



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Javier D. Souto
and Members, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
Committee

DATE: April 11, 2011

FROM: Diane Collins
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 and Cultural Affairs Committee:

March 7, 2011, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

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Attachment



CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Sally A. Heyman (4), Jean Monestime (2), and Rebeca Sosa (6)

Monday, March 7, 2011

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Carlos A. Gimenez, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *In addition to the members of the committee, there were also present the following staff members:*

- Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz*
- Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo*
- Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan*
- Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw*
- Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison*
- Deputy Clerk Scott Rapple*

*Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw announced
Commissioners Heyman and Sosa would be absent
from today's (3/7) meeting.*

1D DISCUSSION ITEMS

2A

110484 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez

Amended

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND ISSUE A
COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR INSTALLATION
AND OPERATION OF COMMUNICATION TOWERS IN
CERTAIN PARKS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
REVENUE TO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AND TO MITIGATE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN STAFF,
MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING

2A AMENDED

110585 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF COMMUNICATION TOWERS IN CERTAIN PARKS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND TO MITIGATE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN STAFF, MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 110484]

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation as amended
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

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

It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the RCA Committee forward this proposed resolution with favorable recommendation to the County Commission. This motion was seconded by Chairman Souto, and was opened for discussion. Commissioner Gimenez proposed that the foregoing resolution be amended to include existing communication towers to be hidden from sight, rather than the erector type setting, and to be compatible with park regulations.

Commissioner Moss pointed out previous issues with properties that had communication towers, and how the Pinecrest Community expressed concerns regarding the impact on surrounding neighborhoods and its appearances. He noted he understood Chairman Martinez's intent as prime sponsor of this item was to raise additional revenues; but because of so many past concerns in County Commission District 9 and other communities, he found it difficult to support this proposed resolution.

Department Director Jack Kardys, Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, appeared before the members of the RCA Committee and advised the members of the RCA Committee that his department had been investigating several communication tower models from private industries and intended to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP), following receipt of a special permit from planning and zoning.

Commissioner Monestime noted he supported this proposed resolution because certain parks had pending projects in County Commission District 2 due to the lack of revenues, and he had hoped this

proposed resolution would be beneficial to parks countywide.

Commissioner Gimenez suggested that the Department Director of Parks and Recreation look at the possibility of replacing existing light poles with communication towers. He noted he wanted to see picture samples of the communication towers to ensure the appearance of the new communication towers were not like the existing ones.

In response to Chairman Souto's question, Mr. Kardys noted 31 parks lacking self service were identified, which were significant in size and located within Miami-Dade County.

Following Chairman Souto's comment on listing parks separately, Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo advised that following a competitive solicitation process, the award of contracts to install and operate the communication towers in 31 parks within Miami-Dade County would come back to the Board for approval.

In addition to Commissioner Gimenez's proposed amendment, Chairman Souto asked that photographs of each of the parks identified be provided as a part of this proposal for review and approval by this Committee.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Gimenez asked that the draft of the bid solicitation reflects the number of parks. He recommended that a separate bid solicitation be prepared and submitted to this Committee's approval, advertising each park based on location, neighborhood, and the design of the respective communication tower.

Mr. Kardys expressed concern regarding the process of negotiating separate RFPs' for each communication tower because the RFPs would include security cameras, Wi Fi, and the installation of wireless devices. He suggested that the name of parks be listed in the proposed resolution so the members of the County Commission could review them.

Discussion ensued regarding conducting bids by the County Commission District location of group of communication towers and how the terms of the contract would change if all 31 communication towers were not in compliance.

Mr. Kardys explained that the zoning process would be conducted for each communication tower and vetted; however, if a communication tower did not qualify under the terms presented for the zoning process, it would be removed from the list.

Discussion ensued regarding the process in which the County would receive revenue from the communication tower operators.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's question regarding the procedure for communication tower technicians to enter the parks after hours for repairs, Mr. Kardys noted similar utility locking systems used by other utility companies would be provided to the communication tower technicians.

Following further comments, Mr. Kardys noted the proposed amendments were feasible. He noted the benefits of the communication towers included security, lightening detection, and wireless services.

Commissioner Gimenez clarified that the proposed amendments included multiple solicitations to approve individual parks, and that the appearance of each communication tower be approved based on its location and the surrounding community.

In response to Assistant County Manager Munoz's question regarding the number of selection committees needed to handle the multiple solicitations, Commissioner Gimenez noted the solicitation committee would be tasked with approving up to 31 communication towers, and that process could be handled by one company.

There being no further questions or comments, the members of the committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended.

3 PUBLIC HEARINGS

3A

110376 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 3012 GRANADA 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 with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

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

Chairman Souto opened the public hearing. He closed the hearing after no one appeared in support or in opposition to the foregoing resolution.

