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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez

DATE: January 08, 2009

SUBJECT: **MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

This shall serve as written notice that a meeting of the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee has been scheduled for January 08, 2009, at 2:30 P.M. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room.

The agenda is as follows:

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation of conceptual designs for the Wing at the east end of Lincoln Road**

Bob Middaugh – Assistant City Manager

- 2. Discussion Regarding Towing Permit Renewal Options.**

Saul Frances- Parking Director

- 3. The Issue Of Late Payments To the City for Water, Sewer And Storm water Bills As A Result Of Mortgage Foreclosures, for A Study And Development Of Acceptable Payment Plans To Assist Condo Associations Adversely Affected.**

Discussion Item Referred by Commissioner Libbin

**Finance and Citywide Projects Committee Meetings for 2009:**

**February 11, 2009**

**March 10, 2009**

**April 7, 2009**

**May 5, 2009**

**June 18, 2009**

**July 21, 2009**

**August 13, 2009**

**September 24, 2009**

**October 29, 2009**

**November 17, 2009**

**December 15, 2009**

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Cc. Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
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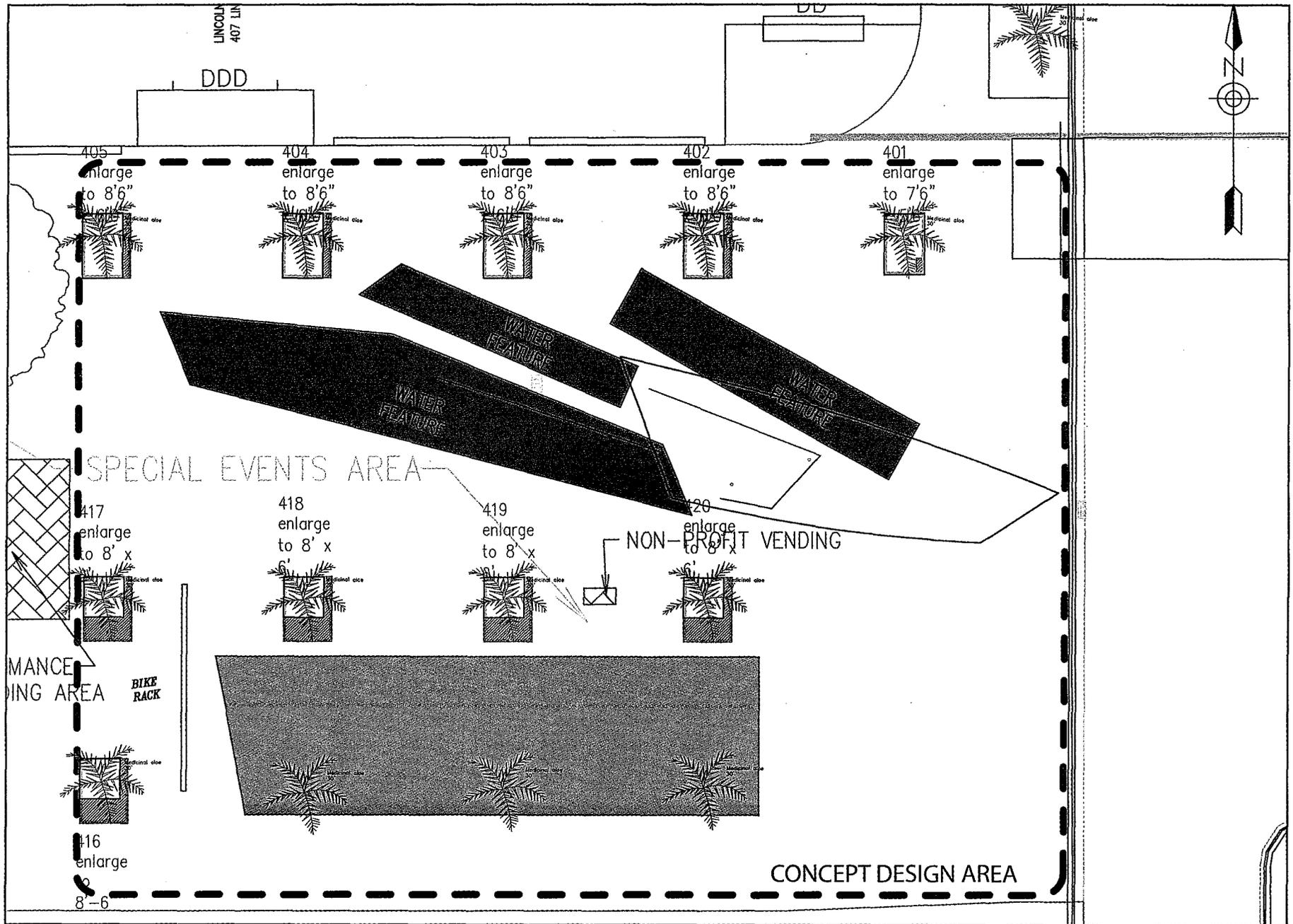
SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING 400 BLOCK OF LINCOLN ROAD CONCEPT DESIGN**

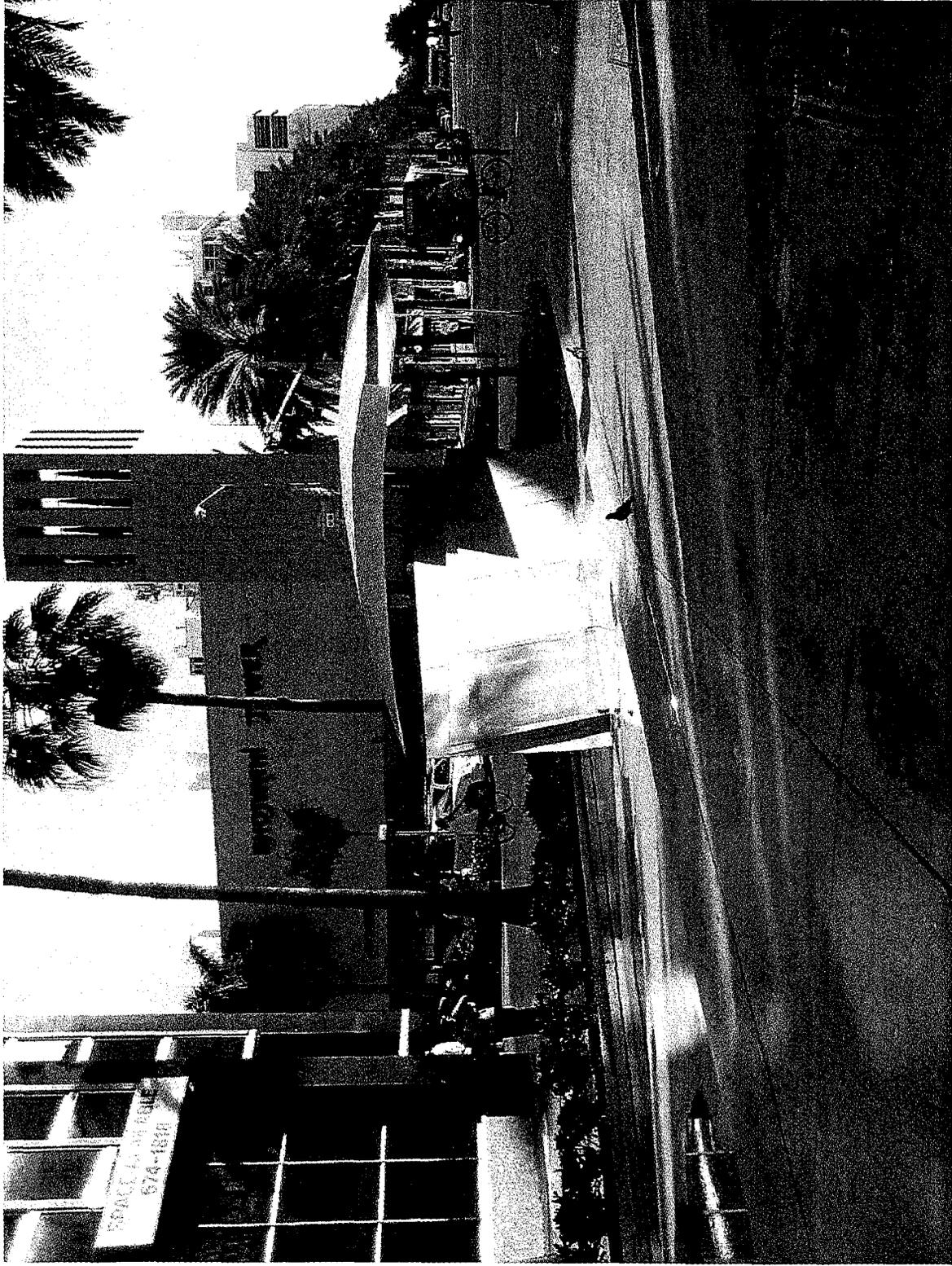
Attached please find the existing condition and the proposed design configuration for the 400 block of Lincoln Road. Also attached is the cost projection for the concept design.

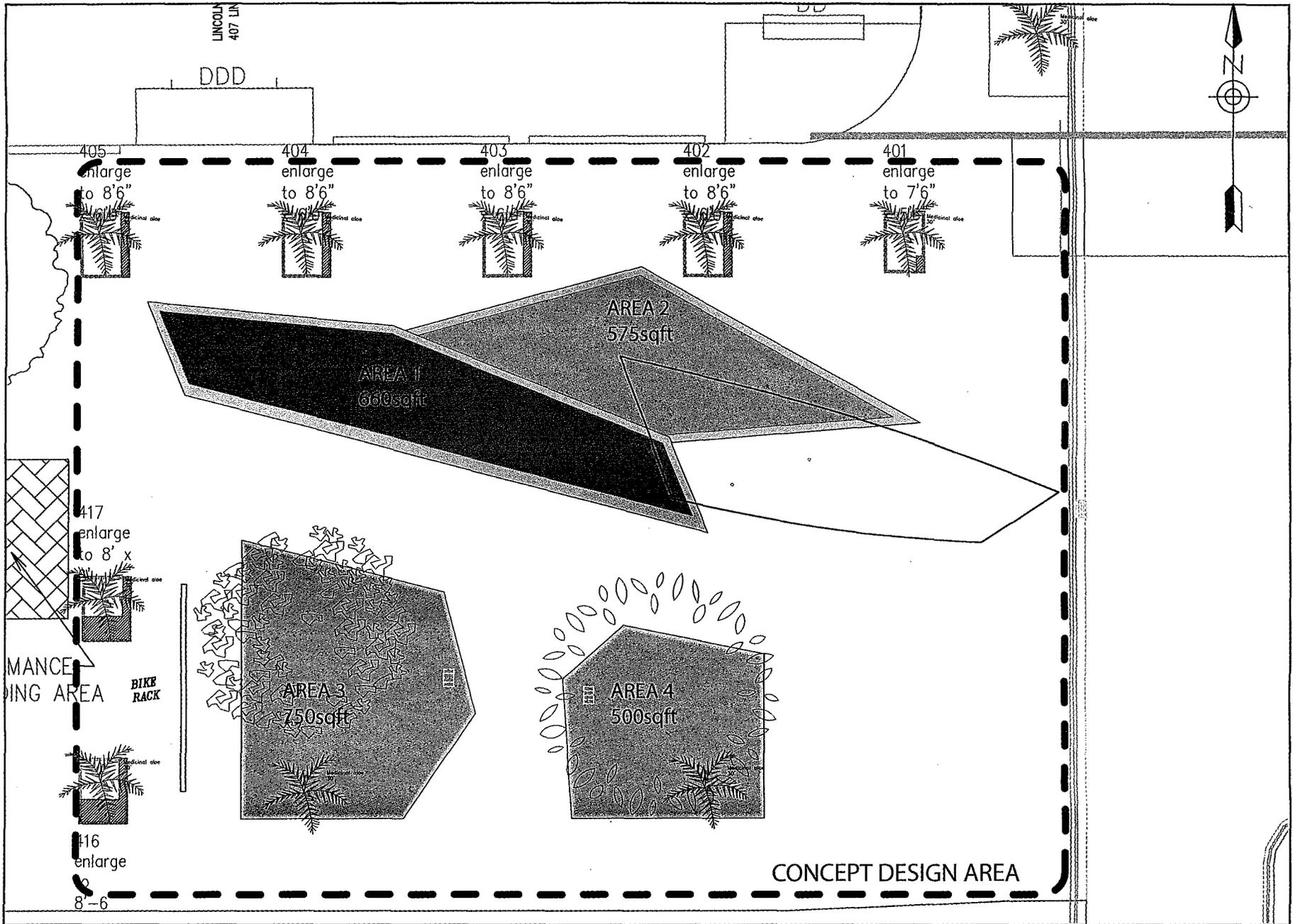
The configuration has been prepared by Amanda Cox who will be present at the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee meeting to review her design and cost estimates.

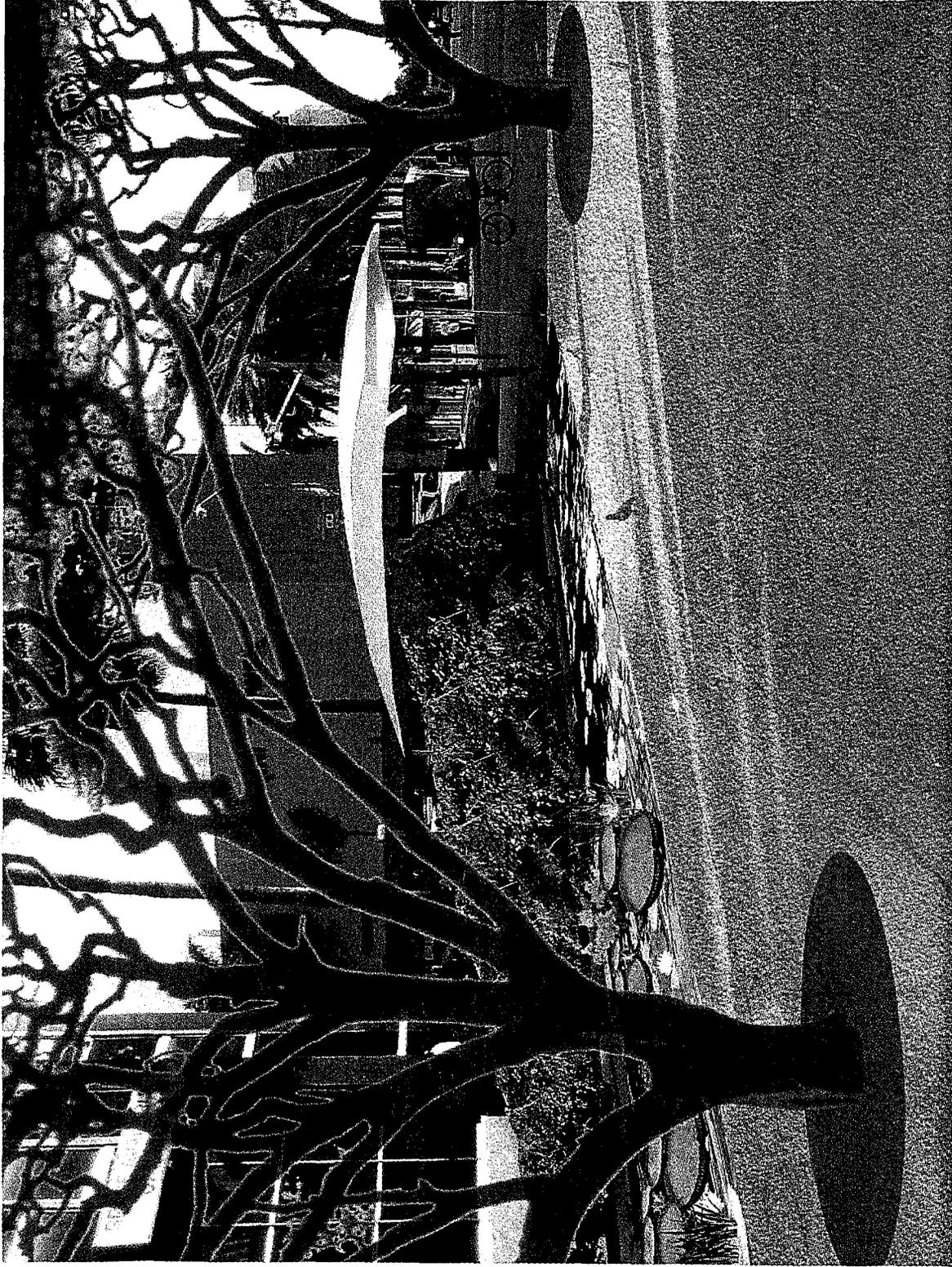
  
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Lincoln Road  
 400 Block - Concept Design Estimate  
 LARC design - 01/05/09

