### Agenda Item #3.M.4.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** request by the Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc. to construct a 1,500 square foot addition within their existing lease premises at Loggerhead Park.

**Summary:** The Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc. (Center) is requesting County approval to construct a 1,500 square foot classroom addition to help accommodate the large number of annual visitors to the Center. The Lease Agreement (R2003-1246) with the County requires Board approval for any improvements, additions, modifications, or alterations to the premises in excess of \$25,000. The proposed classroom addition is estimated to cost approximately \$150,000 and take 3 to 6 months to complete. County staff supports the proposed expansion of this cultural facility and the addition will not adversely impact the public's use and enjoyment of the park. District 1 (AH)

**Background and Policy Issues:** The Center has operated in Loggerhead Park on leased park property since 1984, and has grown into an internationally renowned scientific research and rehabilitation center for sea turtles. On August 19, 2003, the Board approved a thirty (30) year Lease Agreement with the Center to construct a research and educational facility on 1.28 acres within Loggerhead Park. Construction of this 12,000 square foot facility was completed in December 2007. On October 7, 2008, the Board approved a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement (R2008-1749) granting the Center utility easements through the park for the installation and maintenance of underground saltwater lines.

On August 17, 2010, (6G-1) the Board approved in concept the Center's request to lease additional property in order to expand their existing facility, and directed staff to negotiate a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement. The proposed Amendment will add up to three quarters of an acre to Center's lease premises in order to allow an expansion to their existing facility. The Center estimates that the expansion will cost approximately \$5 million and may take up to five years to raise the funds needed to proceed. The proposed classroom addition will be identical to the current building in terms of appearance and quality.

The Center attracts over 200,000 visitors annually and according to the Center's data base, over 40% of the visitors reside outside of the County. In addition, the Center monitors 8 miles of shoreline in northern Palm Beach County that are among the most active sea turtle nesting beaches in the world. The Center is also a countywide cultural and educational resource that serves over 60 local schools, and offers lecture series, a Junior Marine Biology Camp, turtle nesting walks, and outreach presentations. The current campus includes a state-of-the-art full-service veterinary hospital, exhibit hall, outdoor classroom, research lab, resource center, and marine-oriented gift shop.

#### Attachments:

1. Letter of request from the Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc.

2. Loggerhead Park proposed site plan

3. Loggerhead Marinelife Center's plans for the proposed classroom expansion

Recommended by:_	Ten all	11/8/10
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	( ) Cu	11/17/10
-	Assistant County Administrator	Date

## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A.	Five	Year	Summary	of	Fiscal	Impact:

Fiscal Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				
Is Item Included in Curren Budget Account No.:	it Budget? Fund Object	Yes Department Program _N	No Unit I/A_		

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

*	There is no	fiscal impact	to Palm Beach	County	associated with	this item.
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C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

## **III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or	Contract Development and Control Comments:

OFMB

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Contract Development and Cor

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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#### VIA E-MAIL & U.S. MAIL

October 20, 2010

Mr. Ross Hering, Director Property & Real Estate Management Division Palm Beach County 2633 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5605

Ms Jean Matthews, Senior Planner Parks & Recreation Department Palm Beach County John Prince Park 2700 Sixth Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Re: Loggerhead Marinelife Center Learning Center expansion Loggerhead Park, Juno Beach, Florida

Dear Ross and Jean:

Pursuant to phone conversations with Mr. Graziotto this morning, I am attaching the following items:

- General site plan layout, reflecting the location of the proposed addition; and
- A copy of the building plan and elevations of the proposed 1,500 square foot addition;

The proposed improvement is intended to match identically the current building appearance in terms of exterior roof line, siding, and wainscoting as to texture, materials, and color. The type and quality of structure and material will be identical to the existing improvements. When finished, the goal is to have the addition appear as though it was in fact built as part of the existing facility. From the east (park) side of the building, the same rhythm of windows and architectural details are to be included.

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Mr. Ross Hearing, Director Ms Jean Matthews, Senior Planner Palm Beach County Page 2 of 2

As can be seen on the attached, the addition amounts to basically no more than a box of three walls and roof. I anticipate the receipt of Structural / MEP details early next week and will submit same to you as soon as they become available.

We would request your approval of these improvements in accordance with the lease. We would also ask that you issue a letter to the Town of Juno Beach authorizing them to begin the permitting process. Your continued attention in this matter is much appreciated, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Singerely,

Kenneth A. Blair for

Loggerhead Marinelife Center

Encl.

