

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
OFFICE OF PARK PLANNING**



**MARJORY STONEMAN  
DOUGLAS HOUSE**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS  
AND COMMENTS**

**From:** Ceci Sanchez  
**To:** [FLStateParkPlanning](#)  
**Subject:** Please save Marjorie Stoneman Douglas house!  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 2:33:33 PM

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We should hold on to this treasure. She placed the Everglades in the limelight. Miami is paving away our history. Please conserve her homestead.

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**From:** cfranck@hvc.rr.com  
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**Subject:** Comments re: Feb 20th hearing - Marjorie Stoneman Douglas home  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:50:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Home.docx](#)

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Thank you, for adding my comments to the hearing.

I grew up in Coconut Grove and my mother and other family members still live there. We have seen the changes from catching fish with our hand lines out of pure clean bay water to murky waters and very few fish.

Sincerely,  
L.A. Claire Franck

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Interpretive Tours of the House  Visitor Center/Museum  Special Events  Informational Signage and Landscape Improvements  Other – Write In

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  5   Long-term preservation of the house and grounds   4   Recognition of the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas      Public Access   3   The story of environmental conservation in Florida   2   Other – Write In

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3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

BEGIN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ON UP TO HIGH SCHOOL. THERE IS CERTAINLY ENOUGH RESEARCH AND HISTORY SHE RECORDED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND INSPIRE THOSE YOUNG MINDS TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE, NOW.

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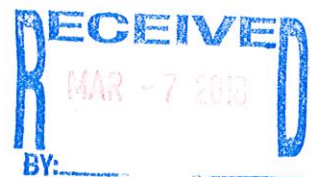
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The house should include:

- ① her books if possible or at least a list of the books because these are a reflection of her interests
- ② her hats; these should be conserved and displayed
- ③ a wall of photos of Marjorie through the years

see over



Marjorie Stoneman Douglas was a family friend. She and my father knew each other from the 1930's when they participated in the Civic Theater of Greater Miami. As seen in the enclosed photo with my parents, Howard and Marjorie Rosendorf, they remained friends for life.

I visited Marni (as we called her) several times in her wonderful house. Today, especially with the tragedy at the school named after her, it is more important than ever to recognize her and the early history of South Florida embodied by this house.

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Re: Marjorie Stoneman Douglas House



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Miami and southern Florida have  
not preserved their history very well.  
Don't let another place of historical  
interest slip away.

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*To me, the big question (now that small tours is acceptable to the MSD house neighbors) is: what what popular activities could be conducted on the property to assure that the house is well- and properly utilized*

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3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

- Don't move it
- Keep it open and accessible to the public
- Access during set hours. Not only through guided tours.
- Install bike racks

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- 1 Other - Write In Control access, in order to maintain peaceful & quiet environments out of fairness to residents in neighborhood.

3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

Consider duplicating, or moving from Fairchild Trop. Garden, the bronze sculpture of MSD to the house!

Involve young people, starting w/ reach-out to students at Parkland's MSD High School.

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3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

The preservation & acknowledgement of Marjory & her house is crucial. As long as her legacy and accomplishments for the environment are out there for people to see & learn & think that's great. I also think her house should be open to small group tours so people can really see her home & get a feel for who she was. Her name will forever hold a bad light for those who don't know her true story, so now more than ever is it important to protect/preserve her home & educate the public on who she was. Signage is important & so are tours! I do also think potential museum & VC could be beneficial for further education.

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1 Other - Write In \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

It would be wonderful to continue Marjory's legacy of writing and inspiring citizens to protect Miami's unique and fragile ecosystems. I would like to see a writer in residence <sup>and</sup> or artist in residence program with an emphasis on environmental topics.

Small tours for groups would also be wonderful to highlight Marjory's remarkable life.



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- Special Events
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Marjory Stoneman Douglas is such an inspiration,  
so I hope her home can be used to honor her-  
through maintaining the home & allowing others to  
visit it. I don't think parking should be on the  
grounds; there is ample public parking in the grave  
lots & left are also popular options these days.

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3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

- (1) HISTORIC LANDMARK SIGN CAN BE DONE ASAP  
(2) PARKING FOR 3 CARS ONLY TO GET CARS OFF THE ST  
(3) CREATE DOCENT GROUP  
(4) WEEKEND TOURS BY VAN WITH DOCENTS  
(5) SALES OF MSD BOOKS ETC TO FUND PROGRAMS  
(6) MULTI MEDIA PRESENTATION CREATED  
(7) COMPLETE PHYSICAL RESTORATION OF HOUSE  
(8) JOIN WITH LOT NEXT DOOR

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- 5 Public Access
- 5 The story of environmental conservation in Florida
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KIDS AND ADULTS GET VERY IMPRESSED  
WHEN WE TELL THEM THAT MARJORY WHO  
LIVED OVER 100 YEARS, IN HER NINETIES  
SHE MADE SURE WITH HER FRIENDS TO BUILD  
A PLACE (MSDB NC) FOR EVERYBODY TO MEET  
AND GO AND ENJOY THEIR ENVIRONMENT.  
KIDS AND ADULTS ARE VERY IMPRESSED THAT  
A LITTLE WOMAN CAN DO SO MUCH FOR OUR  
WELL-BEING. ALLOWING KIDS AND ADULTS TO  
VISIT THE HOUSE AND HER SHELTER AND  
TO SEE HOW MODEST ITS, IT WILL IMPACT  
THEM EVEN MORE. JUST THE FEELING OF  
WALKING THE STEPS IN HER HOUSE WOULD  
DO WONDERS TO EVERYBODY SOUL.

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- Special Events
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- Other - Write In open part time to keep traffic down

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- 2  Public Access pt time
- 3  The story of environmental conservation in Florida
- Other - Write In \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

- Have visited several estates of P each day: public
- MARJORIE Kuman Rawlings: outdoor draws - prod vehicle / FARM items  
interior - typewriters - books - open 3 days a week
  - ISAAC DENNISON / KAREN BLIXEN AGAIN OUT OF DOORS DRAWS - COFFEE  
"OUT OF AFRICA" KENYA : ROASTER, LANDSCAPE  
interior typewriter books - clothing
  - VIRGINIA WOLF AGAIN - OUTSIDE DRAWS - TYPEWRITER FURNITURE  
GARDENS
  - Stoneman Douglas - SMALL HOME - PERIOD pieces, etc.  
I would suggest A SMALL BLDG - HONORING HER POLITICAL ACTIVISM  
SUFFRAGE, CIVIL RIGHTS -  
ACTIVISM on poverty issues
  - Reprints of her articles
  - video's presented in out BLDG of her public speaking  
w/ setting
  - IT IS A SMALL home it would be imperative to keep TRAFFIC DOWN

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- 5+ Public Access
- 5 The story of environmental conservation in Florida
- Other - Write In please refurbish her house with original furniture

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Please open her historical home to small group tours! I have wanted to visit her house for the past 3 years and have been told No, rather rudely so.



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It can be preserved for environmentalists that can use her paper's books to learn learn what Marjory knew already - "River of Grass" the gateway to the Everglades - how we ~~can~~ preserve clean water.

It ~~could~~ could be a "mini" Kuan-fong in the Grove....

So many people love this property. We tried to save it many yrs ago for scholars.

Syn Parks