlers."

Capt. Tad Burke, commodore of the Florida Keys Fishing

Guides Association, agreed.

"There's tons of chickees in Whitewater Bay all the way to Chokoloskee," he said. "So to have them in Florida Bay is appropriate."

The park service is contemplating construction of several more chickee platforms in Florida Bay

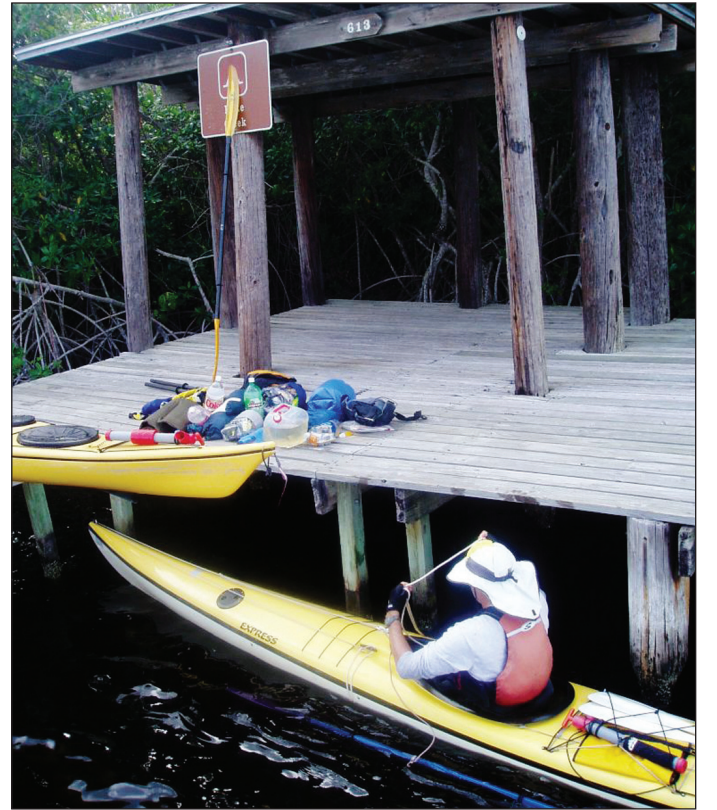


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Plate Creek Chickee is seen here. The new chickees will be open to everyone but could especially appeal to kayakers in search of an out-of-the-way place for solitude and an evening under the stars.

as part of the Everglades general management plan still under development.

The Johnson and Shark Point chickees cost \$50,000 each,

Friar said. A reservation system for their use will be put in place before the planned late-summer opening.

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Turmoil

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seems to have lost the support of her top staff. What's happening out there is a real tragedy."

Vince Boyle maintains he felt the conversation was related to the housing contract.

"Why else would he ask me whether I thought Jill would change her mind about the contract?" he said.

A third situation having political implications took place about four weeks ago when Director of Recruitment and Enrollment Lydia Estenoz asked Boyle to hire suspended Schools Superintendent Randy Acevedo as a computer instructor.

Estenoz this week initially laughed incredulously and denied ever having the conversation with Boyle, but then acknowledged she had Acevedo in mind for an open position in the Information Technology department. Estenoz said she could not remember whether she had spoken with Boyle or Provost Randy Charles about the matter.

"She said, 'You may be able to get some political clout out of it from certain people,'" Boyle said. "I told her, 'It's not going to happen, so forget it.'"

Acevedo is awaiting trial on three official misconduct charges, accused of trying to cover up his wife's alleged theft of Monroe County school district funds when she was the Adult Education coordinator.

Estenoz did not return The Citizen's phone calls seeking a follow-up comment about her alleged suggestion of political clout.

Anonymous angst and allegations

An atmosphere of paranoia and negativity still surrounds the college, with current and former employees waging an anonymous campaign to discredit Boyle, who said she relinquished control over hiring and firing employees to stem accu-

sations of retaliation.

"This has been going on for two years," she said. "From the day I moved to this island, these attempts to discredit me have been going strong. Through it all I've been an effective leader and will continue to be an effective leader. There may have been people who were let go because they weren't doing their jobs, but this is not about individual feelings; we have a job to do."

An anonymous person recently sent an e-mail inviting media representatives to a public airing of grievances against Boyle. No one showed up for the meeting.

College Board Chairman Spencer Slate has promised employees he will hold a special meeting so the board can hear complaints from employees or students about the morale on campus, alleged retaliation by Boyle and other areas of discontent. That meeting tentatively is scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 31 at an undetermined location in Marathon.

Employees who The Citizen contacted to talk about the atmosphere at the college or their perception of the morale on campus refused to comment.

Cheryl Malsheimer, director of enrollment services, said she did not feel comfortable doing so. Estenoz did not return calls seeking comment about her apparent shift from a Boyle supporter to detractor.

Anonymous blog posts at a mysterious Web site with a secret owner accuse Boyle of lying, belittling and cheating, while another anonymous poster goes as far as to compare Boyle to an abusive mother and questions her relationship with Slate, who supports Boyle in her position.

"I dunno how you flipt ur kids pancakes as Mom of the Year (a.k.a. Joan Crawford) w/ one hand & type w/ the other. Wait 'til the dialogue w/ her & her boyf. .oops. .I meant BOARD CHAIR comes out s-o-o-n," the post reads, while the typist then appears to joke about a recent security breach within the col-

lege's e-mail system.

