



Our Mission

The CBCC's purpose is to provide an effective means for residents of Coral Bay to participate in planning the future of Coral Bay development, by providing education and information on planning processes, and a forum for government, citizens, and developers to discuss plans. The agenda will initially focus on: land and water use planning, infrastructure, development and environmental issues. The Council will seek community consensus on the future of Coral Bay. The organization, with its nonprofit status, will be able to implement community improvement and research projects through grants and donations, and evolve into a broader agenda of community services and concerns.

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The Coral Bay Community Council is three years old this November, with a lengthy list of issues and projects completed and underway. The Council has broad grassroots resources behind our activities: over 200 members providing volunteer and financial support -- in \$20 dues and \$100 donations. All of CBCC's events and activities are open to the public, and several of our events this year have drawn large crowds, including the Father's Day Fish Fry and the 2006 Candidates Forum. The CBCC is becoming respected as a community resource by most residents and property owners in Coral Bay.

2006 Projects & Activities

CZM/DEVELOPMENT ISSUES: This year saw a surge in Major Coastal Zone Management (CZM) applications in Coral Bay which needed to be closely reviewed by CBCC volunteers. CBCC provided written comments and testimony on these projects, and will continue to follow their forward progress, paying special attention to stormwater, waste water, and ocean habitat protection issues.

WATERSHED ISSUES: Gave two presentations at Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, Nov. 05 sharing CBCC objectives. CBCC hosted tours focusing on stormwater issues this year with CZM, US Environmental Protection Agency and DPNR Environmental Protection staff. Efforts are being actively made to promote demonstration projects, and development and enforcement of stronger stormwater, erosion control regulations. A grant of 90 professional days of storm water engineering expertise has been received through the VI-RC&D for implementation in 2007.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH: CBCC has released the second edition of the Marine Inventory of Inner Coral Harbor. It is available for downloading on the CBCC website on the ocean page. CBCC has also provided support to a team of juvenile shark researchers studying the shark nursery habitat of Inner Coral Harbor. Few people fully realize the importance of the shallow seagrass beds and mangroves in Coral Bay's harbor in the juvenile lifecycle of many marine species.

WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND "GREEN BUILDING": CBCC has added information to our website in many areas to assist people in good working designs. We are looking for volunteer efforts to continue to expand the offerings.

COMMUNICATIONS: CBCC's members receive several emails each month about news and upcoming events. It is the major way we "call" for volunteers, participation and donations. We also maintain a list of other people in the community that we can contact as appropriate and include in public issues and activities.

EAST END OLD SCHOOL HOUSE AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND AREAS: CBCC is continuing discussions with government officials on appropriate uses of our limited public land in Coral Bay. We are encouraging planning, community input, volunteers and donations as important elements for choosing and implementing public land uses.

FUTURE NEEDS: CBCC's Candidates Forum shared Coral Bay's issues with all the candidates. Anticipating the new administration in January 2007, CBCC and other organizations will be poised to push for priorities for planning personnel/ funds for St. John and the whole VI. We will be focused on infrastructure planning, capital expenditures, and environmental protection.

CORAL BAY SIGN: The \$1400 raised at the Father's Day Fish Fry will be spent on a "Welcome to Coral Bay" sign. Plans will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

POLICE PROTECTION: CBCC has encouraged community policing by the VIPD in Coral Bay. We also actively promote neighborhood crimewatch programs.

GUY H. BENJAMIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND: Working with the PTO and the Coral Bay Yacht Club, and with support from many businesses and organizations, the playground at GUY Benjamin School has been transformed into a wonderful play area for the children. Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

SAVING \$300,000 FOR GUY BENJAMIN SCHOOL: CBCC worked hard with the PTO and the VI Legislature to recover \$300,000 in public funds as the first funds toward the long-planned school cafeteria and community meeting space. This will be a major 2007 activity.

VISION AND PLANNING: CBCC continues to work on a Vision statement and evolution of a planning process for Coral Bay and St. John.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: CBCC is serving to the Waste Management Authority's Citizen's Advisory Committee. While there is still much to be done, abandoned cars and used tires are being properly handled now.

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