Cc:

Raymond E. Graziotto, Loggerhead Marinelife Center David McClymont, President, Loggerhead Marinelife Center

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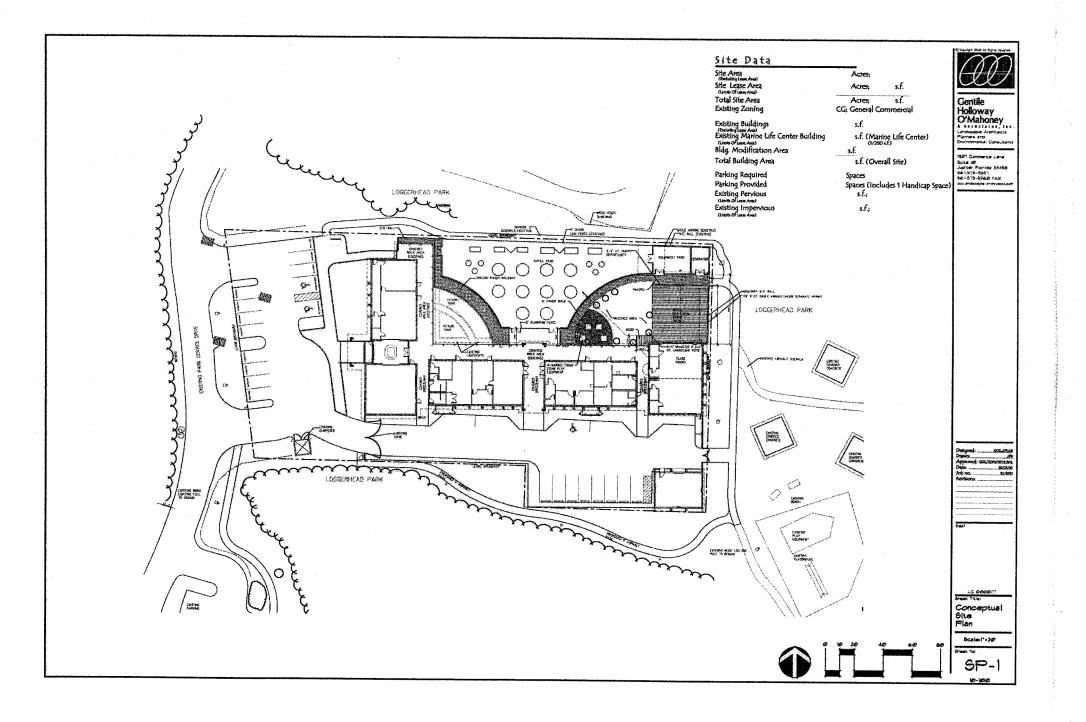


