



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 7(A)

TO: Honorable Javier D. Souto and Members
of the Recreation and Cultural Affairs
Committee

DATE: October 10, 2008

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board Division is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee:

September 8, 2008

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Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Barbara J. Jordan (1), Katy Sorenson (8), and Dorrin D. Rolle (2)

Monday, September 8, 2008

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter*
305-375-3570

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present:*

~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer
~Senior Deputy Clerk Doris Dickens
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer announced the following changes to today's (9/8) agenda: the addition of agenda items 2A, 2B, 2C and 2K; and withdrawal of Agenda Item 4A.

1D DISCUSSION MATTERS

1D1

082525 Discussion Item

DISCUSSION RE: ACCELERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE TROPICAL PARK CULTURE AND ARTS FACILITY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON TUESDAY BY A MARGIN OF 65% OR 104,000 VOTES

Presented

1D2

082528 Discussion Item

DISCUSSION RE: ELDERLY/SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE STATIONS IN REGIONAL PARKS SIMILAR TO THE EUROPEAN MODELS

Presented

Report: *Chairman Souto suggested that exercise equipment be upgraded within senior citizen's centers at parks.*

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department pointed out that currently low impact exercise machines had been installed throughout the parks system's exercise centers.

1D3

082530 Discussion Item

DISCUSSION RE: VIABILITY OR COMMUNITY INTEREST IN PROVIDING FILMS IN THE PARKS AND FILMS IN THE LIBRARIES

Presented

Report: *Mr. Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Libraries Department, spoke regarding the viability of community interest in providing films in the parks and in libraries. Mr. Santiago said he had met with Parks & Recreation Director Jack Kardys and would return to the October 10, 2008, Committee meeting with a schedule for films in parks and libraries. He noted that they were reviewing the libraries and parks that were joint facilities and some outdoor facilities as well.*

In regards to Chairman Souto's inquiry whether libraries already had film showings, Mr. Santiago noted that some libraries did show indoor films.

1D4

082532 Discussion Item

DISCUSSION RE: GREENWAYS AND THE USE OF
ABANDONED RAIL CORRIDORS LIKE THE FEC
CORRIDORS

Presented

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, said that subsequent to the approval of the Open Space Master Plan by the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager put into effect a greenway and bicycle facilities coordinating workgroup. He said the workgroup was comprised of members from Public Works Department, Transit, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Office of Capital Improvements, and General Services Administration (GSA); all departments which tied into the development of bicycle paths, trailways, and greenways throughout the county. Mr. Kardys said the workgroup had met twice.*

Mr. Howard Gregg, Assistant Director for Planning and Development, Park & Recreation Department, said that he and staff were working on two rails-to-trails conversions. He noted Ludlam Trail which was the highest priority was the old Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor which ran between Miami International Airport (MIA) and Dadeland. He said this trail was particularly difficult because FEC had divested itself to a private holding company which was selling all of its commercial property. Mr. Gregg noted the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was currently in negotiations with FEC. Mr. Gregg said the largest challenge facing the Ludlam Trail was meeting with Fortress, FEC's investment corporation, regarding purchasing portions of their assets portfolio.

The next rails-to-trails priority was conversion of the CSX line which ran between Metro Zoo and the City of Homestead, said Mr. Gregg. He noted that although freight lines still ran on a limited basis, rerouting some of the heavy rock hauling activities away from the area had been discussed. Mr. Gregg said staff was hopeful the area could be turned into a rail with trail or a trail to be used throughout the Redlands. Mr. Gregg explained that Parks & Recreation had recently purchased additional property at Redlands Fruit and Spice Park for frontage on the railroad right of way. In conclusion, Mr. Gregg noted the potential for the

rail-to-trail conversions.

Chairman Souto said the rail-to-trail project was very important for the community and he wanted to move forward with this project in an effort to improve traffic by using bicycles.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding a meeting with Fortress, Mr. Gregg explained that he had tried through the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in Tallahassee as well as the Trust Republic Lands, and at this point Fortress' position had been to sell all railroad rights of way throughout the state and they did not want to discuss breaking out any assets from the portfolio. He said discussions had only occurred with FDOT, and currently these discussions were on hold. Mr. Gregg noted the department had only moved forward in a planning sense.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether the department would receive any assistance from the Congressional Delegation to move the project forward.

Mr. Kardys responded to Commissioner Moss' inquiry noting that he and Mr. Gregg would go to Baltimore, Maryland in October 2008 to attend the National Recreation and Park Association conference and this project was on the agenda.

