



WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

April 10, 2007
6:30 PM

Miami City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present

T. Spencer Crowley, III
Phillip Everingham
Placido Diaz
Wendy Kamilar
Jack King
Harry Horgan
M. Lee Smith
Stuart Sorg

Members Absent

Antonio Llano-Montes
Manuel Prieguez

City of Miami Staff present

Pedro G. Hernandez, City Manager
Mark Sarnoff, Commissioner District 2
Laura Billberry, Director, Public Facilities
Carmen Sanchez, Assistant Director, Planning Department
Enrique Nunez, Chief of Urban Design, Planning Department
Robert Weinreb, City Consultant
Isabel Reyes, Administrative Aide II, Department of Hearing Boards
Carlos Campana, Clerk III, Department of Hearing Boards

The Waterfront Advisory Board ("WAB") of the City of Miami met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at approximately 6:30 PM at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida.

Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS FOR THIS MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEARING BOARDS DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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The meeting began with the Chairman who presented Robert Parente from the Mayor's Office who informed the Board about the death of James Wellington, a dedicated and previous member of the WAB.

Crowley updated on the status of Virginia Key Master Plan; Everingham will also be the appointee for the WAB regarding the Virginia Key Master Plan.

Sorg stated that the City conducted a study on Virginia Key ten years ago and added that it is a great opportunity to have a major marina facility in the Marine Stadium.

Crowley presented Nunez, who welcomed and presented the Sasaki Group. Mark O. Dawson, Principal, spoke about the open house they had early at City Hall, and the input they received from the public. He stated that the Sasaki Group was there to share the final draft of the Master Plan. He also spoke about the City's vision and requirements:

- Requirements
- 2004 Peacock Park Charade
- Public Process
- Stake Holder Issues/Goals
 - Waterfront Park
 - Pedestrian Environment & Parking
 - Center Grove
- Community's Top Priorities (Dot Exercise)
- Existing Waterfront Character
- Walking Distance
- Lease Expiration
- Framework Plan
- Regatta Park
- Waterfront Park Plan
- Peacock Park
- Women's Club, Library and Coconut Grove Sailing Club
- Myers Park
- Boat Ramp
- Expo Center
- Open Space Plan
- Pan Am Terminal History
- City Hall Approach
- Chart House
- Chart House Bay Walk
- Civic Care Plan
- Parking Garage on South Bayshore
- Bay Walk

- Shake – A – Leg
- Maritime Amenities and Facilities
- Marine Facilities Plan
- Marine Facilities
- Event Strategy
- Road Strategy
- Roadway Strategy
- Next Steps Strategy
- Waterfront Park Plan

Mr. Crowley allowed two minutes for comments from the public. By doing so, most of the questions and issues would be answered and clarified.

Billberry was asked to clarify the inter-mooring field. She stated that the City was moving forward with an improvement of 225 Moorings. The State is required to change the interior of the Mooring Fields and the design consist with the regulatory agency; the preliminary estimates done regarding design means that the City will be able to place about 100 Moorings once they finish, and that they will be losing Moorings in that area in the future.

Commissioner Sarnoff introduced Manager Hernandez, who wanted to comment on Bilberry's statement and board member Sorg regarding the Moorings. Manager, Hernandez stated that not only are the numbers of Moorings being reduced in the inner-Mooring to about 100 (more or less), but also, there is a requirement that the City assumes the management of the field. Right now, the Department Environmental Preservation (DEP) it is not pressuring the City because they know that we are going to be working on the outer Moorings. He also stated that the City is going to proceed with an application of the DEP for a short-term waiver to allow the Sailing Club to continue to manage the field until the City is done with the work. When that happens, we will assume the management.

Commissioner Sarnoff stated that when he first got involved with the Sasaki deal, he was a private Citizen, and it was a fight to get public access to the creation on how the Master Plan was going to take place. A committee would be formed by legislation that was placed into that particular ordinance and that committee was never formed, so Michelle Niemeyer created the Waterfront Working Committee. Public input was needed to make sure the entire stakeholders had a say as to what the master plan would be. He and the Manager began at the very tail end of this plan. He also stated that he is very proud of the process; it was created and done correctly by the force and the will of the people at the time that it was closing down. It was becoming private, and the process became absolutely open and remains open until this date. In a public process, you will get the best plan you can possibly get, and we asked what is in it for them, the power voters and the sail boaters. During the process, they discovered how beautiful the sailing in Coconut Grove is.

Therefore, there will be an opportunity to have a Master Plan that will put us on top of any US coastal city in the United States, but it takes social outreach, and there has to be something in this for everyone in the City of Miami.

After Commissioner Sarnoff's comments, Crowley opened the floor for comments and questions from the Board.

The City Manager stated that he understands that the next steps that the Board should take are to not only review the comments, finalizing the plans, and working with the Planning Department, but also to develop and implement a plan and look at the potential cost. So before the end of this assignment, there will be a lot of critical information, as far as facing the sequence implementation plan.

After the City Manager's comments, the Board continued with their comments.

Crowley thanked the comments from everyone, especially Mayor Diaz, Commissioner Sarnoff and the City Manager for their time.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Isabel Reyes to the Waterfront Advisory Board.