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Written analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

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1(D)3

If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Guillermo Cuadra, Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-5469.

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 1(D)3
File Number: 100559
Committee(s) of Reference: Recreation, Culture & Tourism
Date of Analysis: March 3, 2010
Type of Item: Discussion Item

Summary

This is a discussion item relating to the status of the Westchester Cultural Arts Center project (WCAC).

Background and Relevant Legislation

The Board of County Commissioners approved R-917-04 which allows for the Miami-Dade County to issue bonds under BBC-GOB in an amount not to exceed \$255.070 million over a multiyear period to fund improvements to the County's infrastructure and address a number of quality of life issues in our community. This resolution includes an attached list of projects which contains Project #286 Westchester Arts Center Construction (WCAC).

The WCAC project is listed under the Capital Improvements General Obligation Bond Program site (OCI-GOB) as bond site #70443. This project will be funded 100% through General Obligation Bond (GOB) funds. The budget for this project under OCI-GOB is \$4 million; the projects description includes the construction of a studio theatre at Tamiami Park located at 11201 SW 24th Street, Miami, Florida.

Under the OCI-GOB, the project milestones for the WCAC project include the following:

Milestone	Budget
Planning	\$101,839
A/E Selection	\$40,000
Design	\$400,000
Dry Run/Permit	\$25,000
Contractor Selection	\$40,000
Construction	\$3,333,161
Project Administration	\$60,000
Total	\$4,000,000

According to the OCI-GOB, the WCAC project draws funds from GOB Series A, C, D, E, F, G, H and I. The amounts from each GOB Series are as follows:

GOB Series	FY	Budget
A	2005-2006	\$ 72,305
C	2008-2009	\$ 5,038
D	2008-2009	\$ 24,962
E	2009-2010	\$ 55,000
F	2010-2011	\$ 430,000
G	2011-2012	\$ 70,000
H	2012-2013	\$ 2,342,695
I	2013-2014	\$1,000,000
Total		\$4,000,000

According to the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD), the WCAC project is presently on-hold due to funding constraints within the BBC-GOB program. Additionally, funding for this project is not expected to be available until FY2015-2016.

The PRD has updated its project schedule based upon the revised cashflow, and the project is scheduled to be substantially completed in March 2020.

Based on the revised project schedules the PRD plans to advance the following actions that involve policy changes and implications to include:

- General Plan Update for Tropical Park-to reflect the new location of the WCAC;
- GOB Significant Modification-changing the location from Tamiami Park to Tropical Park and transferring \$4 million from GOB Project #292 (Miami Dade County Auditorium Area Wide Improvements budget \$8 million) requires formal GOB significant modification process; and
- Programming Partnership-PRD intends to solicit a programming partner through a Request for Proposals for Programming Partnership.

Budgetary Impact

PRD projects the annual operating costs of the WCAC to be approximately \$133,000. Additionally, transferring \$4 million from GOB project #292 will make the WCAC project budget total \$8 million.

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