

# Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

## Notes from the Intergovernmental Task Force Meeting

August 24, 2005

The Intergovernmental Group met at the Crandon Park Tennis Center to discuss a major Labor Day event on Virginia Key. The meeting was nicely attended, approximately 20 people – the City of Miami Police Department was in attendance.

### Highlights:

- Joey, the promoter, is holding a major Caribbean festival event on Virginia Key on Columbus Day Weekend – October 8-10, expected crowd approximately 5,000.
- Part of the event parking will be at historic Virginia Key Beach Park. ***We will need to coordinate our parking lot improvement and circulation road construction project with the event.***
- The county police are looking at a standard package of one sergeant and seven officers to full Rickenbacker Causeway traffic management and the development of a MOT. They hope to make this the standard course of action for any major event on Virginia Key and Key Biscayne.
- The group stressed that the City of Miami is the only member of the group that is still allowing major events on already over crowded holiday weekends and that the City may have to re-evaluate that policy when historic Virginia Key Beach Park is open and the island of Virginia Key is upgraded due to the master planning effort.
- There was some discussion of how the traffic over crowding during Mother's Day and Easter 2005 kept visitors stranded at Bill Baggs State Park for up to four hours and their attendance has been down on weekends since then due to those visitors not returning.