Commissioner Moss noted that he had seen the rails-to-trails program in Tampa and he was extremely impressed with the program and how the community had responded to the program.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

082470 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 "FERIA DE SALUD: POR TU FAMILIA" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,526.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2A SUPPLEMENT

082583 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IN-KIND SERVICES REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 "AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE FERIA DE SALUD: POR TU FAMILIA" EVENT

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0*

2B

082368 Resolution Carlos A. Gimenez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2008 "RACE FOR THE AMERICAS" SPONSORED BY AMERICAN NICARAGUAN FOUNDATION INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,616 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 7 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2B SUPPLEMENT

082582 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IN-KIND SERVICES REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2008 "RACE FOR THE AMERICAS" EVENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0

2C

082471 Resolution

Carlos A. Gimenez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 1, 2008 "RELAY FOR LIFE OF KEY BISCAVNE" SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, FLORIDA DIVISION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$866.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 7 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2C SUPPLEMENT

082584 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IN-KIND SERVICES REGARDING THE MARCH 1, 2008 "RELAY FOR LIFE OF KEY BISCAVNE" EVENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0

2D

082374 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2008 "BACK TO SCHOOL & STOP THE VIOLENCE" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHURCH/SUNSHINE DAYCARE/SUNSHINE LEARNING CENTER, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$716.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 1 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2E

082484 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 9, 2008 "BACK TO SCHOOL CHAMPIONS" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE UDONIS HASLEM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$716.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 1 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2F

082480 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2007 "HARVEST FESTIVAL" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$776.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 11 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2G

082461 Resolution Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A CAMPAIGN PROMOTING AND REQUESTING DONATIONS FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO THE PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM BY WHICH SUCH DONATIONS CAN BE COLLECTED BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2H

082472 Resolution Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 12, 2008 "FOOTBALL CLINIC" SPONSORED BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF KENDALL HAMMOCKS, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$746.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 8 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2I

082477 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 26, 2008 "UOTS CANCER CAMP" SPONSORED BY MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,675.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 6 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2J

082490 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE DECEMBER 21, 2007 "ANNUAL GREEN AND GOLD FOOTBALL GAME" SPONSORED BY WEST MIAMI MIDDLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,582.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 6 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2K

082597 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND NAMING THE MARINA AT HAULOVER PARK AS THE BILL BIRD MARINA AT HAULOVER PARK

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

081917 Ordinance
ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OF GREATER MIAMI TRUST: DELETING ARTICLE XXXIIIC OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Souto; it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Souto's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed ordinance.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3A SUPPLEMENT

082543 Supplement
FISCAL IMPACT TO ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OF GREATER MIAMI TRUST

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

082382 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (FPL) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES, LOCATED AT 10900-10950 S.W. 211 STREET, CUTLER BAY, IN THE SITE OF THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER (SMDCAC) (Cultural Affairs Council)

Withdrawn

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 6-0

4B

082241 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, AS SELLER, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY 1.705 ACRES OF VACANT LAND, FOR \$1,471,357.00, LOCATED AT 13501 NW 107TH AVENUE, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BRANCH LIBRARY FOR THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, AS TENANT, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS LANDLORD, FOR \$10.00 A YEAR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Edmonson

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Jordan inquired regarding the County having to purchase land within municipalities to build libraries as opposed to the municipality donating the land to the County since the municipality would greatly benefit from the library.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry, Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz explained that normally municipalities donated land to the County; however, in this case the subject area (Hialeah Gardens) did not have much land available, therefore the county had to purchase the land.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding setting a precedent in the future when trying to acquire land to build libraries, noting other municipalities may require compensation for their land as well. She noted that the land should have been acquired at a reduced rate and she expressed further concern regarding the municipality's lack of consideration in extending the County a discounted fee for the land.

Chairman Souto concurred with Commissioner Jordan and noted his concern.

Commissioner Moss suggested that the item be deferred to allow Library staff time to meet with Hialeah Gardens staff members to work out a

better deal.

It was moved by Commissioner Edmonson to defer this proposed resolution to the next committee meeting (10/10). This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 6-0.

