Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: November 13, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and
Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey
Public Meetings

In an effort to better understand the recreation interests and needs of Miami-Dade County residents the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department will administer a countywide Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey that will measure a comprehensive range of resident usage, satisfaction, needs, unmet needs, priorities and other services. Approximately 8,000 surveys will be completed of a random sampling of households in neighborhoods across Miami-Dade County. Data collected as a result will be used to both inform and guide future planning, development and programming decisions made by the Department.

As such, four (4) public meetings were scheduled in an effort to provide residents with the unique opportunity to participate in the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey planning process. Meeting locations were selected geographically (northeast, north central, west and south) so that all residents of the County would have an opportunity to participate if they choose. Residents were encouraged to attend and participate.

However, due to unanticipated crowds associated with early election voting at West Dade Regional Library and the possibility that some residents in the area were not able to attend the November 1, 2012 community meeting, a follow-up meeting has been scheduled by the Parks Department on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Attached, for your information, is a copy of the new public meeting advertisement, which will appear in the Neighbors Section of the local Miami Herald newspaper, on the County portal, calendar and the Park's Department web and Facebook page.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jack Kardys, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department.

Attachment

Cc: Lisa M. Martinez, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor
Jack Kardys, Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
George Navarrete, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
Maria I. Nardi, Chief, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

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COMMUNITY MEETING

As a part of Miami-Dade County's continuing commitment to public participation and involvement in local government, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, the Board of County Commissioners, Chairman Joe A. Martinez and the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department invite residents to attend and participate in a community meeting to discuss an upcoming:

Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The purpose of the meeting is to provide residents in West Miami-Dade with the unique opportunity to participate in and provide input to a process that will ultimately assist the County to better understand and address the very diverse park, recreation and leisure interests of local residents.

The community meeting will take place at:

Miami-Dade Public Library System

West Dade Regional Branch
9445 Coral Way
Miami, Florida 33165

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 7:00 PM

For further information on this project contact:

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To request material in an accessible format, information on access for persons with disabilities, or sign interpreter services please call 305- 755-7848 at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

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