



## **Planning & Construction Committee**

### **Minutes for January 29, 2007 Meeting**

#### **Attendees:**

**Chair: Gene Tinnie, Board Chair**

**Guy Forchion, VKBPT Staff**

**Miguel Germain, Trustee – Committee Chair**

**David Shorter, ED**

**Gary Milano, DERM**

**Mark Walters, Trustee**

The Planning and Construction committee convened January 29, 2007 – 6:30pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were deferred.

The committee discussed construction project updates centering on the status of the Parking Lot and Circulation Road Improvement Project. The project is approximately 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule now – the electrical conduits and foundations to the light fixtures have been delivered and installation is taking place.

Additional circulation road compaction is continuing in preparation for asphalt coating and finishing.

Miami-Dade County's office of Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) approved a change to the scope of work for available SNP funding to the Trust allowing for exotic plant removal to begin in the near future. The funding would allow for the removal of exotic plants in 36 targeted acres on Historic Virginia Key Beach Park earlier identified by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

Trust staff gave a brief update on progress being made on the planning, surveying and installation of the 16-gauge rail for the beach park's Mini-Train.

Trust staff provided a brief overview of a recent meeting with EDSA, the City/County's contractor for the Virginia Key Master Plan. Several alternative plans for the island of Virginia Key are under consideration and will be shared with stakeholders and community members at a later date.

The committee discussed several self sufficiency options for the historic beach park related, but not limited to food vendors, entrance fee, fee for attractions, clothing and promotional items, events, rental spaces, etc. No final decisions or recommendations were made.

A presentation by Mr. Gary Milano, DERM regarding the Virginia Key Restoration Project (Contract #OT061086) and pending agreement to authorize access to Historic Virginia Key Beach Park was heard by the committee. Considerable discussion followed and the committee formed a recommendation to approve the project's agreement for access to Historic Virginia Key Beach Park during the execution of the Virginia Key Restoration Project

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. **The next Planning and Construction Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2007 (February 19, 2007 is a holiday – President's Day)**