

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item

Item VII-ii

RESOLUTION NO _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF THE WESTCHESTER ARTS CENTER PROJECT AND FUNDING FROM TAMIAMI PARK TO TROPICAL PARK; AND THE RELOCATION OF THE HISPANIC HERITAGE CENTER AND STUDIO BLACK BOX THEATER PROJECT AND FUNDING FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AUDITORIUM TO TROPICAL PARK

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department desires to create a Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Center similar to the existing African Heritage Cultural Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the residents with a more comprehensive, centralized, and efficiently operated and programmed arts facility; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park is centrally located to provide access to residents and County-wide outreach to all the Department's parks for the Raíces, Community Arts, Arts In The Parks, and other arts programming; and

WHEREAS, by combining two smaller arts facility projects into a larger facility project, the Park and Recreation Department will provide better theater training to students, consolidate arts programming and support staff, and centralize performance and office space; and

WHEREAS, Building Better Communities (BBC) Bond Program GOB project #286 was funded in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the design and construction of the Westchester Arts Center to be located in Tamiami Park; and

WHEREAS, BBC Bond Program project #292 was funded for the Miami-Dade County Auditorium (MDCA) in the amount of \$8,000,000: \$4,000,000 for the design and construction of a Hispanic Heritage Center and a studio “black box” theater program space directly adjacent to MDCA, and \$4,000,000 for acoustical, theater, sound, and communications upgrades for MDCA; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to combine the \$4,000,000 allocated for the Westchester Arts Center and the \$4,000,000 allocated to the Hispanic Heritage Center and studio theater at MDCA for the purpose of constructing a larger, multi-disciplinary arts programming center to be located at Tropical Park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the relocation of the Westchester Arts Center project from Tamiami Park to Tropical Park, along with all \$4,000,000 of BBC Bond Program project #286 funds; and the relocation of the Hispanic Heritage Center and studio “black box” theater project from Miami-Dade County Auditorium (MDCA) to Tropical Park; along with \$4,000,000 of BBC Bond Program project #292 funds. The balance of \$4,000,000 in funds from BBC Bond Program project #292 will remain at MDCA for acoustical, theater, sound, and communications upgrades.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner ,
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on
this day of , 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after
the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective
only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency _____

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk