

SOUTH MIAMI DADE WATERSHED STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Ten

February 20, 2003
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Montgomery Botanical Center
Miami, Florida

Report of Proceedings

WELCOME/AGENDA REVIEW

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Roger Carlton, who welcomed new and returning members, and thanked Dr. Terrence Walters, Executive Director of the Montgomery Botanical Center, for hosting the committee in such a wonderful facility. Dr. Walters offered a few words and welcomed everyone to the site. The Chair then had members introduce themselves.

Members Present:

Roger Carlton, Chair
Humberto P. Alonso, Jr., South Florida Water Management District
Daniel Apt, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Linda Canzanelli, Biscayne National Park
Carlos Espinosa, Miami Dade DERM
Jeffrey Flanagan, Chamber South
Dave Friedrichs, Dade County Farm Bureau
Dick Frost, Tropical Audubon Society
April Gromnicki, National Audubon Society
John Hall, Florida Engineering Society
Kenneth Harms, At Large
Louise King, Redland Citizens' Association
William Losner, Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce
Reed Olszack, Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Board
Blanca Mesa, Sierra Club
Lawrence Percival, Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations
Roy Phillips, At Large
Lee Rawlinson, Miami Dade Planning and Zoning Department
Claudio Rosario, Florida Nurserymen and Grower's Association
Mike Shehadeh, City of Homestead
Charles Thibos, Tropical Everglades Visitor Association

Janice Fleischer, meeting Facilitator, thanked Mr. Claudio Rosario and the Florida Nurserymen & Growers' Association for providing food and refreshments for the meeting, then reviewed the day's Objectives and Agenda, as well as the Committee's Guidelines for Discussion. The meeting Objectives were:

- ❖ To hear an update and receive a presentation on the negotiation process
- ❖ To receive a presentation on the Biscayne Coastal Wetlands Project

A copy of the Objectives and Agenda are attached as Exhibit A.

All Reports of Proceedings of the Committee, Discussion Guidelines and Committee related information, can be found on the SFRPC website at www.sfrpc.com/intstitute.htm "Projects", then "The South Miami Dade Watershed Study Advisory Committee".

Ms. Fleischer explained that the day would be broken up into two sessions. After the morning session updating the members on the Consultant process, the meeting would be adjourned. Members, and any observers attending the meeting, would be given a tour of the Montgomery Botanical Center by Dr. Walters. Following the tour, the Committee would have lunch. A presentation on the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project would be the focus of the afternoon session.

Ms. Fleischer explained that her primary form of contact with the Committee between meetings is email, and reminded members of the importance of keeping their email information current. Ms. Fleischer reviewed the meeting registration policy, website links, evaluation form procedures, and the use of the Committee binders.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS UPDATE

The meeting was then turned over to John Hulsey, South Florida Regional Planning Council, who delivered a presentation on the status of the Consultant negotiation process. (Exhibit B)

At the end of Mr. Hulsey's presentation, members suggested additional opportunities during the plan process for the public to provide comments. One suggested venue for meetings at which public comment would be solicited were the chambers of commerce.

At this point the meeting was adjourned for a tour of the Montgomery Botanical Center and lunch.

BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT PRESENTATION

Chair Roger Carlton reconvened the group at approximately 1:00 p.m., and introduced Jill Tefts, Regional Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Dr. Jorge Marban, Project Manager, South Florida Water Management District, who gave a presentation on the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. (Exhibit C)

During and following the presentation, Members engaged in a discussion regarding land acquisition and property rights. Due to time constraints, it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

NEXT STEPS

The Chair reviewed the policy with regard to media and the Committee; advising members to forward any questions regarding the Watershed Plan or the Committee's work to him. Members are free to speak with the media in connection with their own constituent groups, but are not to speak on behalf of the Committee.

In response to Ms. Fleischer asking for room and food sponsors for the next meeting, Mr. William Losner of the Homestead / Florida City Chamber of Commerce volunteered both.

ADJOURN

Ms. Fleischer encouraged members to complete their meeting evaluations. The meeting was then adjourned.