Hearing no further questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4C

082300 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000, BETWEEN BETTER WAY OF MIAMI, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, AS SELLER, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY 26,128 SQUARE FEET OF IMPROVED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110 N.E. 79 STREET, MIAMI, FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE LITTLE RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconded: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4D

082425 Change Orders

CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 AND FINAL BETWEEN ABC CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PROTOTYPE BRANCH LIBRARY (INTERNATIONAL MALL: 1275 NW 107TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FL 33172) - PROJECT NO: W50197; CONTRACT NO: W50197

*Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconded: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0*

(General Services Administration Department)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed change order into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4E

082307 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 4284-4288 S.W. 152 AVENUE, MIAMI, WITH THE MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTER, LLC, A FLORIDA CORPORATION, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

082443 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING(S): JULY 7, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

8 REPORTS

8A

082357 Report

SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS
MONTHLY REPORT (County Manager)

Report Received**Mover: Jordan****Seconder: Edmonson****Vote: 6-0**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Commissioner Edmonson inquired whether the monthly report committee members received correctly reflected that gross sales were less for events with high attendance and higher for events with low attendance.

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), explained that the gross sales made by concessionaires and the attendance number was influenced by promotion. He noted the soccer team would invite youth groups that did not consume alcoholic beverages therefore the numbers were artificially spiked by free attendance.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the county's receipt of approximate gross sales revenue, Mr. Kardys noted that the agreement was reached before the change in the ordinance occurred and the permittee was on a flat rate of \$60,000 per year payable to the county for use of the stadium. He noted that next year a percentage of gross revenue would be negotiated.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry as to why the agreement was not amended to receive a percentage of the gross revenue, Assistant County Manager Munoz explained that the agreement was not amended in an effort to encourage success and raise attendance.

Chairman Souto questioned whether other efforts were made to increase attendance at the various events held.

Mr. Kardys noted the Public Information Office issued flyers during paycheck distribution to county employees and that funding for promotion was challenging at this time.

Chairman Souto suggested placing advertisements on Miami-Dade TV and in local periodicals as well as advertisement at the parks to help increase

attendance.

Mr. Kardys noted that he would follow up on all of the aforementioned suggestions.

Commissioner Moss noted his concerns regarding the Little Leagues being successful as well. He said he wanted to review the Targeted Urban Areas due to a concern regarding a hardship being placed on non-profit organizations. Commissioner Moss noted he would create legislation to address this concern in order to provide an opportunity for Little League programs within the disadvantaged neighborhoods to be successful.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that she had received notice from someone involved in the Greater Miami POP Warner League regarding required criminal background checks for volunteers which was passed last year. She noted the person pointed out the unintended consequences of the ordinance were that people that had felonies dating back ten to thirty years were not eligible to volunteer and this was causing problems getting volunteers. She asked if anyone had evaluated the effects of the ordinance.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry, Mr. Kardys noted that Park & Recreation Department had received feedback regarding this matter and staff would be reviewing the information and effects surrounding this ordinance as well as the nature of the crime on the person's record.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

8B

082416 Report

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING
ART CENTER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - MONTHLY
STATUS REPORT (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing report into the record.*

Mr. Larry Wilker, President, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), provided a brief report regarding the PAC. Mr. Wilker noted that more than 130,000 people had attended performances at the PAC during the summer and the following shows had numerous sold out performances: Go Diego Go, Slava's Snow Show and Celia Cruz: The Life and Music of Celia. He stated budget projections indicated the PAC ending the year with a balanced budget and significantly below what was programmed for support from the county; therefore funds would be returned to the county.

Mr. Wilker noted the PAC staff was looking forward to the coming season, with a new Broadway series and the Jazz Roots Series which had sold 500 subscriptions without advertisement. He explained that a significant education program accompanied the Jazz Roots series and staff was working with Sony Records to create a compilation of the music from the Jazz Roots series. Mr. Wilker said 5000 CDs would be distributed to teachers in Miami-Dade County along with a curriculum, a teacher's guide, and a live teacher's training session to allow the teachers to base their lesson plans on Jazz music and its relevance to the history and literature of this county. The PAC staff worked with Johnson & Wales University on a cooking series and with Sony BMG to develop a Latin Pop Music series said Mr. Wilker. He noted that staff was instituting a new free family series on Saturdays at the PAC. Mr. Wilker concluded noting the following September performances: Fito Paez; Jorge Celedon & Accordionist Jimmy Zambrano; and Milton Nascimento & the Jobim Trio.

