

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)


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

DATE: May 20, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
to provide \$30 million in
funding for the Urban Park
and Recreation Recovery
Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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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

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Veto _____

5-20-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE \$30
MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE URBAN PARK AND
RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR
2008-09

WHEREAS, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program was established in November, 1978 by Public Law 95-625; and

WHEREAS, UPARR provides matching federal grants and technical assistance through the National Park Service to fund the rehabilitation and renovation of deteriorating parks and recreation facilities in economically distressed cities and metropolitan counties; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, UPARR has awarded approximately 1,500 individual grants to 380 local jurisdictions in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico totaling more than \$270 million; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has received \$400,000 in grant funds from UPARR; and

WHEREAS, UPARR received appropriations totaling \$28.8 million and \$28.9 million in FY 2001 and FY 2002, respectively, but UPARR has not been funded since 2002 leaving localities without a vital source of assistance to rehabilitate their parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, UPARR funds have done everything from refurbishing worn out baseball and soccer fields to providing facilities for performing arts training to providing recreation services to disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that providing children and young adults with positive recreational alternatives is of immense importance not only to the youth but also to the community; and

WHEREAS, urban park and recreational facilities often serve the most at risk children who lack quality open space and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, these small park and recreation facilities are among the safest neighborhood environments and can help to protect our children from the harmful influences of gangs, drugs and crime; and

WHEREAS, in many communities, the local park or recreation center is likely to be the only place where families, children and seniors can be physically active, especially among those who cannot afford to join private health clubs; and

WHEREAS, one of the keys to addressing many chronic heart conditions and preventing health problems generally is providing citizens safe and easy access to public places for physical activity,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Respectfully requests that the U.S. Congress appropriate \$30 million for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program for FY 2009.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Chair and Members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; the Chair and Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Sections 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 and 2009 Federal Legislative Packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and 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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| | Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman |
| | Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman |
| 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 20th day of May, 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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