

FRIENDS OF Miami **Marine Stadium**

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.

Marine Stadium Presentation



Friends of Marine Stadium

To: Miami Marines

We have some good news to tell you-AND we need your help! On April 6, the Miami Dade County Commission will be considering a Resolution authorizing \$3 million from a Historic Preservation Fund Program to be used for the restoration of Miami Marine Stadium. This is a big start for us-So let's make this happen!

Details are below:

April 6 Miami Dade County Commission-What YOU Can Do

PLEASE email THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY COMMISSION AND ASK THEM TO APPROVE THE \$3 MILLION APPROPRIATION for the MIAMI MARINE STADIUM. THE HEARING WILL BE AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION, 111 NW 1st STREET, SUITE 1030 (TIME; TBD: WE WILL EMAIL YOU AN UPDATE OF A TIME CERTAIN)

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

dadeheritage@dht.comcastbiz.net

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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Co-Founder Don Worth will be giving a powerpoint presentation, "The Future of Miami Marine Stadium" on March 31, 6:30 PM at the Van Dyke Cafe, Lincoln Road, Miami Beach. This presentation is hosted by The Civic Circle, a local group that schedules regular presentations on community issues. For more information, click [here](#) to go to the website.

Pete Townsend and Miami Marine Stadium



Hannah Imberman

Here's a great story we heard.....The Who gave a concert at the Marine Stadium in 1968. At the conclusion of the concert, lead guitarist Pete Townsend lit his guitar on fire and threw it into the water. About a dozen concert listeners in nearby boats simultaneously dove into the water to retrieve it!

This is just one of the great stories that girl scout Hannah Imberman has collected for her book, IF SEATS COULD TALK. You can email your memory to Hannah by sending it to IFSEATSCOULDTALK@Gmail.com

Treasure Coast Regatta



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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.

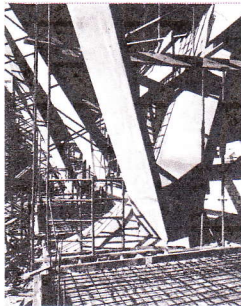
-Please attend the meeting if possible. Your presence will demonstrate a ground swell of support for the stadium beyond words. The Meeting will be held at Miami Dade County Commission, 111 NW 1st St. Suite 1030 (time TBD)

Reminder: Friends of Marine Stadium will be working the beer tent at 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.....1455

Costs of Stadium Restoration



As our initiative becomes more serious, we are working to make the most accurate determination that we can of the costs of reconstruction of the Marine Stadium. At this point, it is a work in process-we do not have a final number. Below are the key components:

Concrete Restoration Costs: The engineering study done for us by Simpson Gumpertz and Heger (SGH) estimated the costs of concrete restoration to be between \$5.5-\$8.5 million, depending upon the types and amounts of protective measures done to slow further deterioration. This comprehensive study, financed by the World Monuments Fund and other national and local organizations, was in depth and utilized core sampling techniques to evaluate the structure. This cost figure compares to an estimate of up to \$15 million done by another engineering firm for the City of Miami in 2008. This study was based on visual examination.

Pile Restoration Costs: SGH has recommended to us that we examine the condition of the piles under the ground and under the seabed to determine if-and how much-extra restorative work is needed. SGH has submitted a study proposal to us and we are currently pursuing funding. We do not know the extent and costs of any repairs that may be necessary.

Other Components: The Marine Stadium has been vacant-and vandalized-since 1992. Needs include new seats, railings, bathrooms, electrical, dressing rooms, ADA handicapped, etc. A study done for the City in 2008 estimated that these costs range from \$10-12 million. We will be reviewing this scope of work for accuracy and comprehensiveness.

The costs above do not include landscaping and parking requirements.

You can view the study done by SGH and the study prepared for the City in 2008 by going to the "City Reports" section of our website-or by click [here](#) to see them.

It is very important for us to get an accurate estimate of the cost. No one wants "surprises". Several individuals have suggested that we develop a "staged" approach to the work, whereby we initially fund the concrete restoration work to stabilize the structure and prevent further deterioration, which would only result in greater costs.

We remain confident that with a realistic operating plan, we will be able to raise the money from a variety of sources.

Sunny Isles Regatta



We have another fund raising partnership-and we need your help! The Sunny Isles Offshore Powerboat Challenge will be held on June 11-13 in Haulover Park Marina & various Sunny Isles Beach venues. Offshore events, the event producers, have generously offered to donate 100% of the proceeds of a live and silent auction, to be held on June 12, to the Friends of Marine Stadium. This is vitally important to us because we must fund the next engineering study. We could use volunteers to help us collect auction items. If you can help in any way, please contact Violette Sproul at email violettesproul@gmail.com To learn more about the exciting Sunny Isles Challenge, click [here](#).

Planning Charrette-Saturday March 27

You can help shape the future of Virginia Key and the historic Miami Marine Stadium at a charrette co-sponsored by the University of Miami, The Urban Environment League, and Dade Heritage Trust. Students from UM's School of Architecture, taught by UM Professor and Friends of Marine Stadium Co-Founder Jorge Hernandez, and Hilario Candela, architect of the Stadium, will be presenting their work (in draft form) followed by public input on Saturday, March 27 at the Rusty Pelican, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Virginia Key from 9:00 AM-11:00 PM. This event is follow on work to a previous planning charrette done last fall. The event is free.

Conclusion

Mayor Regalado and Commissioner Gimenez have taken a leadership role in advancing the Marine Stadium's future. We all should applaud and support them.

Jorge Hernandez
Becky Roper Matkov
Don Worth

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Enjoy this photo-taken at the Miami International Triathlon on March 14-by Robert Murphy. A harbinger of more events to come.



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