



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No.7(A)

TO: Honorable Javier D. Souto and Members
of the Recreation, Culture & Tourism
Committee

DATE: July 13, 2009

FROM: Diane Collins, Acting Division Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

Diane Collins

The Clerk of the Board Division is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee:

June 8, 2009

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Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

Javier D. Souto (10), Chair; Bruno A. Barreiro (5) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally A. Heyman (4); Barbara J. Jordan (1), Katy Sorenson (8) and Rebeca Sosa (6)

Monday, June 8, 2009

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, 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: ~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer
~Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan
~Senior Deputy Clerk Doris Dickens
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted the following change to today's (6/8) agenda: to withdraw Agenda Item 4H; to correct the scrivener's error within agenda 3A and 4J.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman to set today's (6/8) agenda with the changes noted by the Assistant County Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 6-0.

1D DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

091610 **Resolution**

Rebeca Sosa

Withdrawn

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXPLORE
ALTERNATIVES AND PREPARE A FEASIBILITY
STUDY FOR THE RETROFIT AND EXPANSION OF THE
MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, INCLUDING
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ON-SITE
CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL AND TO PROPOSE
FUNDING OPTIONS FOR SUCH ALTERNATIVES

Report: *See Agenda Item 2A Amended; Legislative File
No. 091835.*

2A Amended

091835 Resolution

Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES BASED ON FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE RETROFIT AND EXPANSION OF THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ON-SITE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL AND TO PROPOSE FUNDING OPTIONS FOR SUCH ALTERNATIVES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 4-1

No: Barreiro

Absent: Jordan

Report: *Commissioner Sosa expressed concern regarding saving money for the county and suggested this proposed resolution be amended to the following language on handwritten page 4, Section 2: "This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County's Mayor's designee to explore the alternative and prepare a feasibility study for the retrofit and expansion of the Convention center." She noted the purpose of this amendment was to ensure that the recommendations were based on existing studies to save costs.*

Commissioner Barreiro said the City of Miami Beach had reviewed the completed feasibility study and were in the process of awarding a contract to a firm to complete a master plan of the entire Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCC) facility as well as the surrounding area. He noted that through this process the County had shown good faith and support in this matter. He noted this would have regional impact on the MBCC, however, it was premature to put forth an alternative when the City of Miami Beach was currently engaged with a firm to complete a master plan. He also stated that the County should allow the City to decide what was in their best interest and to allow them to come up with their initial recommendation, then the County should follow up. Commissioner Barreiro stated that he would not support this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Sosa pointed out that the Convention Center was not within the jurisdiction of the City of Miami Beach, but was a part of Miami-Dade County as a whole. She said that in an effort to remain competitive and attract conventions to the County, the necessary infrastructure was needed. She pointed out that organizations and businesses would go to other cities that offered state-of-the-art convention centers. Commissioner Sosa said that her proposal did not include a funding source or any

commitments, and that the public approved as part of the General Obligation Bond, the construction and improvement of the Convention Center. She pointed out that the City of Miami Beach had not taken action, and that the County needed to execute the agreement. She said it was imperative that the Board review alternative to retrofitting the Convention Center.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the capacity of the funding streams, Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan said she did not have capacity information but would submit this information later. Commissioner Sorenson said the funding commitments that were made needed to be listed and the progress of those commitments tracked.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to provide her with a list of funding commitments and the progress of each commitment. She pointed out that Miami did not have a state of the art convention center.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding the County conducting a new feasibility study and noted that since a feasibility study had been completed it needed to take priority. She said she would like to see a resolution from the City of Miami Beach indicating its intentions.

Commissioner Sosa concurred with Commissioner Jordan's concerns regarding conducting a new feasibility study and pointed out that this proposed resolution was the first step that would allow the City of Miami Beach and the County to meet.

Assistant County Manager Munoz noted that he believed that Commissioner Sosa's amendment would expand the scope of this proposed resolution and that the County had been involved with the Mayor of Miami Beach and all entities involved and said staff could provide a monthly status report regarding this resolution.

Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan read the following amended language into the record: On handwritten page 4, Section 2, to delete the words "and prepare a" and replace them with "based on the". The new language should read: "This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to explore the alternatives based on the feasibility study for the retrofit and expansion of the Convention Center"; the second and third sentence instead of saying

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"the feasibility study" would now read: "the alternatives"; the last sentence of Section 2 would read: "the report details study shall be prepared and presented to the Board within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this resolution."

Ms. Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager, City of Miami Beach, appeared before the committee and spoke in support of this proposed resolution.

Hearing no further questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote

2B

091667 Resolution Natacha Seijas

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR CONVEYANCE OF VARIOUS LOCAL PARKS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXECUTE COUNTY DEEDS FOR SUCH LOCAL PARKS TO TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Second: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan

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

Mr. Michael Pizzi, Mayor, City of Miami Lakes, spoke in support of this proposed resolution.

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

2C

091709 Resolution Natacha Seijas

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR CONVEYANCE OF MIAMI LAKES WEST PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXECUTE COUNTY DEED FOR SUCH LOCAL PARK TO TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Second: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan

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

091423 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Dennis C. Moss
RESOLUTION APPROVING NAMING BASEBALL FIELD
NO. 8 IN TAMIAMI PARK AS "THE JOEL RODRIGUEZ
FIELD"

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

*The following scrivener's error was corrected in
the County Manager's Memorandum entitled
"Changes to the Recreation, Culture & Tourism
Committee Agenda: The official agenda should
read: Joe A. martinez, Prime Sponsor, Jose
"Pepe" Diaz", Co-Sponsor.*

*Chairman Souto opened the public hearing;
however it was closed, after no one appeared in
connection with this proposed resolution.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee
proceeded to vote.*

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

091541 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC
PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR
THE REHABILITATION TO 6227 S.W. 57TH STREET,
SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION
196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND
SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE
(Department of Planning & Zoning)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee
proceeded to vote.*

4B

091542 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO THE VICTOR HOTEL, 1144 OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

4C

091543 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 544 SAN ESTEBAN AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

4D

091544 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 1024 ASTURIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Chairman Souto noted the many historic places in Miami-Dade County relating to the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Operation Mongoose and expressed that he felt these events were a very significant part of the county's history. He asked Assistant County Attorney Thomas Logue to craft a resolution that would designate houses and other facilities used for the Bay of Pigs invasion, Operation Mongoose and similar events as historic sites to be toured by students, research scholars and other visitors.

Assistant County Attorney Logue said he would prepare the aforementioned resolution.

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

4E

091514 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 2190 WEST FLAGLER STREET, MIAMI, WITH DOLORES R. HERNANDEZ AND MARGARITA M. HERNANDEZ, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH A TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NOT TO EXCEED \$723,982.51 FOR THE INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM AND THE TWO ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR RENEWAL PERIODS, 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: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Barreiro inquired about the two (2) additional new year renewals within this proposed resolution.

Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System, pointed out the renewals within the contract were standard language. He noted that the contract included a 30 day cancellation clause as opposed to 90 days. Mr. Santiago said that the new facility would be prepared in approximately 3 months and that during this time the old lease would be cancelled.

Commissioner Barreiro said he wanted to ensure the new library would be utilized.

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

4F

091518 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000, BETWEEN PHYLLIS SCHWARTZ, NATHANIEL M. SCHWARTZ AND KEILE ALLEN-SCHWARTZ, AS SELLER, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY .37 ACRES OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6398 S.W. 35 STREET, MIAMI, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORAL VILLAS PARK; 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: Sosa

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.

4G

091563 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS RECAPTURED FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$163,000 TO CITY OF OPA-LOCKA FOR THE SHERBONDY PARK PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXPEDITE EXECUTION OF RELATED GRANT AGREEMENT (Office of Capital Improvements)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

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.

4H

091539 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR USE OF PROPERTY AT SPANISH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LAWTON CHILES MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SPANISH LAKE PARK; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

4I

091631 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A UTILITY EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES IN HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sosa
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.

