



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: December 12, 2011

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

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:

July 11, 2011
September 12, 2011
October 24, 2011

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Stephen P. Clark
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111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

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

Monday, July 11, 2011

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 Minutes Prepared By:

Report: *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter,*
305-375-3570

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following Staff members were present:*

- ~Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo*
- ~Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department*
- ~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw*
- ~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

Assistant County Attorney Rizo noted the following addition to today's (7/11) agenda: Agenda Item 1D2, Presentation of a Service Award to Cecelia Revere and Mackey J. Wright.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa to approve the change to today's meeting agenda, as requested by Mayor Carlos Gimenez' Memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee Agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyman, and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Suarez was absent).

1D **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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111110 Special Presentation

Sen. Javier D. Souto

ORAL PRESENTATION RE: EXPLORE ESCAPE -
CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
WEBPAGE - GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER

Presented

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

Mr. Michael Sarasti, Customer Service Advocate, Government Information Center (GIC), provided a brief presentation regarding Explore Escape-Cultural and Recreational Facilities Webpage. He noted GIC staff had collaborated with Miami-Dade Park and Recreation (MDPR) and Cultural departments to promote recreational and cultural events countywide. He also noted some of the benefits of these promotions included exposure through multiple media channels, better value for each advertising dollar spent, and audience crossover. Mr. Sarasti pointed out that the method of communication had been radio, television, printed advertisements, the Web portal miamidade.gov, social media (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube), and employee correspondence. He noted that Miami-Dade TV (MDTV) currently had eight television spots and would promote special projects. Approximately 31 activities or events were advertised during regular programming on MDTV and on the Web portal via on-demand topics including the Libraries' 40th Anniversary event, The Museum Pass, the construction of MAM and other public facilities as well as the Ribfest, the Cattle Show, the Haulover Beach Restoration Project, and other events/activities, as well as cross promotion within these programs.

Mr. Sarasti displayed a television advertisement of the Summer Camp Program in Miami-Dade County Parks, which he noted was aired on local television and featured on the County's Website. He reported that 1,181 advertisement spots were aired on the radio and the majority consisted of parks and cultural events. Mr. Sarasti also noted radio interviews were broadcasted in English and Spanish, and that the radio spots were advantageous because they were secured at no additional costs to the County. In terms of print advertising, Mr. Sarasti noted Community Periodicals Program, which comprised 46 participating newspapers had attracted 375,000 readers. He reported the Web portal miamidade.gov was used to promote and advertise

events and places online. He noted by clicking on the "Recreation & Cultural" link within the portal, users would find an animated showcase along with a flash feature that allows staff to alternate or change the events posted on miamidade.gov. Mr. Sarasti noted a newsletter opt-in feature was included on the Web portal which allows customers to access and view on-demand videos and promote events and various county facilities; as well as some do it yourself tools to help people locate parks and libraries within specific areas and receive content tailored to suit individual needs.

Mr. Sarasti noted efforts to pool different agencies via the Web portal miamidade.gov. He explained on the home web portal page on the upper right banner was a link: "Recreation & Cultural". On the Recreational & Cultural page was an "Escape & Explore" area which contained the following links: Culture, Discounts, Libraries and Recreation. These links enabled users to view specific features such as animated showcases and other content that promoted certain events and interests. He noted a newsletter opt-in feature was enabled, which allowed users an option to choose which newsletter they wished to receive. Mr. Sarasti Noted they were currently reaching approximately 11,000 viewers and featuring a significant number of stories and content. In order to ensure that emails were distributed, the newsletter included various viral features to maximize the number of viewers and people could easily access, print, email or post on Facebook or Twitter. By including this feature on the Recreation and Cultural page, the information ends up in weekly e-news and was accessible to all portal subscribers. In addition, Mr. Sarasti noted Escape & Explore included social media and involved a significant amount of content on summer camps, scheduled weekend events/activities and facilities, which was updated daily. This feature had attracted some 8000 members which comprised a combination of Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook subscribers.

Ms. Sarasti pointed out that employees and their families and friends were among the best advocates or promoters of explorer miamidade.gov. He noted about 20,000 employees were members and a recent survey polled this group on their feelings about the newsletter, and found that the majority of employees valued the newsletter and enjoyed sharing information on recreation and cultural

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events with their family and friends. He further noted a newsletter containing event information entitled Happy Friday was published each payday for county employees.

Chairman Souto commended Mr. Sarasti on the amount of work involved in providing this type and amount of information to the public. He recommended that more cultural events/activities be held in parks, and suggested the departments partner with schools and churches to bring high quality cultural events and music to parks; to implement youth programs in recreation centers in parks, using the existing infrastructure.

