

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Planning & Construction Committee and Nature & Environment Committee Joint Meeting

Talking Points for the April 2, 2007 Board Meeting

The Planning and Construction Committee and Nature and Environment Committee met jointly March 19, 2007 – 6:10pm.

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 still ahead of schedule – the electrical conduits have all been installed, all light fixtures have been installed (only the bollard light fixtures remain).

Additional circulation road compaction is complete and the initial asphalt coating has begun on some sections of the park. Agreements have been made on the route of the pedestrian walking path which cuts through part of the vegetative growth behind the bathhouse. One sea grape tree cluster was re-located for the new path. The electrical meter box has been installed in preparation for electrical completion. Completion of the project is scheduled for May 2007

The Virginia Key Beach Park Trust exotic vegetation removal RFP was the next topic of discussion. The project funded with Safe Neighborhood Park (SNP) targets approximately 17 acres on Historic Virginia Key Beach Park earlier identified by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). April 13th; is the closing date for all proposals from interested bidders. Additional information is available on the Trust's website – www.virginiakeybeachpark.net under the RFP/PSA tab.

The YMCA Junior Marine Biology Camp transports approx. 100 underprivileged youth to HVKBP for swimming, recreation, biology studies, Jr lifeguard training and other activities for approx. 40 days. The camp is scheduled to begin June 4, 2007, a project brief is in your board packet.

The committee discussed several self sufficiency and retail related opportunities related to but not limited to food vendors, entrance fee, fee for attractions, clothing and promotional items, events, rental spaces, etc. Much of the discussion requires in-depth planning and analysis, the committee determined that a “working group” could best handle these issues and come back to the committee at a later date.

High level discussion regarding the 2007-2008 VKBPT budget began with a review of last year's high level budget requests; it was a first step in planning for the new budget and will continue in depth at the next Planning and Construction Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. **The next Planning and Construction Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2007 and the next Nature & Environment Committee meeting is schedule for Monday, June 11, 2007.**