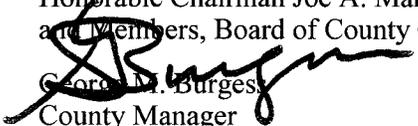


Memorandum



Date: December 14, 2004

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: 
George M. Burges
County Manager

Not On
Agenda Item No. 7(K)(1)(C)

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application to Change the Boundary Lines of an Existing Enterprise Zone Area contiguous to Metro Zoo

Recommendation

As amended by the EDHS Committee on December 9, 2004, the deletion area has been reduced to 75 acres pending a survey of the lakes. It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Manager to file an application to the State of Florida authorizing the change in the boundary lines of an existing enterprise zone area for the purpose of replacing an area of not more than 75 acres within the Enterprise Zone with an area of the same number of acres outside the Enterprise Zone as of January 1, 2004 and contiguous to Metro Zoo and authorize the County Manager to execute and submit an application and all other required documents to this effect to the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) of the State of Florida. The deadline to apply for the expansion is November 30, 2004. A copy of this pending agenda item was forwarded to the State of Florida prior to November 30, 2004 and the State is anticipating the receipt of the final approved item as soon as possible.

Background

The Enterprise Zone (EZ) is a designated area within Miami-Dade County offering fiscal incentives to businesses that locate or expand within the zone, with the objective of encouraging investment and creating jobs in economically distressed areas. To qualify for these incentives new jobs must be created. The reduction in the cost of doing business in Miami-Dade County's Enterprise Zone can be substantial.

On June 17, 2004, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 1358 (Exhibit "A") allowing for the modification of the boundaries of an existing enterprise zone for the purpose of replacing an area of not more than 75 acres. The replacement area must be contiguous to an existing enterprise zone and contiguous to a zoo. Additionally, the replacement area must be part of a revitalization area that has been targeted for assistance by the County and must have previously completed a master plan for the development of the area. OCED has confirmed through the Miami-Dade Parks Department that the above conditions have been met.

The proposed replacement area includes an area as shown in the attached map (Exhibit "B") which is an area of 75 acres that is currently outside of the existing Enterprise Zone. The area is currently vacant land (Exhibit "C") which meets the eligibility criteria of the Florida Statutes 290.0058(c) (Exhibit "D"). A map of the proposed new 75-acre area is attached (Exhibit "B"). A map of the proposed area to be deleted is attached (Exhibit "E"). This proposed deletion area, comprised of 112.7 acres, is Lake Joanne, which is in the Blue Lagoon area, near Miami International Airport. Although the map shows 78.9 acres, only 75 acres will be affected by this resolution. Because this deletion area is restricted to a lake, neither individuals nor businesses will be affected.

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

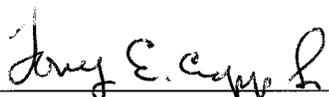
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The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve an amendment to the boundary of an enterprise zone by January 1, 2005, if the area proposed for the addition to the Enterprise Zone is consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitation imposed by Section 290.055 of the Florida Statutes (Exhibit "D") upon the establishment of enterprise zones including the requirement that the area suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment and general distress.

It is anticipated that the incentives offered under the County's Enterprise Zone Program will encourage service-type businesses that tend to create and employ a high percentage of labor per dollar sales.

The new proposed area was selected by the Miami-Dade Parks Department. The Office of Community and Economic Development received the data and further analyzed the data to ensure the proposed areas met the criteria set forth in Senate Bill 1358 and in Florida Statute 290.0058 for determination of pervasive poverty, unemployment and general distress.

The Enterprise Zone Advisory Council (EZAC) created and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to oversee Miami-Dade County's Enterprise Zone program gave its support to the proposed boundary modifications. Also, please find attached the Beacon Council's letter of support for the proposed expansion (Exhibit "F").



Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 14, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

Not On

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(K)(1)(C)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approval _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Not On
Agenda Item No. 7(κ)(1)(c)
12-14-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARY LINES OF AN EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING AN AREA OF NOT MORE THAN 75 ACRES WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE WITH AN AREA OF THE SAME NUMBER OF ACRES OUTSIDE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE CONTIGUOUS TO METRO ZOO PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA SENATE BILL 1358; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the need to stimulate economic development in certain areas of Miami-Dade County which chronically exhibit extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, economic disinvestments; economically depressed, where housing and structural conditions are blighted and deteriorated; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it is in the public interest to create economic opportunity in the poverty-stricken areas by changing the boundary lines of an existing enterprise zone area for the purpose of replacing an area of not more than 75 acres within the enterprise zone as of January 1, 2004, with an area of the same number of acres outside the enterprise zone as of January 1, 2004 provided the area is in compliance with the requirements of 290.055 of the Florida Statutes ; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to encourage economic growth and development and alleviate the conditions of unemployment, economic disinvestments and poverty by creating new construction, new jobs, and an enhanced business climate particularly for small or minority owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has adopted Senate Bill 1358 authorizing the amending and expansion of the Enterprise Zone. The replacement area also must be contiguous to the existing enterprise zone and must be part of a revitalization area that has been targeted for assistance by the county. The replacement area also must be contiguous to a zoo and the county must have previously completed a master plan for development of the area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the filing of an application to amend and expand the Enterprise Zone to the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part of hereof, authorizes the County Manager or his designee to execute the same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County; and to make necessary amendments to the application as may be required by that body.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who
moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and
upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 14th day of December, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

SPS/TOS

Shannon D. Summerset

Exhibit A

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2004 Legislature

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2 An act relating to enterprise zones; amending
3 s. 290.0065, F.S.; authorizing certain counties
4 or municipalities to apply to the Office of
5 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to
6 change enterprise zone boundaries; prescribing
7 conditions and deadlines related to the
8 boundary changes; amending s. 290.00675, F.S.;
9 authorizing the office to approve requests to
10 amend the boundaries of enterprise zones in two
11 communities with specified populations;
12 limiting the size by which the enterprise zones
13 may increase; requiring that the applications
14 for enterprise zone boundaries be filed by a
15 specified date; amending s. 290.00688, F.S.;
16 deleting census tract provisions relating to
17 the boundaries of an enterprise zone in Leon
18 County; creating ss. 290.00702, 290.00703, and
19 290.00704, F.S.; authorizing Osceola County or
20 Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee
21 jointly, the City of South Daytona, and the
22 City of Lake Wales to apply to the office for
23 designation of enterprise zones; providing
24 requirements and conditions with respect
25 thereto; authorizing Walton County, Miami-Dade
26 County or Miami-Dade County and the City of
27 West Miami jointly, and Miami-Dade County and
28 the City of Hialeah jointly to apply to the
29 office for designation of enterprise zones;
30 providing requirements and conditions with
31 respect thereto; authorizing the governing

1 bodies of certain counties to apply to the
2 office to change the boundaries of enterprise
3 zones; requiring the office to approve the
4 application under certain circumstances;
5 providing requirements; prescribing conditions
6 and deadlines related to the boundary changes;
7 providing for severability of provisions in the
8 act; providing effective dates.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 290.0065,
13 Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (12) and (13)
14 are added to that section, to read:

15 290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.--

16 (11) Before December 31, 2004 ~~June 1, 2002~~, the
17 governing body or governing bodies of a county or a
18 municipality ~~in that is located within~~ a county having a
19 population of more than 235,000 but less than 260,000 ~~225,000~~
20 and in which an enterprise zone is designated under
21 ~~subparagraph (3)(a)2. is located~~ may apply to the Office of
22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to change the
23 boundaries of the enterprise zone for the purpose of replacing
24 areas not suitable for development. The Office of Tourism,
25 Trade, and Economic Development shall approve the application
26 made pursuant to this subsection if the boundary change is
27 consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitations
28 imposed upon the establishment of such ~~does not increase the~~
29 ~~overall size of the enterprise zone and if any territory added~~
30 ~~to the enterprise zone as a result of the boundary change is~~
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1 ~~contiguous to the remaining area of the existing~~ enterprise
2 zone.

3 (12) Notwithstanding any provisions in s. 290.0055
4 regarding the size of an enterprise zone, any county defined
5 by s. 125.011(1) may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade,
6 and Economic Development by October 1, 2004, to expand the
7 boundary of an existing enterprise zone to include an
8 additional 8.7 square miles. The area must also include areas
9 to the north or east of the northeasternmost section of an
10 existing enterprise zone. The expanded area may not include
11 any area not described in this subsection. The Office of
12 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve an
13 amendment to the boundary of an enterprise zone under this
14 subsection by January 1, 2005, if the area proposed for
15 addition to the enterprise zone is consistent with the
16 criteria and conditions imposed by s. 290.0055 upon the
17 establishment of enterprise zones, including the requirement
18 that the area suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and
19 general distress.

