

# memorandum

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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 Coconut Grove Boards and Community Organizations

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## Issues

- Why does the park have to be self-sustaining?
- Crossing McFarlane is dangerous – eliminate it or limit the amount of traffic
- Meyers Park feels isolated, lighting needs to be fixed
- Already given away too much waterfront to restaurants
- The homeless living in the park
- Parks are disconnected during the day and unsafe and uninviting at night
- Have to drive to Ft. Lauderdale to buy appropriate equipment for boats
- Coconut Grove was always known as a place for arts, but now they have no place at the Grove
- If there are vendors in the park there will be too much noise
- Need a cruising ordinance
- Put City Hall on the table (change of use)
- "first do no harm" with respect to park sustainability for events
- There is no entrance to Peacock Park at the northern end of the park

## Goals

- Rehab Expo Center into Chelsea Piers
- No high-rises on the waterfront
- Some commercial element needed to bring in some type of revenue
- Boutique style stores
- Need basket ball courts, activity rooms, meeting rooms
- Spin-off from the development
- Connection both down the hill and up the hill
- Want outdoor airy recreation, community center, open space, places to picnic, bike racks, walkways, trees, not just organized ball fields
- Concerts in the park, outdoor movies, plays – like Bryant Park, culture, sculpture
- Combine Dinner Key upland facility with community facility for a shared facility
- Natural amphitheater, not like the one downtown

- Sand volleyball courts
- Rent out kiosks to local artist
- Diffuse the uses of Peacock Park, spread out the organized sports, theater in the park, etc.
- Water-oriented activities only
- Family friendly recreational activities in a renovated Expo Center
- Any commercial activities need to benefit the water activities
- Day care center, picnic grounds, merry-go-round
- Connect Peacock Park and Kennedy Park
- Focus on maritime activities not commercial activities
- Design elements to incorporate: a malecon, zocalo, benches facing each other, fountains, ramblas up to city hall
- Water taxi from the Grove to Bayside
- More crosswalks and stop lights
- Eliminate Bayshore Drive
- Make the short block of Mary Street pedestrians only
- Make Bayshore two lanes with parallel parking
- String marinas along the waterfront
- Reuse the Expo Center as a parking garage

#### Facts

- Coconut Grove was founded in 1896
- The master plan is part of a city wide open space plan
- Ft. Lauderdale has an \$8.8 million waterfront industry that adds value to the community
- Key Biscayne Rec Facility is pro-rated by income so that everyone can join
- "Shakespeare in the Park" at Peacock Park, free, run by volunteer, sponsored by the City of Miami, no fixed features, leave no trace
- New 5 story condominiums on Florida Avenue