



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 7(C)

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

DATE: June 7, 2010

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

Diane Collins

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, Culture & Tourism Committee:

April 12, 2010

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111 N.W. 1st Street
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, April 12, 2010

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1A INVOCATION

Report: *Karen Harrison, Commission Reporter,
(305)375-1296*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present:*

- ~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo*
- ~Deputy Clerk Doris Dickens*
- ~Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison*

1D DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1D1

100506 Discussion Item

Dennis C. Moss

DISCUSSION/ADOPTION OF FY 2010 - 2011 BUDGET
PRIORITIES PURSUANT TO SEC. 2-1795 OF THE CODE
[SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 8(A)]

Presented
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Heyman, Sosa

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 8A; Legislative File
No. 100507*

1D2

100856 Discussion Item**Sen. Javier D. Souto**WALL OF PLAQUES AT FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS
PARK***Presented***

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

Chairman Souto explained that the Park and Recreation staff would work with families who lost loved ones during the war by creating a wall of plaques at the Francisco Human Rights Park in honor of the fallen heroes. He noted the families would provide the plaques.

Chairman Souto asked the Park and Recreation Director to meet with him regarding creating a wall of plaques in honor of the individuals who dedicated their lives to human rights.

In response to the Parks and Recreation Department Director Jack Kardys' inquiry regarding the need to identify a funding source to for the architecture and design of the wall, Chairman Souto noted an existing wall was already in place that could be used for this purpose.

1D3

100861 Discussion Item

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)

Presented

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

Mr. Bill Talbert, President/CEO, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) presented a progress report on the status of tourism revenue and its economic impact. He noted a preliminary report on the expansion and enhancement of the Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCV) would be submitted by the Bureau's Task Force Committee. Mr. Talbert further noted members of that committee, including Mr. Alex Munoz, were currently developing strategies to ensure the center remains competitive.

Chairman Souto noted that the name of Muhammad Ali, who was a great boxer, was inducted in the hall of champions. Muhammad Ali lived, practiced and won the title of heavy weight championship of the world on Miami Beach; and deserved more recognition than a little plaque in the MBCV, Chairman Souto noted.

Commissioner Barreiro commended Chairman Souto for presenting this proposal, noting the item(s) previously discussed today (4/12) involving historical preservations of buildings was an example he used to get the State Legislation that provides tax exemption on properties passed. He noted the 5th Street Gym, which was a historical site where several famous boxers including Muhammad Ali trained, was demolished because due to the lack of incentives to keep it. The 5th Street Gym was an incredible site that would had historical significance and would have been an excellent location for a hall of fame boxing museum, the commissioner pointed out. He noted he fully supported this proposal and recommended that staff exhausted all efforts make Chairman Souto's proposal a reality at the MBCV.

1D4

100909 Report **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
ORAL PRESENTATION RE: EQUESTRIAN CENTER **Presented**
UPDATE (County Manager)

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

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz noted the Equestrian Center was a General Obligation Bond Program (GOB) project and the issue was deciding when this project could be completed.

Chairman Souto pointed out that events held at the Equestrian Center were lucrative for the County. He noted The Miami Herald reported that the center raised approximately \$100,000 for artistic children. Chairman Souto also noted how he worked with others to develop the center and urged them to proceed with the second phase of the Equestrian Center, which was capable of generating more dollars.

Commissioner Barreiro commended Chairman Souto for his leadership in featuring those events and developing the Equestrian Center during this difficult economic period.

1D5

100910 Report **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
ORAL PRESENTATION RE: HISPANIC CHILDREN **Presented**
CULTURAL CENTER UPDATE (County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz noted the report was self explanatory and that Agenda Item 8E on today's agenda was a written report was similar to this discussion item. He also noted staff would proceed with the significant modifications as part of the project for an upcoming meeting as requested. Mr. Munoz also noted that he would meet with Chairman Souto to provide clarification regarding this item; however, he was not ready to discuss this matter today.*

Chairman Souto emphasized the need to finalize all pending projects and move forward.

