



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 152-2009

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager *JM Gonzalez for*

DATE: June 11, 2009

SUBJECT: New World Symphony ("NWS") Letter – Request for Proposal – Landscape Architect

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to transmit the attached letter received yesterday from Howard Herring, President and Chief Executive Officer, of the New World Symphony.

As you may be aware, the selection process for the Landscape Architect for Lincoln Park is being managed by NWS and its Development Manager, Hines Limited Partnership, as part of its Development Agreement with the City. The selection process was divided into two separate processes. The initial process was an open Request for Qualifications that was facilitated by the City through our distribution and advertising network. The respondents to this initial RFQ process were to be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee made up of three persons appointed by NWS and by three persons appointed by the City Manager.

On June 1, 2009, NWS/Hines received 13 proposals to the RFQ, of which 12 were deemed responsive.

The purpose of the Evaluation Committee was to "short list" the firms that responded to the RFQ. The short listed firms would then be issued a Request for Proposal, which would then be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee, which would make a final recommendation to the City Manager and the City Commission. Initially, the proposed process had the City Commission approving the short listed firms prior to the issuance of the RFP. This would have carried the selection process into the September/October 2009 time period.

The purpose of Mr. Herring's correspondence is to advise the City that the Evaluation Committee selected two firms to be short listed: 1) Hargreaves Associates, and 2) West 8. The selection of these two firms for short list was unanimous by the Evaluation Committee.

NWS advises in its letter that due to the unanimous short listing of the two firms, and because of the time constraints for the project, NWS has decided to proceed with the issuance of the Request for Proposals to these two firms. The intent is for NWS to return to the City Commission at its July 15, 2009 meeting with a recommended Landscape Architect for Lincoln Park.

Additional information and detail is in Mr. Herring's attached letter.

Attachment

C: Jose Smith, City Attorney  
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June 9, 2009

Mr. Jorge Gonzalez  
City Manager  
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Re: Lincoln Park Landscape Architect Evaluation Committee recommendation and  
schedule for Request for Proposal – Landscape Architect

Dear Jorge:

The Evaluation Committee (EC) established by the City Commission for selection of a  
Landscape Architect to design a high end, urban park adjacent to the New World  
Symphony New Campus, referred to as Lincoln Park, consists of three representatives of  
both the City and New World Symphony as follows:

City representatives

Robert Wennett, President of UIA Management and developer of the 1111 Lincoln Road  
Project

Mike Steffens, Architect, and Chair of the City of Miami Beach Design Review Board

William Cary, Assistant Director, Planning Department

New World Symphony representatives

Bruce E. Clinton, Developer and chairman of the The Clinton Companies

Helene Lindenfeld, Architect

Neisen Kasdin, former Mayor City of Miami Beach, partner Akerman Senterfitt

On Monday June 1, 2009 at 3:00 PM, we had received thirteen (13) responses to Park  
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Landscape Architect. The EC met this morning,

June 8, 2009 at 8:30 AM with the purpose of reviewing and discussing responses to the RFQ and developing a short list of Landscape Architects to receive a Request for Proposal (RFP). After a detailed discussion of professional stature and experience, qualification of project team, and similarity of comparable projects, the EC reached unanimous agreement that the short list would include two firms: Hargreaves Associates and West 8.

As developer for the park, knowing the City Commission's concern for timely management of the park process toward completion of this third element of the City Center development, and with the unanimous consensus of the Evaluation Committee, we are issuing an RFP to these two firms on June 12, 2009.

We will issue a draft RFP for your review. We are striving to be prepared to make a comprehensive presentation and recommendation at the July 15, 2009 City of Miami Beach Commission meeting. If the City Commission accepts the EC's recommendation on July 15, 2009, it will have a significant positive impact on the timing of Park development.

#### Proposed Schedule for Park Landscape Architecture RFP per EC Meeting

June 12, 2009 – Issue RFP

June 18 or 19, 2009 – NWS and City staff to meet with bidders for pre-bid visioning session

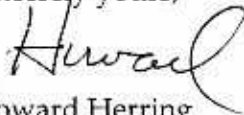
July 6, 2009, 3 PM – Deadline for receipt of proposals

July 8, 2009 – EC meets to discuss proposals and make recommendation

July 15, 2009 – Presentation of recommendation to City Commission with recommended designer to present

Please notify the City Commission of the Evaluation Committee's conclusion and the timeline for issuing the RFP as defined above.

Sincerely yours,



Howard Herring  
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mr. David Phillips, New World Symphony  
Mr. Tim Hemstreet, City of Miami Beach ✓  
Mr. Matthew Barry, Hines