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Groundbreaking Ceremony Marks the Start of a State of the Arts Park for the Little Haiti Neighborhood

(Miami, Florida)—City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and Commissioner Jeffery Allen, District 5, will be joined by elected officials, architect Bernard Zyscovich, Joseph C. Cerrone III, President, Recreational Design and Construction, Inc., city administrators, a youth soccer league, civic leaders and local neighbors for **the groundbreaking ceremony for the Little Haiti Park Project—Soccer and Recreation Center, on Tuesday, October 11th, 2005, 4:00pm., at 301 NE 62nd Street.**

The Little Haiti Park Project will be built in two phases and aims to bring a first class recreational, social and sports complex with a Caribbean flavor to suit the expectations of the majority of the Haitian community in this area.

The scope of work encompasses one FIFA regulation soccer field, one practice soccer field, 10 station fitness trail, sports lighting, fixed bleachers with restrooms, concession and field storage areas below the bleachers, toddler playground and splash park, with open picnic shelters, open domino park shelters and a field maintenance building. The Recreation Center will be 6,000 sq. ft. of space that will include an aerobics room, arts & crafts room, a multi purpose room, the area NET office and an exercise room. A 4,000 sq. ft. area includes the park offices, multi-purpose spaces, storage areas and mechanical rooms. The entire project is ADA compliant and will have a parking area with over 200 parking spaces.

The cost of construction has been estimated at 6 million dollars and the funding source is Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond Dollars.

For more information, please call the Department of Capital Improvements, Danette Perez at (305) 416-1286 or Zimri Prendes at (305) 416-1284.

- WHO:** Mayor Manny Diaz, City of Miami Commissioner Jeffery Allen, Bernard Zyscovich, Joseph Cerrone III, President, Recreational Design and Construction, youth soccer league, civic leaders, area neighbors
- WHAT:** Groundbreaking ceremony for the Little Haiti Park Project-Soccer and Recreation Center
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 4:00pm**
- WHERE:** 301 NE 62nd Street (vacant lot: It is requested guests wear comfortable shoes as they would be walking in an uneven surface)