

## CPNA Board Meeting 6/17/08

The meeting was held at the Setai. Present were Walid Sfeir, our host; Ray Breslin, Manny Meland, Barbara Morris, Sidney Davis, Ian Resenior, Prakash Kumar, Hope Gainer, Lee Ortega, John Couriel, and Barbara Gehring. Also present was Harvey Burstein, chairman of Miami Beach Arts Fest and editor of Miami Artzine.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as corrected (both Lee and John were present at the April meeting and a comma was omitted from the minutes).

**Parking garage:** Nothing has moved forward with respect to a garage in Collins Park. The city is discussing a garage near Sunset Harbor, which is apparently competing with Collins Park, which desperately needs a garage. There was a motion to draft a letter to Miami Beach City Manager saying that it is imperative to build a garage in the neighborhood and asking that they continue searching for space. The first preference is the space adjoining the ballet. The city will be asked to redouble its efforts to negotiate with Mr. Bloomberg. The second option is to split the lot. The third option is to negotiate with the Gansevoort. The motion passed and Ray will type a letter and send it to everyone on the Board for comments.

**Little Stage Theater:** A plan is years away. The building needs to be ADA compliant and money is needed for that. The Board agreed to approve Ray's letter to the Mayor and commissioners regarding the theater.

**South Beach Local:** A motion was made to send a letter to the Mayor, commissioners, the City Manager and the Parking Committee to have the city make a route for the bus by making 21st street one way from Collins east, then go north on Miami Beach Drive, West on 22nd to Collins with a stop on Miami Beach Drive at the concession stand. The motion passed unanimously.

**Arts Walk in CANDO:** An arts walk was proposed for the first Wednesday or Thursday of the month. The proposal would require money for advertising plus volunteers to offer venues. It was suggested that the city hire someone to promote it starting January 2009.

**Collins Park in front of the Bass:** There will be a pre-construction kickoff meeting on July 2 at 6 p.m. The project is expected to take 18 months.

**Expansion of Beach Walk:** There was a discussion to incorporate Beach Walk from 23rd St to Miami Beach Dr. And the Board passed a motion to ask the Gansevoort do complete Beach Walk from 23rd St. to 24th St. A letter will be sent to the City requesting that the Gansevoort tie in to Beach Walk.

**Miscellaneous:** The W is on schedule; Phillippe will open soon; the David Barton gym is expected to open in July; and the Traymore is again going to be a hotel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.