

Buoy Line Project at VKBP

Notes from the meeting with Assistant City Attorney Chris Green – 6/7/05

The general direction of the meeting with Asst. City of Miami Attorney centered on the VKBP buoy line contractor's qualifications and experience relative to municipal work in Florida and for the City of Miami. (andy.n@earthlink.net)

Action: The VKBP contractor is currently working with the Dinner Key Marina, Contact Steve Vaughner, on a mooring field project. The Trust should make contact to discuss the details of developing ordinances and buoy lines.

Manny Carvajal, Park Manager – Crandon Park is currently working on a buoy line project; some assistance could be gained by discussing their project and comparing the VKBP buoy line project.

Three important issues surrounding the buoy line creation and construction:

- (1) The environmental impact that is caused from the buoy line
- (2) State and Federal issues connected to restricting mariners ability to navigate the seas
- (3) The creation of a City of Miami ordinance to set up swimming zones and no boating zones

Action: The Trust should make some contact with City of Miami Marine Patrol regarding the creation and subsequent enforcement of a no boating zone at VKBP (Bear's Cut) Also, the Trust should make contact with the US Coast Guard regarding the 300ft seaward limit on any restrictions on the seas and their jurisdiction and enforcement.

Resources: Alan Richards, Deputy General Counsel, FDEP; Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.