

Memorandum



Date: February 14, 2013

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Directive Assignment 122305 – Report on Environmental Groups in Support of the
Haulover Park Revised General Plan

At the December 4, 2012 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. R-997-12, the Haulover Park revised General Plan. Commissioner Sally A. Heyman asked the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Director (PROS) to provide Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez with a report on the various environmental groups that were in support of the proposed revised General Plan for Haulover Park.

As part of the planning process leading up to the General Plan's consideration by the Board, PROS' intent was to inform the public and seek input and comments on the proposed revised General Plan. PROS staff conducted seven (7) public meetings in addition to the General Plan approvals at the Site Plan Review Committee and Shoreline Review Committee meetings. The Site Plan Review Committee's task is to review items subject to 33-303 of the Code of Miami-Dade County with regard to the public need for the proposed facility, its impact upon the surrounding community, and other similar considerations. The committee reviewed this General Plan on September 27, 2012 and recommended approval.

The Shoreline Review Committee's task is to review items subject to Chapter 33D of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which is intended to provide a unified management system for the Biscayne Bay shoreline area that will preserve the basic qualities, characteristics and the natural recreational and aesthetic values of the Biscayne Bay area. The committee reviewed this General Plan and the proposed rack dry storage facility on November 15, 2012 and recommended approval for both.

The process included opportunity for public input at the Site Plan and Shoreline Review Committee meetings and at meetings with local residents and the public. PROS staff had two meetings at the Arlen House condominium, just north of Haulover Park, on September 21, 2011 and June 27, 2012; four meetings with the naturists, on June 6, July 3, August 3 and August 30, 2012; and a publicly advertised town hall meeting on August 20, 2012. Information gathered at these meetings was considered and where appropriate, incorporated in the plan. The town hall meeting notice was advertised in the Miami Herald Neighbors section on August 12, 16 and 19, 2012 and the South Florida Sun Times on August 9 and 16, 2012. Additionally, over 12,500 meeting notice postcards were mailed to area residents, flyers were distributed to nearby condominiums, information was provided directly to the Cities of Sunny Isles Beach and Bal Harbor, signs were posted in the park and the proposed revised General Plan was posted on the PROS website.

During this entire process, PROS did not receive comments from environmental groups regarding the General Plan revision. If you require any additional information please contact Jack Kardys, Director, PROS at 305-755-7903 or me directly.

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