



# Friends of Marine Stadium Newsletter

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### Dade Heritage Trust



Dade Heritage Trust is the umbrella organization for Friends of Marine Stadium. It is the foremost organization devoted to Historic Preservation in Miami Dade County. Click [here](#) for more information.

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To: Miami Marines

Although it feels like summer hiatus, there's still news to report.

### Friends of Marine Stadium Named as a Beneficiary of City of Miami Birthday Party July 28

The City of Miami is holding a big birthday party on July 28 at 6:00 PM-and you can help Friends of Marine Stadium by attending! 100% of the purchase price of your ticket (only \$25) will go to charity. Our group is one of the ten charities selected to be a beneficiary of this event. When you order your ticket, just make sure to specify "Friends of Marine Stadium" as your choice, and all of the money will go to our group!

This is going to be a terrific event. Attendees will enjoy live performances by Suenalo and DJ Spam, tastings from local restaurants, and complementary cocktails from Grey Goose Vodka. To learn more about the event, click [here](#).

There are only 2,500 tickets available to this event-and we are "competing" for tickets with the other charities. Please order your tickets quickly-and you can help us out by forwarding this invitation to others.

To order tickets, click [here](#) (web address is [www.aaarena.com](http://www.aaarena.com)) and look for the Miami Birthday Party event on July 28. Please note that there is a \$5 ticket handling fee that is added on.

### Virginia Key Master Plan

The Master Plan for Virginia Key-which includes the Miami Marine Stadium- will be presented to the Miami City Commission on July 22.

The Plan will be presented to other Boards in the City.

The schedule is below:

July 13-Waterfront Advisory Board, 6:30 PM City Hall

July 15-Parks Administration Board, 5:30 PM, City Hall

July 21-Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board, 7:00 PM, City hall

July 22-Miami City Commission, time to be determined, City Hall

This version of the plan has received significant input from a University of Miami Architecture class taught by Friends of Marine Stadium Co-Founder and UM Architecture Professor, Jorge Hernandez, and Hilario Candela, architect of the Stadium, along with a coalition of other groups led by the Urban Environment League. We believe that this plan will address the issues necessary to make the Marine Stadium successful.

While there is no funding tied to the plan, its approval is fundamental to the stadium's restoration process.

We will provide you with more information about the plan and upcoming hearings very shortly.

### Meet Jack Meyer, Engineer of Miami Marine Stadium



Jack Meyer, the original engineer of the Marine Stadium, has played a vital part in our efforts to restore Miami Marine Stadium. We met Jack early in our effort, and he has remained an enthusiastic adviser. Jack has always maintained that the building has solid bones and that claims of hurricane damage were false. Most important, he provided us with a complete set of engineering plans that have been extraordinarily important to us (The City did not have a set).

Recently, we had a chance to catch up with Jack, who now lives with his wife Nina in Orlando (Jack Meyer and Don Worth, Co-Founder of Friends of Marine Stadium, are pictured above). In 1962, Dignum Engineers won the bid to develop the Miami Marine Stadium, and Jack, who worked for Dignum at the time, was assigned to head up the project. Click [here](#) to read Jack's amazing story.

Mike Brainerd, principal engineer with Simpson Gumpertz and Heger, who completed the most recent study of the Marine Stadium, said that when the Stadium was designed, computers were not available to make the intricate calculations required-which makes the building even more remarkable. The fact that the Marine Stadium, after years of neglect can still be restored, is a testament to superior engineering and workmanship.



We feel truly lucky to have both Jack Meyer along with Hllaro Candela, architect of the Marine Stadium, involved in our initiative to bring the Stadium back to life.

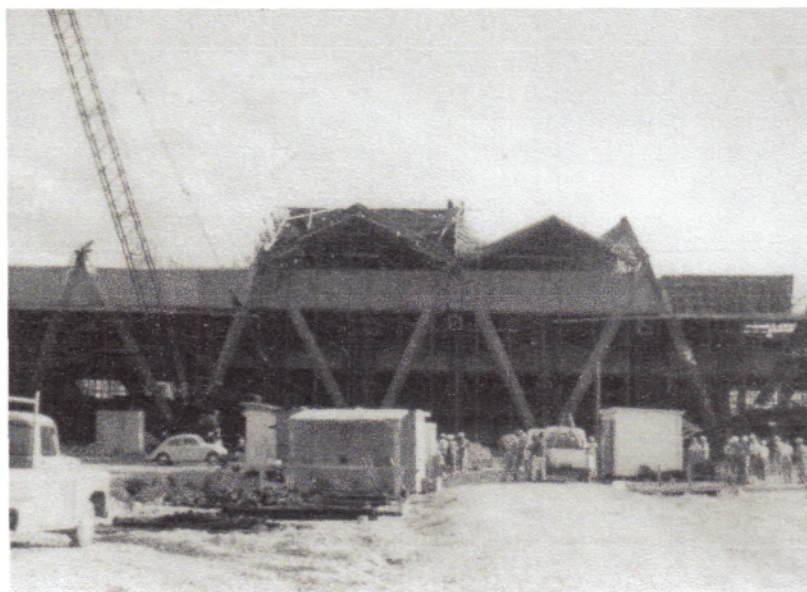
### Conclusion

We tirelessly continue our work on a number of fronts and look forward to the next steps in making a restored and operating Marine Stadium a reality.

Jorge Hernandez  
Becky Roper Matkov  
Violette Sproul  
Don Worth

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The remarkable photo (below) of the construction of Miami Marine Stadium is courtesy of Miami Historian Seth Bramson, who acquired it from the estate of a construction worker. You can see more amazing photos like this by going to [The Bramson Archive](#) section of the website. A big thank you to Seth Bramson for providing these historical photos and Adam Rogers, for formatting them for us. If you want to know (almost!) anything about Miami's history, you can go to Seth's website for additional resources by clicking on [Seth Bramson Books](#)



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