

November 17, 1981

Mr. Jim King
Directors Office
Park and Recreation Dept.
50 SW 32nd Rd.
Miami, FL 33129

Dear Jim,

We were certainly impressed with Enid Brandon, both as a person and as an artist. Her sensitivity to both the history and nature of the Arch Creek site reflects in the sketches and models she showed us. She made a very strong and very good impression on those in attendance at the Arch Creek Trust Meeting on Monday night. The following is a list of concerns that the Arch Creek Trust has concerning the display in the museum:

1. We ask as the first priority that the openness of the building design be preserved. To this end we heartily approve of glass displays and properly placed murals, mobiles and photos. The glass and wood case rejects from the Museum of Science we find to be oppressive and counter both to the design of the building and to Ms. Brandon's concept of openness. Perhaps one or two of these, if they were strategically placed, would be appropriate for the museum. We suggest the other five or six be kept in the director's office.

2. We suggest a display of the month which would be rotated and which would show three dimensionally current natural flora in bloom.

3. We suggest that you do not hesitate to involve the community in such things as photo development. Such involvement would save the county money and increase community support for the park.

4. We suggest that the Indians be shown as they saw themselves in relation to their environment. Ms. Brandon's artistic concepts properly display the religiosity by which Indians related to their environment.

5. We definitely want a miniature natural bridge display (three dimensional) which we understand will be part of the Cunte Mill Display.

6. We support the concept of the miniature display of the early settlement of the Arch Creek area which would also include the bridge.

These suggestions should be seen as totally supportive of Ms. Brandon's artistic concepts and efforts. We have asked Ms. Brandon to let us know what her budget needs might be and how the county expects to fund them.

Two other suggestions emerged² at our meeting. First we would like more thorough information of what specific measures you intend to use to increase security of the area. Second we want to participate in the selection of the director of the park as we are aware that this person will have an incredible amount of power over many of the things that are very important to us. At our next meeting on December 14th (the second Monday instead of the third because of Christmas) we intend to list the criteria we would like for a director.

Thank you very much for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Charles L. Eastman
Vice President, Arch Creek Trust

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