4J

091746 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM FONTAINBLEAU LAKES, LLC, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 75 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED NORTHWEST OF NW 97TH AVENUE AND FONTAINBLEAU BOULEVARD, IN PARTIAL EXCHANGE FOR AN IMPACT FEE CREDIT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,493,879 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FONTAINBLEAU LAKES WEST PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

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

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

The following scrivener's error was corrected in the County Manager's Memorandum entitled "Changes to the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Agenda: Wherever indicated in the itme, the name Fountainbleau Lakes LLC should be corrected to read Fountainbleau Lakes Community Development District.

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

4K

091717 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 (THREE) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ARQUITECTONICA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,008,820 TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE TOTAL MAXIMUM COMPENSATION LIMIT FOR THE PROVISION OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconded: 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.

4L

091562 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THIRTY-TWO (32) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$142,943 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2008-2009 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – FOURTH QUARTER WITH ALGO NUEVO, INC.; AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF, INC.; ART FOREVER MIAMI, INC.; ARTOCONECTO, INC.; ASSOCIATION OF EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND PARTNERSHIP, AEDAP, INC.; BISCAYNE FOUNDATION, INC., THE; CITY OF DORAL - PARKS AND RECREATION; CITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD (CRB); COMMUNITIES UNITED, INC.; DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC., LIVING ARTS TRUST, INC. D/B/A O CINEMA; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INC. A/F/A FOR CENTRO CULTURAL BOLIVIANO "MASIS"; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE A/F/A FOR OPERA/BALLET WORKSHOP OF MIAMI; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A ART AT THE CHAPEL; IFE-ILE, INC.; INSTITUTO DE CULTURA PERUANA, INC.; KEY BISCAYNE 4TH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE, INC.; LIBERTY CITY COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TRUST; MARS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; MIAMI BEACH ARTS TRUST, INC. A/F/A LAVENDER FOOTLIGHTS; MIAMI BEACH CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE, INC.; MIAMI PIANO CIRCLE, INC.; MIAMI YOUTH BALLET, INC.; MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II, INC.; NATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS OF THE MENTALLY ILL, INC. A/F/A CONSUMER NETWORK; NO JIVE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; PINK H. FOUNDATION, INC.; QUANT PRODUCTIONS, INC.; REVELATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, INC.; RIVERS-BAYELSA STATES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.; TEMPLE JUDEA; UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI - CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Secunder: 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.

4M

091607 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 6 (SIX) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ARTEC CONSULTANTS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE TOTAL MAXIMUM COMPENSATION LIMIT FOR THE PROVISION OF ACOUSTICAL AND SOUND AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconded: Sosa
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.

4N

091611 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 7 (SEVEN) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH FISHER DACHS ASSOCIATES INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE TOTAL MAXIMUM COMPENSATION LIMIT FOR THE PROVISION OF THEATER PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Sorenson asked Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, to explain the intent of this proposed resolution.

Mr. Spring apprised the committee that construction at the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) was taking longer to complete due to work that had been rejected and that the contractor was replacing many of the rejected elements. Mr. Spring noted that the work was being overseen by staff.

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

091671 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): MAY 11, 2009 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Heyman
Secunder: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

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

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee
proceeded to vote.*

8 REPORTS

8A

091672 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: SEAPORT/AVIATION MONTHLY
UPDATE ON TRAVEL ACTIVITY (County Manager)

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

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

Ms. Hydi Webb, Manager, Seaport Cruise Development Department, gave a brief update regarding travel activity at the Seaport. Ms. Webb reported that the Seaport had over 406,000 passengers for April 2009, and approximately 2.8 million passengers year-to-date, which was up about 4.4% from the same time period in 2008. She said passenger revenue was up about 3% this year compared to last year. With regard to cargo, Ms. Webb said 495,000 TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units) of cargo had passed through Miami's Seaport and that cargo revenue was up 3.1%. Ms. Webb pointed out that new business opportunities were on the horizon. She said Celebrity Cruise Lines would make the Seaport the home port for one vessel year round beginning in December 2009; and that Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) Lines would begin weekly Atlantic North-South Service to Miami's Seaport on June 8, 2009.

