



---

MEMORANDUM  
Harvey Ruvin  
Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
Miami-Dade County, Florida  
(305) 375-5126  
(305) 375-2484 FAX  
www.miami-dadeclerk.com

RCT  
Agenda Item No. 7B

---

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

**DATE:** September 13, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

*Diane Collins*

---

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

July 12, 2010

Attachment  
DC/jm



Stephen P. Clark  
Government Center  
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, July 12, 2010**

**2:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

---

**Members Present:** Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** Bruno A. Barreiro, Katy Sorenson.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

---

#### **1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Judy Marsh, Commission Reporter,  
(305) 375-1967*

#### **1A INVOCATION**

**Report:** *The Committee members observed a Moment of  
Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### **1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:**    *The following staff members were present:  
Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz; Assistant  
County Attorneys Monica Rizo and Geri Bonzon-  
Keenan; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Judy  
Marsh.*

*Chairman Souto called the meeting to order at  
2:09 p.m.*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted Item  
1E4 was added to today's (7/12) agenda.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the  
Committee approve the July 12, 2010 Recreation,  
Culture and Tourism Committee agenda. This  
motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa, and  
upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0,  
(Commissioners Barreiro and Souto were absent).*

**1D**      **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1D1

**101688 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

**Presented**

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

*Mr. Rolando Aedo, Senior Vice President of Marketing, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), appeared before the Committee on behalf of Mr. Bill Talbert, President and Chief Executive Officer, GMCVB. He stated that Mr. Talbert was attending a hemophilia convention in Argentina; and several press events to convey to the world that Miami's beaches were not impacted by the Gulf oil spill. Mr. Aedo noted Miami-Dade County and the GMCVB were instrumental in securing British Petroleum (BP) funds for the State and County.*

*Mr. Aedo provided an overview of the local tourism industry. He said the industry experienced a significant turnaround in December 2009, reflecting monthly growth in hotel occupancy and total revenues, as well as growth in Convention Development Tax (CDT) and Tourism Development Tax (TDT) collections. Mr. Aedo noted hotel occupancy during May 2010 increased by five-percent; revenue per available room increased to approximately 11 percent; and the number of visitors increased by approximately 10 percent. He also noted a 17.3 percent growth in CDT collections in May 2010, as well as a 14 percent growth in both TDT collection and Miami-Dade Food and Beverage Tax collections. Mr. Aedo said he believed this was due to a variety of factors as many major events (e.g. the Super Bowl in February 2010), and major conventions had attracted a record number of delegates who had stayed in the County's hotels, dined at restaurants, visited attractions and used Miami International Airport (MIA). He noted ninety-eight percent of visitors utilized MIA and this morning's (7/12) opening of the Rental Car Facility (RCF) at MIA would maintain the momentum.*

*Mr. Aedo said that although summer was a challenging time, the GMCVB was receiving positive comments from the hotel community and the remainder of 2010 looked positive. He noted*

2011 was projected as a year of growth rebound in the hotel industry. Mr. Aedo said that while the increased availability of rooms had impacted the room rates charged by local hotels, the benefits of this increased inventory would attract more major conventions to this community. He noted ongoing discussions regarding an expanded Convention Center were timely, and he expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their support.

Chairman Souto noted he was hopeful the tourism industry forecast would continue in a positive direction. He expressed concern regarding the economy and potential water contamination due to the Gulf oil spill. Chairman Souto noted the Miami Intermodal Connector (MIC)-Earlington Heights Metrorail Connector would be functioning in approximately two years and he expressed concern regarding safety, illumination and beautification surrounding the Earlington Heights station and parking lot. Chairman Souto noted he was hopeful that the GMCVB was working with the police, churches and civic institutions to ensure the safety of tourists in that area.

Commissioner Sosa commended Mr. Aedo and the GMCVB for always representing Miami-Dade County on various important issues affecting this County, for example, by welcoming the Norwegian Epic cruise ship that would bring visitors and revenues to this County. She noted the signing of Dwyane Wade, LeBron James, and Chris Bosh with the Miami Heat would be a source of pride for the County.

