

Granado, Rafael

From: Rosen Gonzalez, Kristen
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 6:14 PM
To: sshapiro@mbgarden.org
Cc: Morales, Jimmy; Granado, Rafael; Salom, Gloria
Subject: Re: The Garden and the Canal

Ralph, please place Sandy's letter on the April Agenda as a referral to neighborhood's.

Thanks.

Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
City of Miami Beach Commissioner
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On Apr 7, 2017, at 6:03 PM, "sshapiro@mbgarden.org" <sshapiro@mbgarden.org> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Gonzalez,

It was great seeing you in the Garden this week. I am sure the photos came out divine – very exciting! Kristen, as I mentioned to you, I would very much like to formally get the conversation started about extending the Garden to the Collins Canal. The upcoming seawall restoration project will require new landscaping, what an opportune time to implement a revised version of Raymond Jungles' Phase 3 design plan. The vision would be to add gated entrances on the north side of the Garden, allowing access into the Garden during opening hours and extending our plant palate to the water's edge.

The concept is for a visitor or resident to be able to walk from the Holocaust Memorial, access the Botanical Garden, continue along the stunning new living seawall walkway past the historic Carl Fischer Clubhouse, and end at the restored Bass Museum. New York created the 'Highline' by transforming an elevated train track to a living park which ends at the new Whitney Museum. Miami Beach's underutilized Collins Canal walkway would become a destination, an environmentally significant pedestrian corridor, connecting the cultural organizations which make Miami Beach an international destination.

Looking forward to your suggestions to get the conversation started at the City Commission.

Thank you and have a great weekend,
Sandy Shapiro
Executive Director
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