Friends of Marine Stadium
Action Alert

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To: Miami Marines

We have some important events coming up. We hope that you can help us out!

Virginia Key Master Plan

The Virginia Key Master Plan, which includes Miami Marine Stadium, is coming before the Miami City Commission on Thursday, July 22. As of this writing, a time certain has not yet been established for the Master Plan.

You can view the Master Plan by going to the City's website and clicking here.

The time certain should be posted at this link as soon as it is set. The Commission meeting is at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Coconut Grove. The Master Plan will also be presented in a public hearing to the Planning, Zoning, and Appeals Board at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 21 also at City Hall.

This plan was developed through a collaborative effort of a University of Miami Architectural Studio taught by Architecture Professor and Co-Founder of Friends of Marine Stadium Jorge Hernandez and Hilario Candela, architect of the Stadium, a coalition of groups organized by the Urban Environment League, and the City Administration and Planning Department. We are enthusiastic about the plan, as it makes the Marine Stadium the centerpiece for the restoration of Virginia Key.

We want to send a strong message to the City that this plan has community support. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email the Miami City Commissioners.
advocate for the restoration of the Marine Stadium. This group has helped us generate awareness by naming the Marine Stadium to its list of "11 Most Endangered" in the State of Florida.

Please join Miami preservation czar George Neary and Miami Beach Mayor Matti Bower for a cocktail party on Miami Beach to welcome Florida Trust Board members. For more information on the party, which is free, click here.

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You might also send a "thank you" email to Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, who has continued to lead the charge for the restoration of Miami Marine Stadium.

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City of Miami Birthday Party

Attending the City of Miami Birthday Party is a terrific way to assist Friends of Marine Stadium-and have fun doing it.

The Party is on July 28 at 6:00 PM at the Waterfront Theatre at American Airlines Arena-and you can help Friends of Marine Stadium by attending! 100% of the purchase price of your ticket (only $25) can go to Friends of Marine Stadium. Our group is one of the eleven charities selected to be a beneficiary of this event. When you order your ticket, make sure to specify "Friends of Marine Stadium" as your choice, and all of the money will go to our group!

Here's what's at the party:

- Live performances by DJ Le Spam and Suenalo
- Complementary cocktails from Grey Goose Vodka
- Tastings from 20 restaurants
- A complementary poster by artist Stephen Gamson

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 and purchase tickets click here.

There are only 2,500 tickets available to this event. We are "competing" for ticket revenues with the other charities- and we know this event will sell out quickly. If you plan on going, please order your tickets right away-and you can help us out by forwarding this invitation to everyone you know who wants to help restore the Marine Stadium.
Conclusion

Approval of the Virginia Key Master Plan will be an important step in our effort to restore the Marine Stadium. We have much to do and we need to keep the momentum going. Please contact the Miami City Commission and/or attend the meeting on July 22!

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The photo below is of the Le Mans start of the Miami 225 Invitational Marathon, circa 1965. It was provided to us by Don Winer, a former boat racer at the Marine Stadium. Don has provided us with countless contacts and information as we seek to restore the Marine Stadium and return boat racing (and many other events!) to Miami. You can watch videos of boat racing at the Marine Stadium that Don has provided to us by clicking here.