

**CORAL VILLA ESTATES AREA CHARRETTE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

***District Office of Commissioner Rebecca Sosa***

*1000 SW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 201*

*Miami, Florida 33144*

October 27, 2009 - 3:00 P.M.

**Steering Committee Members Present**

Francisco Javier Arboli, Cristina Manaricua Blanco, Joe Sagarrabay, Silvia M. Unzueta – representing Marisela Verena

**County Staff Present**

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

Office of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6: Pura Martin, Gloria Palacios

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Eric Silva, DP&Z, began the meeting with introductions.

Shailendra Singh, DP&Z, made a presentation on “The Charrette Process”

Alejandro Zizold, DP&Z, reviewed the meeting handouts.

The following questions, concerns and comments were expressed by the committee members:

- Silvia Unzueta needs clarification concerning the Sunshine Law and whether or not it applies to her and committee member she represents.
- A demographic/economic report needs to be prepared to better understand the study area.
- Last spring, Silvia Unzueta together with some area residents prepared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the perceived issues regarding the Coral Villa Estates area:
  - o Traffic (speed and volume)
  - o Need of traffic calming elements
  - o Code Enforcement
  - o Right of ways (adequate use of the swales)
  - o Need for sidewalks (handicap and those with children are forced to walk in the street)
  - o Lack of street lighting

- Police protection
- New residential development
- Funding available for improvement
- Area residents need to be mindful of rules and code enforcement. The code has been ignored for decades, giving a negative impact to the community.
- The Coral Gables canal is currently being improved:
  - Federal and State funding has been secured to shore up the canal walls
  - Further improvements need to be done, i.e. sidewalks, paths, landscaping
- The two vacant lots on the corner of SW 35th Street and SW 64th Avenue need be turned into a park with swings for children to play.
- The area needs a dog park.
- Does the study include both sides of the road along its boundaries?
- SW 67th Avenue needs to have a median.
- The intersections of SW 63rd Avenue and SW 26th Street, SW 28th Street, SW 30th Street, SW 33rd Street as well as SW 36th Street are potential locations for traffic circles.
- Employees of Miami Children's Hospital speed along SW 30th Street as they leave work around 3:00 PM.
- The following departments should be invited to the upcoming meetings: Public Works, Park & Recreation and Police.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next steering committee meeting:  
Thursday, November 19, 6:30 P.M. (Tentative Date)  
West Miami Senior Center  
901 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
West Miami, FL 33144**