Mr. Aedo expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Sosa for her leadership regarding incremental air lifts into Miami-Dade County and the Miami Beach Convention Center. He noted the GMCVB was working with Chairman Souto's office on similar initiatives to bring more direct service into the community. Mr. Aedo said ninety-eight percent of visitors came through MIA; therefore, additional service provided at MIA was critical. He noted the GMCVB was committed to working with the Port of Miami on sustaining the momentum from the Norwegian Epic making Miami its home port, by retaining the cruise capital of the world moniker as well as promoting the Port Tunnel. Mr. Aedo said that the community's commitment to infrastructure would sustain the future of the local tourism industry.

Concerning the surrounding MIC area, Commissioner Sosa said that the County voted for

creation of a committee comprised of District 6 area residents to address concerns such as those raised by Chairman Souto. She noted the nominating process for neighbors who would be serving on the committee was underway.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to conduct a study and to prepare a report on the feasibility of promoting Miami as a gateway for Catholic pilgrims traveling to Lourdes, Southern France, by encouraging visitors to stay in hotels or to change planes in Miami.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Munoz and Mr. Aedo to convey this request to the GMCVB.

1D2

**101778 Discussion Item**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

PARKS DEPARTMENT EXPLORING FEASIBILITY TO BRING OPERA AND ZARZUELA TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

**Presented**

**Report:** *Mr. Howard Gregg, Office of Planning and Development, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, requested direction regarding the foregoing proposed item.*

*Chairman Souto asked Mr. Gregg to explore the feasibility of bringing opera, zarzuela and Broadway plays to Miami-Dade County residents through corporate sponsorships. He said it was a European trend to have opera and zarzuela performances in restaurants and open public places. Chairman Souto noted "Tropical Nights" was a successful, similar event that started approximately ten years ago at Tropical Park.*

**1E**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

1E1

**101524 Special Presentation**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN APPRECIATION FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE "FIT TO PLAY" PROGRAM (Park & Recreation Department)

**Presented**

**Report:** *Ms. Allison Diego, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department (P&RD), appeared before the Committee on behalf of Director Jack Kardys, to express appreciation to the University of Miami (UM) Miller School of Medicine (MSM) for its partnership with the "Fit to Play" program. She also expressed appreciation to Ms. Donna Peyton, Manager, P&RD Fundraising and Development, who assisted three years ago in making this program possible.*

*Ms. Payton noted the "Fit to Play" program with the MSM, assisted children in the community to become healthier. She expressed appreciation to the following persons:*

*Dr. Donna Wiener  
Dr. Nadia Amin  
Ms. Risa Christa Deluc (phonetic)  
Mr. Morgan Sendershu (phonetic)  
Ms. Tameka Stevenson  
Mr. J. C. Del Valle  
Ms. Megan Campbell  
Ms. Shira Kastan (was not present)*

*Ms. Diego presented a proclamation to members of the MSM on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners proclaiming Monday, July 12, 2010 as "UM Miller School of Medicine Fit to Play Partnership Day."*

*Chairman Souto said many good parks were located within the community and he commended the MSM for their participation in the "Fit to Play" program with the P&RD to achieve better health for Miami-Dade County's children. He asked Mr. Del Valle to convey this Committee's appreciation to UM's administration and suggested the possibility of UM's doctors and nurses providing lectures and literature at the libraries and the parks.*

*Chairman Souto said he had speakers' cards for two individuals who requested to speak on Agenda Item 2A but were no longer present. He noted this item was forwarded to the County Commission*

*with a favorable recommendation.*

8

1E2

**101558 Special Presentation**

ORAL UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR COASTLINE AS A RESULT OF THE GULF OIL SPILL (Dept. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

**Presented**

**Report:** *Mr. Curtis Sommerhoff, Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), provided an oral report on the foregoing item. He said this was Day 84 of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and Northwest Florida would probably continue to be impacted by tar balls, tar mats and light sheen over the next 72 hours. Mr. Sommerhoff noted continued observations indicated no significant amounts of oil were moving towards the Loop Current or forcing oil into the Florida Straits; however, it probably would not impact waters beyond that region. In addition, Mr. Sommerhoff said upon further observation, OEM found no indication that the remainder of the State would have weathered oil products within the next 72 hours. He advised Committee members that current projections estimate Deepwater Horizon discharge at 35,000 to 60,000 barrels daily; however, efforts to replace the existing lower marine riser package continued to assist with the new capping stack procedure designed to capture greater quantities of oil. He noted British Petroleum (BP) was also in the process of connecting a third vessel which would increase collection capacity to an estimated 53,000 barrels daily.*

