

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

A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park

3401 SW 72nd Ave

Miami, Fl. 33155

November 19, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

Steering Committee Members Present

Francisco Javier Arbolí, Joe Sagarríbay, Silvia M. Unzueta – representing Marisela Verena

County Staff Present

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

Parks and Recreation Department: Alissa Turtleaub, Joe Webb

Office of Neighborhood Compliance: Maritza Ortega

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

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Eric Silva, DP&Z, began the meeting with introductions. Silvia Unzueta was nominated as Chair of the Steering Committee and Joe Sagarríbay as Vice-Chair. The following residents and stakeholders volunteered to join the Steering Committee: Pilar Benitez Tania Rodriguez, Rosa Valdez, and Sleiman Zogheib, in addition to Francisco Javier Arbolí, Joe Sagarríbay and Silvia Unzueta who had previously volunteered.

Joe Webb, Parks and Rec., presented the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open-Space Master Plan. Included in the discussion were plans for the two vacant lots, recently purchased, within the Coral Villa Estates Charrette study area.

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

- Residents asked about the facilities and programs of the new park.
 - o Will a playground and dog park fit on the site?
- Children have no place to play
 - o They must travel distances along major thoroughfares on bike and that is not safe.
- Is there money to acquire land in the area to build new, bigger parks?
- Emphasize the connection between Coral Villa and A.D. Barnes Park
 - o make traveling to and from these places more enjoyable, safer
- What is the ratio of population to area of parks (sq. ft.)?
- Why do some properties have sidewalks and others do not?
 - o This is a major concern for people who take walks, especially those with strollers or the handicapped.
- There is no street lighting in the neighborhood.

Maritza Ortega, Office of Neighborhood Compliance, presented an update on code violations in the area and her office's response to violators.

Eric Silva, DP&Z, presented a review of the comments and concerns taken from the Steering Committee Meeting on 10/27/09.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next steering committee meeting:
TBD**