

CPNA Board Meeting---April 15, 2008

The meeting was held at the Mantell Plaza and hosted by Ray Breslin. Present were Board members Ray Breslin, Caorlyn Klepser, Prakash Kumar, Barbara Morris, Tony Guerra, Ian Rosenior, Walid Sfeir, Barbara Gehring. Sidney Davis, Hope Gainer, John Couriel, Lee Ortega and Manny Meland.

Amy Tancig from the Miami Design Preservation League spoke to the members. The object of the League is to create new preservationists by leading tours of Collins Park and Miami Beach; youth education, working with 6th graders at Fienberg-Fisher School; and improving Art Deco weekend to include more of Miami Beach rather than just Ocean Drive. Tours of Collins Park are held the 1st Saturday of the month at 11 am. Tour school is held twice a year—in November and April.

Bruce Russoros and Graham Winnick the assistant director of special events for Miami Beach came to the meeting to present a plan for a Polo event. There will be a horse parade from 22ⁿ St. to 14th St. and back each day between 2pm and 5pm and a charitable function on Saturday night. The events will be held from April 25 through April 27 and will also include polo games on the beach.

There was a discussion of membership in and fund-raising for CPNA. Both Tony and Walid think a map of Collins Park would be helpful in promoting the neighborhood. A Promotional Committee was formed as a sub-committee of the membership committee. John, Tony Walid, Carolyn and Ray volunteered to be on the committee.

Ray reported on a recent CANDO meeting he attended. The Knight foundation has money to donate. Further, since the Lincoln Theater will be closing, Ray suggests using the space as a “live” theater and creating a theater district in Miami Beach.

Finally, graffiti is still a problem; the David Barton Gym is scheduled to open at the end of May; the Regal Theater has applied for a permit to sell alcohol; Carolyn made a motion to have meeting minutes read and approved at future meetings. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm