



PHS Islands Landscape Projects for 2008

Submitted to City of Miami Beach, December 2007

The Landscape Committee of PHS Islands Association has completed a landscape opinion poll of residents on Palm & Hibiscus Islands and has used this feedback from our homeowners to determine our 2008 and 2009 landscape requests from the City.

For 2008, we request the following for Palm & Hibiscus Islands:

Maintenance Items

- **Sand for Palm Island Park**
The sand is needed to level the open grass area so that it's safer to run without tripping.
- **Palm Island Entrance Fountain**
 - Relocate some of the loriape so that it is in blocks and continues to serve as the major base planting. Plant some flowering blocks of color.
 - With respect to the pump house, is there something that can be done to cover or distract the eye when exiting from Hibiscus Island.
 - Repair the fountain lighting and water fountain.
- **Replacement plants for Palm Island Park – plants died or in distress**
 - Podycarpus in the swale between the covered play area and the doubles tennis court has 4 plants that are all brown.
 - The large vertical podycarpus between the doubles tennis court and the handball court – the one closest to the bay is orange and looks like its failing.
- **Fix staking of one tree at Palm Island Park.** Only 2 stakes are in place, the third is

propping up the tree but not in properly in place for the upcoming winter winds.

- **Hibiscus Island entrance sign area.** Shape and trim all vegetation behind the sign. Recently, all the plants in the area around the fire hydrant have been removed; the large utility boxes are now fully exposed. See Landscape Design – Planning section below – landscape designer to determine shape.
- **Yellow lights at Hibiscus Island entrance sign.** Can we put soft white bulbs to eliminate the yellow glow.

Tree Reforestation Program. As part of phase 2, plant trees across the street from the Hibiscus Island entrance sign, on South Hibiscus Drive. The two areas are located as follows: when you are at the stop sign at the entrance to Hibiscus Island, the swale areas are to your right and left, on South Hibiscus Drive.

Landscape Design and Planning

- **Hibiscus Island Entrance Sign Area.**
 - We would appreciate a formal design plan so that this main entrance to Hibiscus Island is as well done as Palm Island. This main entrance area is #1 on our 2009 budget request to the City, so we need some preliminary planning in December 2007 so it can be incorporated into that 2009 budget request which is due this December.
 - We have discussed silver bismarkia or blue lantana palms on either side of the entrance sign with Rhonda Gracie.
 - We would like someone to review the location to ensure that there is

sufficient space for the root ball and irrigation in the desired locations.

- Rhonda Gracie has recommended 6-8 clear trunks for the palm trees. Could the City please provide an estimate for the purchase and installation of the two palms.
- The PHS Islands Association is considering funding and donating to the City the two palms and up lighting (for the entrance sign, two palms and 5 date palms). This would be implemented in 2008. We would like to request that the City review the proposal for up lighting. Our concerns are:
 - Will the specified lights on the trees be bright enough to provide a dramatic effect? Is the ambient light going to interfere with the effect? We feel strongly that the “look” has to be worth the expenditure.
 - Should the lights be under or above ground?
 - Review the proposal from Jim Morrison Productions from a specification and price perspective. Can you assist in price negotiation?
 - Maintenance issues in case of light bulb changes, etc. to be done by the City
 - How do we coordinate getting this project implemented with the City?
 - What other questions should we be asking?
- In the formal design plan, it may be recommended that the current vegetation behind the entrance sign be replaced; that would be part of the 2009 budget request.
- In 2008, we would like the landscape designer to specify how the vegetation behind the sign might be shaped or trimmed until the area can be replanted in 2009.
- In early December 2007, the plantings on the right side of the entrance sign were removed and

the fire hydrant and utility equipment are exposed. This creates a visual eyesore.

- Relocate the “begin bicycle path” sign.

- **North & South Coconut Lanes, Palm Island**

On our community landscape opinion poll, 39 homeowners indicated an interest in our requesting the City’s landscape designer to review the overall visual appearance of these streets and make recommendations of how the area could be made more attractive with landscaping. This might include a drawing to help homeowners visualize what the streets could look like and a plant palette that could be used by individual homeowners to implement the plan on their property.

- **Palm Island Park benches**

- 1 bench facing racquetball court, west side of court.
- 3 or more benches along grass, under trees, near seawall facing water. If city approves our proposal for an adult exercise trail along this area (see 2009 budget request), and can give us a design proposal early on, some benches along path would be nice. Best coordinated with design of exercise stations/path.