There being no objections or comments, the members of the committee proceeded to vote.

3B

110377 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 841 19TH STREET, 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 with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

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

Chairman Souto opened the public hearing. He closed the hearing after no one appeared in support or in opposition to the foregoing resolution.

There being no objections or comments, the members of the committee proceeded to vote.

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

110373 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BID PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-38, BY A TWO THIRDS VOTE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO SCHEDULE AND PAY PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINERS AND ARTISTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES FOR ENGAGEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING AND FOR PROGRAMMING AT THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER; IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,250,000 AND NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 PER PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 4-0

Excused: Heyman

, Sosa

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

Department Director Michael Spring, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, appeared before the members of the RCA Committee and noted that the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center was beautiful and encouraged the members to visit. He also noted that, after extensive testing, the acoustical sound and communication consultant had determined the sound system in the building was superb.

There being no objections or comments, the members of the committee proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

110450 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR THE
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): FEBRUARY 7, 2011 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing items.*

There being no objections or comments, the members of the committee proceeded to vote.

8 REPORTS

8A

102656 Report

Carlos A. Gimenez

REPORT RE: COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

There being no objections or comments, the committee proceeded to accept the report.

8B

110427 Report

ORAL REPORT AND VIDEO PRESENTATION RE:
ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

President & Chief Executive Officer John Richard, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), appeared before the members of the RCA Committee. He presented a video presentation featuring dance companies, Broadway shows, festivals, and various media coverage including President Barack Obama's visit to the PAC. He said the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, the Jersey Boys Musical Performance, and other events held at the PAC were successful. He noted the current projections for sales and the cost for occupancy was within the remaining fiscal budget, and the PAC had an array of diverse performance groups including national and worldwide.

Mr. Richard mentioned private contributions to PAC were made by Uline Corporation, from Madrid and the progress in building up support from private sectors were successful. He also noted the PAC had exceeded its attendance budget by 70 percent.

Commissioner Moss commended Mr. Richard and the PAC staff for an outstanding job despite some negative comments heard through the media. He noted the comments made by the media were not true, and he invited the public to review multiple events held at the PAC.

Chairman Souto also commended the work of the PAC and inquired whether the PAC would feature local talent to recognize and encourage Miami-Dade performers.

Commissioner Monestime noted he recalled a previous discussion with Chairman Souto regarding a summit to promote local performers, which the public expressed their support. He expressed his full support of this initiative.

Commissioner Gimenez also commended the PAC

for its work and congratulated Mr. Richard for making changes that improved operations and increased the number of attendees.

Commissioner Moss noted that the Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB) had been looking at a property located near the PAC under the I-395 expressway that was owned by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), which always appeared to be under construction. He noted he wanted to meet with the President/CEO of the PAC and representatives of the CIAB, FDOT, City of Miami, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and other business partners in the subject area to determine how to improve the appearance of that property. He also noted the CIAB staff presented a design at the last CIAB meeting, and he wanted to ensure that the appearance of property surrounding the PAC was improved.

8C

110375 Report

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

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

Department Director Michael Spring, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, appeared before the members of the RCA Committee and noted the final inspections of the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (Cultural Arts Center) building were almost complete. He noted once the remaining tests and inspections were complete, the main theater building project would be completed.

Mr. Spring noted efforts to recruit a team of staff members were ongoing; however, efforts to procure furniture for the Culture Arts Center (CAC) and install the lighting system were complete. He also noted the repairs on the ticketing system for the building was in progress. In addition, the Children's Festival to be held on April 23, 2010, would be the first performance to be held at the CAC. He noted although children countywide would attend the Children's Festival on April 23rd, the grand opening of the CAC was not scheduled until October 2010, which he believed would prove to be a landmark facility for the entire County and the Southeastern area.

Mr. Spring expressed appreciation to Chairman Souto for touring the Center on February 18th, and welcomed all Committee members to visit it.

Commissioner Moss expressed appreciation to State Senator Larcenia Bullock who secured funding for the \$.5 million curtain for the Cultural Arts Center.

Expounding on Commissioner Moss' comment, Mr. Spring pointed out that the State of Florida provided \$1.5 million funding for items not in the County budget, including the custom designed orchestra shell, which was also secured through Senator Bullock's support and leadership.

8D

110273 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2011 -
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

There being no comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote.

8E

110275 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2011 -
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

There being no comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote.

8F

110329 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2011-FILM
AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Report Received
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Excused: Heyman
, Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

There being no comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Report: *Commissioner Monestime applauded Commissioner Jordan and County Commission District 1 for hosting the three day event of Jazz in the Gardens in Miami Gardens and encouraged Miami-Dade residents to attend.*

9 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, the meeting was adjourned 3:45 p.m.*