

# Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

## Nature & Environment Committee

### Talking Points for July 10, 2006 Board Meeting

The Nature and Environment committee met June 19, 2006 - 6:05pm

The Nature and Environment committee meets jointly with the Planning and construction committee. Following the Planning and Construction portion of the meeting the Nature and environment committee's discussion centered on a general update of the progress being made in the Trust's negotiations with the City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department.

It is understood at this time that City Parks will provide grounds keeping services for the beach park begin October 1, 2006. These services would include grass cutting, tree trimming, shore line tilling and clean up, regular trash and garbage pick-up schedules. The projected re-opening of the beach park in the Spring of 2007 would also include the City of Miami providing life guards where needed and security staff during the evenings.

Trust staff is making progress with local volunteer organizations to assist in shore line clean up, debris clean up and exotic plant removal.

On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> approximately 50 volunteers with **Citizens for a better South Florida** provided shore line and debris clean up services.

**Hands on Miami** is scheduled to assist with approximately 100 volunteers on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Trust is also hoping to recruit volunteer support from the **Hands on Miami** for our Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> "**The Train is Coming!**" event.