

Planning & Construction Committee

Minutes for June 19, 2006 Meeting

Attendees: Chair: <u>Gene Tinnie</u> Guy Forchion Miguel Germain Dick Townsend David Shorter, ED Mark Walters

The Planning and Construction committee convened June 19, 2006 – 6:05pm.

Minutes of the May 2006 Planning and Construction Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

The committee discussed construction project updates centering on the status of the Parking Lot and Circulation Road Improvement Project. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection approved the Environmental Resource Permit submitted by Metric Engineering for the Parking Lot Project. The City of Miami issued CW Construction the Notice-To-Proceed Wednesday, June 28th following a meeting between CW Construction, the City of Miami and Trust staff. The entire parking lot construction project will take approximately 8 months to complete.

There was some general discussion on the first major event beginning in March 2007 (The Renaissance Festival)

Staff is continuing to prepare for the delivery of the Mini-Train. The Train will be delivered to South Florida directly to the beach park, unloaded and stored in the carousel building until a specialty paint shop completes the paint job on-site in the carousel building. Following the painting of the train it is likely it will remain stored on the park property until it's moved onto the mini-train track on Virginia Key Beach Park. Some mention of specialty paint that may be used such as "imron" and "all grip" marine paint. Also, provisions should be made for water resistant cushions for the train seats.

Trust staff and the City of Miami procurement section and City of Miami CIP department are moving forward with the RFQ process for the selection of a design firm for the museum on Virginia Key Beach Park. The RFQ was issued and available to the public June 14th, site visits were made by interested firms June 28th and the initial due date is July 14th.

The recommendation to add "historic" before Virginia Key Beach Park to change the official name of the park to **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park** will go before the City Commission July 13th on Commissioner Haskins "blue pages." Trust staff, lead by recommendations from media and marketing, will begin to use the new name appropriately.

The Nature and Environment Committee portion of the joint committee meeting began. (See minutes from the June 19, 2006 Nature and Environment Committee Meeting.)

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm. The next scheduled meeting is July 17, 2006, 6:00pm.