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To: Miami Marines

We are making progress with the City of Miami but we are not there yet.

Marine Stadium Legislation Approved by MSEA, now up for Approval by Miami City Commission

On Wednesday, January 24, the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority (MSEA) approved by a nearly unanimous vote the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding to create a partnership with Friends of Miami Marine Stadium for the restoration and operation of the Stadium. The next step in the process is approval by the Miami City Commission. At the January 26th Commission meeting, one of the Commissioners requested a deferral to have more time to look at the Agreement. At the February 9th Commission meeting, another Commissioner was called away for a family emergency so the vote was postponed. We believe that we are close to passage-the item will be heard again very soon.

Thanks to everyone who emailed the Commissioners to support passage of the legislation. We may be calling on you again to show support, so stay tuned.

High Line Presentation February 17

in the Marine Stadium, please suggest they sign up for our email updates. It is the best way to stay involved.

Number of people on Friends of Miami Marine Stadium email list.....2102

A Memory of The High Line and Miami Marine Stadium

We owe our High Line presentation to architectural writer David Sokol. His beautiful [memory](#) comparing The High Line to Miami Marine Stadium inspired us to contact High Line Co-Founder Robert Hammond.

Our book of stories of the Marine Stadium continues to grow. If you've got a great memory of the Stadium, please reply to this email and we can interview you for the book.

of stories submitted to IF SEATS COULD TALK147

Presentations on The Miami Marine Stadium

We love to present our Marine Stadium story to groups and organizations. It is a great way to build local support and make important contacts. Our powerpoint presentation (usually 30 minutes, but it can be contracted or expanded) always gets a great response. Upcoming presentations include South Florida Triathletes and Matheson Hammock Yacht Club. If you know of a group interested in a Marine Stadium presentation, please get in touch with us.

Total community presentations made to date.....50



On Friday evening, February 17th, Robert Hammond, Co-Founder of Friends of the High Line and Philip Aarons, Founding Chair of Friends of the High Line will deliver a lecture at the University of Miami School of Architecture entitled: **"The High Line-New York's Park In The Sky: Lessons for Miami Marine Stadium"**. The event is co-sponsored by the University of Miami School of Architecture and the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Funding for the event has been generously provided by Cliff and Petsy Mezey. Click [here](#) for more information.

EVENT SPECIFICS:

When: Friday, February 17 @ 6:00 PM, Reception to follow
Where: Glasgow Hall, University of Miami Campus,
 1215 Dickinson Drive, Coral Gables

This high profile event has attracted considerable attention. The event is free and open to the public. **Seating is limited so we recommend you arrive early.**

Honoring Marine Stadium Engineer Jack Meyer

On Wednesday, February 29th, we will honor Jack Meyer, engineer of the Marine Stadium at a celebratory dinner. Please join us for this special event!

**When: Wednesday, February 29th, 6:00 PM cash bar,
7:00 PM Buffet Dinner, Program and Guest Speakers
will honor Jack Meyer**

**Where: Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
2540 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove**

Tickets are \$40 and include a buffet dinner with both Salmon and Prime Rib. Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. To do so, click [here](#)

There is limited seating for this event and tickets are selling quickly.

You can also order tickets by calling 800-838-3006 and asking for "The Jack Meyer event". Please note that all tickets are "will call" and must be picked up at the event.

Jack has said that he "designed this building to last 100 years". Through his brilliant engineering work, the Marine Stadium has withstood almost half a century of neglect-and is now ready for restoration.

We will have a fascinating line-up of speakers honoring Jack.

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the perfect venue for this event. This is the *oldest* organization in Miami, and the second oldest yacht club in the United States. It was founded by Miami Pioneer Ralph Middleton Munroe-and we are working to restore the Ralph Middleton Munroe Marine Stadium. To make things even more special, Jack Meyer was a Commodore at BBYC.

We are thrilled to honor Jack for this remarkable achievement. Also, it's a great way to demonstrate your support for the Marine Stadium. Please join us!

Conclusion

Friends of Miami Marine Stadium was formed in February 2008. We are now entering our **fifth year of work on this project**. It's been a long and challenging but rewarding effort. Initially, many people were skeptical-and most thought we would fail. We finally have developed a practical proposal to restore the Marine Stadium. However, we will continue to count on support to finish the job.

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