

VIRGINIA KEY MASTER PLAN WILL **NOT** BE HEARD AT JUNE 25 MIAMI CITY COMMISSION MEETING. MORE INFORMATION BELOW

To: Miami Marines

We are pleased to announce that we have funded a follow up engineering study on the Marine Stadium. The purpose of the study will be to further refine the cost estimates for concrete restoration that were made by the City engineering report of July, 2008.

The following sources have provided financing for the study:

World Monuments Fund  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
The Villagers, Inc.  
Miami Dade County Commissioner Carlos Gimenez  
John and Selene Devaney Foundation  
Friends of Marine Stadium/Dade Heritage Trust

We are particularly appreciative of the role played by the World Monuments Fund (WMF; website [wmf.org](http://wmf.org)), which helped us initiate this project. With headquarters in New York City, and affiliate offices in Paris, London, Madrid, and Lisbon, World Monuments Fund is the foremost private, not-for profit organization dedicated to the preservation of architectural and cultural sites around the world. WMF projects include the temple complexes in Angkor, Cambodia, the 18th century Qianlian Garden Complex in Beijing's Forbidden City, and the historic center of Mexico City. We are very gratified that the World Monuments Fund considers the Miami Marine Stadium significant and has supports our initiative.

The money raising portion of the study has been a collaborative effort between local and national organizations. Locally, The Villagers and Miami Dade County Commissioner Gimenez have provided important support. The National Trust For Historic Preservation continues to play a key role. And a big THANK YOU to all who have contributed during our fundraising drive, done in conjunction with the John and Selene Devaney Foundation. This is our model for the restoration of the Marine Stadium: we hope to work with the City as a catalyst to bring resources to this project.

The engineering study will be done by Simpson, Gumpert and Heger (SGH) a highly respected firm which has done much work analyzing concrete structures. SGH was recommended to us by the World Monuments Fund; they have done engineering work on many historic structures including the Brooklyn Bridge and Grand Central Terminal. They are currently working on the Rose Bowl and Notre Dame Stadium. SGH is familiar with the Marine Stadium as they did the engineering study of the Stadium for the City after Hurricane Andrew in 1993.

At the same time, we would like to recognize the assistance of Douglas Wood and Associates to our project. They have provided very valuable engineering assistance to us

to date. This firm is also highly respected, working on projects such as Vizcaya, the Biltmore, and the new Miami Art Museum.

The engineering study is another step forward and also provides us with another press opportunity. We are issuing a joint press release with the World Monuments Fund and National Trust For Historic Preservation.

#### Virginia Key Master Plan Will Not Be Heard at June 25th Commission Meeting

The City Administration has withdrawn the Virginia Key Master Plan developed by the planning firm EDSA from the Agenda for the June 25 Commission meeting. The Planning Advisory Board had a public hearing about the plan on June 17. The Board- which acted in an advisory capacity only-voted against the plan 8-0. The plan had previously been rejected by the Waterfront Advisory Board on June 9 by a 9-0 vote. We look forward to working with the City and all interested parties to make constructive revisions to the plan.

Thanks to everyone who participated and wrote letters and emails. We'll keep you posted on future developments.

#### Conclusion

We are making progress on a number of fronts. Enjoy the attached vintage photo found for us by Luis Gonzalez of Dade Heritage Trust. It is a harbinger of balmy nights to come-if we keep working hard.....

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