20 (13) Before November 30, 2004, any county as defined
21 in s. 125.011 may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
22 Economic Development to change the boundaries of an existing
23 enterprise zone for the purpose of replacing an area of not
24 more than 75 acres within the enterprise zone as of January 1,
25 2004, with an area of the same number of acres outside the
26 enterprise zone as of January 1, 2004. The replacement area
27 must be contiguous to the existing enterprise zone and must be
28 a part of a revitalization area that has been targeted for
29 assistance by the county. The replacement area also must be
30 contiguous to a zoo and the county must have previously
31 completed a master plan for development of the area. The

1 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall
2 approve the amendment effective January 1, 2005, if the
3 enterprise zone remains consistent with the criteria and
4 conditions imposed by s. 290.0055 upon the establishment of
5 enterprise zones, including the requirement that the area
6 suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general
7 distress.

8 Section 2. Section 290.00675, Florida Statutes, is
9 amended to read:

10 290.00675 Amendment of certain enterprise zone
11 boundaries.--

12 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the
13 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may amend
14 the boundaries of an area designated as an enterprise zone in
15 a community having a population of 235,000 persons but less
16 than 260,000, so long as the area does not increase the
17 overall size of the zone by greater than 25 acres and the
18 increased area is contiguous to the existing enterprise zone.
19 The amendment must also be consistent with the limitations
20 imposed by s. 290.0055 upon establishment of the enterprise
21 zone.

22 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the
23 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may approve
24 requests to amend the boundaries of an area designated as an
25 enterprise zone in a community having a population of 50,000
26 persons but fewer than 60,000, so long as the area does not
27 increase the overall size of the zone by greater than 400
28 acres and the increased area is contiguous to the existing
29 enterprise zone. The amendment must also be consistent with
30 the limitations imposed by s. 290.0055 upon establishment of
31 the enterprise zone. Such request must be submitted to the

1 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development prior to
2 December 31, 2004.
3 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, the Office of
4 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may amend the
5 boundaries of an area designated as The City of
6 Brooksville/Hernando County Enterprise Zone # 2701. Hernando
7 County is a community having a population greater than
8 140,000. The boundary amendment must not increase the overall
9 size of the enterprise zone by more than 5 square miles. The
10 increased area shall be contiguous to the existing enterprise
11 zone. The boundary amendment must also be consistent with the
12 limitations imposed by s. 290.0055. The application package
13 for the boundary amendment must be submitted to the Office of
14 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development no later than
15 December 31, 2004.

16 Section 3. Section 290.00688, Florida Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 290.00688 Enterprise zone designation for Leon
19 County.--Leon County, or Leon County and the City of
20 Tallahassee jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism,
21 Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one
22 enterprise zone, the selected area of which shall not exceed
23 20 square miles and shall have a continuous boundary, or
24 consist of not more than three noncontiguous areas per s.
25 290.0055(4)(a). ~~The enterprise zone shall encompass an area or~~
26 ~~areas within the following census tracts for Leon County~~
27 ~~pursuant to the 1990 Census:~~

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29 ~~Census tract 1, block group 1; census tract 2, block group 1;~~
30 ~~census tract 2, block group 3; census tract 2, block group 4;~~
31 ~~census tract 3, block group 1; census tract 4, block group 1;~~

