Planning & Construction Committee

Minutes for July 10, 2007 Meeting

Attendees:
Chair: <u>Gene Tinnie, Board Chair</u>
Guy Forchion, VKBPT Staff
Mark Walters, Trustee
Miguel Germain, Trustee

The Planning and Construction Committee convened July 10, 2007 – 6:15pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were deferred.

The Planning and Construction Committee was given a brief update and time schedule on the Land Clearing and Exotic Vegetation Removal Services project RFP #29-01-07-01. The committee was informed that staff had made contact with the project contractor, Native Technologies, Inc. and had a site tour of historic Virginia Key Beach Park to review in detail the methods that will be used in the selective removal of exotic plants. The committee expressed the desire to attend future site visits with the contractor and to observe the removal when the project begins.

Staff provided a detailed review of the 2007-2008 capital improvement projects recently approved by the board of trustees - it included the nine (9) high priority projects scheduled for completion before the park opening in 2008 and several other projects. The capital improvement discussion also highlighted some projects that are "unfunded mandates" such as the nature center, the northern restroom and shower pavilion, the shoreline promenade, etc.

Staff initiated general discussion on the committee's responsibility surrounding the construction portion of the museum building and other future major projects.

Mr. Walters brought up the issue of re-evaluating the committee's mission statement and possibly reviewing the Trust's overall mission statement.

Committee chair, Mr. Range asked staff to provide the most current capital improvement priority project lists that would show which projects are funded and which are not.

The committee was also interested in reviewing the recent oral history DVD that was completed using a grant from the State of Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. **The next Planning and Construction Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007.**