



**TOURISM, ARTS, PARKS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS COMMITTEE
Special Committee Meeting
Omni Royal Orleans Hotel
New Orleans, LA
May 3-5, 2006**

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 3

6:00 – 7:00 P.M.
*Royal Garden Terrace
Second Floor*

OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, May 4

9:00 A.M.
*West Salon
First Floor*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

MANUEL A. DIAZ
Mayor of Miami
Chair, Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment & Sports Committee

C. RAY NAGIN
Mayor of New Orleans

TOM COCHRAN
Executive Director
U.S. Conference of Mayors

SHIRLEY TRUSTY COREY
Executive Director
New Orleans Arts Council

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

HOW YOUR CITY CAN ASSIST IN THE REBUILDING OF NEW ORLEANS ARTS AND CULTURE

SCOTT AIGES
Director
Louisiana Music Export Office

11:00 – 12:00 P.M.

PROMOTING TRAVEL AND TOURISM TO YOUR CITY

CHUCK MERIN
Travel Business Roundtable

COURTNEY V. FOX
Executive Director
Travel Business Roundtable

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH

1:00 4:30 P.M.

Tour of New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (the local arts high school where Wynton Marsalis and Harry Connick, Jr., among others, to their training); Musicians' Village (a housing development for musicians who lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina); and a behind-the-scenes- tour of Harrahs and their new development with the city to add a cultural and entertainment district. A reception at Harrah's restaurant with Chef John Besh, winner of the Food Network's "Iron Chef" competition, will conclude the tour.

Friday, May 5

9:00 A.M.

West Salon, First Floor

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9: 45 A.M.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY TREES PROGRAMS

FRED WACKER
Senior Program Manager
Home Depot Foundation

DEANN FORDHAM
Program Manager
Home Depot Foundation

9:45-10:45 A.M.

USING URBAN DESIGN TOOLS TO BETTER DESIGN YOUR CITY

GROVER E. MOUTON III
Director
Tulane University Regional Urban Design Center

10:45 – 12:00 P.M.

WHAT MAYORS NEED TO KNOW TO ESTABLISH INNOVATIVE ARTS PROGRAMS

How Cultural Districts and Public Art Programs Can Revitalize Cities

NINA OZLU
Chief Counsel
Americans for the Arts

LINA GARCIA
Director of Local Arts Policy
Americans for the Arts

ADJOURNMENT