



**MEMORANDUM**  
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**Agenda Item No. 4 (A)**

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**TO:** Honorable Chairperson Javier Souto  
and Members of the  
Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

**DATE:** June 16, 2004

**FROM:** Kay M. Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

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The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes are submitted for approval by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee:

➤ May 19, 2004

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Attachment: 5/19/2004 meeting minutes

# CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

## Meeting Minutes

### Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10), Chairperson; Sally A. Heyman (4), Vice Chairperson;  
Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Betty T. Ferguson (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and  
Katy Sorenson (8)

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Wednesday, May 19, 2004

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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**Members Present:** Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** Betty T. Ferguson.

**Members Late:** Bruno A. Barreiro.

**Members Excused:** None.

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## 1A ROLL CALL

**Report:** *In addition to the members of the committee present at today's meeting, the following staff members were also present: Assistant County Managers Alina Hudak and Bill Johnson, Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado, and Deputy Clerks Diane Collins and Flora Real.*

## 1B PRESENTATION(S)

1B1

**041345 Special Presentation**

PRESENTATION RE: AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNMENT, RENOVATION/RE-DESIGN OVER \$500,000  
AWARD TO: DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER  
AWARD FROM: FLORIDA NURSERYMAN AND GROWERS ASSOCIATION (Park & Recreation Department) *Presented*

1B2

**041346 Special Presentation**

PRESENTATION RE: ROY S. ROOD AWARD FOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO: DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER  
AWARD FROM: FLORIDA NURSERYMEN AND GROWERS ASSOCIATION (Park & Recreation Department) *Presented*

1B3

**041411 Special Presentation** **Katy Sorenson**  
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO EMILY *Presented*  
COCHRANE

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**041371 Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FLORIDA  
COLLECTION *Forwarded to BCC with a*  
OF THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM THE *favorable recommendation*  
"HELEN MUIR FLORIDA COLLECTION" AND *Mover: Sorenson*  
DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A *Seconder: Heyman*  
PLAQUE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AT THE *Vote: 4-0*  
COLLECTION COMMEMORATING HELEN MUIR AND *Absent: Barreiro, Ferguson*  
REFLECTING THE COLLECTION'S NEW  
DESIGNATION [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7(D)]

**3 DEPARTMENT(S)**

3A

**041356 Resolution**  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER *Forwarded to BCC with a*  
TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI- *favorable recommendation*  
DADE COUNTY AND THE PARKS FOUNDATION, INC. *Mover: Heyman*  
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO *Seconder: Sorenson*  
EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL *Vote: 4-0*  
PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Park & Recreation *Absent: Ferguson, Barreiro*  
Department)

3B

**041287 Resolution**  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A *Forwarded to BCC with a*  
JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD *favorable recommendation*  
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR FACILITIES AT *Mover: Heyman*  
TROPICAL PARK, LOCATED AT 7900 SW 40 STREET, *Seconder: Moss*  
MIAMI, FLORIDA (Park & Recreation Department) *Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Ferguson, Barreiro*

3C

**041396 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS FOR FY 2004-2005 COUNTY FUNDING OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PARK PROGRAMMING, IMPROVEMENTS AND LIBRARY INFORMATION ACCESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Park & Recreation Department)

*Withdrawn*

**Report:** *(See Agenda Item 3C Substitute, Legislative File Number 041476)*

3C Substitute

**041476 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS FOR FY 2004-2005 COUNTY FUNDING OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PARK PROGRAMMING, IMPROVEMENTS AND LIBRARY INFORMATION ACCESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 041396] (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
**Mover:** *Heyman*  
**Seconder:** *Sorenson*  
**Vote:** *4-0*  
**Absent:** *Ferguson, Barreiro*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Maldonado noted that the substitute proposed resolution included changes to the exhibits.*

3D

**041402 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR A GRANT AND EXECUTING A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR UP TO \$44,400 FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS AT SEVEN LIBRARIES AND PROVIDE STAFF TRAINING AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED (Library Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
**Mover:** *Heyman*  
**Seconder:** *Moss*  
**Vote:** *4-0*  
**Absent:** *Ferguson, Barreiro*