*Concerning the County's planning efforts and coordination for any type of response should there be an impact to Southeast Florida, Mr. Sommerhoff said the OEM coordinated public information with coastal cities, updated the County's Website, and developed a number of topics for Miami-Dade's 3-1-1 Answer Center to share with concerned citizens. He noted the Website included a link to the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) comprehensive site and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) response to questions regarding the oil spill. Mr. Sommerhoff said NOAA advised that any oil reaching Florida waters (i.e. South Florida) would be widely scattered; and detection and on-water recovery were expected to be difficult. Mr. Sommerhoff noted the County's plan involved responding with manpower to collect the oil if and when it reached*

the shore. He said the OEM developed a protocol for oil product reporting, notification, and collection that was shared with all coastal cities.

Mr. Sommerhoff noted the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) would be notified of any report(s) of tar balls reaching the shoreline and the County's response would be a co-response with State and Federal agencies. He said this co-response allowed the County to be present to coordinate with its State and Federal partners; however, if the County was initially at the scene, County staff would address the matter. Mr. Sommerhoff noted the County also distributed a tar ball reporting fact sheet, a Pre-Impact Beach Cleanup Plan, a Volunteer Management Plan, and a Volunteer Training Module. He advised that the Beach Cleanup Plan utilized DERM's Bayanza model, which had proven successful. Mr. Sommerhoff said the OEM had been working with the Port of Miami on a Vessel Decontamination Plan in the event any contaminated vessels tried to enter the Port. He noted the OEM worked with all its partner agencies to share information on a weekly basis by providing them with situation reports which were followed up with conference calls.

Mr. Sommerhoff said job opportunities were listed on the County's Website regarding the cleanup locally and in the Florida Panhandle. He noted a job recruitment event was recently held in the City of North Miami for cleanup efforts in Pensacola and in the Panhandle. Mr. Sommerhoff said County and State volunteer information was also available on the Website.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry as to whether local recruitment efforts had been published in various newspapers and announced on radio or television, Mr. Sommerhoff said this initial recruitment was done through a private company and was not coordinated through the OEM; however, future recruitment opportunities would be promoted. He noted OEM was trying to work with the private organizations to ensure these opportunities were better coordinated.

Responding to Chairman Souto as to whether the Company should have advised Miami-Dade County residents about job opportunities, Assistant County Attorney Rizo said she believed this was a policy matter which should be determined by the Administration.

Chairman Souto stated local recruitment opportunities should be published in *The Miami Herald*, *Diario Las Americas* and other local newspapers.

Mr. Carlos Espinosa, Director, Department of Environmental Resources Management, commented on the environmental issues associated with the oil spill. He noted the Loop Current was not picking up any oil and it was forecasted that this would probably not occur for a significant time period; therefore, it was unlikely that any oil products would reach Miami-Dade County. Mr. Espinosa said if and when oil moved into the Loop Current, scattered tar balls could be expected in varying quantities at different times along the beaches and perhaps, in some of the natural areas around the mangroves, with no mechanism to stop them. He noted the mechanism that would bring oil to the East Coast offshore of Miami-Dade County or the Florida Keys would be the same mechanism that would pick it up. Mr. Espinosa said it was predicted that the Loop Current and mechanism would not be in place for some time; and NOAA, the Federal Government and the U.S. Coast Guard were monitoring the area for early detection.

Mr. Espinosa said BP's efforts to control the oil spill by installing a new cap to collect more oil and/or a relief well, appeared to be ahead of schedule. He noted this situation may be under control by Mid August or earlier. Mr. Espinosa said that he believed the situation was looking favorable for the East Coast, the Florida Keys, and the Everglades.