1 ~~census tract 4, block group 2, census tract 5, block group 1,~~
2 ~~census tract 5, block group 2, census tract 6, block group 1,~~
3 ~~census tract 6, block group 2, census tract 6, block group 3,~~
4 ~~census tract 6, block group 4, census tract 7, block group 1,~~
5 ~~census tract 7, block group 2, census tract 7, block group 3,~~
6 ~~census tract 10.01, block group 1, census tract 10.01, block~~
7 ~~group 2, census tract 10.01, block group 3, census tract~~
8 ~~11.01, block group 1, census tract 11.01, block group 2,~~
9 ~~census tract 11.01, block group 3, census tract 11.02, block~~
10 ~~group 1, census tract 11.02, block group 3, census tract 12,~~
11 ~~block group 1, census tract 13, block group 1, census tract~~
12 ~~13, block group 2, census tract 14, block group 1, census~~
13 ~~tract 14, block group 2, census tract 14, block group 3,~~
14 ~~census tract 14, block group 4, census tract 14, block group~~
15 ~~5, census tract 15, block group 1, census tract 16.01, block~~
16 ~~group 1, census tract 18, block group 3, census tract 18,~~
17 ~~block group 4, census tract 19, block group 1, census tract~~
18 ~~19, block group 3, census tract 19, block group 4, census~~
19 ~~tract 20.01, block group 1, census tract 20.01, block group 2,~~
20 ~~census tract 20.01, block group 3, census tract 20.01, block~~
21 ~~group 4, census tract 20.01, block group 5, census tract~~
22 ~~20.02, block group 1, census tract 20.02, block group 2,~~
23 ~~census tract 20.02, block group 3, census tract 20.02, block~~
24 ~~group 5, census tract 21, block group 1, census tract 21,~~
25 ~~block group 3, census tract 21, block group 4, census tract~~
26 ~~21, block group 5, census tract 21, block group 7, census~~
27 ~~tract 22.01, block group 1, census tract 23.01, block group 3,~~
28 ~~census tract 23.01, block group 5, census tract 26.02, block~~
29 ~~group 4.~~
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1 The application must be submitted by December 31, 2002, and
2 must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055.
3 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the
4 total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of
5 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of
6 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one
7 enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism,
8 Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial
9 effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to
10 this section.

11 Section 4. Section 290.00702, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 290.00702 Enterprise zone designation for Osceola
14 County or Osceola County and Kissimmee.--Osceola County, or
15 Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee jointly, may apply to
16 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for
17 designation of one enterprise zone within the county, or
18 within both the county and the city. The application must be
19 submitted by December 31, 2004, and must comply with the
20 requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of
21 s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones
22 designated and the number of enterprise zones within a
23 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
24 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under
25 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
26 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the
27 enterprise zone designated under this section.

28 Section 5. Section 290.00703, Florida Statutes, is
29 created to read:

30 290.00703 Enterprise zone designation for the City of
31 South Daytona.--The City of South Daytona may apply to the

1 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for
2 designation of one enterprise zone within the city. The -
3 application must be submitted by December 31, 2004, and must
4 comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding
5 the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of
6 enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones
7 within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade,
8 and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone
9 under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
10 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the
11 enterprise zone designated under this section.

12 Section 6. Section 290.00704, Florida Statutes, is
13 created to read:

14 290.00704 Enterprise zone designation for the City of
15 Lake Wales.--The City of Lake Wales may apply to the Office of
16 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of
17 one enterprise zone for an area within the City of Lake Wales,
18 which zone shall encompass an area up to 3 contiguous square
19 miles. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2004,
20 and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055.
21 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065, limiting the
22 total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of
23 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of
24 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one
25 enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism,
26 Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial
27 effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to
28 this section.

29 Section 7. Enterprise zone designation for Walton
30 County.--Walton County may apply to the Office of Tourism,
31 Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one

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1 enterprise zone within an area in Walton County which
2 encompasses up to 6 square miles. The application must be
3 submitted by December 31, 2004, and must comply with the
4 requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes, except
5 subsection (3) thereof. Notwithstanding section 290.0065,
6 Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise
7 zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a
8 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
9 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under
10 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
11 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the
12 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

13 Section 8. Enterprise zone designation for the City of
14 West Miami.--Miami-Dade County or Miami-Dade County, jointly
15 with the City of West Miami, may apply to the Office of
16 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of
17 one enterprise zone within the City of West Miami. The
18 application must be submitted by December 31, 2004, and must
19 comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida
20 Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065,
21 Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise
22 zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a
23 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
24 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under
25 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
26 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the
27 enterprise zone designated under this section.

28 Section 9. (1) Notwithstanding the limitation in
29 section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, on the number of
30 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of
31 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall designate, upon

1 joint application by Miami-Dade County and the City of
2 Hialeah, an area within the municipality of the City of
3 Hialeah in an area bounded by 32nd Street, 21st Street, Palm
4 Avenue, and East 4th Avenue as an enterprise zone. The
5 application must be submitted by June 1, 2004, and must comply
6 with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes,
7 except for paragraph (4)(d). The effective date of the
8 enterprise zone is July 1, 2004.

