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to Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan Project Team

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project name Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan

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subject Summary of Meeting with Hoteliers and Merchants

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Issues

- Waterfront must not steal the business from the Village
- The Grove has lost a lot of retail
- The local businesses that remain are the ones that cater to the local community
- The Grove has lost the artist community of musicians and fine arts
- The nature of the Circulator
- Don't need saturation, will compete with the commercial core
- Connectivity
- The trolley is used by workers and drug dealers
- Not getting the benefits of the Expo Center because of the type of facility
- Hard to find the Grove and especially the waterfront from US 1 and 27th Ave.
- Understand that it needs to be revenue-generating for it to work but do not want a "mini-Grove"
- Perception of security and parking
- Don't want a Bayside

Goals

- Raise the Expo Center or scale it back down to the original hangars
- Create a small fishing village with a pub
- A walkable community
- A link from the Grove to the Waterfront
- To be a "default" place to go where something is always happening
- Build a bay walk from Peacock Park to Kennedy Park for the residents
- Need a medium-sized meeting facility
- Home for Circe de Soleil
- Amphitheater like the Hollywood Bowl in LA, but shouldn't block the views of the water
- Millennium Park trellis-like structure for the renovation of the hangars in Expo Center
- Shared parking to reduce the amount of surface lots
- Only water-dependant uses on the waterfront
- Have a promenade with trees from the Metrorail along 27th Ave

- Move City Hall to another location and make the Pan Am building a museum for about the history of Coconut Grove and the waterfront
- Tie into Art Basel
- Create a place to display local artists work
- Smithsonian air flight museum

Facts

- High-end hotels don't benefit from the Expo events, Hampton gets mediocre benefit from events
- Expo events are more locally focused
- An old plan to tear down the Expo Center and build hotels and shops was completely against all community input and had no support
- Boat rentals moved to Matheson Hammock
- 40% of all tourists in Dade County go to Coconut Grove