1D6

100911 Report

DISCUSSION RE: EXCEPTIONS TO THE NO PARKING
RESTRICTIONS DURING LEGAL HOLIDAYS AROUND
PARKS (County Manager)

*Not presented***1E SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

1E1

100956 Special Presentation

SPECIAL PRESENTATION RE: ART OF STORYTELLING
FESTIVAL AT MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY (Library
Department)

Presented

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

*Chairman Souto commended the Miami-Dade
Public Library Director Raymond Santiago and
his staff for their accomplishments at the library.*

*Ms. Victoria Galon (Phonetic), Librarian Assistant
made a special presentation and invited Chairman
Souto and the members of the Committee to attend
the 10th Annual International Storytelling Festival
to be held on May 2, 2010.*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

100489 Resolution**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK AND REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH RESULTS WITHIN 90 DAYS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

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

Chairman Souto relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairman Barreiro.

It was moved by Chairman Souto that the proposed resolution be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and Chairman Souto opened for discussion.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested the Park and Recreation Director to take a closer look at the budget and determine whether the funding was available to provide the service.

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) noted that this proposed resolution called for a feasibility study to determine the possibility of acquiring some of the properties on and around the Park and consolidating them into one parcel that would be under MDPR's control... He also noted staff was working with Miami-Dade Public School (MDPS) Board representatives on an item that would transfer part of the ownership of the property, which was he felt was doable and accomplishable within 90 days.

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

2B

100629 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION SETTING POLICY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATED TO HEAD INJURIES BY YOUTHS PARTICIPATING IN TEAM SPORTS AT COUNTY PARKS AND OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES; REQUIRING STEPS TO REDUCE THE DANGERS OF A POSSIBLE CONCUSSION; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE RISKS A CONCUSSION CAN PRESENT TO YOUNG ATHLETES

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted that Commissioner Sosa, as the prime sponsor of this proposed resolution requested that it be deferred to the May 10, 2010 Committee meeting.*

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

The Committee deferred the foregoing resolution to the next committee meeting scheduled for May 10, 2010

2C

100755 Resolution Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE MIAMI-DADE SPORTS COMMISSION TO BID FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST FUTURE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAMES, NBA ALL-STAR GAMES, AND NCAA DIVISION I BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT GAMES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

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

Chairman Souto asked that he be listed as a co-sponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution.

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

2D

100901 Resolution**Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-52-10 TO INCLUDE USE OF LEGALLY AVAILABLE CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT TAX RECEIPTS TO FUND DEVELOPMENT OF A FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARENA; AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX AND BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT BETWEEN \$5 MILLION AND \$10 MILLION TO FUND SUCH PROJECT AND TO REPORT FINDINGS TO THE BOARD

*Deferred to no date certain**Mover: Jordan**Seconder: Sorenson**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Sosa, Heyman*

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

Commissioner Barreiro noted the existing project at the Miami Beach Convention Center went through a substantial study regarding the needs of all the working partners and he wanted to ensure that it was done correctly with a limited amount of Community Development Tax funds (CDT). He noted he wanted to ensure that MBCV was properly completed before proceeding with this project.

Chairman Souto noted that he shared some of the same concerns as Commissioner Barreiro, particularly his comments regarding the importance of completing existing projects before starting new ones. He noted that the Latin Arts Center and other projects were already in the pipeline and needed funding in order to be completed.

Chairman Souto recommended that the Committee wait and review the status of other pending projects.

Commissioner Jordan, as prime sponsor of this proposed resolution, noted she would defer this proposal pending further discussion or pending a Sunshine meeting. She noted she placed this item on today's agenda because it mirrored the item on the Symphony in District 6. Commissioner Jordan noted that Florida Memorial University was a private school that previously demonstrated public private partnerships and the Performing Arts Center located on campus was a joint venture project with Miami-Dade County. She also noted

this facility was used as a Community Performing Arts Center.

