# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** April 8, 2008

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)(A)

**From:** George M. Burgess
County Manager

**Subject:** Establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Sami Trust Fund

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**Recommendation**
It is recommended that the Board authorize the establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Sami Trust Fund, to accept funds bequeathed by the late Albert Sami in the amount of $2,307,684.36.

**Scope**
Miami Metrozoo is rated as one of the top ten zoos in the United States and is open to all visitors and residents of Miami-Dade County. The zoo is located at 12400 NW 152 Street in Commission District 9.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**
The donated funds will contribute toward the development and enhancement of Miami-Metrozoo as projects for use of the funds are identified.

**Track Record/Monitor**
All expenditures to be covered by the revenue in the Sami Trust Fund will be approved by the Park and Recreation Department Director.

**Background**
The Sami Family has been involved philanthropically with Miami Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida for more than 15 years through a special relationship with Ron Magill, Zoo Communications Director and Goodwill Ambassador. As the primary spokesperson for the Zoo and recognized wildlife expert, Ron Magill has played a crucial role in Metrozoo since it opened in 1981. As a result of the relationship, Mr. Sami made provisions in his will to leave much of his estate to the Zoo with the stipulation that it be used as directed by Ron, as long as Ron continues to be associated with the Zoo. Mr. Sami's gift will be available to those areas where it can be most beneficial to Metrozoo and appreciated by generations of Zoo visitors in the future.

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

Attachment

# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 8, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)(A)

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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-8-08

RESOLUTION NO _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MIAMI METROZOO SAMI TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT FUNDS BEQUEATHED BY THE LATE ALBERT SAMI IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,307,684.36

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Sami Trust Fund in the amount of $2,307,684.36 for use solely at Metrozoo.

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:

Bruno A. Barriero, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

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| Jose " Pepe " Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Carlos A. Gimenez | Sally A. Heyman |
| Joe A. Martinez | Dennis C. Moss |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2008. 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. MR

Monica Rizo