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to City of Miami Planning Team
Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan Project Team

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WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD, DECEMBER 12, 2006 – 6:30 PM

Public Comments: Issues, Concerns and Suggestions (summarized)

Marina/Boaters

- Effects of changes on storm damage and cash flow for the marina?
- Plan should be only vaguely conceptual for part that addresses marina
- Plan concentrates on pedestrians while most of the use is by boaters
- Need more slips and repair slips
- Cater more to the boaters and less to the pedestrians
- Need a place to tie up dinghies at Fresh Market, Scotty's, Peacock Park
- Vero Beach City Municipal Marina has a free bus shuttle to get groceries, etc.
- All plans need to look at all boaters sailors and
- Out of space to store, haul, and launch boats
- Focus on the boats, marina and the water; this should not be about pedestrians, parking garages, and narrowing lanes
- Put in more dockages, more space dedicated to commercial operations, repair marinas, expand the marina

Roads/Traffic/Parking

- Plan is a de-improvement for the road
- Parking pillow under whole site
- Green roof on parking garage

Waterfront

- Worried about walking in front of the Sailing Club, concerned about the security of their boats
- Keep in mind the waterfront is accessed from both land and water
- Bridge to the islands, water taxis fail
- Enhance the baywalk, not concerned about crime
- Make buildings hurricane proof, not glass, look to FEMA/ACE money to protect it

Regattas

- Regattas are getting bigger and are running out of room
- Coconut Grove should be the sailboat racing capital of the world
- Need to accommodate and market the regattas
- Need to get the regatta operational requirements information to Sasaki

Coconut Grove/Center Grove

- Help the City turn Coconut Grove into a boater-friendly and regatta-friendly place
- Retailers don't want more office, but there should be an incentive for real estate
- Add a conference center
- Add a marine technical school
- Coconut Grove is for everyone, don't want people just driving through

Process

- Community input needs to happen as soon as possible
- Concerned about the implementation, put together an implementation committee

Board Comments: Issues, Concerns and Suggestions (summarized)

Waterfront

- Concerned about the runoff and pollution at 27th Avenue
- Security is an issue, needs to be increased
- Want to get people out on the water through a rental program
- Increase the marketing efforts
- No soccer fields on the waterfront, other parks more appropriate
- Coconut Grove is a village, don't want another Bayside

Boating

- Access for boating is a central issue
- Provide a central access point for boating
- Need to provide more space for the boats
- Improve conditions and access for boaters

Sailing

- This is a sailing capital but don't have the infrastructure to support it
- Should have a community based sailing club

Parking

- Miami needs to break the cycle of parking on the waterfront right next to your boat
- Address parking issues

Process

- Citizens are Sasaki's client too
- Need citizens to be involved in the ongoing process
- Plan needs to be followed through
- Community involvement in the process
- Should be an expeditious process