

**Building Better Communities (BBC)
GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee**

March 22, 2010

8:30 A.M.

18 Floor Conference Room 18-3

Committee members: Robin Reiter-Faragalli, Barbara Bisno, Dr. Jay Hess, Guy Forchion, Javier Salman, Wendell James, Jeffrey Mishcon, Mary Scott Russell, Joseph M. Corradino, Harry Hoffman, Ernesto Martinez, Jr., Ann Pope, Jose "Pepe" Riesco.

Attendees: **Others present:** Paula Musto (OCI); George Navarrete (OCI); Roslyn Alic-Batson (OCI); Johnny Martinez (OCI); Monica Rizo (CAO); Don Worth (Friends of Marine Stadium); Ralph Cutie (OCI); Ana Finol (OCI); Insom Kim (District 7); Frank Balzebre (District 7); Kathleen Kaufman (DPZ/OHAR); Gina White (OCHP); Michael Moxam (DHS); Kyra H. King (DHS); Felix Hernandez, Jr. (PWD); Mike Riera (PWD); Janet Perkins (OCHP); Sabrata Basu (DP&Z); Frank Barriga (OCI).

I. Welcome and Introductions	
Discussion:	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Robin Reiter-Faragalli. She thanked members for attending the meeting and welcomed new member Ernesto Martinez, Jr.
II. Approval of Minutes	
	The Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010. Moved by Dr. Hess, second by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco. Motion carried.
III. Significant Modifications/Additions and Deletions	
Discussion:	<p>A. Kendall Complex Cottages Mr. George Navarrete reported that this item requests the significant modification to allow the Department of Human Services to use the allocated funds of \$7.5 million to demolish some of the cottages, refurbish the existing cottages and construct a new multipurpose facility to provide outreach services. Motion to approve staff's recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, second by Mr. Joseph Corradino, Motion carried.</p> <p>B. Miami River Greenway/Commodore Bike Trail Mr. Navarrete reported that this item requests the significant modification to Project Nos. 126 "Miami River Greenway" and 127 "Improve and Extend the Commodore Bike Trail". The modification is as follows: Project 126's original allocation of \$7,500,000 is being revised to \$6,650,000 and the \$850,000 in surplus funds will be transferred to Project 127 thereby increasing its original allocation from \$1,000,000 to \$1,850,000. Mr. Mishcon asked if the original allocation for the Commodore Bike Trail was not enough to complete the project. Mr. Mike Riera of the Public Works Department answered that the project's original allocation of \$1,000,000 would not be enough to complete the project. Ms. Bisno asked if the Public Works Department can assure that this would be the only project that will have a shortfall. Mr. Navarrete replied that this is a difficult question to answer since a budget shortfall can only be definitively identified when bids are received. Mr. Forchion asked if this allocation completes the project. Mr. Riera answered in the affirmative. Motion to accept staff's recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, second by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco. Motion carried.</p> <p>C. Miami Marine Stadium Mr. Johnny Martinez reported that this item requests the significant modification to Project No. 293 – "Historic Preservation Fund" to allocate \$3,000,000 to Miami Marine Stadium. This item is a Commissioner-sponsored item. The Chairwoman gave a brief history of the RFP that was advertised three years ago by OCI and withdrawn due to the issue of homeowners being granted public dollars. Mr. Mishcon asked if the City of Miami applied for FEMA funds since the Stadium was damaged during Hurricane Andrew. If they did, where are those funds and why didn't the City spend these funds towards the repair of the Stadium. The Chairwoman requested that language be added to the resolution to state that GOB funds will be disbursed on a</p>

