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April 28, 1995

Elmore Kerkela, Member
Arch Creek Trust, Inc.
1855 N.W. 135 Street
North Miami, Florida 33181

Dear Mr. Kerkela:

In response to your recent letter pertaining to various concerns relating to Arch Creek Park, since our March 17, 1995 meeting, staff has been working on resolving the issues you verbally expressed to me.

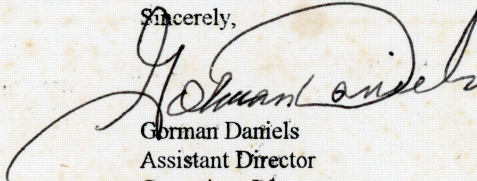
The tool shed has been repaired, however, some small dents remain and door handle damage; which our staff will be repairing. The irrigation system is in need of a "pitcher pump", which in turn keeps the main pump primed. We have initiated a work order to obtain this pump and have it installed in the very near future, as funds allow. As it relates to the north area's irrigation system, the staff at Environmental Endangered Lands (EEL) have suggested that any planting in this particular area be watered by hand; as any digging for the installation of an irrigation system could well disturb the archeological artifacts contained within this area of the park grounds.

As per your request, our staff obtained the cost of a "chickee". It is estimated to be \$14,500. This cost is for a thatch roof, 30 foot by 40 foot structure, without a concrete slab for flooring. The estimate, is verbal since acquiring a written estimate is almost impossible, unless some commitment is made to purchase the chickee.

As it relates to the protection of the Military Trail, the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Board has advised us that it has been designated a historic roadway. The area designated as historic is by the creek in the park, through the park northward to where it meets US-1 (Biscayne Boulevard). As per Mr. Robert Carr, the designation took place in January of this year.

I hope that this letter will clarify many of your concerns. If you have additional concerns, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Gorman Daniels
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Operations Management

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