Director Jack Kardys, Park & Recreation Department, noted that he and his staff would explore opportunities to partner with schools and churches and to identify resources and support for these type of events.

1D2

111496 Service Awards

Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF A SERVICE AWARD TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE(S):

Presented

CECELIA REVERE - LIBRARY - 30 YRS

MACKY J. WRIGHT - PARK & REC - 30 YRS

1E PUBLIC HEARING**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

111439 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A WRITTEN
REPORT DETAILING BEST METHODOLOGY AND
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE TO ALLOW
FEDERALLY TAX-EXEMPT, NON-PROFIT SENIOR
SERVICE PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO UTILIZE VACANT
COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES AT
COUNTY PARKS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING
SERVICES TO SENIORS AND REPORT TO BOARD
WITHIN 30 DAYS

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2A Amended; Legislative File
No. 111558.*

2A AMENDED

111558 Resolution Joe A. Martinez,

Lynda Bell, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Bruno
A. Barreiro, Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman,
Barbara J. Jordan, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss,
Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A WRITTEN
REPORT DETAILING BEST METHODOLOGY AND
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE TO ALLOW
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SERVICE PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO UTILIZE VACANT
COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES AT
COUNTY PARKS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING
SERVICES TO SENIORS AND REPORT TO BOARD
WITHIN 90 DAYS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE
NO. 111439]

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

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

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

*Commissioner Sosa concurred with Commissioner
Heyman that the report should be submitted within
90 days.*

*Hearing no other comments or questions, the
Committee proceeded to vote to forward the
foregoing proposed resolution with a favorable
recommendation with committee amendment(s) to
require that a written report be submitted to the
County Commission within 90 days, in lieu of 30
days.*

3 DEPARTMENT

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Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

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111341 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REJECT PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WATER PARK DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION WITH OPTIONS FOR A FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER AND VACATION HOTEL DEVELOPMENT - RFP NO. 630 (Procurement Management Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3B

111448 Resolution

Xavier L. Suarez

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE USE, IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CALUSA MANGROVE TRAIL AREA OF CRANDON PARK, INCLUDING VILLAGE PAYMENT OF UP TO \$300,000; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Monestime

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

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6A

111466 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR THE
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): JUNE 13, 2011 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

*Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to
vote.*

7 REPORTS

7A

111366 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
(County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

*Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to
vote.*

7B

111411 Report

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

Report Received
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

*Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to
vote.*

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee the Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.*

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Monday, September 12, 2011

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto, Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Absent: Rebeca Sosa.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 Minutes Prepared By:

Report: *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter,*
305-375-3570

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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111891 Report

Sen. Javier D. Souto

STATUS REPORT ON ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE
PARKS

Presented

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

Mr. Michael Spring, Cultural Affairs Department Director, reported that the department was ready to begin a pilot program in District 10, which would connect artists and cultural groups with parks venues and organize inexpensive programs for people within the neighborhood. He noted three parks were examined to begin the program. Mr. Spring pointed out that it would not take much funding to execute these programs and if the pilots proved successful in District 10, they could expand these programs throughout the county.

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111892 Report

Sen. Javier D. Souto

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES STATUS OF KENDALL
SOCCER PARK SCULPTURE AND RONALD REGAN
EQUESTRIAN CENTER SCULPTURE

Presented

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

Mr. Spring provided an update regarding Art in Public Places (APP) sculptures to be placed at Kendall Soccer Park and the Ronald Regan Equestrian Center. He noted that Kendall Soccer Park was an amazing facility and that he and staff worked with representatives from the Park and Recreation Department to commission a piece of artwork to display at this park. Proposals from five artists had been reviewed by the Art in Public Places' Advisory Committee and the staff recommended one Miami artist to implement a proposal for the park. Mr. Spring pointed out that the recommendation would go to the APP's Trust on September 13, 2011 and that he was confident that the recommendation would be approved. With regard to the Ronald Regan Equestrian Center (RREC), Mr. Spring noted Chairman Souto had requested help to commission a piece of artwork that would be privately funded for the RREC. Mr. Spring said the Cultural Arts Department had been working with the Park and Recreation Department to identify a location at the center to place the artwork, which would commemorate Ronald Regan. He stated that once the private fundraiser was held, the work of art would be commissioned.

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111893 Report

Sen. Javier D. Souto

REPORT ON STATUS OF REPLACEMENT OF
LANDSCAPING TREES IN OUR PARKS*Presented*

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Park and Recreation (MDPR) Department Director, provided a status report regarding the replanting of trees in our parks. With regards to landscaping and replacement of trees in parks, he noted the department had planted over 6,800 trees in parks since 2007. Mr. Kardys pointed out that in 2005, hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, and Rita ravaged trees and the department received a \$1.5 million dollar allocation was received to replace trees. He noted the department employed crews to maintain the trees at parks, and participated in the NFL Tree Growalition, which directly benefits parks. The Adopt a Tree program was also still in operation, Mr. Kardys noted, and the Parks Foundation was involved in these projects. Most recently Commissioner Heyman allocated funding towards planting trees at the Haulover Dog Park.