3E

**040983 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO OBTAIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CONCESSION FACILITIES & RETAIL SALES AT METROZOO, TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT PROVISIONS AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN RFP NO. 384 (Procurement Management Department)

*Withdrawn*

**Report:** *(See Agenda Items 3E Substitute and 3E Substitute Amended)*

3E SUB

**041465 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO OBTAIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CONCESSION FACILITIES & RETAIL SALES AT METRO ZOO, TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT PROVISIONS AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN RFP NO. 384 [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 040983] (Procurement Management Department)

*Withdrawn*

**Report:** *(See Agenda Item 3E Substitute Amended, Legislative File Number 041536, for the amended version)*

3E Substitute Amended

**041536 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO OBTAIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CONCESSION FACILITIES & RETAIL SALES AT METRO ZOO, TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT PROVISIONS AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN RFP NO. 384 [SEE ORIGINAL ITEMS UNDER FILE NO. 040983, 041465] (Procurement Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Heyman*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Ferguson*

**Report:** *The foregoing proposed resolution was amended as recommended by the County Attorney's Office as follows:*

*- to change the language relating to minimum qualifications on Page 22 of the Request For Proposal (RFP) to read "proposals must provide evidence of a minimum of five years experience in providing concession operations or retail sales in large attractions, entertainment, or recreational settings;" and*

*- to change the language on the proposed agreement relating to the terms of the agreement to reflect that the two renewal options of the contract were for two year periods.*

*Assistant County Manager Hudak noted that the amendment relating to minimum qualifications was consistent with the RFP approved by this Committee at their last meeting.*

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

4A

**041395 Resolution**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ASPA) IN THEIR BID TO HOST THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Ferguson*

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**041378 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR  
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING(S):  
APRIL 28, 2004 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Heyman*  
*Seconder: Moss*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Ferguson*

**7 REPORT(S)**

7A

040854 Report

Sen. Javier D. Souto

REPORT RE: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PROGRESS  
REPORT*Report Received*

**Report:** *Ms. Gail Thompson, Director for the Performance Arts Center (PAC), presented an oral report outlining the milestones achieved and the status of the PAC project. She noted that the project was 45% complete and had a working place value to date of \$112 million with an existing Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$264 million including the approved Change Order Requests (COR) to date. She stated that the current GMP value represented a \$9 million increase over the original GMP value of \$255.*

*Ms. Thompson advised that a total of 991 CORs had been submitted to date with 453 of those representing the \$9 million increase in the GMP value. Consequently, almost half of the CORs had been resolved, and staff intended to completely resolve the outstanding CORs before the County Commission's summer recess. She noted that the outstanding CORs were under mediation through the dispute resolution process of the Dispute Resolution Board (DRB), and a ruling should be granted by June 2004.*

*Ms. Thompson advised that the County Manager was personally engaged in negotiations with the principals of the builder and architect to establish a new framework for completion of the project to include the outstanding CORs, and it was anticipated that the negotiations would conclude within the next few days. She noted that the County Manager, Assistant County Manager Bill Johnson, and she would prepare a comprehensive plan upon the conclusion of those negotiations on how to resolve the outstanding CORs for the Board of County Commissioners' meeting scheduled for June 22, 2004, as previously promised.*

*Mr. Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, advised that the overall settlement with the builder and contractor upon the conclusion of the negotiations would include a look back at all past issues as well the \$47 million in dispute as previously directed by this body and the County Commission on December 16, 2003. He noted that there was a self-established deadline of May*

31, 2004, to conclude the negotiations in order to allow appropriate time to prepare the documents for presentation for next month's committee meeting and the Board of County Commissioners' meeting scheduled for June 22, 2004. He stated that an agreement had been reached with the architect.

Following a discussion in connection with the number of days the project had been delayed, cost overruns, and the total number of CORs still outstanding, Ms. Thompson noted that Performance Arts Center Builders (PACB) had submitted a formal request for 250 days of delay relative to steel changes; however, the current table of projects reflected delays of 600 days inclusive of the 250 days.

Ms. Thompson noted that the project had provided employment opportunities to over 2,500 persons consistent with the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Agreement entered into with the City of Miami with 253 of those recruits being new hires of which most were from the local community.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry, Ms. Thompson replied that the dispute resolution process of the DRB was not final and binding.