	<p>reimbursement basis. Mr. Hoffman asked if the City of Miami had any ideas for the programming of the Stadium. Mr. Martinez responded that a whole roster of events is planned. Ms. Bisno asked if the City has other monies already allocated to this project. Mr. Martinez responded that he will not know all the different funding sources involved until the agreement has been signed. Motion to approve staff's recommendation by Mr. Javier Salman, second by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco. Motion carried.</p>
<p>IV. Hialeah Multi-Purpose Center</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Mr. Johnny Martinez reported that this item rescinds a previous resolution that approved a healthcare facility as part of the Hialeah Multi-purpose Center Complex. This item allocates funding of \$5 million for affordable housing from Project No. 249 "Preservation of Affordable Housing Units and Expansion of Home Ownership" and \$3.5 million from Project No. 220 – "Acquire or Construct Multi-purpose Facilities" to the City of Hialeah to fund development of a multi-purpose facility which shall include affordable housing units, meeting and community spaces and parking. Motion to accept staff's recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, second by Ms. Barbara Bisno. Motion carried.</p>
<p>V. Golden Meadows Project</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Mr. George Navarrete reported that this item sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin Rolle allocates \$2,500,000 from Project No. 249 – "Preservation of Affordable Housing Units and Expansion of Home Ownership" to fund development of an elderly affordable housing component in the Golden Meadows project in District 2. Motion to accept staff's recommendation by Mr. Mishcon, second by Dr. Hess. Motion carried.</p>
<p>VI. Borinquen Health Care Center</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Mr. George Navarrete reported that this item sponsored by Commissioner Edmonson amends a previous resolution that approved a \$500,000 allocation from Project No. 305 – "Primary Health Care Facilities" to a site in North Miami and approving the reallocation of this \$500,000 to the Borinquen Health Care Center's main facility on NW 36th Street and Biscayne Blvd. The Chairwoman asked Ms. Janet Perkins of the Office of Healthcare Planning if they were in support of this reallocation of funds that will provide additional square footage and clinic space at the main facility. Ms. Perkins responded that they were supportive and were in the process of analyzing how this change would affect the Healthcare Plan that was approved last year. Through a request from Commissioner Rolle, the Office of Healthcare Planning is in the process of determining how facility closings will affect the different areas and if the citizens in the affected areas will have adequate transportation to get them to the centers that are still open and operating. The Chairwoman asked Ms. Perkins to provide an update on the Healthcare plan that was previously approved and the status of the \$25 million dollar Health Care Fund allocation at the next full CAC meeting on May 3, 2010. Ms. Russell asked if these funds would be used for staffing and the Chairwoman responded that these funds can only be used for capital expenses. Mr. Wendell James asked if there was a chance that the clinics that were closed would be reopened. Ms. Perkins responded that the clinics that closed are closed and there are no plans to reopen.</p> <p>Motion to accept staff's recommendation by Dr. Hess, second by Mr. Salman. Motion carried.</p>
<p>VII. GOB 1st & 2nd Quarter 2010 Progress Report</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>The Chairwoman asked if there were any questions on the 1st and 2nd Quarter Progress Report that was circulated. There were no questions. Motion to accept the 1st and 2nd Quarter Progress Report by Dr. Hess, second by Ms. Pope. Motion carried.</p>

VIII. Public Outreach

Discussion:

Ms. Paula Musto reported that she is working with the County Executive Office to convene a meeting with the organizers of the original bond campaign. Ms. Musto also reported that she is preparing the GOB Annual Report which will be a snap shot of the first five years of the Program. She is also working on updating the different lists of homeowners, community and business groups. The Chairwoman stated that it is important to contact the original taskforce that the County organized five years ago. Due to the financial constraints that the Program will be facing, it is prudent to take that information back to those individuals and groups.

STATUS UPDATE:

The Chairwoman stated that she has asked for a special meeting scheduled for April 12, 2010 to discuss the GOB Six-Year Plan and the assumptions for the future bond sale. She encouraged the members, if they have not yet responded to the meeting request, to do so as this is a very important meeting.

The Chairwoman announced that information was distributed to the members which provide the status of Project No. 249 – the Affordable Housing Projects. Mr. Hoffman inquired why, in this report, some districts are reflected as “To Be Determined” under the location. Mr. Navarrete responded that the Commissioners for those districts have not made a determination as to where in the district the housing dollars will be allocated. He also reminded the Committee that they approved the District 2 allocation at today’s meeting so that will be one less “To Be Determined” on the list.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for attending and called for any public comment or new business. There being no new business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Next CAC Meeting Date – May 3, 2010