

August 19, 2003

Safe Neighborhood Park Citizens' Oversight Committee
c/o Dr. Beverly Mirman
Office of Safe Neighborhood Parks
South Dade Government Center
10710 SW 211th Street, Room 109
Miami, FL 33189

Dear Dr. Mirman:

On September 16, 2003 the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust would like to opportunity to go before the Miami-Dade Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) Citizens' Oversight Committee to request an extension on the Series 99 \$247,500 SNP appropriation, and change the scope of work on both the Series 99 appropriation and the \$752,500 balance that is remaining from the total \$1 million allocation for Virginia Key.

The scope of work change would add to the present scope (environmental restoration) the restoration of the existing structures located on Virginia Key Beach Park. The existing structures include the concession building, large bathhouse, carousel building, large pavilion, mini-train tunnel, dance pavilion, small bathhouse and small pavilion. In addition, the construction of two additional small pavilions is planned.

The restoration project has gone through the City of Miami's Department of Capital Improvements (CIP Project #331416; Renovations & Repairs B-3282A); was awarded to a contractor, approved by the City Commission and is on schedule to begin September 30, 2003. The total amount of the two phase project is \$1,230,839.00. (See attachments).

The entire \$1 million SNP allocation would be used for the restoration of existing structures and the construction of the two additional small pavilions. Construction time is estimated at 180 calendar days putting the anticipated completion date at the end of March 2004. The remaining balance of the project, \$230,839.00, would be paid for by the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust.

Please feel free to contact me at (305) 571-8230 if you have any questions regarding this matter. I look forward to presenting this change before the Oversight Committee and appreciate the support the Trust has received from Safe Neighborhood Parks thus far.

Sincerely,

Guy Forchion
Interim Executive Director

cc: M. Athalie Range, Chair
Virginia Key Beach Park Trust
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