

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Nature & Environment Committee

Talking Points for November 5, 2007 Board Meeting

The Nature and Environment committee met October 22, 2007 - 6:15pm

The Nature and Environment committee has been struggling to find a meeting time that meets diverse schedules of its membership. The October 22nd meeting was attended by the committee chair and staff. The agenda had two items and was conducted as a park site walk through.

- I. A walking progress report on the Exotic Vegetation Removal Project and
- II. A discussion on the need to have a park landscaping design plan that clearly identifies recreation areas, picnic areas, and native vegetation replanting areas.

Discussion center on the next steps that are needed to develop newly cleared areas, how to treat existing under-story vegetation and native tree replanting. Hands on Miami's weekend volunteer activities were discussed as an opportunity not only to have grounds keeping assistance but also community involvement.

Upcoming events:

The committee is working to schedule another meeting in the next several days to address landscaping planning issues.

Staff will be working to involve more volunteers and community groups for continued grounds maintenance.