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Agenda Item No. 6(B)

**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:

December 13, 2010, Recreation, Culture and Tourism Committee

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## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

### Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

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

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**Monday, December 13, 2010**

**2:00 PM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Bruno A. Barreiro, Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** Lynda Bell.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** Barbara J. Jordan.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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#### MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

#### 1A INVOCATION

#### 1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:**    *The following staff members were present:*

- ~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz*
- ~Assistant County Manager Ana Bustamante*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo*
- ~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw*
- ~Deputy Clerk Flora Real*

*Chairman Souto called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo advised that in addition to the County Manager's Memorandum of Changes (MOC) dated December 13, 2010, Agenda Items 4D Substitute, 4E, and a scrivener's error on Agenda Items 4A and 4B were added to today's agenda.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the Committee approve the foregoing changes to the December 13, 2010 Recreation, Culture and Tourism (RCT) Committee agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Barreiro; and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote 4-0 (Commissioners Bell and Jordan were absent).*

**1D**      **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**1E**      **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1E1

**102802 Report**

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 Rizo read the title of the foregoing item into the record.*

*Mr. Bill Talbert, President and CEO of Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), appeared before the Committee members and presented an oral report. He commented on the importance of the Greater Miami Beach Convention Center (Convention Center) as a tourist attraction and referred to an architectural drawing of the Convention Center depicting a campus master plan. He advised collaborative efforts were made to identify a financial plan, and a presentation on this project and to introduce a finance mechanism would be made before City and County officials. He expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their support and assistance in making the Convention Center competitive in the region.*

*Mr. Talbert urged the members of the RCT Committee to follow-up on the rumor concerning the State's effort to impose a local hotel tax that would mainly be dedicated to sports facilities. He noted this was not a feasible option considering the deplorable condition of the Convention Center.*

*Mr. Talbert noted Smith Travel Magazine ranked Miami-Dade County number 4 out of the top 25 countrywide traveling destinations. He also reported within the last four months hotel occupancies in Miami-Dade had exceeded the numbers recorded from 2008. Mr. Talbert further noted the hotel industry was driven by a continual increase of visitors from South America, Brazil, and Argentina. He noted marketing activities like the Miami-Dade Marketing Initiative and the growth of other marketing initiative programs had increased hospitality jobs.*

*Discussion ensued regarding dedicating a larger plat to significantly recognize the Worldwide Champion Muhammad Ali at the Convention Center.*

*In response to Chairman Souto's comments on*

*focusing on countries that were financially stable, Mr. Talbert noted marketing efforts would address and concentrate on principle feeder markets such as Brazil, Germany, Argentina and growing countries like Peru.*

*Mr. Talbert commended Mr. Gene Prescott, former chair of the GMCVB, who had previously appeared before the RCT Committee, emphasized the importance of moving forward and working with those countries.*

*Chairman Souto agreed with Commissioner Barreiro regarding the need to work collaboratively with other entities and incorporate other methods to promote parks and bike trails. He also noted the County needed to ensure that the community was aware of the purpose of these projects.*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**102829 Resolution**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY THOSE PARKS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH WALKING PATHS THAT ARE NOT ILLUMINATED AND ARE USED BY FIFTY OR MORE RESIDENTS ON A DAILY BASIS, TO ESTIMATE THE COST TO ILLUMINATE SUCH PATHS, AND TO IDENTIFY ANY AVAILABLE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS TO FUND THE ILLUMINATION OF SUCH WALKING PATHS, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNINGS AND UNALLOCATED SURPLUS FUNDS AND TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS TO THE BOARD

*Amended  
Mover: Souto  
Seconder: Sosa*

**Report:** (SEE AGENDA ITEM 2A AMENDMENT, LEGISLATIVE FILE NUMBER 110113.)

## 2A AMENDMENT

## 110113 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY THOSE PARKS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH WALKING PATHS THAT ARE NOT ILLUMINATED AND ARE USED BY FIFTY OR MORE RESIDENTS ON A DAILY BASIS, AND TO IDENTIFY ANY AVAILABLE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS TO FUND THE ILLUMINATION OF SUCH WALKING PATHS, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNINGS AND UNALLOCATED SURPLUS FUNDS AND TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS TO THE BOARD [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 102829]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Souto*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Chairman Souto noted he had discussed with Assistant County Attorney Rizo the need to amend the proposed resolution to request that Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department Director submit a list of parks that were not illuminated and had a population of fifty or more residents.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as amended.*

**3 PUBLIC HEARING**

3A

## 102805 Ordinance

Sen. Javier D. Souto,

Rebeca Sosa

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-63 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT TAX; AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 COUNTY BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT TAX SHORTFALL RESERVE FUND TO MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO FUND ZOO MIAMI AND TO ELIMINATE WEEKEND PARKING FEES AT CERTAIN PARKS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 102624)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Souto*

*Seconded: Sosa*

*Vote: 3-1*

*No: Heyman*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Barreiro.*

*Vice Chairman Barreiro announced that the foregoing proposed ordinance was open to the public. Since no one from the public wished to speak before this Committee, the public hearing was closed, and opened for discussion.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Souto that the foregoing proposed ordinance be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa and opened for discussion.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted she would support Zoo Miami and the parks under different circumstances. She commented on her concern for the economy and inclination to represent the entire County, which included tourist attractions like the Greater Miami Beach Convention Center (Convention Center). She urged the members of the RCT Committee to refrain from re-appropriating any additional Convention Development Tax (CDT) funding due to the need to renovate the Convention Center.*

*Additionally, Commissioner Heyman urged the members of the committee to reconsider the issue of charging parking fees in Miami-Dade County's parks. She announced Halouver Beach Dog Park had recently opened and had displayed a sign informing the public parking fees were used to support the operation of the park. She advised she*

would be in support of eliminating parking fees at the parks due to the recent economic downturn, but all the parks in Commission District 4 charged parking fees and would need to be addressed individually.

Commissioner Sosa concurred in supporting the Convention Center, and she reminded Assistant County Manager Munoz that the directive given to the Administration in a resolution approved in 2009 requesting a report on the Convention Center remained pending. She also noted the County needed to identify other funding sources for this project.

Commissioner Barreiro advised he supported this item as presented, but he wished to monitor the process.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's comments on the pending report on the Convention Center, Assistant County Manager Munoz noted he had worked closely with the committees and an update would be provided. He also noted that the scope of work had been extended since the initial request for a report to establish a one-time process in renovating the Convention Center. He noted that a report was submitted as part of the fiscal impact. He urged the members of the RCT Committee to consider the foregoing item because revenue from CDT funding had been designated to other tourism related projects. He also stressed the urgency of having a reserve account in place before making any additional commitments.

Assistant County Attorney Rizo advised the sponsor of this item should give a directive to the County Manager before it was presented to the County Commission.

Commissioner Sosa asked the County Manager to prepare a written response identifying an alternative funding source for Zoo Miami and that the funding recommendation be presented before the RCT Committee prior to this ordinance being presented to the County Commission for approval.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed ordinance.

#### 4 DEPARTMENTS

4A

**102734 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THIRTY-THREE (33) GRANT AWARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' FY 2010-11 YOUTH ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM TO: ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; ALHAMBRA MUSIC, INC.; ARTS BALLET THEATRE OF FLORIDA, INC; ARTSOUTH A-NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION; ARTSPRING, INC.; COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC. DBA MIAMI STRING PROJECT; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, INC. COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM; CREATIVE CHILDREN THERAPY, INC.; FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN, INC.; FLORIDA GRAND OPERA, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE BASS MUSEUM, INC.; GABLESTAGE, INC.; HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM CORP.; HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC.; KAREN PETERSON AND DANCERS INC; MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER, INC.; MIAMI BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.; MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (MCM); MIAMI LIGHT PROJECT; MIAMI MOMENTUM DANCE CO, INC.; MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL INC.; MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, INC.; MYSTERY PARK ARTS COMPANY, INC DBA SOBE INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS; NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS, INC.; ORCHESTRA MIAMI, INC.; SERAPHIC FIRE, INC; SHAKE-A-LEG MIAMI; THE DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC.; THE M ENSEMBLE COMPANY, INC.; THE MURRAY DRANOFF FOUNDATION, INC.; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC.; AND YOUNG PATRONESSES OF THE OPERA, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented, which included a scrivener's error from the County Manager's MOC requesting to include a missing page in an attachment.*