Commissioner Jordan noted she met with Mr. Bill Talbert, President/CEO, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau and offered to amend this resolution to include the Miami Beach Convention Center, which should be a priority; however, no such item was presented. She also noted the size of the current gymnasium was not sufficient. Commissioner Jordan noted like other commissioners, she wanted to create a community arena and she wanted to move forward because her constituents were pushing her.

Commissioner Barreiro noted, for the record, that his concern was based on whether there was adequate funding for the Florida Memorial University Community Arena, and he did not have an issue with supporting a private or public private school.

Commissioner Jordan requested to defer the proposed resolution to no date certain.

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

The Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

100731 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 8315 S.W. 153 TERRACE, PALMETTO BAY, 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: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-1

No: Souto

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

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

Chairman Souto inquired whether this particular time during a budget crisis was morally right, in terms of tax breaks or should the Committee revisit this issue following the budget process.

Commissioner Sorenson noted the importance of preserving historical buildings. This was a small incentive to encourage people to be responsible and maintain the property in its historical designated state although this would cost taxpayers more money, the long term value was to continue having these buildings around.

Chairman Souto recommended that this Committee wait for a budget report to confirm that the budget was sufficient enough to provide support for this proposed resolution.

Following Chairman Souto's comments regarding the moral issue, and the possibility of some wealthy individuals taking advantage of this incentive, Commissioner Barreiro noted he shared Souto's position on the issue; however this was a small incentive to encourage individuals to preserve those homes. He also noted he supported this item because there were cases where individuals preferred not to comply demolished the structure to build a new mansion.

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

4B

100732 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 1507 COLUMBUS BOULEVARD, 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: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-1

No: Souto

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

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

See report under Agenda Item 4A; Legislative File No. 100731

4C

100733 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO THE CROWN HOTEL, 4041 COLLINS AVENUE, 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: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-1

No: Souto

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

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

See report under Agenda Item 4A; Legislative File No. 100731

4D

100734 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 2535 LAKE AVENUE, 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: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-1

No: Souto

Absent: Heyman, Sosa

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

See report under Agenda Item 4A; Legislative File No. 100731

4E

100756 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TWENTY-NINE (29) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$141,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2009-2010 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – THIRD QUARTER WITH ALERT HEALTH, INC.; ARCA IMAGES, INC.; BALERE, INC.; CITY OF MIAMI - LIBERTY CITY COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TRUST; CITY OF MIAMI - LITTLE HAITI CULTURAL CENTER; CREATIVE CHILDREN THERAPY, INC.; CULTURE AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; EARTH LEARNING, INC.; EARTHMAN PROJECT, INC., THE; FANTASY THEATRE FACTORY, INC. A/F/A DJB DANCE THEATER, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE YOUNG MUSICIANS CAMP, INC.; GALATA, INC.; GRETA BI-LINGUAL CHILDREN'S BOOKS, INC.; GRUPO TEATRAL EL DUENDE, INC.; HAITIAN AMERICAN YOUTH TASK FORCE, INC.; HARAMBEE, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A ERE BISTOURY; MAD CAT THEATRE COMPANY, INC.; MASTER CHORALE OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; MIAMI DANCE PROJECT, INC.; MIAMI ORATORIO SOCIETY, INC., THE; MIAMI RIVER FUND, INC.; MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; NATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS OF THE MENTALLY ILL, INC.; NEW WORLD FESTIVAL, INC.; YOUTH FOR THE ARTS FORUM, INC.

(Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

4F

100836 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A RETROACTIVE WAIVER OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY OF HIALEAH GOB PROJECTS, WALKER PARK AND WEST OKEECHOBEE ROAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND A WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-11, GOVERNING THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING WAIVERS OF THE APP REQUIREMENT (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the proposed resolution Agenda Items 4F through 4I into the record.*

Cultural Affairs Director Michael Spring noted the foregoing proposed resolutions involved old projects from the Art and Public Places (APP) Program, which were transferred to the Cultural Affairs Department (CUA). He noted in all four cases, the cities and the county departments were working with CUA on current and upcoming projects, and the requirements for those were being strictly enforced. He also noted the department had systems in place to guarantee that future projects would not slip through the cracks which they developed with conjunction with Office of Strategic Management Business (OSMB) and the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI). He acknowledged other entities that worked with CUA to ensure that public art was a required component in all new capital projects.

Following Commissioner Sorenson's comments regarding the importance of resolving this issue and the importance of the APP Program, Mr. Spring emphasized how well partners were working with CUA on these projects.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comment that she was hopeful this was the last of the clean up process, Mr. Spring noted the detailed job of working with the OCI; however, if other issues emerged, he would be diligent in bringing them before this Committee.

Commissioner Barreiro asked the Cultural Affairs Department Director to keep him informed of any APP Program issues that occurred within District 6.

Hearing no further questions or comments the

Committee proceeded to vote.

4G

100837 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A RETROACTIVE WAIVER OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT (APP) FOR THE VILLA AURORA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND A WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-11, GOVERNING THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING WAIVERS OF THE APP REQUIREMENT (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 4F; Legislative File No. 100756*

4H

100838 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A RETROACTIVE WAIVER OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) REQUIREMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETED BY THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY: PALMETTO BAY PARK; CORAL REEF PARK; LUDOVICI, AKA BAYFRONT PARK; AND THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY LIBRARY. THIS RECOMMENDATION ALSO REQUIRES A WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-11, GOVERNING THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING WAIVERS OF THE APP REQUIREMENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Heyman, Sosa

(Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 4F; Legislative File No. 100756*

4I

100840 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A RETROACTIVE WAIVER OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH GOB PROJECTS, BEACH FRONT RESTROOMS AND FIRE STATION #4, AND A WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-11, GOVERNING THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING WAIVERS OF THE APP REQUIREMENT (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 4F; Legislative File No. 100756*

4J

100766 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-38 BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. R-162-05 TO AUTHORIZE THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY ALL CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF INDIVIDUAL UMPIRE, SCOREKEEPER AND REFEREE SERVICES AT COUNTY PARKS UP TO THE MONETARY LIMITS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. R-162-05 AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa, Heyman

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the 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

100858 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR RECREATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING(S): MARCH 8, 2010 (Clerk of the Board)

No Action Taken

8 REPORTS

16

8A

100507 Report

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS [SEE
AGENDA ITEM NO. 1(D)1] (County Manager)

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

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee
proceeded to vote.

8B

100716 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2009 -
MIAMI-DADE SPORTS COMMISSION

Not presented

8C

100719 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT

Report Received

(County Manager)

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

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs
Department provided a brief report regarding the
status of the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts
Center (SMDCAC). He noted the remedial work
on the exterior elements of the SMDCAC was near
completion; a new curtain wall had been
constructed; and new stucco was placed on the fly
tower of the activities building. In addition, Mr.
Spring noted the work on the metal panels should
be completed this month; and the interior finishes
of the building including the wood paneling in the
auditorium had been completed. Mr. Spring said,
according to the contractor, the scheduled
substantial completion date of the SMDCAC was
December 2, 2010.

8D

100802 Report**MIA AND SEAPORT PERFORMANCE FIVE YEAR
TREND (County Manager)****Report Received**

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

Mr. Bill Johnson, Director, Port of Miami (POM) gave a brief report regarding the POM's five year performance trend. He noted the report included informational charts on cargo traffic and cruises. Concerning issues that arose at the April 8, 2010 County Commission meeting regarding an article in The Miami Herald last week, Mr. Johnson noted his intent was to move forward with a positive outlook and to address any existing issues accordingly. He emphasized that despite the indications from the article, the POM was doing well and one of the better performing ports in the Country.