8C

082442 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT (County Manager)

Report Received**Mover: Moss****Seconder: Edmonson****Vote: 5-0****Absent: Sorenson**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, provided a progress report regarding the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMCAC). Mr. Spring reported that the SMCAC was 79% complete. He noted due to problems between the contractor and one of the subcontractors regarding installation of the curtain wall, an independent consultant was hired to inspect the curtain wall. Mr. Spring said as a result of this report that was issued, the Building Department requested the contractor halt work on the curtain wall, remove sections, and repair sections which needed to be repaired. He noted the metal panel cladding on the building was 90% complete, the roof was 95% complete, and the drywall installation was underway throughout the interior of the building. Rough mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work was being done and Florida Power and Light had provided permanent power to the building, which would allow some of the systems within the building to be tested, explained Mr. Spring. He noted the contractor was projecting a December 29, 2008 completion date, which was 322 days beyond the contractual completion date, and liquidated damages were being assessed for each day beyond the substantial completion date. Mr. Spring further explained that the December 29 completion date did not take into account any delays that might occur as a result of the stop work order on the curtain wall, and that the contractor would provide an updated schedule estimating the time impact of the curtain wall delay.

Mr. Spring noted that the current contractor Tower Group was purchased by an international construction firm, and the new firm Obrascón Huarte Lain (OHL)/Tower Group was making its best effort to expedite the project. He said staff was working closely with the contractor to resolve any issues that had arisen along the way. Mr. Spring said he and Assistant County Manager

Alex Munoz met regularly with the President of OHL/Tower Group to ensure the firm remained committed to providing the resources necessary to complete a quality job.

Commissioner Sorenson pointed out that it was impossible for everything to go as planned; however, everything was still within budget.

Mr. Spring said not only was the project within budget but it remained within the original 5% of the contingency that was originally allocated for the project.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding plans for programming at the SMCAC, Mr. Spring noted that Mr. Eric Fliss had been hired as the Director of the SMCAC. He stated Mr. Fliss was a local performing arts sector veteran who had approximately 25 years of facility experience in the South Florida area and was considered an expert at running facilities. Mr. Spring noted that Mr. Fliss was reviewing programming options and meeting with the South Dade community regarding programming. With regard to opening season programming, Mr. Spring said that SMCAC staff wanted to start with a number of soft opening activities, and anticipated the first full season would commence between 2009-2010.

Commissioner Moss expressed concerns regarding this center having similar quandaries as the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC).

Mr. Spring responded to Commissioner Moss' concerns noting that the SMCAC was a far smaller building, and the construction and every aspect was being closely managed by his staff. He also pointed out that the SMCAC's construction remained within budget.

Commissioner Moss noted that if contractors were interested in continuing to provide services for Miami-Dade County they needed to provide a better level of service and product or risk not being considered for other opportunities.

8D

082524 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: UPDATE ON THE WOMEN'S PARK FENCE, MEDITATION AND GARDEN AREAS ALONG THE WALKING PATH AND PARK LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department gave a brief report regarding the upgrades to Women's Park. He noted the project at Women's Park was currently in the Building Permit process and construction would begin in mid-October 2008 with a completion date of mid-January 2009. With regard to the lighting improvements at the park, Mr. Kardys said the lighting on the walking path, as well as additional lighting throughout the park, would trigger lighting of the parking lot. Mr. Kardys pointed out that currently no funding source had been identified for the meditation and garden areas; he noted that identifying a funding source was included in the long range plans. Mr. Kardys expressed appreciation to Chairman Souto for providing the additional funding needed to install the new fence and other additions being made at the park.*

Chairman Souto expressed concern regarding the lighting at Women's Park; noting properly illuminating the part was important for safety reasons as women exercised throughout the park. He asked if Mr. Kardys had considered using Government Obligation Bonds (GOB) funds for this project.

Mr. Kardys explained that MDPR staff had not pursued any GOB funding and would have to work with the GOB office and the Office of Capital Improvement to try and identify additional funding. He said the last improvement completed was the walking path, and upgrades to bring water into picnic shelters should be completed within the next 30 to 60 days.

Commissioner Moss expressed concern regarding funding sources for parks and libraries; he pointed out that parks and libraries were extremely important and people looked forward to having these amenities available within their communities.

Chairman Souto asked that Mr. Kardys work with staff to create a task force to create aggressive

business/marketing programs and sponsors to fund libraries and parks.

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz said, in response to Chairman Souto's suggestion of creating a task force, that he and staff had been working on the GOB for libraries and Parks and that Mr. Kardys had been rebuilding his capital team for the last few years. Assistant County Manager Munoz also noted that he and Mr. Kardys had been exploring sponsorship for various projects.

Chairman Souto asked that Mr. Kardys be aggressive in locating sponsorships and funding for Park & Recreation projects.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.*