

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 21, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Neugent – District 2

Staff Contact Person/Phone #:
Terri Marble X4512

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Direct staff to report back to the Board of County Commissioners a plan with cost on developing and maintaining a passive park located in Sugarloaf Shores on Sugarloaf Blvd and Buttonwood on County owned property.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: na **BUDGETED:** Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: na **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____ **AGENDA ITEM #** _____

January 25, 2007

Marathon
BIOC

George Neugent, Commissioner
25 Ships Way
Big Pine Key, Florida 33041

Dear Commissioner Neugent:

My family and I have been full-time residents in the beautiful Florida Keys for the past 18-years and were fortunate enough to become homeowners in the Lower Keys during October 2001. My wife, Rebecca, and I settled down in the tranquil neighborhood of Sugarloaf Shores on Buttonwood Drive East and were shortly thereafter blessed with the birth of our healthy and beautiful daughter, Isabel, in December 2005.

As a father concerned about his daughter's quality of life as she grows up in Sugarloaf Shores, I wanted to let you know that I have become aware of a piece of property in our community that had been deeded as a park to Monroe County in April 1954 by the Rimersburg Coal Company and has never been developed by the County as such. This piece of property is located on Lower Sugarloaf Key, in the Sugarloaf Shores subdivision, at the intersection of Sugarloaf Blvd. and Buttonwood Drive East. Through my research and consultation with the Monroe County Property Appraiser's office, the Monroe County Tax Collector's office, and a private real estate attorney, I have determined that this piece of property has never been assigned a real estate number, an alternate key number or ever had property taxes assessed or collected from the Rimersburg Coal Company by the County for the past 53-years.

In a time when I hear how much the County is expecting to spend on acquiring property for the benefit of the community, i.e. the Hickory Smokehouse and the Latin American Café, I thought that you might like to hear about this "free land" available to the County. I immediately thought to myself what a win-win for everyone in the community. The County could dedicate the park at a public ceremony, the citizens would be able to meet their neighbors and friends at the park while walking or bicycling up and down Sugarloaf Boulevard, and most importantly, the children would have a safe place to play.

All I am asking is that the County clean-up the debris created by Hurricane Wilma and years of neglect, spread some mulch, and turn this diamond in-the-rough into the sparkling jewel it deserves to be. I have enclosed several aerial photographs and plat maps for your review and consideration concerning this request. Should you need additional information or have any questions please contact me at the following telephone numbers: 305-797-2341 cellular, 305-744-0109 home, or 305-294-3877, ext. 2121.

Sincerely,

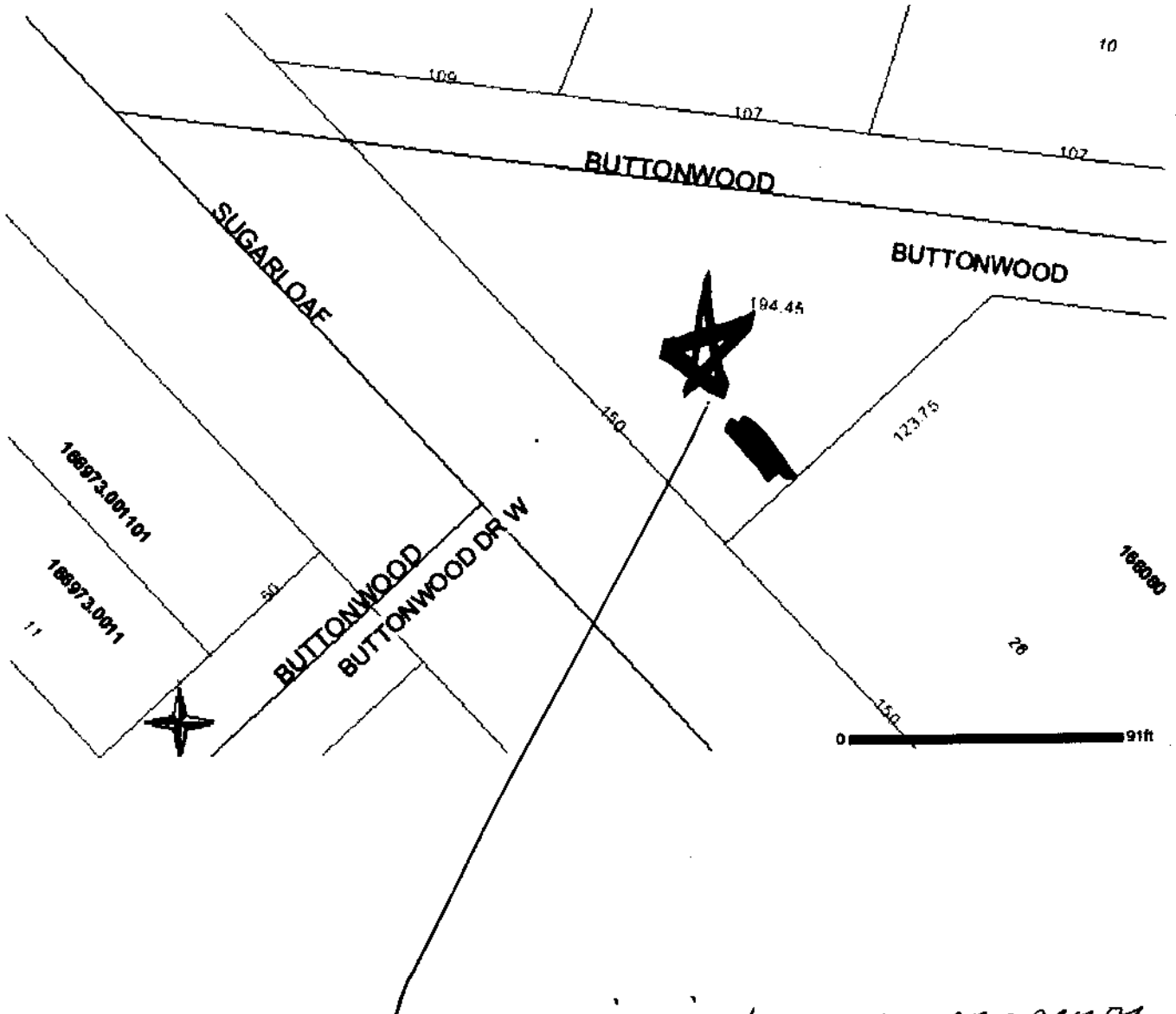


Kenneth, Rebecca and Isabel Hysell

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