

To: Miami Marines

We are writing to inform you that the Virginia Key Master Plan, which includes the site of the Marine Stadium, is scheduled to come before the City of Miami Commission on Thursday, October 8 at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive in Coconut Grove. As of this writing, we know that the Virginia Key Master Plan will be heard some time AFTER 2:00 PM.

If you are able, please attend even if you don't plan to speak. It is important for the City Commission to understand that there is a strong public support for the Marine Stadium.

If you can't make the meeting, you can email the Mayor and Commission and let them know that the Marine Stadium should be an important part of the Master Plan. The link is below; you can copy and paste it into your browser:

http://www.miamigov.com/City_Officials/

We continue to evaluate the City's latest draft of the Master Plan. We thank the City for listening to us and improving the plan, which is now much more sympathetic to the Marine Stadium and its surrounding area. We do still have the following concerns:

- There is no detail as to the specific size and height of some of the buildings proposed
- The plan shows a parking garage adjacent to the Marine Stadium. The U of Miami Preservation Workshop last spring created a plan that showed that all required parking on site could be handled without a parking garage-by the placement of environmentally sensitive surface parking that "blends in" to the surroundings. This option should be evaluated as we believe it is preferable to a parking garage.
- The zoning for the Stadium site, as proposed by Miami 21 (now in second reading) shows a significantly higher commercial zoning than the EDSA plan. We don't understand the discrepancy.

The Planning Charrette sponsored by the Urban Environment League on September 26 was well attended and produced a number of good ideas. You can view the results by going to the Urban Environment League blog at (copy and paste into your browser)

<http://urbanenvironmentleague.blogspot.com/>

You can also review the latest draft of the EDSA Master Plan by going to the website; copy and paste into your browser:

http://www.virginiakeymasterplan.com/images/WAB_092809_V3_condensed.pdf

Jimmy Buffett Endorsment

The video by Jimmy Buffett endorsing our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium has generated terrific publicity for us. Attached is an article from [The Miami Herald](#). Our web traffic has been way up and we are looking forward to much more press.

Below is the Buffett video. Just copy and paste it into our browser.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28sHaUUQkQI>

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