

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Robinson

TITLE:

Consideration of a vote to utilize the Snook Islands docks brought forward by Commissioner Robinson

SUMMARY:

Commissioner Robinson has brought forward an idea to allow The Sailing Club to partner with the City to help lease the docks at Snook Island on the north side of the bridge at the Intracoastal Waterway and is asking for the Commission to direct City staff to look into this possibility as another possible revenue stream for the City.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In 2008 Palm Beach County was given a Grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District ("FIND") to build docks in the Snook Island area. At that time, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued a permit that the boat slips were for day use only in the Palm Beach County Natural Areas of which Snook Island is a part and they do not allow for overnight use. The Grant requires that the project be equally available to all of the member counties and that the slip may not be reserved or set aside for a special use.

FIND, as a major funding entity, does not believe that a more commercial operation mode is within the scope of the original grant therefore charging, regulating and staffing a mini marina is not possible at this time. These docks do not provide any amenities or basics such as water and electricity and the limited number of slips makes it impossible to create a revenue stream from rentals that would cover the costs of running the docks.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove directing staff to explore the possibility of partnering with The Sailing Club to open up the Snook Island docks for the use for boat storage or overnight parking of boats.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – n/a