4B

**102739 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$130,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2010-2011 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – SECOND QUARTER WITH ART STUDIO, INC.; BEAUX ARTS OF THE LOWE ART MUSEUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI; CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION, INC.; COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF MIAMI, INC.; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PARADE AND FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE, INC.; DUMOND CONSERVANCY FOR PRIMATES AND TROPICAL FORESTS INC.; EMPOWER U, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY; GREATER MIAMI BILLFISH TOURNAMENT, INC.; MIAMI ORATORIO SOCIETY, INC.; MIMO BISCAYNE ASSOCIATION, INC.; NEW VISIONS FOR SOUTH DADE, INC.; PEN CLUB CUBAN WRITERS IN EXILE, INC.; RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION INC.; ROTARY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH MIAMI, INC.; SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK MIAMI, INC.; ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE, INC.; TEAM ACTION, INC. A/F/A FOR SPASE CADETS FOUNDATION; THE BIG BLUE & YOU FOUNDATION; THE SUNFLOWER SOCIETY, INC.; TRADISYON LAKOU LAKAY, INC.; UNITED HAITIAN AMERICAN ARTISTS, INC.; UNITED JEWISH GENERATIONS, INC.; VILLAGE OF PINECREST - PINECREST GARDENS; WORLD LITERACY CRUSADE OF FL, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS [SEE AMENDED ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 110388] (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented, which included a scrivener's error from the County Manager's MOC requesting to include missing pages in an attachment.*

4C

**102753 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE DECLARATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPERTIES, SPECIFICALLY THE SNAKE CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL ALONG SIDE OF SNAKE CREEK (C-9) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY, EXTENDING FROM NE MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE TO THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$29,004.00 (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented.*

4D

**102754 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE DECLARATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPERTIES, SPECIFICALLY THE BLACK CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY, EXTENDING FROM S.W. 244 STREET AT BLACK POINT PARK AND MARINA TO U.S. 1 AND NORTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM U.S. 1 TO S.W. 137 AVENUE AND SMALL PORTION OF TRAIL ON SOUTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM S.W. 127 AVENUE TO S.W. 200 STREET AT ANNUAL COST OF \$31,004.00 (Park & Recreation Department)

*Withdrawn*

**Report:** *(SEE AGENDA ITEM 4D SUBSTITUTE, LEGISLATIVE FILE NUMBER 102847.)*

4D SUB.

**102847 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE DECLARATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPERTIES, SPECIFICALLY THE BLACK CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY, EXTENDING FROM S.W. 244 STREET AT BLACK POINT PARK AND MARINA TO U.S. 1 AND NORTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM U.S. 1 TO S.W. 137 AVENUE AND SMALL PORTION OF TRAIL ON SOUTH SIDE OF BLACK CREEK (C-1) CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM S.W. 127 AVENUE TO S.W. 200 STREET AT ANNUAL COST OF \$61,090.00 [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 102754] (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Heyman*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa; and upon being put to a vote, the floor was opened for discussion.*

*Commissioner Heyman requested, for the record, an explanation of the changes in the proposed substitute item that was recently added to the agenda.*

*Assistant County Attorney Rizo noted the changes to the foregoing proposed resolution were reflected in the County Manager's MOC dated December 13, 2010.*

*Commissioner Sosa asked that the Administration explain the maintenance costs for the proposed bike trail and whether it was part of the approved budget for the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department (MDPRD).*

*Department Director Jack Kardys, MDPRD, noted the current annual budget for the maintenance of the bike trail was \$8,000; however, once all of the added amenities were completed the additional maintenance costs incurred would be reflected in a later budget cycle.*

Discussion ensued regarding the need to amend the right-of-way occupancy permit agreement between MDPRD and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) at which MDPRD would commit to improve and maintain the amenities on the seven and a half mile bike trail.

Assistant County Manager Munoz explained that the reconstruction of land on the Black Creek Greenway Trail was part of a General Obligation Bond (GOB) project, which included the construction costs. He also noted the length of the bike trail impacted maintenance costs, but those costs were insignificant in comparison to the benefits MDPRD would derive from the GOB issue.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry whether Miami-Dade County was assisting the State in this project, Assistant County Manager Munoz noted this bike trail was approved by the voters; and it was not intended to offset the State's budget. He also noted the State had provided the land; and once this bike trail was completed, the County would be responsible for the maintenance of the added amenities, which were significant because the bike trail extended from the Black Point area to Zoo Miami.

Department Director Kardys noted this portion of the resolution had been adopted by the County Commission in 1995 and included South Dade Greenway Network Master Plan of Bikeways that covered more than 500 miles of the County.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Munoz submit a status report on the bike trails including a blue print map in addition to providing a briefing on all of the bike trail projects in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Barreiro expressed his concern regarding the County's ability to meet its financial obligations in connection with the maintenance of this bike trail due to the current economic downturn.