Mr. Johnson noted that the County Attorney's Office, the County's administration, contractor, and himself shared concerns in respect to DRB's dispute resolution process inasmuch as it was non-binding.

Following a discussion regarding Commissioner Heyman's request that an appropriate document be drafted to make resolutions rendered by the DRB binding, Assistant County Attorney Hugo Benitez advised that an amendment to the existing contract would be required. He noted that the existing contract contained a clause stating that "this group serves as a gate keeper which rendered a finding which obligates us to advance the monies with full reservation of rights for both parties to later challenge that." He noted that a resolution at this point from this committee was unnecessary inasmuch as staff understood the sentiment of this committee, and it may set limitations in terms of reaching an ultimate resolution.

Chairperson Souto asked that the resolution of

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*the negotiations on the outstanding CORs be presented before this committee for review.*

*In response to Chairperson Souto's question relating to the inauguration date, Ms. Thompson noted that the Performing Arts Center Trust was planning an Inaugural Season at the end of 2006 or beginning 2007.*

*Mr. Johnson stated that the framework being negotiated with the contractor and architect was for a substantial completion date of May 31, 2006. Subsequently, the completion of the "Punch List" would follow; but as of June 1, 2006, the Performing Arts Center Trust and the four resident companies as well as the rest of this community would have beneficial occupancy at the facilities. Consequently, there could be a soft opening in the summer of 2006.*

7B

**041377 Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: MUESO DE LOS CAIDOS  
MONUMENT AT TROPICAL PARK (Park & Recreation  
Department)

*Report Received*

**Report:** *Department Director Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department, presented an oral report on the status of a request to establish Museo De Los Caidos Monument at Tropical Park. She noted that Mr. George Parrado, Regional Manager, had met with the interested group regarding a potential site and that the group had expressed interest in the site where the Police Memorial Monument was presently located.*

*Ms. Rodriguez noted that the Miami-Dade Police Department was interested in relocating the Police Memorial Monument. She noted two meetings had been held between the two interested departments for the relocation of the monument, and it seemed the Police Memorial Monument would be relocated because of the availability of funds.*

*Ms. Rodriguez advised that the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department exercised caution when making any potential future land commitments inasmuch as Tropical Park was an active park, but the project was in its exploratory stages and staff was working with the interested group.*

*Chairperson Souto noted that the County would not incur any costs for implementing the project.*

*Commissioner Souto asked that a full report be presented before the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee as the Museo De Los Caidos project moved forward.*

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**041398 Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: LIBRARY CAPITAL PLAN (Library Department)

*Report Received*

**Report:** *Department Director Raymond Santiago, Miami-Dade Library System, appeared before the Committee and noted that Mr. William Urbizu, Assistant Director of Marketing, Media Relations and Support Services, would provide a report on the status of the Library Capital Expansion Plan.*

*Mr. Urbizu noted that signage announcing the construction of new libraries had been installed on all library properties located in Golden Glades, Naranja, and Kendall Lakes with ground breaking ceremonies for the first library scheduled for August 2004.*

*Mr. Urbizu said that construction bids had been advertised and a pre-bid conference for interested builders was scheduled for June 15, 2004, at the Main Library. He advised that ground breaking ceremonies were being planned for the areas of Kendall Lakes and Naranja at the beginning of next year.*

*Mr. Urbizu said that the Miami-Dade Library System, in conjunction with the County Attorney's Office, had been negotiating an interlocal agreement with the Village of Pinecrest and that it was anticipated the final document would be presented before this committee for review at the next scheduled meeting. He reviewed the terms of the interlocal agreement and the details of the project, noting that funding for the project would be provided by the Miami-Dade Library Capital Plan.*

*Mr. Urbizu advised that a site for the construction of a library had been identified in the area of Country Walk, between S.W. 137th Avenue and 138th Avenue Road. He noted that the attorney representing the developer had recently indicated at a DIC meeting that the developer was willing to set aside two acres of land for the development of the library, and the General Services Administration was presently setting up an exploratory meeting to review the proposal and had also selected two alternate sites.*

Mr. Urbizu noted that staff from the Miami-Dade Library System and the Miami-Dade Housing Agency had met to consider an invitation to develop a 7,500 square foot library as part of the Scott Carver Housing Project located at N.W. 22nd Avenue and 72nd Street. He noted that the plans were currently being drafted by the Miami-Dade Housing Agency for consideration.