9 (2) This section shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

11 Section 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of
12 law, a governing body located wholly within the boundaries of
13 a consolidated government may apply to the Office of Tourism,
14 Trade, and Economic Development to amend the boundary of its
15 existing enterprise zone. The area proposed for addition to
16 the enterprise zone must include the three noncontiguous areas
17 designated as a federal empowerment zone under the 2000
18 Community Renewal Tax Relief Act without any limitations as to
19 size. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
20 may approve an amendment to the enterprise zone boundary lines
21 if the application is submitted before December 31, 2004, and
22 meets the requirements of this section.

23 Section 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of
24 chapter 290, Florida Statutes, the governing body of any
25 inland county, with a state-designated enterprise zone and a
26 population greater than 500,000, may apply to the Office of
27 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend the
28 boundaries of such enterprise zone. The increased areas shall
29 be contiguous to the existing enterprise zone. The office
30 shall approve the application as long as the amended area does
31 not exceed 5 square miles and is consistent with the

1 categories, criteria, and limitations imposed by section
2 290.0055, Florida Statutes, upon the establishment of such
3 enterprise zone. The enterprise zone boundary amendment
4 application must be received before December 31, 2004.
5 Section 12. If any provision of this act or its
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
7 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
8 the act which can be given effect without the invalid
9 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
10 this act are severable.
11 Section 13. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
12 this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - 275 N.W. 2nd STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA
33128

November 4, 2004

Tangie White, Director
Community and Economic Development Division
Office of Community and Economic Development
140 W. Flagler, 10 Floor
Miami, FL 33130

RE: Miami Metrozoo Enterprise Zone

Dear Ms. White:

This Department supports your effort to modify the existing Enterprise Zone within South Miami-Dade County in order that portions of the Miami Metrozoo property are included. Pursuant to that effort, I have attached a map illustrating the 75-acre portion of the property we wish added to the existing zone. Should it be satisfactory, a legal description can be provided.

In order to fully satisfy criteria to amend zone boundaries, this letter further attests that no residences exist, nor have they ever existed, within the 75-acre area of Census Tract 101.14.

Should you need additional information, please contact me directly at 305-755-7901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Asher".

Kevin Asher, AICP, Supervisor
Property Management Section

Attachment

290.0058 Determination of Pervasive Poverty, Unemployment, and General Distress

(1) In determining whether an area suffers from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress, for purposes of ss. 290.0055 and 290.0065, the governing body and the department shall use data from the most current decennial census, and from information published by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data shall be comparable in point or period of time and methodology employed.

(2) Pervasive poverty shall be evidenced by a showing that poverty is widespread throughout the nominated area. The poverty rate of the nominated area shall be established using the following criteria:

(a) In each census geographic block group within a nominated area, the poverty rate shall be not less than 20 percent.

(b) In at least 50 percent of the census geographic block groups within the nominated area, the poverty rate shall not be less than 30 percent.

(c) Census geographic block groups with no population shall be treated as having a poverty rate which meets the standards of paragraph (a), but shall be treated as having a zero poverty rate for purposes of applying paragraph (b).

(d) A nominated area may not contain a noncontiguous parcel unless such parcel separately meets the criteria set forth under paragraphs (a) and (b).