1E3

**101624 Special Presentation**

PRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY'S PLAN AND ALTERNATIVES TO PROTECT THE CORAL REEFS, THE HABITAT, AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE GULF OIL SPILL AS WELL AS A PLAN TO PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTIES TO MITIGATE THE DAMAGES (Dept. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

**Presented**

**Report:** (See notes under Agenda Item 1E2; Legislative File No. 101558)

1E4

**101689 Proclamation** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**  
PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY, 2010 AS "PARK AND RECREATION MONTH" **Presented**

**Report:** *Mr. Howard Gregg, Office of Planning and Development, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (P&RD), provided an overview of park events scheduled for July 2010 in recognition of "Park and Recreation Month." He said the P&RD was celebrating by offering residents numerous special discounts, programs and events throughout the month. Mr. Gregg noted this month marked the 30th anniversary of Zoo Miami, which officially opened at its current location in July 1980 after moving from Crandon Park. He said a special admission price of \$5.00 was offered at Zoo Miami during the July 4, 2010 weekend, going back to the admission price thirty years ago. Mr. Gregg noted that a fireworks display was held at Black Point Marina on July 4th. He said numerous coupons were available this month on the P&RD's Website for the Country Club of Miami's golf course; free lessons in trap and skeet shooting at the Trail Glades Range; free admission this weekend to the Charles Deering Estate; and discounts on tents, family camping and water slides at Larry and Penny Thompson Park.*

*Chairman Souto commended the P&RD. He noted Miami-Dade County had many park and cultural activities, many of which were free or low-cost.*

## 2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

**101711 Resolution**

**Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROPERTIES THAT QUALIFY FOR FUNDING FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM; AND APPROVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Sorenson, Barreiro*

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on this proposed resolution as presented.*

2B

**101438 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO LIST BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 286 – "CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER" IN SERIES RESOLUTION AS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IN NEXT SERIES OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO FUND \$8 MILLION FROM SUCH BOND PROCEEDS IN ORDER TO TIMELY DEVELOP AND CONSTRUCT THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER AND TO CONTRACT WITH PROGRAMMING PARTNER FOR SUCH FACILITY; REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL FOR ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO SUCH FUNDING, INCLUDING CASH FLOW REVISIONS

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Souto*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 3-1*

*No: Jordan*

*Absent: Sorenson, Barreiro*

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

*Chairman Souto relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Heyman.*

*Prior to discussion of the foregoing proposed resolution, Commissioner Souto noted that he and Mr. John Richard, President and Chief Executive Officer, Adrienne Arshi Center, presented Lucie Arnaz and Desi Arnaz, Jr. with the County key. He also requested a moment of silence over the passing of Olga Guillot, a famous Cuban singer. Commissioner Souto said he believed the foregoing proposed Westchester Community Arts Center would produce future famous singers.*

*Commissioner Jordan said this proposal appeared to be advancing a project that was not slated for a bond issue and funding until FY2015-2016. She noted approximately \$18 million was being advanced, which included the \$10 million that was already advanced last week for another project. Commissioner Jordan questioned the impact of this proposal on projects in other Commission Districts if the Committee voted to advance a project that was not slated to proceed until FY2015-2016.*

*Mr. George Navarrete, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, said the County Manager provided a list of projects to be funded from the next two bond sales and this proposed project was not included. He noted that the County was limited in the capacity of the bond sale; therefore, staff*

would need to review the project list and identify \$8 million in projects to be deferred from one or more Commission Districts. Mr. Navarrete pointed out that \$8 million was to be provided from the next bond sale; however, designs for the project had not started, nor had the architect(s) been selected. He noted that in the event this project moved forward, he would request that the necessary funds be set aside for the project rather than setting aside \$8 million.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that funding for this proposed project not be taken from District 1 projects. She expressed concern about moving projects forward without considering the impact on other Districts and noted if this item was voted on collectively as a priority, other project(s) would be displaced.

Vice Chairwoman Heyman said she would support forwarding the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission; however, she noted this proposal should be discussed with Finance Department representatives to determine the consequence of elevating one project and either dismissing another project, or changing the bond value. She noted a timeframe existed for funds and a parameter was established as a guideline.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry as to whether staff was prepared for the next bond sale, Mr. Navarrete said the list that was presented by the County Manager last Tuesday (7/6) was balanced and that the bonding capacity included \$200 million in projects to be funded from that sale.

