

**CDMP - Evaluation and Appraisal Report
Public Workshop Comments 06/17/2017**

GROWTH AND LAND USE

No rockmining interests in Agricultural areas.

What happens during annexation to the rules within the UEA and UDB. How is it determined who has control of the area

Water and Food have to be considered at all times! The UDB should never move!!! Agriculture and the World Heritage Everglades cannot take anymore encroachment!!!

Protect and promote agriculture. Hold the Line! Offer affordable housing east for service personnel involved in tourism; restaurants, hotels, businesses. Do not move the UDB. We need to protect our watershed: farms and wetlands. Have meetings in Redland for residents and farmers!

South Culter Bay UEA line move: this is a 3 feet water rise area, transportation is taxed now!, no high-paying jobs to support population growth.

We need to infill with warehouse housing, apartments in Central Dade where infrastructure is water, sewer, jobs are there is much industrial just sitting blighted and dormant in Central Dade - NW 42nd Avenue on the west, Miami Avenue on the east, Flagler on the south, Opa Locka on the north.

Keep horse country green

Need to revise language in Land Use Element to clarify maintenance vs. improvement of roads outside UDB to allow resurfacing needed roads.

Tell visitors to come and visit but don't stay. We have too much traffic! With not much relief.

The importance of agriculture to feed our NATION during the wetter months is often overlooked. Other than South Florida, all produce would have to be imported. We cannot rely on other countries to feed us. Once land is developed it can no longer be farmed. We farm 5,000 acres in Dade County, 1,200 of which is off 152 Street and 157 Avenue. Food is a necessity to live, not money. It is time to see the big picture here.

Growth should occur in Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay. There should be EQUITABLE distribution of low-income housing!! Let Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, Redlands get their share!

Encourage addition of funding through bonds for the agriculture Purchase of Development Rights program to reduce conversion pressure outside the UDB.

We need preserve and encourage farm land/industry

Growth - higher density and more open space. SAVE AG!!! Save open space for aquifer recharge. DO NOT MOVE UDB!!! No major roads beyond UDB! More opportunity to live, work, recreate in high density areas. More Transit Oriented Developments - mixed use - along transit way. Fees are astronomical for homeowners to appeal developers zoning changes and BCC caters to developers - look at zoning record. Force/mandate development along transit corridors. Green space in every development.

Keep the Redland rural/support agriculture

Strictly maintain the UDB.

South Dade area in UEA north of HARB is best area if expansion of UDB made in the future: 1) transportation: bus lane, US-1, Old Culter and best of all an expanded Turnpike with Exit in the area; 2) 54" main installed now; 3) marl soil not suitable for row crops; and 4) release pressure for pristine Redlands.

Do not move the UDB if the intent is to only develop low income housing

HARB - mixed use and airstrip

Update the map to show actual flood areas. Do not expand the UDB line.

The idea to a green city is to have less cars and more mass transit extension - bring more mass transit.

Promote rapid bus transit within UDB. Trolleys and bikeways. Promote development along major transit corridors.

Do not move UDB outside boundary line. It will affect wildlife in National Park with light and noise pollution. And only leave a one mile buffer zone.

More buses and trolley. Will bring more jobs along with light rail within UDB.

Due to vulnerability of deep Southeast Dade to sea level rise, a Purchase of Development Rights program beyond agricultural program to secure areas east of Turnpike, especially near Homestead Speedway and Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Continue the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) purchases. Support research from IFAS in Homestead - learn and understand what they offer the community (hydrology, plant breeding)

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The plans should never include moving the UDB. We must preserve our natural areas. Water is life - deep well injection will affect our water. Sea level rising will affect our drinking water.

Need to create and enforce stronger energy code - i.e., energy & water efficiency. Minimum land elevation to allow any buildings. Reclaim low areas now - be proactive and work with water as it rises include water storage areas around MDC - for natural rain events & sea level rise. Respect floodplains!! Reduce traffic to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Create micro grid (islanding) for emergency management and resiliency. Create broader code for basic services to be "resilient" in times of crisis! beyond shelters and hospitals - grocery stores, banks, pharmacies, gas, home repair stores - (minimum in each district). Save more natural environments in MDC.

More efforts to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions. Work with water (as Dutch do) and not against. Reduce building along coast line - make parks and open space and restore natural barriers. Save land for future food and water supply - both are critical to our success and part of being self reliant and resilient in the future.

Our greatest asset is our environment less than 2% of pine rocklands are left. All those cars contribute to health issues with additional pollution and the stress of commuting. If we ruin what we have left and tourists give up on us, it's over. No more sprawl, please! We have to rethink the big suburban house and improve quality of life for all.

ECONOMY AND HOUSING

Increase in low income housing in South Dade is a problem. No Economic Development efforts by the County in South Dade. Lack of job creation in South Dade.

More mixed income housing in diverse locations with high and low area median income. Utilize vacant County-owned land in Targeted Urban Areas for economic development and job creation for area residents. Continue business incentive programs.

