

BISCAYNE BAY STRATEGIC ACCESS PLAN ADVISORY TEAM

**MEETING #2
September 10, 2003**

TRANSCRIPT

MEETING SITE SUGGESTIONS:

1. Meet on the river
2. RASMS
3. Montgomery Botanical Center

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Take time to hear about the status of Stiltsville

COMMENTS AFTER PROJECT MANAGER PRESENTATION:

1. Issue Group #1- the name itself has values mentioned (responsible and balanced), think about adding values to names of other Issue Groupings.
2. Transportation issue group-need to add a parking element
3. Conflict between the Bay and Park: access to Bay may have impact on management of the Park and management of the Park may limit how access can be accomplished.
4. Carrying capacity is a big issue- it is still really unresolved how much is too much
5. Use "impact" rather than "carrying capacity" because carrying capacity is more about the biological aspect only
6. Carrying capacity encompasses more than just biological at this time, the word has been expanded in groups discussing it
7. Carrying capacity is being broadened to encompass all potential impacts not just biological
8. The Carrying Capacity study in the Keys- possibly have them give presentation

- a. Hard to determine but the term is being broadened
 - b. The process in the Keys created some tools (contact the SFRPC about a presentation)
9. National Park Service has a carrying capacity arm too.
10. Transportation/Economics Issue Group- you may need to break it into two groups
 - a. Transportation is the key (may be called mobility) waterways should be treated in the transportation context
 - b. Treat the waterways like a right of way
11. Define waterways
12. Waterways=authorized navigational channels
13. We need visual aids, what are the opportunities for visual and physical access; what is really out there
14. Carrying capacity- also important biologically- One species may change the environment in a particular area
15. Right of Way- road also part of the waterway; the Coast Guard calls navigation and waterways the “Rules of the Road”
16. Land-based management/water based-need to consider zoning concept – i.e. to protect particular species or part use
17. Get across concept of stewardship
 - a. Look under the area of “governance”, public stewardship
 - b. Also add stewardship to education issue
18. Education shown too broad, different perceptions from schools and universities about how the Bay should be used from how recreation users – even education can put stresses on the Bay
19. Issue Group #1 – Visual/Physical Access often limits general public access
20. The education issue – maybe appreciation and awareness as a title instead
 - a. Add advocacy as well

21. Issue of security is having a big impact on access
 - a. Conflicting values and goals
 - b. This may need to be a separate issue group

22. Access is related to right-of-way issues also

VALUE BRAINSTORMING:

1. Environmentally sustainable
2. Socially equitable
3. Affordable
4. Quality of Life
5. Water Quality
6. Unhindered
7. Convenient
8. Publicly owned
9. Restorative
10. Visually aesthetic
11. Natural
12. Secure
13. Low-impact
14. Quiet
15. Enjoyable
16. Educational
17. Non-destructive
18. Broad vistas
19. Wildlife
20. Recreation
21. Water-dependent
22. Ease of use
23. Connectivity
24. Responsible use
25. Balanced
26. Healthy
27. Equitable
28. Inspirational
29. Wilderness
30. Unimpacted viewsheds
31. Integrated
32. Open Space
33. Variety
34. Economic Value

- 35. Coordinated governance
- 36. Support System
- 37. Productive
- 38. Adequately funded
- 39. Cherished
- 40. Beneficial (human and nature)
- 41. Generational
- 42. Private Property Rights
- 43. Economic growth

VALUES COMBINATIONS

Number	Value	Value Nos. Combined	DOTS
1	Environmentally Sustainable	1, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, 26, 42	16
2	Equitable	2,3,27	6
4	Quality of Life		6
6	Convenient	7,22	2
8	Publicly Owned		3
10	Visually Aesthetic		5
12	Secure		
36	Support		
38	Adequately Funded		2
39	Cherished		4
40	Beneficial		1
41	Generational		
42	Private Property Rights (Riparian)		3
14	Quiet		1
15	Enjoyable		1
16	Educational		
18	Broad Vistas		
19	Wildlife		7
20	Recreation		3
34	Economic Value (also add commercial and recreational fishing)	21, 34	5
23	Connectivity		
24	Responsible Use		1
25	Balanced		4
28	Inspirational		

29	Wilderness		4
30	Unimpacted Viewsheds		5
31	Integrated		2
32	Open Space		4
33	Variety		
35	Coordinated Governance		

CORE VALUES

1. Environmentally sustainable
2. Wildlife
3. Equitable
4. Quality of Life
5. Visually aesthetic
6. Economic Value
7. Unimpacted Viewsheds

SMALL GROUP VISION STATEMENT DRAFTS:

Group 1

Biscayne Bay is a healthy habitat with abundant wildlife with people saying it in a variety of safe and sustainable ways: canoeing, kayaking, walking, boating...Education efforts have resulted in a public (including boaters and fisher-people) that are activists for an environmentally sustainable Biscayne Bay. There is adequate enforcement, signage and educational opportunities that are improving our quality of life. Shoreline development has occurred in a way that is visually aesthetic and provides unimpacted viewsheds. Safe zones for different uses protect the resource and provide for economic value. Residents, tourists and businesses have equitable access to Biscayne Bay.

Group 2

Our vision of Biscayne Bay will include equitable access to both the waterfront and the Bay with improved signs and navigational aids to mariners. You will find amenities that will enhance the experience on both land and water. The public will enjoy the natural environmentally sustainable resources. This vision has created a private and public partnership for an economic vitality without losing the inherent beauty of Biscayne Bay for all.

Group 3

Twenty years from now, we live in a community that recognizes the value of an environmentally sustainable Biscayne Bay, further recognizing drastically contrasting experiences varying from a modern urban environment to the natural state reminiscent of historic Florida. The Bay will support a variety of marine and upland wildlife, accessible through both greenway and public water-born transportation systems. Private/public partnerships are the foundation for equitable public access. The community will have the opportunity to view the Bay, approach the Bay and touch the Bay.

IDEA PARKING LOT COMMENTS:

Public Access vs. Limited Access

- Security

- Private ownership

- Impacts

Need Access “Charrette” maps and mylars

- We combine and evaluate sustainability thresholds for each activity