

**CORAL VILLA ESTATES AREA CHARRETTE  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

***West Dade Community Center***

901 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Miami, Fl. 33144

January 20, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.

**Steering Committee Members Present:**

Christina Blanco, Joe Sagarrabay. (Vice-Chair), Tania Sotelo, Silvia Unzueta (Chair), Manolo Villaverde, Sleiman Zogheib,

**County staff present:**

*Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z):* Manuel Armada, Bob Schwarzreich, Joshua Rak, Eric Silva, Shailendra Singh, Alejandro Zizold,

*Parks and Recreation Department:* Karen Cheney, Alissa Turteltaub, Joe Webb

*Public Works Department:* Joan Shen, Don Tock

*Office of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6:* Pura Martin

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Silvia Unzueta, the Chair of the Steering Committee, opened the meeting with general comments regarding the community's role in the charrette process and how important it is to continue involvement and urge others to be involved in the process. It is imperative to have as many people as possible at these meetings, to have strong dialogue with county staff.

Alejandro Zizold, from DP&Z, presented the follow-up items taken from the previous steering committee meeting. Each item was addressed and responses presented. Several of the items on the list were addressed in more detail by the Dept. of Public Works.

Joan Shen, from the Dept. of Public Works, further responded to issues related to traffic and sidewalks, from the previous steering committee meeting. A report identifying appropriate places for new sidewalks and traffic calming devices has begun and is expedited to get to the Commissioner's Office as soon as possible.

Pura Martin, from Commissioner Sosa's office, explained possible funding sources for the traffic circles and that they could be done in the near future. Commissioner Sosa has identified both QNIP and some CPT funds that could be utilized immediately for traffic circles.

Don Tock, from the Dept. of Public Works, summarized the process by which the neighborhood could elect a Special Taxing District to fund street lights. A process of petition and ballot votes can designate an area as a Special Taxing District.

Pura Martin, from Commissioner Sosa's office, discussed any thoughts and issues directly from the Commissioner's Office. At this time, sidewalks would be more difficult to find funding for than funding for the traffic circles, which has already been identified.

Steering committee members, residents and stakeholders in attendance were then given the opportunity to discuss questions, comments and concerns for the upcoming charrette and process.

- Sidewalks are a main concern of the resident's. Ample space for pedestrians in the area is a priority, so that they do not have to compete with vehicles passing through their neighborhood on the street.
- Overall, code enforcement was both objected to and supported by members of the audience.
- What can the steering committee and residents of the neighborhood do to make sure this area stays relevant? How is it possible to get the word out and secure a commitment from residents to attend future meetings?

Bob Schwarzreich, from DP&Z, presented a brief demographic profile of the study area, highlighted by overall population, ethnicity percentages, median income and education level.

Joe Webb, from MDP, presented a schematic design of the Coral Villa park that residents worked with a private landscape architect to develop. This design will serve as a basis for what the residents in the area would like to see and as a resource for designers at the charrette to reference.

**Next steering committee meeting:**

Thursday, March 4, 2010

**Coral Villa Baptist Church**  
3201 SW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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