

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Planning & Construction Committee

Talking Points for the May 1, 2006 Board Meeting

- The Planning and Construction committee met April 17, 2006 – 6:07pm.
- 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 15th committee meeting and will look for full board approval at our June meeting.