Mr. Urbizu reviewed the status of the construction of the mini libraries project and noted that a construction permit had been issued on April 20, 2004, for the Concord Branch Library with an anticipated completion date of July 20, 2004, in order to be able to open the library in late August or early fall of 2004. He noted that the construction on the Palm Springs North Branch Library was well underway with an anticipated opening date in late July or early fall of 2004.

Mr. Urbizu stated that lease negotiations had been finalized for a 4,500 square foot mini library in the area of California Club Mall, and the lease agreement would be presented before this committee for review at the meeting scheduled for June 16, 2004. He advised that the interlocal agreement with the City of Miami for the Merrick Park Branch Library had been approved by the County Commission last month, and construction was expected to begin this summer with an anticipated opening date of late summer or early fall of 2005.

Mr. Urbizu advised that two sites in the area of Palmetto Bay were under review for the development of a library. He noted that the Village of Palmetto Bay had indicated an interest in building a 5,000 square foot library to the County's specifications on land it currently owns, and the Miami-Dade Library System was awaiting receipt of the proposal. He stated that negotiations for a different site were near completion, but the County was asked to postpone a decision until the proposal had been submitted.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in favor of the proposal being made by the Village of Palmetto Bay.

Mr. Urbizu noted that the South Shore Branch Library in Miami Beach would be relocated from its existing location on Washington Avenue to 131 Alton Road and expanded from 1,800 to

5,000 square foot. He advised that the City of Miami Beach had purchased the space from the developer, and the developer would build the library to the County's specifications. He stated that the anticipated completion date was September 30, 2004, with an anticipated opening date of November 2004.

Mr. Urbizo advised that the construction of the new Miami Beach Regional Library was nearing its completion. He noted that there were minor ADA mandated corrections required to be made, but the contractor intended to submit the required paperwork today to obtain the Technical Certificate of Occupancy. He advised that it was anticipated that the final Certificate of Occupancy would be obtained in early June 2004 for a late summer or early fall grand opening.

Mr. Urbizo stated that the new City of Sunny Isles Beach City Hall would be housing on its ground floor a 7,500 square foot library to be operated by the County. He noted that the construction of the library was expected to be completed by late summer 2004 or early January 2005 with an anticipated opening date of March 2005.

Commissioner Souto asked that he be provided with a written weekly report on the status of the construction progress of the Concord Branch Library.

On the issue of the completion of the construction of the Concord Branch Library, Mr. Raymond Santiago advised that staff maintained frequent contact with the developer and was urging that completion of the construction project be expedited. He noted that the County had limitations inasmuch as it was a leased property, but a deadline for the completion of the construction project had been established. He stated that it was anticipated that the Concord Branch Library would be completely operational by early fall 2004.

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**041397 Report**

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY-DESIGNATING THE FLORIDA COLLECTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM "HELEN MUIR FLORIDA COLLECTION" [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2(A)] (Library Department)

**Report Received****Mover: Sorenson****Second: Heyman****Vote: 4-0****Absent: Ferguson, Barreiro**

7E

**041539 Report**

NON-AGENDA ITEM-MEETING OF MAY 19, 2004,  
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Report:** *CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:*

*Assistant County Attorney Maldonado noted that Agenda Item 3C Substitute and 3E Substitute had been added to the agenda.*

*PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:*

*Department Director Vivian Donnell Rodriguez announced the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department had held a performance at Miami-Dade County Auditorium on May 15, 2004, featuring Toni Award winner dancer Savion Glover, in celebration of its 75th Anniversary with over 1,600 attendees.*

*Ms. Rodriguez announced that Greynolds Park would host the 'Love-In' Festival as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department featuring popular 1960s entertainers Richie Havens and Felix Cavaliere's Rascals to headline a live concert.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before them, the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.*