

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1:30 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Dr. Antonio Jorge; Dr. German Munoz; Dr. Larry Capp; Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo; Dr. Ken Lipner; Dr. Leonardo Rodriguez; Dr. Maria Dolores Espino; Francisco De Varona; and Dr. Bernadette West.

**Miami-Dade County Staff and Others in Attendance**

Jennifer Glazer-Moon (OSBM); Manuel Armada (Planning & Zoning); Bob Schwarzreich (Planning & Zoning); Keith Connor (OCA); Ines Beecher (OCA); Dr. Robert Cruz; M. Mendez-Pellet; Jorge Fernandez (OSBM); Robert Kirschbaum (OSBM); Norma Roig (Commission Auditor); Amanda Jayska (OSBM); Elsie Douge (OCED); and Dennis Wrinn (OCED).

**Member Excused Absence**

Reinaldo Azan; Dr. Raul Moncarz; Professor Elisa Moncarz; Dr. Willie Williams; Dr. William Atkins; Dr. Willie Williams; Dr. Pedro Pellet.

**Members Unexcused Absences**

Michael G. Lavin.

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**Call to Order – Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Jorge called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. At Dr. Jorge's request, all the attendees introduced themselves and Dr. Jorge made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Varona. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Office of Community Advocacy**

Dr. Larry Capp briefed the Council on the changes that have to be made to the Social Equity Resolution being prepared by the Office of Community Advocacy. Dr. Capp mentioned that he received some input on the Resolution and some found it to be a bit too wordy and suggested that some editing be done in order to make it shorter. Dr. Capp indicated that the Metro Miami Action Plan has been added to the Resolution as they will play a major role. Other communities are being looked at in terms of membership and King County is one that is being focused on because it has pioneered some inequity impact approaches. King County (Washington) has collected and marketed measures that can lead to progress.

## **Ordinance Amending Article XCIX Relating to the Social Economic Development Council**

Dr. Jorge briefed the members on the amendment to the Resolution made by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee (EDHS) which calls for the appointment of council members and ex-officio members subject to ratification by the BCC and require the reports by the Council to the EDHS to be biannually.

### **Chief Economist Position**

Dr. Jorge and the Council members reviewed the job description of the Chief Economist and the responsibilities of the job. The Chief Economist will work with the SEDC in providing the County Manager's Office and OSBM with assessments and recommendations relative to the socioeconomic impacts/outcomes of projects, programs and activities to enhance their effectiveness relative to the County's resource allocations process and County's Strategic Plan. This is a highly advanced and responsible professional analysis work for the Office of the County Manager. In addition, the Chief Economist will be responsible for:

- Analyzing and monitoring multiple complex operating and capital programs with regards to socioeconomic policy objectives.
- Conducting complex economic analyses, financial analyses and policy research with respect to socioeconomic policy development.
- Coordinating activities with County agencies and various County departments.
- Interfacing with the County's SEDC through the County Manager's Office.

Dr. Lipner asked for some clarification on how this position will interact with the County departments the SEDC is interested in.

### **Presentation by Dr. Cruz**

- Dr. Cruz made a presentation to the Council on the findings of the work he has done on the rate of foreclosure in Miami-Dade County. Through some detailed maps provided by Manny Armada and the Planning and Zoning Department, Dr. Cruz described the areas where most of the foreclosures occurred. He also gave a thorough explanation of why some areas of the County have been more impacted than others. In addition, Dr. Cruz indicated that the County has been awarded \$62.2 million to help stabilize neighborhoods. Five other entitlements received direct allocations. The allocations have some strong restrictions and a plan is to be submitted to US HUD on or before December 1 showing how the money will be allocated. If the deadline is not met, the funds will be taken away. US HUD mainly targeted the low and moderate and middle income families.

### **Final Points**

- Prior to discussing the topics for the November Agenda, Dr. Jorge asked if any of the Council members intended to be absent at the SEDC November meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Two members said that they will not be able to attend. The meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2008. The Agenda for the meeting will include, among other topics, a presentation by Dr. Capp and Dr. Cruz.

- Dr. Jorge mentioned that the 2009 meeting calendar will be discussed at the November meeting.
- Dr. Jorge asked the members if they had any recommendations for the new Office of Community and Economic Coordination.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.