



## **Planning & Construction Committee**

### **Minutes for April 17, 2006 Meeting**

**Attendees:**

**Chair: Gene Tinnie**

**Mark Walters**

**Guy Forchion**

**Miguel Germain**

**Clyde Judson**

**David Shorter**

The Planning and Construction committee convened April 17, 2006 – 6:07pm.

The committee began the meeting with discussion surrounding the VKBP museum architectural design competition process. ED Shorter brought the committee up to date with the latest negotiations with the City of Miami who is leading the new architectural competition RFP/RFQ selection process. Larry Spring, City Manager's office is coordinating the various City departments that are involved in the process – CIT, Planning, procurement, etc. Mr. Judson provided insight into the selection process from an architectural firm's perspective. The committee discussed the costs of conducting the first competition, the costs if any to the Trust for the second competition, future fee payment to the new design firm when selected and the additional time the process will take. City staff predicted a final vendor selection in Nov. 2006.

The committee discussed construction project updates centering on hurricane preparedness and the status of the Parking Lot and Circulation Road Improvement Project. Trust staff recently attended the "Preparing Greater Miami" panel discussion presented by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to discuss public and private sector hurricane readiness. The panel discussion covered many of the areas staff is currently addressing through the City of Miami's COOP – (Continuity of Operations Plan). Items are included in your board packets for review of some of the items that are considered when developing a COOP. A more complete report will be delivered at a later date.

The Parking Lot and Circulation Road Improvement Project has not begun due to some delays surrounding the approval of a final necessary permit; an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

DEP has expressed their approval of the parking lot project's ERP but have not come forth with the complete ERP staff report. It is expected soon. In the meantime Metric Engineering is hoping to begin working with CW Construction to mobilize their subcontractors by preparing plans, securing equipment and materials for initial phases of construction as early as this week.

The parking lot and circulation road completion is necessary for the park to open – therefore the park opening will not occur in November 2006 as earlier planned and is now schedule for 2007.

As was mentioned last month regarding the environmental resource permitting process is that the Trust will look to secure the services of an appropriate consultant to complete the ERP process for all of the construction and enhancements outline in the Trust master plan. Planning and Construction will discuss this in detail at our May 15<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and will look for full board approval at our June meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2006, 6:00pm.