We need to be wise about how we choose to grow in Culter Bay and south Miami in general. Developers keep using tactics to create growth that impact our schools, our roads, and lower our quality of life. It's important that we make good choices and our elected officials are representing our interests.

Investment in the creation of better paying jobs. Less housing development focus.

Creating integrated neighborhoods should be a priority not just low income or affordable housing.

Homestead, Cutler Bay, Florida City are open and could use more/better jobs. Beacon Council and MDC remember deep south MDC.

Support new nuclear power units at Turkey Point - will be a huge economic boost (and support future growth)

There is little to no work on the part of the County of keeping college graduates that are not related to tourism in South Florida. Speak to the future and bring future industries to South Florida. The artists, engineers and makers are leaving.

More equitable distribution of "affordable" housing. Deep south Dade has a disproportionate number of subsidized units - and growing - many people being relocated south.

Work with various economic development organizations, such as EDC of South Dade, Beacon Council, etc., to provide inventory of business, commercial and industrial properties to recruit employment opportunities to the South Dade region.

County needs to work with municipalities and others to promote economic development by creating incentives.

Will Beacon Council focus on small business - nurturing small businesses? Need to streamline permitting process - know of a small business whose application was stuck with County fire for 3 weeks! That is a lot of time for a small business.

Please stop the multi unit (apartments) low income housing in South Dade. Please build more lanes to accommodate the boom in traffic.

Fair wage jobs! Fair wage jobs! Fair wage jobs! In South Dade County!!!

Save agriculture jobs by preserving agricultural land and DO NOT MOVE THE UDB!

INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

Need more marinas and boat ramps with parking in MDC.

To help support ag-tourism and distribution of produce – upgrade roads in the Redland ag area.

Enforce dumping of trash (and animals) in Agricultural areas – Redland.

Consider climate change and sea level rise in all new buildings and built environments.

Focus on roads in South Dade.

Roads are in dire need in Redlands – SW 248 Street from SW 167 to SW 137 Avenue. No water lines to run outside the UDB. Mark the UDB written on roads every ½ mile so people can see like a street/speed limit sign.

On the roads outside the UDB – taxes are paid but the money does not come back to this area.

What are the plans for transitioning areas (commercial) off of septic? Timeline for maintenance of ag roads in South Dade?

No more septic tanks allowed for new construction. Better schools – improve graduation rates.

Didn't hear about the meeting nor saw any advertisement. The communications team needs to be dismissed!

Increase tree canopy. Reduce impervious surfaces in residences.

Abandoned animals.

Illegal dumping in South Dade.

Make the state allocate funding to support/build trails from Bayfront to the Everglades.

Advertising issue – post these meetings on “Next Door” as Miami Dade Police does.

Do not move the UDB! Improve and enforce energy code. Move government offices throughout MDC to reduce need for everyone going downtown. More telecommuting.

Most parks are outdated and adhere to old ideas about fitness, shareable spaces & green spaces. When proposing/considering new parks or renovation of old parks, young makers and artists in fields of fitness, sports, green space, building and community integration need to be spoken to so as to generate relevant spaces for the community.

How do we encourage the redevelopment/reuse of existing property located in the urban core. We already have the infrastructure which can be upgraded.

Less housing, more commercial will not solve the traffic issue. Will create more traffic.

More education for drivers to protect pedestrians and cyclists and heavy fines, more policing for offenders. Maintain roads in all of MDC – not just inside the UDB. Remove minimum requirement of land available – we need to force development in areas near infrastructure and existing mass transit.

TRANSPORTATION

Have MDX fund transit within the UDB. Develop multi-modal transit within UDB.

Push for extension of Metrorail south.

Promote more electric cars – give perks for hybrid vehicles and electric. More trolleys. More bikeways.

Issue with the data is that the numbers related to work-home travel is skewed. For example the planner indicated that any “public employee” cannot be counted. For example: MDC Public Schools, MDC Police/Fire, etc., since their work address is the corporate office, i.e. MDCPS = 1450 address. So all those people are not in the numbers. We need to work with these entities to make this change so we have their numbers.

More buses needed from South Dade Transitway to points west of the busway. Long way for commuters to work after existing Metrorail, especially late at night.

Freight should also be included as an independent element and should be coordinated with state initiatives.

Rail to the end of US-1. Move those tourists south and employees north!

How will bus routes be integrated/adjusted with Metrorail expansion?

Need more than buses to accommodate the South/Homestead growth population.

Average commute time is close to 1-and-a half hours to jobs areas. 3 minute mean commute – no way!

Improve mass transit please! Ridership for 15 years – now its use has increased but train is breaking down and is very crowded during rush hour on a regular basis.

SW 137 Avenue project needs to be completed to assist traffic flow north to south. This avenue would be the second longest in the County.

Please build/create more lanes in South Dade on the local roads (SW 137 Avenue).

