

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2006 2:22 PM  
**To:** Birdwell, Ruth (OSNP)  
**Subject:** RE: Ethics Inquiry

Ms. Birdwell,

As far as I can tell, no conflict of interest would be created if a SNP Grantee offered to provide lunch for those on the bus tour. I would recommend, however, that if the total cost of the lunch to the Grantee exceeds \$100, it ought to be reported as a gift by someone in the County. Given the fact, the purpose of the tour is to showcase the Parks Department, it might make sense for the Director's Office to report the gift – but only if it is more than \$100.

If you wish to discuss in greater detail, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

**From:** Birdwell, Ruth (OSNP)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2006 11:28 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Chandler, Vernita (OSNP)  
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Hello Mr. Meyers,

In 1996, County voters approved \$200 million in Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) Bond funds to be awarded to grantees for improvements to the County's parks, natural areas and beaches. SNP Grantees consist of municipalities within the County and non-profit organizations, as well as Miami-Dade County itself.

In November this year, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a most successful County Bond program, the Office of Safe Neighborhood Parks is planning an all-day bus tour of numerous projects around our community that have been improved with SNP Bond funds. Invitees for the bus tour will include the SNP Citizens' Oversight Committee members, County Commissioners, County Manager, our Assistant County Manager and several other County management staff.

Our ethics inquiry to you is this: If an SNP Grantee offers to provide lunch for those on the bus tour, would we be able to accept this offer, or would it be a conflict of interest.

Thanks for your assistance in this regard. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth

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