

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Nature & Environment Committee

Talking Points for October 2, 2006 Board Meeting

The Nature and Environment committee met September 18, 2006 - 6:10pm

The Nature and Environment committee meets jointly with the Planning and construction committee on a quarterly basis. Following the Planning and Construction portion of the meeting the Nature and Environment committee's discussion centered on a general update on the Trust's negotiations with the City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department for regular grounds keeping on Virginia Key Beach Park. Now that the City of Miami budget has been approved staff will engage in discussion with Parks' staff to coordinate the grounds keeping and maintenance.

The committee discussed the volunteer participation the Trust had during the August 19th Train event and future volunteer recruitment. Gary Hunt, a consultant for the Trust has made great strides in recruiting volunteers from local universities and colleges and will be ready to begin work on the construction of the Trust's plan nursery soon.

Some general discussion took place regarding the YMCA and Trust Children's Trust Grant for a Summer camp program on Virginia Key Beach Park in 2007. The grant was successful but a full report is not available. The committee stressed the need for a site visit between the Trust and YMCA to review the camp project in detail and the beach park's facilities.