

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Planning & Construction Committee

Talking Points for the June 5, 2006 Board Meeting

- The Planning and Construction committee met May 24., 2006 – 6:15pm.
- The committee discussed construction project updates centering on the status of the Parking Lot and Circulation Road Improvement Project. Recent communications from the City of Miami Capital Improvement and Transportation staff anticipated the approvals from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by mid June. The City would then give CW Construction the Notice-To-Proceed shortly there after. Physical construction on-site would follow around mid-July. The entire parking lot construction project will take approximately 8 months to complete.
- As was mentioned last month Trust staff is still pursuing a consultant to complete an Environmental Resource Permit for all future construction and enhancements on Virginia Key Beach Park. This would provide “conceptual” permitting approval for all additional construction projects on the property and will save a great of time and effort in our future construction and improvement schedule.
- Staff is continuing to prepare for the delivery of the Mini-Train. It is envisioned at this time that the Train will be delivered to a South Florida specialty paint shop to match the original color scheme of the train to the historic version. Following the painting of the train it is likely it will be stored at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum until further arrangements are made for its move to Virginia Key Beach Park.
- The City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department will begin handling many of the grounds keeping, maintenance and park supervision for the Trust at the start of the next fiscal year – October 1, 2006. These new park supervision duties are still being negotiated between Trust and City Parks and Recreation staff and would include daily grounds keeping, general building maintenance, shoreline maintenance and cleaning, tree trimming, lawn cutting, garbage and debris removal, security and life guard staffing, the purchase of new equipment and the construction of a maintenance facility on-site.

- Additional changes to City Parks and Recreation staffing and Trust staffing would take place upon the anticipated 2007 opening of the park. This would involve additional Trust staff for entry fee collection, mini-train operation and park supervision on weekends.
- **Proposed Public Park Operations 2007 (Apr. 07 – Sept. 30, 07)**
Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday – Sunday 8am – Dusk
Mini Train Operations 2007 (Apr. 07 – Sept. 30, 07)
Saturday – Sunday 11am – 4pm
Entry Fee 2007 (Apr. 07 – Sept. 30, 07)
Saturday – Sunday 8am – Dusk
- The committee voted on and passed unanimously a recommendation to add “historic” before Virginia Key Beach Park to change the official name of the park to **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park**.