"The e-mail coming from Kehoe's account that someone 'compromised.' I hate it when that compromising happens, don't you," the post reads, referring to how someone hacked into Boyle's e-mail and forwarded to others a conversation between her and John Kehoe, the college's vice president of finance and administration.

One employee, John Santoro, penned an e-mail to newspaper reporters saying he has seen "significant morale issues affecting every level and every department within FKCC." Santoro said he has had nothing but pleasant encounters with Boyle, but states, "I assure you that there is an extreme level of discontent, despair, dissatisfaction and dejection at FKCC."

Supporters stay the course

While a group of employees posts anonymous comments and makes serious accusations without identifying themselves, Boyle continues to receive support from some long-term employees and students.

"These detractors have never brought to the table a student who said I didn't care," Boyle said. "But they never even mention the students."

One student posted a blog entry telling other users that Boyle was the only person at the college who was willing to help. Olga Pino recently registered for

the nursing program, but was struggling with finances and seeking help from the school's financial aid office.

"Dr. Boyle has been more of a help to me than anyone else," Pino said this week. "I felt bad getting in touch with her because she's the president, but she's the only who seems to care."

Bruce Gragg has been a math and science teacher for more than 25 years and fully supports Boyle.

"She has made a lot of hard decisions, she's increased salaries, and enrollment is up," he said. "I know originally the change frightened some, and it was happening quickly, but we were one year away from having to close our doors, and you can't do what she's doing without stepping on some toes."

Gragg acknowledged an atmosphere of negativity, but said he would not be pressured by colleagues in any way.

"I'm putting my heart and soul into this school and it hurts to see it undermined," he said, adding that most of the problems seem to be coming from the staff rather than the faculty. "This backstabbing is totally unacceptable. It's an atmosphere of 'protect what you have and maintain the status quo.' But if we lose Dr. Boyle, many initiatives will be lost."

Boyle hopes others will support her continued vision for the school, which has seen an unparalleled increase in enroll-

ment and salaries in the past two years.

"The trustees that hired me charged me with turning around a failing institution. I think these are the final throes of a dysfunctional organization," she said. "I think it takes three years of per-

sistence to get through to the other side. If I've been brusque

at times, if I've asked people to step up to the plate, then yes, guilty as charged. But if we don't continue to stay the course, we will risk losing this institution."

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The City of Key West will receive bids for the following:

Bid Name	Gravity Injection Wells Phase IV
Bid Opening	September 16, 2009 @3:00 PM local time
Bid Opening Location:	Office of the City Clerk, 525 Angela Key West, FL 33040

Bid documents may be requested from DemandStar at www.demandstar.com or call 1.800.711.1712 or at www.keywestcity.com. All bids must be received on or before the date and time specified. The City of Key West reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities when it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EASEMENT

The City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida, will consider a request for Easement at one (1) Pinder Lane, Key West, Florida, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, Key West, Florida. Applicant: Adele V. Stones, Estate of Henry Knowles.

As shown in the following survey:

An Easement request of approximately 44 square feet for a porch and eave overhang with an area of two (2) feet in depth by 23.65 feet in length and a concrete staircase of .27 feet in width and 5.15 feet in length at one (1) Pinder Lane.

If signing, special seating, or other accommodations are required, please call 809-3831 (TDD number 809-1111) 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to F.S. 286.0105, notice is given that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Cheryl Smith
Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM, City Clerk

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Key West Planning Board Special Meeting Agenda
August 25, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
City Commission Chamber
Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street

The Key West Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the City Commission Chambers of Old City Hall located at 510 Greene Street.

- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - Planning Board Special Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2009
- Items for Public Hearing
 - Old Business
 - Conditional Use – 4 & 6 Charles St., 213 & 217 Telegraph Lane (RE Numbers 00001410-000000, 00001430-000000, and 00001440-000000) – An application for Conditional Use approval for a bar and lounge in the HRCC-1 zoning district per Section 122-688 (9) of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida.
 - New Business
 - Variations - 3401 Northside Drive (RE#00065570-000100) - Variations to required side and rear yard setbacks and allowed impervious surface for property located in the Single Family Residential (SF) zoning district for the purpose of expanding an existing teaching/medical facility per Section 122-238 of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida.
 - Minor Development Plan and Conditional Use - 3401 Northside Drive (RE#00065570-000100) - Minor Development Plan and Conditional Use for property located in the Single Family Residential (SF) zoning district for the purpose of expanding an existing teaching/medical facility per Sections 108-91 (B)1.(b) and 122-236(2) of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida.
 - Variance - 1 Pinder Lane (RE Number 00008400-000000) - A variance for a front setback for an expansion of a legal non-conforming structure in the Historic High Density Residential (HHDR) zoning district per Sections 122-630(6)a and 122-28(b) of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida.
 - Planner's Report
 - Adjournment

Interested parties may appear at the public hearing(s) and be heard with respect to the proposed items. Copies of the applications are available from the City of Key West Planning Department located at 604 Simonton Street, Key West, Florida, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Anyone who may wish to appeal any decision made by the Planning Board at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes the testimony and evidence which the appeal will be based. Florida Statute 286.0105. ADA Assistance: Anyone needing special assistance at the Planning Board hearing due to disability should contact the City of Key West at (305) 809-3720 at least two days prior thereto.

Please note that one or more City Commission members may be present at this meeting.

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The City of Key West will receive bids for the following:

Bid Name:	Diffused Aeration System for WWTP
Bid Opening:	September 16, 2009 @ 3:30 pm
Bid Opening Location:	Office of the City Clerk, 525 Angela Key West, FL 33040

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