Responding to Chairman Souto's comments, Assistant County Manager Munoz noted the Administration's efforts in pursuing partnerships for the bike trail through MDPRD would reflect later in larger projects like the Museums.

Following Chairman Souto's comments regarding the importance of all projects and entities that

could provide financial support, Mr. Kardys noted that the yearly cost to maintain bike trails in Miami-Dade County was approximately \$75,000.

Commissioner Sosa noted the County needed to develop a user friendly licensing process for new businesses. She suggested that the required licensing process for new businesses be reviewed in order to expedite it and increase the number of licenses issued.

Commissioner Sosa agreed with Chairman Souto that monetary contributions could be accepted by the Foundation, and she suggested the Foundation assist in identifying potential partners that would provide assistance with the maintenance of this project and others.

Chairman Souto also requested to be apprised in the future of resident companies employing more than 50 employees and specifically involved with the tourism industry that would benefit from the bike trails and could possibly provide financial support for this endeavor.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented.

4E

**102843 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBERS 297 – "NEW MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & PLANETARIUM FACILITY/ HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA" AND 268 – "RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE MAIN LIBRARY", BOTH IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION R-919-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING (Office of Capital Improvements)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Barreiro*

*Seconder: Heyman*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Bell*

*Excused: Jordan*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Barreiro. Commissioner Heyman yielded to Commissioner Barreiro as mover on this item.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted she had encountered problems with the process of remodeling the Miami Springs Library and she asked the process be monitored closely.*

*In response to Chairman Souto's suggestion for members of the RCT Committee to visit and be informed on the libraries, museums and parks in Miami-Dade County, Assistant County Attorney Rizo noted that staff would proceed to coordinate, schedule those visits, and ensure compliance with the Sunshine Law.*

*Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolution as presented.*

**5 COUNTY MANAGER**

**6 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**7 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

7A

**102766 Report**

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

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sosa*  
*Seconder: Heyman*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Bell*  
*Excused: Jordan*

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee  
proceeded to vote on the foregoing item as  
presented.*

**8 REPORT**

8A

## 102771 Report

## ORAL REPORT ON AIRPORT/SEAPORT ACTIVITY

*Presented*

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

*Government Affairs Coordinator Cynthia Paul, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, appeared before the Committee and presented a status report on the airport/seaport activities. She noted in October 2010 the number of airline passengers had increased by 8.22 percent including international and domestic cargo and freight percentage had increased by a total of .57 percent in comparison to October 2009.*

*Chairman Souto requested the Miami-Dade Aviation Department prepare a written report on the number of airline flights serviced from Miami on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly basis and to present it before the Recreation, Culture, and Tourism (RCT) Committee.*

*Mr. Eric Olson, representing the Miami-Dade Seaport Department, appeared before the Committee and presented a status report on the Port of Miami passenger traffic. He noted passenger count increased by 29 percent, as a result of two new cruise ships from Norwegian Cruise lines. He also reported cargo traffic had increased by 3 percent.*

*Mr. Olson mentioned the recent visit by Florida Governor-Elect Rick Scott and the discussion regarding jobs and the economic development. He noted a presentation regarding the \$27.7 million grant awarded by the State to re-establish a rail link between the Port of Miami and the national rail network would be made at the December 16, 2010 Airport/Seaport Committee meeting.*

*Chairman Souto also asked that an article be published in the newspaper regarding the status and facts of the Airport/Seaport in order to educate the public and convey the importance of this operation in the community.*

*In connection with an unrelated agenda item, Commissioner Barreiro commented on the aesthetics of a bridge located by Bayside, Miami, and the need to have the old bridge removed. He*

conveyed his desire to keep the funding issue of the removal of the old bridge on the table because it was an obstruction to tourist attractions.

Chairman Souto commented on a worldwide agreement among sister airports and ports, which was a network to exchange information and increase business, and the need to engage in a working relationship with this worldwide network in order to attract new business.

8B

**102756 Report**

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
STATUS REPORT

**Presented**

(County Manager)

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

Department Director Michael Spring, Cultural Affairs Department (CAD), appeared before the Committee and reported that the work of the South Miami- Dade Cultural Art Center was in its final stages. He noted how pleased he was with the outcome of the facility and the collaborative efforts of other County departments. He advised punch-list items would be addressed between January and February 2011, followed by a schedule of soft opening performances. He extended an invitation to all the members of the committee to attend.

Chairman Souto asked Department Director Spring to coordinate a visit to the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in January 2011 for all members of the committee members.

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** There being no further business to come before the Recreation, Culture and Tourism Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.