With the support from the Mayor, the County Manager, and the members of the County Commission, the Seaport made a phenomenal turnaround in its container and cargo business in the last four years. He pointed out that the POM was among the top two out of three of the most productive ports in the Country in this area; that whereas other ports had declined by 12 to 25 percent, the POM had only declined by 2.6 percent annually. Mr. Johnson noted that during his four year tenure as the Seaport Director, the cargo business had increased and they had secured two of the three of the largest ship lines in the world.

Mr. Johnson noted that fair negotiations were underway between the POM and Carnival Cruise Lines to secure a successful agreement for the year 2013. He noted that he met with County Manager Burgess and the President of Carnival Cruise Lines to negotiate the same business deal as Port Everglades and Broward County.

Mr. Johnson noted the article from the Miami Herald did not present the economic deal in a balanced or fair manner. He pointed out that the POM secured two of the three largest ship lines nationwide and opened up \$100 million in new facilities for Carnival Cruise Lines without imposing a single surcharge on cruise passengers in the last two years.

Mr. Bill Johnson spoke in opposition to the comments in *The Miami Herald* article as to why the POM was losing business. He noted his senior staff was present in today's meeting and worked along with him and their cruise partners. Mr. Johnson reiterated that the article was an injustice to the second largest economic engine in town. He noted for the past 43 years, the POM was the largest cruise port in the world and in the last two years guaranteed growth by 20% in cruise business in a competitive environment. Mr. Johnson noted Port Everglades would probably become the second largest cruise port; and that both ports would reach full capacity within the next 10 to 11 years.

Mr. Johnson noted his staff recently completed an extensive port master plan through the year 2035, which showed the projections where they were versus where they should be doing for the next 12 years in order to remain an industry leader for cruise and cargo. He concluded by reassuring the Committee members that the POM was in the best financial position it has been in 17 years; it had moved from operating in the red to operating the black; had become the largest container port in the State; and was ranked 11 in the nation.

Commissioner Sorenson thanked Mr. Johnson for the report and noted she viewed this industry to be in a region with a lot of work that could benefit the entire economy of the region. She noted she understood that he was doing everything he could and so were the individuals working in Broward County, and Broward County's success in this industry was success to Miami-Dade County as well.

Mr. Bill Johnson pointed out that the POM was the number one contributor to hotel occupancies due to the cruise industry. He noted a report would be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners next week. Mr. Johnson noted he would like to have some fair journalism and balance reporting.

Commissioner Jordan requested to meet with Mr. Johnson to discuss issues regarding negotiations with Carnival Cruise Lines. She wanted to ensure that the Port of Miami remained competitive and held its top position in the industry.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson noted the Port of Miami was currently ranked at the top in safety, security

and information technology (IT) in the country.

Following Mr. Johnson's further comments regarding the professional operation and progress of the Port of Miami, Chairman Souto noted he worked with Mr. Johnson in the past and he commended him and his staff for the successful operation of the Port of Miami and their efforts to create new opportunities.

8E

100825 Report

WESTCHESTER ARTS CENTER (WAC) REPORT

Report Received

(County Manager)

Report: See report under Agenda Item 1D5; Legislative File No. 100910

8F

100855 Report

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

Report Received

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

Mr. John Richard, President and CEO of the Adrienne Arsht Center (PAC) gave a status report. He reported that due to the Community Development Tax funds (CDT), over 26,000 fifth graders would be attending performances held on April 27th through May1, 2010 through a special new partnership with Miami Dade Public Schools (MDPS). He invited the Committee members to attend.

Additionally, Mr. Richards noted the process of lead certification for the PAC facilities had begun and it was the first performing arts center in the United States that had lead certification. He noted that based on the funds allocated for this process, he believed the level of certification would be silver.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Report: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.