

Memorandum



Date: October 7, 2008

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Miami International Airport (MIA) Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Board
Report Pursuant to Section 2-11.37(b)

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 7(G)

In accordance with Section 2-11.37 (b) of the Code, the following information is provided regarding the proposed establishment of the Miami International Airport (MIA) Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Board (NAAB).

(1) Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the Board of County Commissioners' delegation of a portion of its authority.

The MIA-NAAB will serve only in an advisory capacity. The purpose of the NAAB is to discuss, evaluate and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners measures to reduce or mitigate aircraft noise impacts to the areas surrounding Miami International Airport.

(2) Whether another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence, could serve the same purpose.

A similar ordinance establishing a Neighborhood Relations Committee (NRC) specific to Districts 6 and 12 is also listed on today's agenda. The NRC will advise the Commissioners of Districts 6 and 12 on measures to reduce or mitigate adverse impacts to the residential areas immediately adjacent to MIA from various airport related activities including but not limited to aircraft noise, airport vehicle traffic, vehicle access to MIA, construction in and around MIA, and air quality/aircraft emissions, and to promote positive communications between those residential areas and MIA. In addition, an advisory task force was established by the Board to address aircraft noise impacts to the areas surrounding Opa-locka Executive Airport (OPF). However, the NAAB will focus exclusively on methods of reducing aircraft noise and its impact on residential neighborhoods surrounding the Airport by exploring various noise abatement procedures such as instructions to pilots, flight vectors and other procedures for arriving and departing aircraft.

(3) The costs, both direct and indirect of establishing and maintaining the board.

The negligible costs of establishing and maintaining the NAAB will be covered by the MDAD budget. The NAAB will be staffed by Aviation Department staff.

(4) Whether the board is necessary to enable the County to obtain state or federal grants or other financing.

While a board such as this is not required to obtain state or federal funding, both the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) look favorably on aviation projects requiring funding that have been brought before boards such as this.

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Page 2 of 2

(5) Whether the board should have bonding authority.

The NAAB will not have bonding authority.

(6) Whether the board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts expenditures must be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners.

The NAAB will not have the authority to enter into contracts or spend County funds.

(7) Whether the creation of a new board is in the best method of achieving the benefit desired.

The NAAB is the best way of achieving the desired benefits, as it brings together the Aviation Department, airport users and the community to resolved aircraft noise related issues.



Assistant County Manager