The transit system needs to work more hard. The population is already growing. We need to prepare and work hard for 2040 because it is crowded now. The travel time for 35 minutes is wrong, sorry it's more than that. Also around 4 to 6 some of Metrorail is very crowded.

What are we going to do about the transportation going east and west. It is terrible. I am not encouraged to park and ride.

What is going on with the Turnpike? They have plenty of money so why do they keep increasing tolls. I would like to see diversity in the roadwork employees. The contractors used should be diversified. Not one set of people. Jobs for all, not a single group.

Implement the SMART plan sooner than later, starting with the South Dade Transitway. Transportation ½ cent sales tax – start using it to support smart transportation.

Bring Metrorail south.

Mean travel time is way off – 32 minutes is absurd. Re-evaluate. We need rail, buses is not the answer.

Insure the South Dade Transit corridor is funded and complete.

CDMP Traffic Circulation, page II-8 footnote: Peak period should be highest hour. Do not average two hours.

ADDITIONAL
MATERIALS
SUBMITTED

GLY

The Urban Boundry Development Line of the Growth Management Act was put in place by our responsible citizens to manage overpopulation growth & control urban sprawl, & to protect our Everglades, sensitive environmental lands, our water systems, & our agriculture lands that are under assault again from big development & politicians that control our destiny while citizens can only watch as our state's natural resources & infrastructure fall apart.

Housing developments have invaded the wetlands that covered our state, species like the Florida panther & the manatee are rapidly disappearing, – pollution & disruption of natural water flows have reduced populations of water birds and our reefs are dying.

And, its not just wetlands that are disappearing : Florida loses over 450 acres of forests & 410 acres of farmland to development every day.

If we continue this trend of amending future land use plans, the state will become 45% urbanized by the year 2060. & south Florida will become a continuous band of urban development, and that "natural systems" and wildlife corridors in the region will be fragmented if not replaced, by urban development."

If we don't select an alternative path, the total cost of urbanizing land would amount to at least \$695 billion by 2060, & an additional \$85 billion will be needed for additional highways & major roads to serve these areas, & we simply cannot afford that current trend.

Please, please don't move the UDB. We need to get together with big development & government to manage this growth & development. We need SMART GROWTH NOT OUT OF CONTROL GROWTH!

GLU

I am requesting your assistance and involvement in a project that has been well needed in Miami-Dade county for many years. The property site in question has been Identified in a Feasibility study by Miami-Dade parks And Rec. Dept. as ranking #1 as far as needed criteria to develop as an Off-Highway Vehicle recreation facility.

The Folio #' 2903-000-0010 and Folio# 2902-000-0010

This particular site

- A. does not conflict with Army Core of Engineers Plans for the C.E.R.P project
- B. Does not conflict with South Florida Water Managements sheet flow plan to regenerate Florida Bay
- C. Is located outside of the well field protection area for Miami-Dade County water and sewer
- D. it does not conflict with the surrounding area for compatible use (it will remain natural)
- E. It does not conflict with Miami-Dade counties Comprehensive Development Master Plan
- F. It is already zone agricultural and open land
- G. It is currently vacant, unused, and owned by Miami-Dade County Aviation dept.
- H. It is not planned for preservation, conservation, or deveopement.
- I. It does not have any protected animal or plant life on the property (infested with Melaleuca and Australian Pine trees)
- J. It has access from major roadways US 27 and Krome avenue
- K. It has containment of the property with natural barriers on the borders & fencing
- L. It can serve a s Regional facility to several bordering counties (Broward , Palm Beach, Collier)
- M. South Florida area was identified by the State of Florida Off Highway Vehicle advisory committee as the Area with the Highest Critical NEED to develop a designated off-highway vehicle facility based on amount of registered users and NO legal recreation area currently
- N. This facility could serve as a revenue source instead of being vacant and unused.

This Facility could create a culture of proper use intended by manufacturer of the product and more importantly serve as a safety training area to certify children ages 16 and under required under Law By the State.

It can also serve as a education center for natural plant and animal life that is located in our Florida Everglades while attendees are at the facility recreating.

Please contact me so we can work with the needed agencies to develop this long overdue and critically needed site.

To improve transportation it is necessary to set policies to mandate a framework which establishes urban cores with a mix of land uses to encourage economic diversity, walkability, and increase use of bicycles and mass transit. These social and economic mixed land uses are to create live, work, shop, and recreate environments conducive to transit use and reduce dependence on automobiles. Stop urban sprawl and provide for an increased supply of housing and employment opportunities in downtown and the surrounding areas. Focus particular attention on the pedestrian scale and architectural design of buildings, public gathering spaces, tree-lined streets, and open space that promotes social interaction and a sense of place. Not sure what the optimal percentages of land use development for high-density residential, commercial, office, retail, open space, and civic and recreational uses should be to serve the entire community but finding the balance is imperative to solving transportation problems and increasing quality of life in MDC. Finding developers that align with this goal is a necessary part of this process.