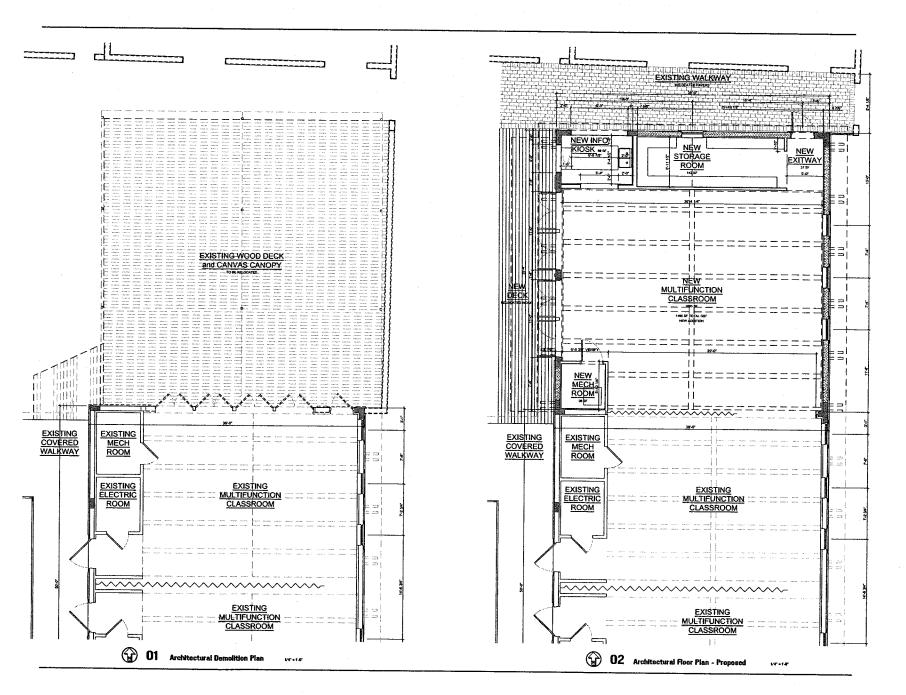
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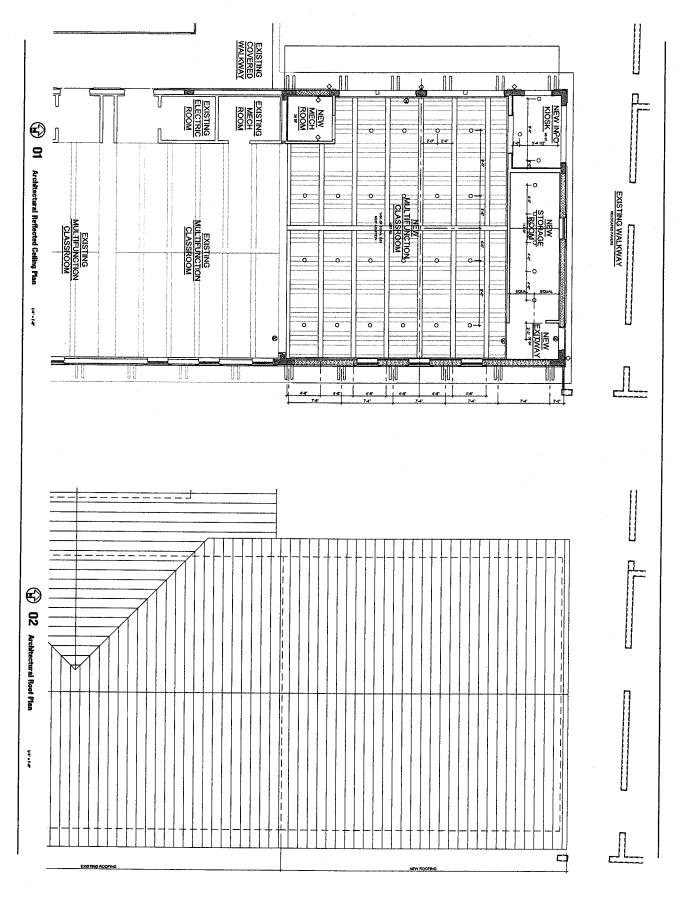




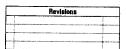
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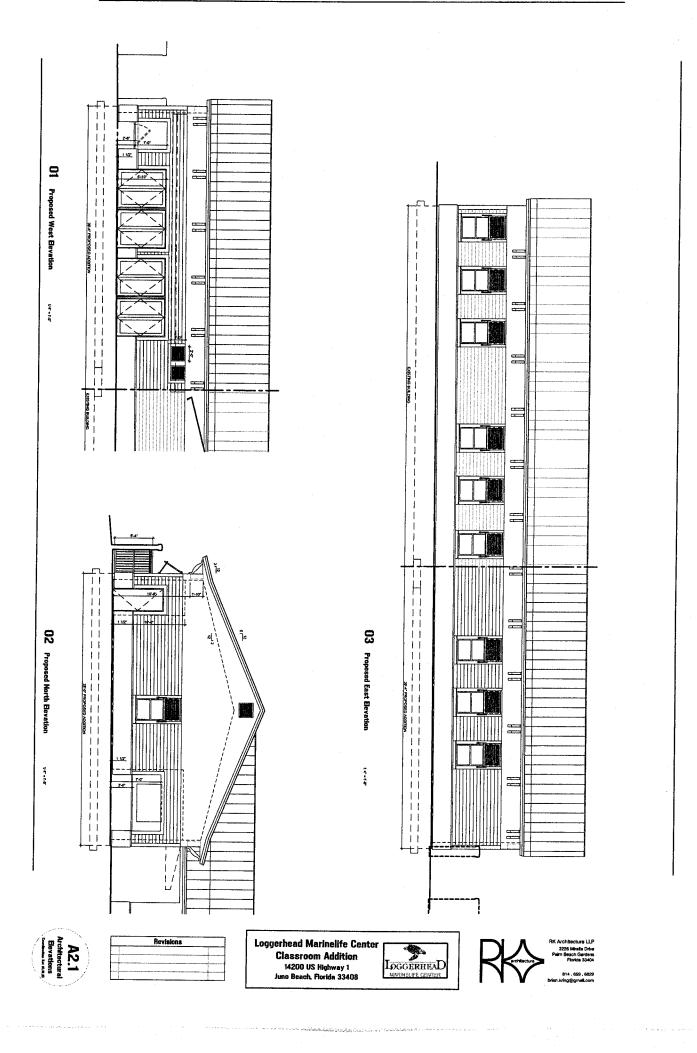


