Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 7, 2008

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 7(F)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Miami International Airport Neighborhood Relations Committee Report Pursuant to Section 2-11.37(b)

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) Neighborhood Relations Committee (NRC).

(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-NRC will serve only in an advisory capacity. The purpose of the NRC will be to bring together a group of citizens of Miami-Dade County to discuss, evaluate and recommend to the County Commissioners of Districts 6 and 12 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.

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

There is a Board in existence that addresses aircraft noise abatement issues related to Miami International Airport and a similar group of citizens under the Board name "Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Task Force" for Opa-locka Executive Airport (OPF). However, this Board is envisioned to address a more diverse agenda, such as traffic and environmental impacts.

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

The negligible costs of establishing and maintaining the NRC will be covered by the MDAD budget. The NRC 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.

(5) Whether the board should have bonding authority.

The NRC 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 NRC 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 NRC is the best way of achieving the desired benefits, as it brings together the Aviation Department, airport users and the community to resolve aircraft noise, vehicle traffic, vehicle access to MIA, construction in and around MIA, and air quality/aircraft emissions issues specific to Districts 6 and 12.

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