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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 on Waterfront Activities

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Issues

- Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)
 - Needs security for children and from drug users
 - Street festivals close off access to CGSC, need a back entrance from Seminole Dock
 - Waterfront boardwalk would be difficult due to the danger related to boat hoists
 - Need more upland space
- Seminole Dingy Dock and Boat Ramp
 - Chaos on weekends
 - Not allowed to park in Expo Center
 - Attendant has no authority, no one directing traffic
- Outcome of Anchorage Study
 - 2 police boats
 - Removal of derelict boats
 - Seaplane channel
- Security, needs to be consistent with the anchorage and the boardwalk
- Trailer parking
- Want to fix hurricane damage but need master plan to know where to invest
- Yacht Clubs don't own the bay bottom under their docks
- New marinas can only be opened up by municipalities
- Not enough space for repairs
- Expo Center does not work, derelict building, should go
- People at Dinner Key go into the Grove for dinner, bars and the Playhouse not to shop at Gap
- Circulator does not address the issue of connectivity
- Silting at the boat launch
- Need to look from water into the Grove not just Grove to the water

Goals

- Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

- Preliminary draft of program needs
- Shrimp boats should stay at all costs
- More access to the water
- More sailing and dock areas
- No high-rises at the waterfront
- Chandlery similar to Ft. Lauderdale
- Need to keep the free anchorage for people who can't afford to live in the Grove
- Create a Hurricane Club for hurricane preparedness
- Beach on the islands for kids
- Islands need environmental restoration
- Create an early American Indian village on the islands
- Shrimpers want to stay at the marina

Facts

- Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)
 - Has been on a month to month lease for 5 years
 - 60 years old, built by members
 - Non-profit, 1.1 acres of land
 - Primary source of revenue: dues, moorings, restaurant/bar
 - 1200 members
 - Taxed 7.5% on gross revenues, approximately \$70,000 per year
 - Other government agencies use facilities
- Matheson Hammock Boat Ramp has in/out lanes to organize traffic
- Coral Reef Yacht Club
 - Hosts the international youth regatta Orange Bowl with 800+ participants
 - Host regatta every weekend in the fall, winter and spring
- Women's Club
 - Teaches swimming classes to 200+ kids every summer at the Virrick Pool
- Shake-A-Leg
 - In the Virrick Gym, public access
 - Community water sports for kids and people with disabilities
 - 5000 people and kids per year
 - Relies on fundraising