COMPANY:		Superior Landscaping	Fantastic Fountains
LANDSCAPE		\$10,000	
TREES - canopy trees @ 20-25'		\$36,000	
TREE RELOCATION		16000	
WATER FEATURE		\$78,000	\$9,800 Shop Drawings - negotiable
			\$43,464 Equipment
			\$73,860 Structure and Waterproofing
			\$47,000 Labor and General Conditions
			\$6,950 Lighting
			<b>\$181,074 TOTAL</b>
HARDSCAPE - pavers		\$12,000	
MISC.		\$15,000	
Greenwall	50'(l)x6'(h) at appx. \$70sqft	<b>\$21,000</b>	
Greenscreen	50'(l)x6'(h) at appx. \$20sqft	<b>\$6,000</b>	
	*prices do not include planting		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$167,000</b>	

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Citywide Projects Committee

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2009

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWING PERMIT EXTENSION**

At the December 10, 2008 City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and Commission referred a discussion item regarding the towing permit extension. The City has issued a towing service permit to both Beach Towing Services and Tremont Towing Services for public property (City) tows which are initiated by either the Police Department or Parking Department. Under the City's Tow Permit, only a police officer or parking enforcement specialist may initiate, approve, and carry out a tow. These tows are carried out under the auspice of a towing permit issued to each towing service provider.

The Administration is seeking input and direction from the Committee regarding each towing service providers' permit extension as their initial three year term will expire on February 28, 2009. This discussion is also timely as the Mayor and Commission have approved a joint venture project with SRC (Scott Robbins Company) to develop a parking garage with ground floor retail. The project site includes the parcels where the Tremont Towing storage site exists today. The development of this project will necessitate the relocation of the Tremont Towing site to another location.

The City Code and the existing towing permit require each towing service provider to have vehicle storage for a minimum of 100 vehicles within the confines of the city. This has been a longstanding requirement of the towing permit issued by the City (100 vehicle storage lot capacity) and the City Code (located within the confines of the City) and throughout the years has been the reasons for the waivers of competitive bidding (5/7<sup>th</sup> vote) for City related tows (Police and Parking). Historically, this has been a regulation to ensure that the retrieval of towed vehicles does not present an undue hardship to the citizenry.

Tremont Towing has suggested the following amendments to the towing permit that they believe will continue to provide convenience to towing customers by maintaining short term on-site towing storage, and, at the same time, reduce the size of tow yards to minimize impact on the surrounding neighborhoods:

- Amend Section 2 of the Towing Agreement so that towed vehicles must remain within the city limits of Miami Beach for a minimum of 48 hours, instead of seven days. This is consistent with Section 106-268 of the City Code and in line with what is needed to accommodate the vast majority of towed vehicles.
- Amend Section 2 of the Towing Agreement and City Code so that the requirement for capacity is reduced to a minimum of 40 vehicles and a maximum of 60 vehicles.
- Allow wrecked vehicles to be towed directly to a storage yard that is outside of the City limits, but within five miles of the city limits.

*We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.*

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The Administration is seeking input and direction regarding Tremont's suggested amendments to the existing towing permits and City Code as well as entertain other alternatives. If the FCPC wishes to amend the towing permits and/or towing regulations (City Code), it is certainly timely as both towing service permits initial term expire on February 28, 2009.

C: Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager  
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager  
Robert C. Middaugh Jr., Assistant City Manager  
Jose Smith, City Attorney  
Robert Parcher, City Clerk  
Dolores Mejia, Special Projects Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Water and Sewer Receivables for Condominium Buildings

As requested, I have attached a summary of the aged accounts receivable for water and sewer charges for condominium customers. The schedule reflects that 2.6.% of outstanding balances are over 90 days old.

The Finance Department has worked diligently, with these customers, to assist them when their payments fall behind and have offered payment arrangements to assist them. It is only after repeated past due notices have been sent without response, or payment arrangements have not been kept that an additional 3 day notice is issued before interruption of service occurs.

cc: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission  
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager  
Patricia D. Walker, Chief Financial Officer  
Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director

**City of Miami Beach**  
**Water & Sewer Utilities Summary**  
**As of 12/09/2008**

**Accounts: 10,042 active**

Condos	Apt.	Hotels	Other	Total
929	1,149	167	7,797	10,042

**Condo Receivables (929 Condominiums)**

30 days	60 days	90 days	Over 90	Total
<u>\$997,020</u>	<u>\$192,473</u>	<u>\$50,050</u>	<u>\$32,705</u>	<u>\$1,272,248</u>
78.40%	15.10%	3.90%	2.60%	100.00%