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From: Austin, Lynette W
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 2:42 PM
To: Palacino, Janet
Cc: Shorter, David
Subject: RE: HOMELAND DEFENSE BOND PROCEEDS - NEEDS OF THE TRUST

Janet - Thanks for the direction. I will set up the meeting with them and prepare something that both you and Linda can review I wanted you to be aware of our needs and efforts.

David - see if we can get a meeting just to talk about our bond needs set up for next week? Thanks!

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From: Palacino, Janet
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To: Austin, Lynette W
Cc: Haskins, Linda; Ordonez, Juan B.; Vega, Sandra
Subject: RE: HOMELAND DEFENSE BOND PROCEEDS - NEEDS OF THE TRUST

Lynette,

In order to expedite things, I would appreciate it if you could meet with Sandra Vega and Juan Ordonez. Otherwise, our meeting may take a little time to schedule.
Thanks

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From: Austin, Lynette W
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 12:45 PM
To: Palacino, Janet
Cc: Haskins, Linda
Subject: HOMELAND DEFENSE BOND PROCEEDS - NEEDS OF THE TRUST

Hello - I met with Linda on yesterday as a part of making the rounds to the Mayor and Commissioners reactivating our appeal for the balance of the allocated \$5 million for VKBP improvements available from the current bond proceeds. As you are aware, we were awarded \$1 million for renovations to existing buildings (the architectural and engineering work of Johnson and Associates - about 75% complete) and "loaned" \$750,000 in sanitary sewer bond funds (for water and sewer and roadway improvements - the agreement is finally beginning executed with Miami-Dade WASA this month!).

We are currently halfway through our site planning process (monthly community meetings all over the City) and will have completed this process in June with a report/presentation to the Commission in July. The "Parkatects", Wallace Roberts and Todd are our consultants and are doing an excellent job!(we finally are getting their contract approved and a PO issued so they can start getting paid!) When this community driven process is complete, there will be a number of items with which we will need to get started on that will require MONEY! If not, this will be just another plan that sits on a shelf and collects dust....especially if we have to sit on maybe another issue (which might be done in June 2004)!

Thus, the need to have the funds allocated to this project so that we can move forward immediately, soon rather than later, to keep the momentum going and to have the Park reach its full potential as the only beachfront property for recreational use that the City owns - it's "urban jewel"!

We fully believe that we can spend all of the funds allocated within 2-3 years!

I have a listing of potential uses of the funds, with items, costs and timetable that I will get to you soon (I'm updating it!) that demonstrates the need for the funds immediately I would like to meet with you to discuss this further I will be concluding my meetings with the

Commissioners next week and will follow-up with them in writing and would like your input and concurrence on this matter. Thanks!