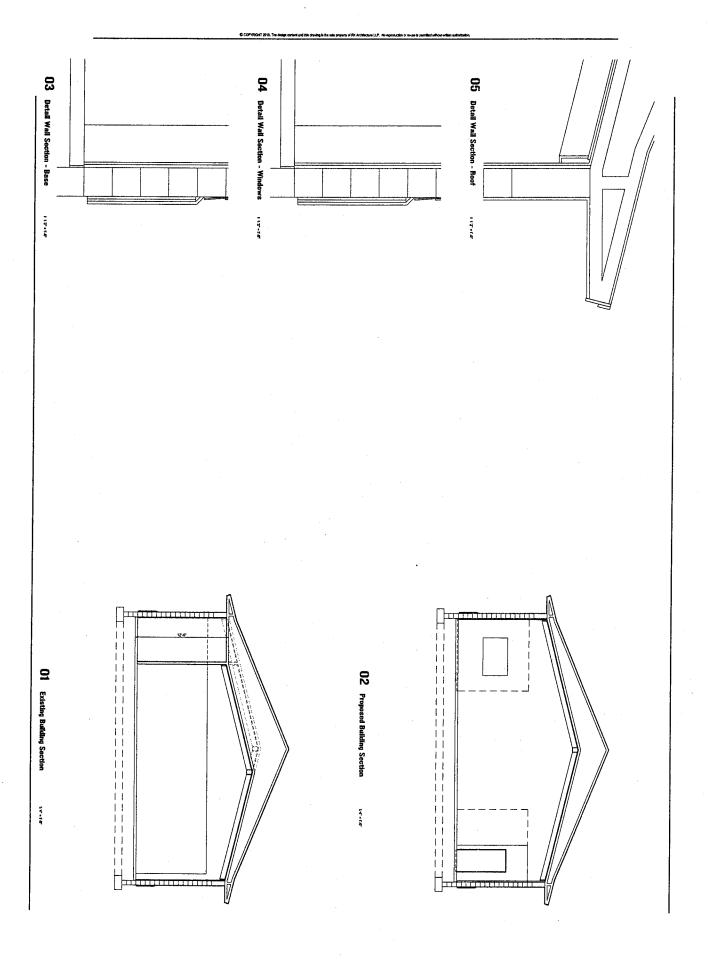


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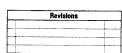








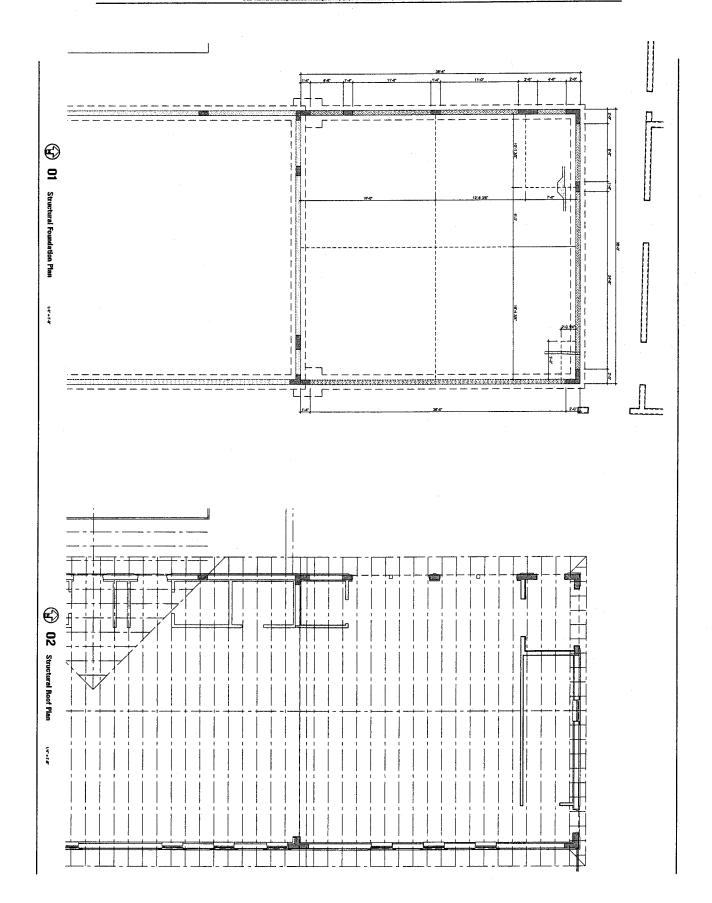




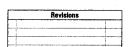












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