



Friends of Marine Stadium Newsletter

Call To Action!

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Dade Heritage Trust is the "umbrella organization" for Friends of Marine Stadium. The months of March and April are "Dade Heritage Days" which feature many events about historic preservation. This year's theme is "New Faces Old Places". Click [here](#) for more details.

Treasure Coast Regatta



Reminder: Friends of Marine Stadium will be working the beer tent at

To: Miami Marines

WE NEED TO MOBILIZE for the April 6 VOTE. At that time, the Miami-Dade County Commission is considering a resolution to authorize \$3 million from the Historic Preservation Program to benefit the Marine Stadium.

Details are below:

April 6 Miami Dade County Commission Vote - Here's What YOU Can Do

The Miami Dade Commission will meet at 3:00 PM, time certain on April 6, to consider a resolution to authorize \$3 million from the Historic Preservation Program to benefit the Marine Stadium. It is vital we have a large turn out to show support!

Address:

Miami Dade County Office Building
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1030
Miami

Even if you don't want to speak, please attend. Individuals from Dade Heritage Trust will be there and have badges so that you can be identified as a Marine Stadium supporter. This is most important!

For more information call Dade Heritage Trust @ 305-358-9572 or email

dadeheritage@dht.comcastbiz.net

the Treasure Coast Inboard Hydroplane Regatta on April 24-25. This is a great way to volunteer and help the Marine Stadium! Jensen Beach is a two hour drive north of Miami and we expect to get free hotel rooms. Reply to this email if you would like to sign up! For more information on this exciting event, click [here](#).

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of people on email list for Friends of Marine Stadium.....1462

Also, please email the Commissioners to let them know this request is important.

Names of Commissioners and email addresses are below. Just click on the link (or cut and paste it into your address line) to send an email.

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- Natacha Seijas [click here](#)

Click [here](#) to go to the County Commission website.

BACKGROUND

On March 10, Commissioner Carlos Gimenez proposed a Resolution to the Transit, Roads and Infrastructure Committee to move \$3 million for restoration of the Marine Stadium. The Funding comes from the Historic Preservation Bond Program. City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado testified in support of this Resolution. This Resolution was passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

This Resolution goes to the Miami Dade County Commission for final approval on April 6. There are several qualifiers: the money will not be available to the project immediately and we will have to develop a full operating plan and funding sources to be approved by the Commission.

This Resolution is a major step forward for us. We are aware of other funding sources that may commit to the Marine Stadium as long as there is a local government match.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DEMONSTRATE STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION. Here is what you can do:

-Email the County Commissioners that you support funding for the Marine Stadium. If you have a personal relationship with your County Commissioner, great. If not, you can still send a simple email the Commission.

-Even if you live outside Miami Dade County, it is still important for you to email the Commission. Let them know the Marine Stadium is important, not just locally but nationally!

-Email this information to friends who are interested in the Marine Stadium. If you are part of an organization, please forward it to your organization for wider distribution.

End Uses and Feasibility For Marine Stadium

When we speak about the Marine Stadium, many people want to hear what it can be used for and how it will be managed. While our visible efforts have focused on advocacy, we've been looking diligently for the last two years at a whole set of feasibility issues. Click [here](#) to read an article by Don and Nina Worth that discusses potential uses and management of the Marine Stadium. This article was written in July of 2009 and since then, we've gathered additional information about use and management. We are confident that we can develop a successful operating plan for the Marine Stadium.

Also, Jorge Hernandez and Hilario Candela have-for the second year-taught a graduate level architecture and land planning course that analyzes the land use and Master Plan alternatives for Virginia Key and the Marine Stadium Basin. This class, now in progress, has received extensive input from stakeholders, potential users, and government regulatory agencies. We believe that we can provide the City with useful information as they develop the Master Plan For Virginia Key.

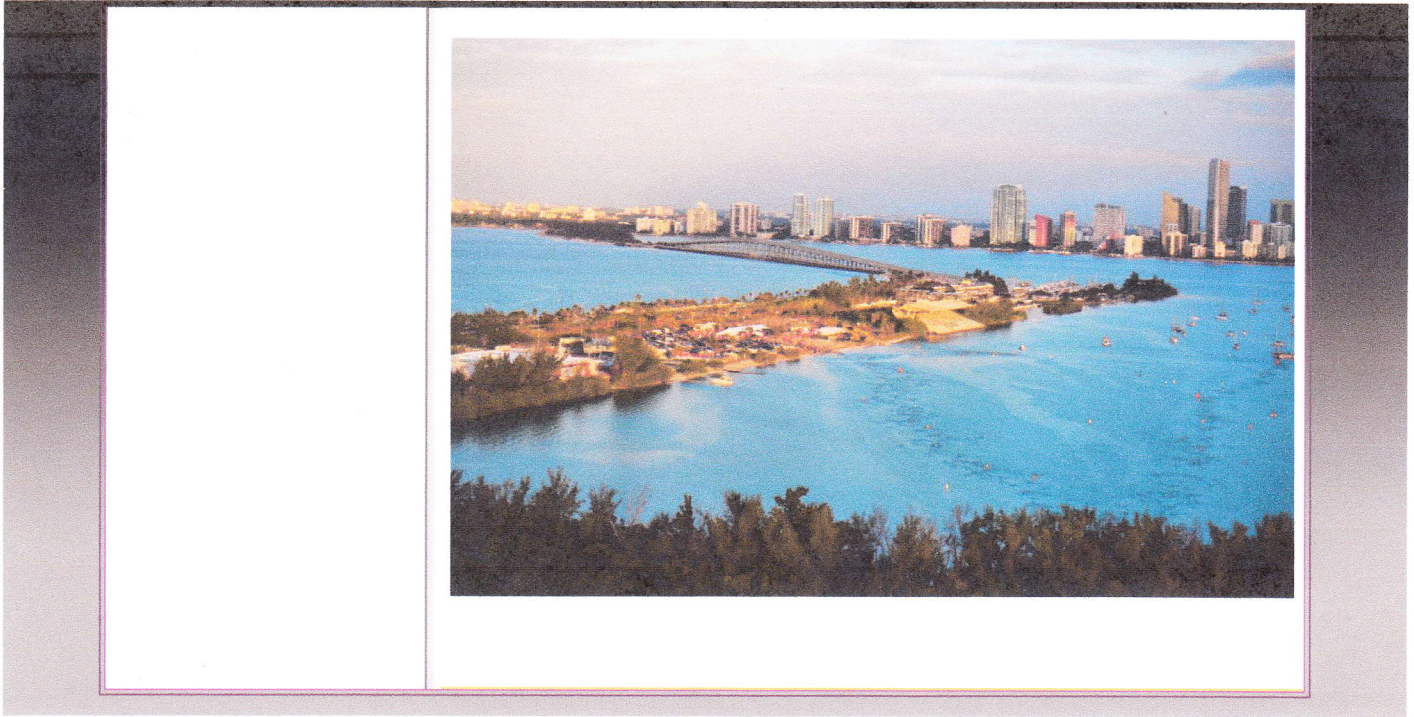
Conclusion

We will not be satisfied to "save" Miami Marine Stadium
We will not be satisfied to "restore" Miami Marine Stadium
We will only be satisfied when the Marine Stadium is operating successfully, and we will continue to work until that is accomplished.

Jorge Hernandez
Becky Roper Matkov
Don Worth

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Enjoy this photo-taken at the Miami International Triathlon on March 14-by JJ Palacio. There were over 1,400 entries in the race-this is the first leg, the swimming leg.



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