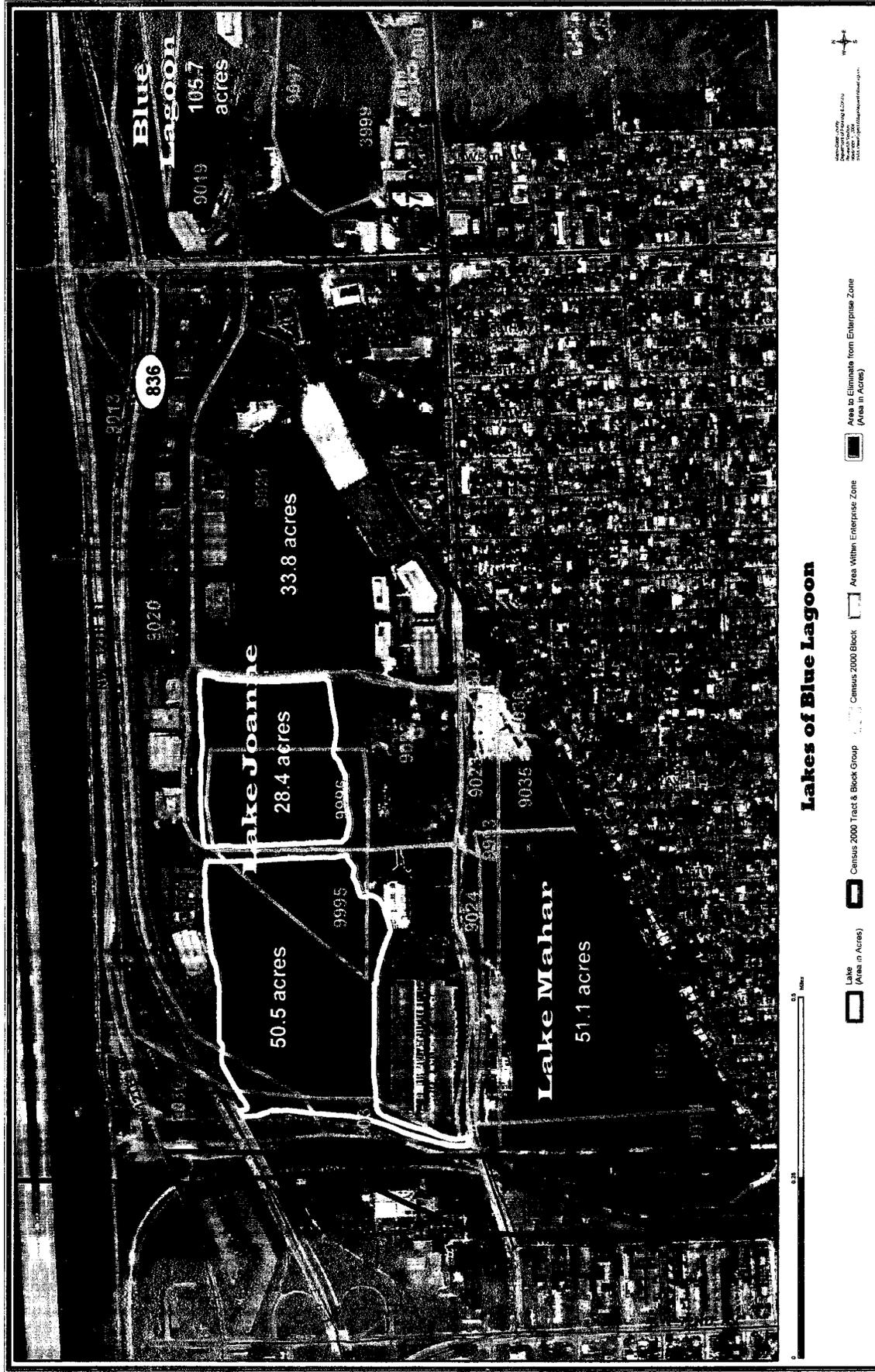
(3) Unemployment shall be evidenced by data indicating that the average rate of unemployment for the nominated area is not less than the state's average of unemployment, or by evidence of especially severe economic conditions which have brought about significant job dislocation within the nominated area.

(4) General distress shall be evidenced by describing adverse conditions within the nominated area other than those of pervasive poverty and unemployment. A high incidence of crime, abandoned structures, and deteriorated infrastructure or substantial population decline are examples of appropriate indicators of general distress.

(5) In making the calculations required by this section, the local government and the department shall round all fractional percentages of one-half percent or more up to the next highest whole percentage figure.

EXHIBIT E

Lake Joanne, the proposed area to be deleted, represents a total of approximately 78.9 acres.





THE BEACON COUNCIL

September 1, 2004

Ms. Tangie White
Director, Economic Development Division
Miami Dade County Office Of Economic Development.
140 West Flagler Street Suite 1100
Miami, Florida 33130-1561

Dear Ms. White,

The Beacon Council supports the proposed expansion of the Miami-Dade Enterprise Zone Program boundaries to include the following areas: Hialeah, the north section of Miami-Dade, Metro Zoo and West Dade.

The marketing and utilization of Enterprise Zone Program has been an essential tool that we have utilized to encourage capital investment and job creation in these areas throughout the county. This boundary expansion allows us the opportunity to offer companies additional areas within Miami-Dade County to make their investments, create new jobs and avail themselves of benefits through the Enterprise Zone Program. This will result in the overall economic improvement of not only these designated areas but the entire county.

We look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership with Miami-Dade County and OCBD in promoting the use of Enterprise Zone Program.

Sincerely,

Carlos Leonard
Assistant Executive Vice President
Business Development
The Beacon Council

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