Ms. Dickie Davis, Division Director for Terminal Operations & Customer Service, Aviation Department, gave an update regarding travel at the Aviation Department. Ms. Davis reported that in April 2009 international traffic was up 7.44%, domestic travel was up by 3.26%, and overall traffic was up 5.13%. She said the freight numbers had continued to decline due to the continuing global crash of air commerce. She reported international freight was down 24.18%, domestic was down 21.80%, and overall freight was down 24.10%.

Chairman Souto expressed concern regarding the decline in freight. He asked the Aviation Director to investigate and determine the reason for the decline in international and domestic freight and to provide a report of his findings along with recommendations on how to increase the numbers at the July 13, 2009, Committee meeting.

Commissioner Sosa pointed out that airlines began charging additional fees for luggage when

gas prices increased. She asked that the Aviation director investigate to determine whether airlines that imposed charges for additional luggage per passenger based on drastic increases in gas prices last summer had discontinued those fees after the prices decreased; and if not, why? She asked that the findings be submitted at the next committee meeting.

8B

091673 Report

ORAL REPORT BY BILL TALBERT, PRESIDENT & CEO, GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU RE: TOURISM REVENUE, FORECAST OF TOURISM REVENUE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM REVENUE (County Manager)

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

Report: *Mr. Rolando Aedo, Senior Vice-President, Marketing and Tourism, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) gave a brief presentation regarding tourism. Mr. Aedo expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their support of the International POW WOW convention. He noted that the POW WOW was a resounding success. Mr. Aedo reported a 5% decline in the number of domestic and international tourists to Miami-Dade County. Mr. Aedo said that key markets such as Brazil, Germany and domestic markets would show improvement in the near future. He pointed out that the general consensus was that the industry had bottomed-out and that the numbers began to stabilize, both in decline of occupancy, room rate and revenue; he said that although the industry was beginning to rebound there was no assurance.*

Commissioner Sosa commended Mr. Talbert and his staff for making the International POW WOW a successful event.

8C

091674 Report

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

Report Received**Mover: Heyman****Seconder: Sorenson****Vote: 4-0****Absent: Jordan, Sosa**

Report: *Mr. John Richard, President/Chief Executive Officer, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), noted the PAC was the proud host to the concluding ceremonies of the International POW WOW convention, which had over 4000 visitors in attendance. Mr. Richard said that the PAC had been named an Outstanding Non-Profit Business by the South Florida Business Journal. Mr. Richard said that he and staff had worked over the past few months to rescue the remaining series of concerts by the Concert Association which had declared bankruptcy. He said the PAC was asked to present the concerts and had done so with the support of the PAC's Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. He said over seven concerts were saved and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's performances were added; Mr. Richard said a high deficit existed and he and staff had worked diligently with the companies and worked out new arrangements on each contract to avoid the huge risk of presenting the concerts under the former contract. He said at the end of the concerts a very modest surplus was realized. The concerts were well attended by supportive loyal customers and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's performances sold 10,500 tickets; he pointed out some of the most diverse audiences attended at the PAC. Mr. Richards said that his staff had engaged Alvin Ailey to conduct a Summer Camp in July 2009, which over 100 kids would attend.*

Mr. Richard reported that April 2009 had the highest attendance at performances at the PAC since opening. He said they still projected a balanced budget throughout the year's end, which was budgeted on nearly 60% attendance for all performances. He pointed out that the attendance through April was 71%. Mr. Richard said in relation to the occupancy budget this year the PAC was approximately \$560,000 under budget and that the second quarterly payment of the Sunshine State Loan had been paid. With regards to private sector fund-raising Mr. Richard reported that most recently the Knight Foundation

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awarded the PAC a \$200,000 Challenge Grant to raise an additional \$400,000 in support of the Classical Music and Dance Series which would be presented during the 2009-2010 season

Mr. Richard noted the following upcoming performances: Fuerza Bruta, The Harder They Come, The Color Purple, Wicked, Spring Awakening, Mama Mia and 101 Dalmatians.

8D

091633 Report

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

Report Received

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Jordan, Sosa

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

9 ADJOURNMENT