

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

January 8, 2009

8:30 A.M.

18 Floor Conference Room 2

Committee members: Robin Reiter-Faragalli, Javier Salman, Elio Alfonso, Michael B. Smith, Barbara Bisno, Harry Hoffman, Ann Pope, Jay Hess, Jeffrey A. Michcon, Roger Hernstadt, Sylvia Person, Wendell James, Joseph Corradino, Michelle Mason, Jose "Pepe" Riesco, Mary Scott Russell.

Attendees: **Others present:** Jose Galan, (OCI); John Martinez (OCI); Paula Musto (OCI); Merci L Rodriguez (Mayor's Office); George Navarrete (OCI); Hilda Cuglievan (OCI); Ralph Cutie (OCI); -Martin Sybblis (CAO); Roslyn Alic-Batson (OCI); George Navarrete (OCI); Ana Finol (OCI); Monica Rizo (COA); Angus Laney (MDPR); Jorge Mora (MDPR); Kevin Asher (MDPR).

I. Welcome and Introductions	
Discussion:	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Robin Reiter. The Chair thanked two former members Alain Lecusay and Juan Sanchez for their years of service on the Committee. Self introductions followed.
II. Approval of Minutes	
	Minutes of November 6, 2008 Motion to approve minutes of November 6, 2008 by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mr. Harry Hoffman. Motion carried.
III. Commissioner Seijas Resolution	
	Mr. George Navarrete explained that this item is a Commissioner sponsored item that refers to Project 123 Unincorporated Municipal Service Area – Local Park Improvements, located in District 13, with an allocation of \$1,283,000. This project lists a specific location for Project 123. This significant modification deletes the address and lists the new address as Various. Motion to accept staff recommendation by Mr. Harry Hoffman, seconded by Dr. Jay Hess. Motion carried. One no vote by Barbara Bisno.
V. 2009 Sunset Review	
Discussion:	The Chair explained that every couple of years all County boards go through a review to determine 1) their effectiveness and 2) the need to continue and it was the CAC's turn this year. Information in the package included what is to be submitted as well as a list of accomplishments of the CAC. Motion to continue the Citizens' Advisory Committee through the life of the bond program was made by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Michael Smith. Motion carried.
IV. Changes to Administrative Rules	
Discussion:	Jose Galan reported that this item was previously presented to the CAC but has been deferred by the BCC subcommittee. The decision was made to delete controversial verbiage and add additional non-controversial verbiage and resubmit the item. The first four items were presented in the original document. Mr. Joseph Corradino asked if sustainable building was referring to LEED Certification. Mr. Galan responded in the affirmative. The Chairperson asked if providing advance funds was new because she thought that everything was on a reimbursable basis. Mr. Galan responded that this is not new and has always been in the administrative rules. Motion to accept staff recommendation by Mr. Javier Salman, seconded by Dr. Jay Hess. Motion carried.
VI. Status of Bond Sale	
Discussion:	George Navarrete reported that as of August 2008 funds from the first bond sale were expended.

	In December 2008, \$146 million in bonds were sold and, of that, 57 million has already been spent. The County is in the process of preparing the paperwork on the bond sale for the Stadium.
X. Public Outreach	
Discussion:	Ms. Paula Musto reported that the CAC tour took place on November 12, 2008 and was very successful. We were able to get good media coverage on it and would like to schedule another tour, probably going to the southern end of the County, sometime this year. Ms. Musto indicated that she was working on the GOB Annual Report which will be the primary hand out for the outreach meetings being planned for this year and also available online. Staff will be setting up meetings to meet with Commissioners and their staffs so that CAC and GOB issues are included in their district meetings as well.
VII. Update on Significant Modifications	
Discussion:	<p>A. Tram at MetroZoo – George Navarrete reported that the significant modification that came before the CAC previously to include the purchase of the trams for the zoo did not go before the BCC because the Parks department used another funding source for the purchase, thereby voiding the need for this modification.</p> <p>B. Lakes by the Bay – Kevin Asher of Miami-Dade Parks Department reported that Lakes by the Bay Park is a 100 acre park. Part of the park will be conveyed to the Town of Cutler Bay for parks services and the amount allocated to the park through the GOB will still be used for the park through a sub grant to the city by the parks department. Part of the park will be retained by the County and part will be purchased by the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program for conservation. Mr. Roger Hernstadt asked if the services at the park will accommodate family or individual use or if the space would be solely for organized sports. Mr. Asher responded that when the item comes back for action he will report on the ad hoc use of the park.</p>
VIII. Port of Miami GOB Update	
Discussion:	Johnny Martinez gave an update on the Port Tunnel Project and handed out an article that was published in The Miami Herald. He stated that the item that was approved by voters was infrastructure and access to port tunnel, and the funds would have to stay within that question. Ms. Bisno asked if there are other options being looked at for port access. Mr. Martinez answered that many options were reviewed but the tunnel was considered to be the most feasible.
IX. Marlins Parking Garage Update	
Discussion:	<p>Roger Hernstadt, Assistant City Manager for the City of Miami gave an update on the Stadium parking garage. He stated that the garage is not a GOB funded component of the stadium. The City is preparing to go out with a request for proposal in anticipation of approval of the stadium project. There will be some surface parking and a parking garage. He stated that the City is committed to building the garage. Ms. Bisno asked what other uses are being contemplated at the former Orange Bowl site. Mr. Wendell James stated that he agreed with Mr. Hernstadt and he believes that surface parking and parking in peoples yards are a thing of the past. Mr. Jeffrey Michcon stated that he is disappointed in this and he questioned how the vote would have gone if this information was known at the time the Committee was voting.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested for the next meeting that the Committee get an overall update on the Baseball Stadium Project. Also for the next Committee meeting the two museums should give a status on their fundraising efforts.</p> <p>There being no further business and no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.</p>

Next CAC Meeting Date – February 26th, 2009