Chairman Souto said the General Obligation Bond (GOB) was voted on twice by Miami-Dade County residents, and the proposed Westchester Community Arts Center at Tropical Park would mainly serve the Latin community, which comprised sixty-three percent of the local population. He noted Tropical Park was a regional park which served the entire community and that art centers have been constructed in other areas of the County.

Vice Chairwoman Heyman said no one was negating the value of any GOB project as the GOB was collectively prepared and voted on by County residents. She noted the issue was changing the timeframe for the allocation and draw down for the bond money for certain projects. Vice Chairwoman Heyman requested the County

Commission be provided with an explanation regarding the consequence of this proposal on any other District, any other project, and the bond rating.

Commissioner Jordan said her comments had nothing to do with any ethnic group and the entire Miami-Dade community, including the Black community, voted for the priorities in the bond program. She noted that not all identified projects could proceed due to limited funding. The County Commission should set a priority for identifying projects to be funded, said Commissioner Jordan.

Vice Chairwoman Heyman asked Assistant County Manager Munoz about his understanding of the impact of this proposed resolution as it related to drawing down money and creating a new bond series. She noted Agenda Item 2C was also elevating a designated bond project into the next series.

Assistant County Manager Munoz concurred with Mr. Navarrete's response that a certain bond capacity existed and only a certain amount was now needed for this proposed project and some would be needed later. He noted the project list would have to be revised.

Vice Chairwoman Heyman and Commissioner Sosa asked Mr. Navarrete to attach a copy of the project list to this proposed resolution for its submittal at the July 20, 2010 County Commission meeting.

Assistant County Manager Munoz noted a supplement would be prepared.

Commissioner Souto said the County Manager's project list did not include District 10. He noted District 10 was a very important District as it was revenue-producing and a donor community.

Hearing no other comments or questions, the Committee voted on this proposed resolution as presented.

Chairman Souto resumed the Chair.

2C

**101720 Resolution**

**Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO LIST BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 106 – "WEST PERRINE PARK" IN SERIES RESOLUTION AS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IN NEXT SERIES OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND TO FUND \$4.5 MILLION FROM SUCH BOND PROCEEDS IN ORDER TO TIMELY DEVELOP AND CONSTRUCT THE WEST PERRINE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER; REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL FOR ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO SUCH FUNDING, INCLUDING CASH FLOW REVISIONS; ADDING WEST PERRINE PARK TO LIST OF ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS PURSUANT TO COUNTY'S ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

*Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum*

**Report:** *Chairman Moss submitted a memorandum dated July 15, 2010, waiving the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) rules and procedures to allow this resolution to be forwarded to the September 9, 2010 BCC meeting.*

**3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**4 DEPARTMENTS**

4A

**101551 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF TWENTY (20) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$175,800 FROM THE FY2009-2010 THIRD QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: CITY THEATRE, INC.; CUBAN CLASSICAL BALLET OF MIAMI, INC.; DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC., THE; GREATER MIAMI BILLFISH TOURNAMENT; HISPANIC THEATER GUILD CORPORATION; MAD DOG MANDICH FISHING CLASSIC, LLC; MIAMI COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, THE; MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.; MIAMI GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI GOIN' GREEN, LLC; MIAMI MOMENTUM DANCE COMPANY, INC.; MIAMI NORTHWEST EXPRESS TRACK CLUB, INC.; MIAMI RIVER FUND, INC.; MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL EPSTEIN SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.; MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; NEW THEATRE, INC.; OFFSHORE EVENTS, LLC; RED CHEMISTRY, INC.; VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOLLOWING COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL OF FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum*

**Report:** *Chairman Moss submitted a memorandum dated July 15, 2010, waiving the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) rules and procedures to allow this resolution to be forwarded to the September 9, 2010 BCC meeting.*

4B

**101571 Change Orders**

RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) AND FINAL FOR HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE PARK - SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX AND RESTROOM/STORAGE BUILDING - PROJECT NO: 693601-02-001-1; CONTRACT NO: 693601-02-001-1, TO RECREATIONAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC.

*Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum*

(Park & Recreation Department)

**Report:** *Chairman Moss submitted a memorandum dated July 15, 2010, waiving the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) rules and procedures to allow this resolution to be forwarded to the September 9, 2010 BCC meeting.*

4C

**101638 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A GROUND SITE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLEAR WIRELESS LLC AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPOSITION, INC. ("FAIR"), FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ON CERTAIN LANDS AT TAMiami PARK OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND LEASED TO THE FAIR (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum*

**Report:** *Chairman Moss submitted a memorandum dated July 15, 2010, waiving the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) rules and procedures to allow this resolution to be forwarded to the July 20, 2010 BCC meeting.*

**5 COUNTY MANAGER**

**6 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**7 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

7A

**101712 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR  
RECREATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MEETING(S): JUNE 7, 2010 (Clerk of the Board)

*No action taken due to lack of a  
quorum*

**8 REPORTS**

8A

**101565 Report**

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
STATUS REPORT

*Not presented*

(County Manager)

8B

**101686 Report****ORAL REPORT ON AIRPORT/SEAPORT ACTIVITY**  
(County Manager)**Presented**

**Report:** *Ms. Hydi Webb, Manager, Cruise Development, Port of Miami (Port), presented a report on Seaport activity. She noted in May 2010, the Port welcomed over 358,000 cruise passengers, which represented over 3,018,000 passengers year-to-date. Ms. Webb said this number was slightly under last year's figures.*

*Ms. Webb said the Port welcomed Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) Norwegian Epic on July 7, 2010, and she expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their support. Ms. Webb noted the Epic was NCL's newest and most innovative cruise passenger vessel, known for its free style cruising, and numerous entertainment and dining options. She said the Epic was anticipated to bring approximately 300,000 passengers to the Port annually, generating \$3.5 million in annual revenues. Ms. Webb noted with the Epic's arrival, it was anticipated that the passenger count by the end of this fiscal year would exceed last year's number.*

*Referring to cargo traffic, Ms. Webb said the Port welcomed over 73,000 Twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in May 2010. She noted this represented a 1.5 percent increase year-to-date of 564,000 TEUs, compared to the same time period last year of 556,000 TEUs. Ms. Webb said CMA CGM, the world's third largest cargo shipping line, recently announced a new cargo service beginning in October 2010, that would link trade between North Europe to the United States (with the U.S. being served by Miami); and North Europe to Mexico.*

*Ms. Webb said the Port welcomed three navy vessels from the Dominican Republic during the month of June and one vessel from Ireland during early July. She noted during July 19-20, 2010, the USS Iwo Jima would be visiting the Port. Ms. Webb said a French Navy vessel also recently visited the Port.*

*Chairman Souto asked that Mr. Bill Johnson, Port Director, evaluate ways to encourage cruise ship passengers to shop at stores and dine at restaurants in downtown Miami before boarding*

*cruise ships.*

*Ms. Webb noted Port representatives were working closely with the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to accomplish Chairman Souto's request and she would provide a report at the September 13, 2010 Committee meeting on this issue.*

*Ms. Cynthia Paul, Government Affairs Coordinator, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, stated that during May 2010 passenger traffic at Miami International Airport (MIA) was up 10.5 percent and domestic passenger traffic was up 4.3 percent for an average increase of 7.05 percent. She also noted that during May, international cargo was up 25.9 percent and domestic cargo was up 5.6 percent for an overall increase of 23.3 percent.*

*Ms. Paul said MIA's Rental Car Facility (RCF) opened this morning (7/12) and would be officially opened tomorrow morning (7/13) at 3:00 a.m.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted the opening of the RCF was beautiful and this state of the art building would provide a positive effect for the community.*

8C

**101687 Report**

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

*Not presented*

8D

**101779 Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: STATUS ON REQUEST FOR PARK LAND BY LITTLE RIVER FARMS RESIDENTS (County Manager)

*Presented*

**Report:** *Mr. Howard Gregg, Office of Planning and Development, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, provided an oral report on the foregoing item. He noted staff conducted an inventory of all vacant land in the area and began doing due diligence in terms of determining ownerships; and contacted select owners about their willingness to sell their land. Mr. Gregg said he would provide a report on the available parcels at the September 13, 2010 Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee meeting.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.*