Chairman Souto noted that Hurricanes, the dry season, and insects were all threats to vegetation. He pointed out that it was imperative to replace each tree lost with two or three trees. Chairman Souto noted Miami's image promoted a tropical environment, which was a primary attraction for tourists; however, the vegetation was costly to maintain.

Commissioner Monestime commended Mr. Kardys on a job well done and for assisting him with effort to plant trees within his District (Dist 2).

Commissioner Moss noted that the Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB) launched an initiative called, A Million Trees Miami with the intent to boost the tree canopies to approximately 30 percent as this would provide greater property value as well as favorable effects on the environment.

With regards to Commissioner Moss' comments, Mr. Kardys noted the CIAB's partnership with the MDPR Department would expand opportunities to create canopies and greenways in the community.

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Commissioner Moss pointed out that he expected the Board to allocate funding to ensure that the CIAB and the MDPR Department were properly staffed.

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111894 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto
DISCUSSION RE: LIBRARIES MONTHLY PROGRAM OF Cultural Evenings in the Library Presented
CULTURAL EVENINGS IN THE LIBRARY

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

Raymond Santiago, Libraries Department Director, provided a report regarding the monthly Cultural Evenings at the libraries, noting that each commissioner would receive a written report next week on the culture and language series that the library was developing in conjunction with the Cultural Affairs and Park & Recreation Departments. Mr. Santiago reported that the Library currently conducted a large number of cultural activities that represent almost every culture. He noted that he and his staff worked corporatively with a number of consulates and cultural groups to refine these activities. In the coming months, cultural activities included presentations which represented the cultures of Japan and Taiwan, Mr. Santiago noted. He said Taiwan was a partner for the Storytelling Festival this year, and noted the libraries continued to work closely with the different cultures in all communities organizing cross-cultural events that reflect the make-up of Miami-Dade County including adults, children, and all cultures within this community.

Chairman Souto pointed out these types of programs/events were very important and needed to continue to unite all people and cultures and showcasing the music of the different cultures music.

Commissioner Moss questioned the impact of the Mayor's revised budget recommendations on Libraries.

Mr. Santiago noted that libraries would remain operable; however, hours of operation would be reduced and libraries would be closed on Sundays. He also noted regional libraries would be open six days a week, whereas all other libraries would be open only five days a week.

Chairman Souto suggested that Mr. Santiago and his staff consider launching programs in neighborhoods to attract businesses and professional people to get them involved in fund

raising for the libraries.

Mr. Santiago noted the Friends of Libraries was actively soliciting funding and a number of events such as the Summer Reading Programs were underwritten, in total, by the Miami Dolphins as well as other corporations that support libraries.

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111895 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto

DISCUSSION RE: EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE
FLORIDA MARLINS, MIAMI HEAT AND MIAMI
DOLPHINS TO INVEST IN REVITALIZING BASEBALL
FIELDS, BASKETBALL COURTS AND FOOTBALL
FIELDS; PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FRANCHISES
INVESTING IN PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Presented

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

Mr. Kardys provided an update on investments in parks infrastructure by professional sports franchises. He noted that the Marlins Stadium Agreement called for the renovation of 39 baseball fields throughout Miami-Dade County over a number of years throughout the duration of the lease. Also, in the agreement was a \$750,000 contribution to the Park Foundation to be disbursed in \$100,000 increments over a seven and a half year period. The Marlins Foundation was working with Miami-Dade Park and Recreation (MDPR) on the improvements at Concorde Park making a contribution of \$5,000. The Marlins Foundation also encouraged the players to donate funds towards ball park fields; and the Miami Heat donated \$3,500 towards the drowning prevention program, which helped with the literature and education process for this program. The Miami Heat has also coordinated with MDPR Department at Crandon Park for the last three years with its dune planting and restoration project which helped with erosion control.

Mr. Kardys noted every year the Super Bowl comes to Miami, the NFL YET Center receives \$500,000. Recently the funds were matched with funding from the Safe Neighborhood Bond Program to construct a \$1 million addition on the NFL YET Center. Mr. Kardys noted that the Sports Commission also encouraged these types of programs, and the Commission forged a partnership with MDPR Department at Tropical Boxing Center. This program saved MDPR approximately \$100,000 per year. The Sports Commission was working with the MDPR Department to plan a Professional and Youth Sports Summit, which aims to bring all of the professional sports to one location and tentatively, the new Marlins Stadium once it is opened. This event will include all types of vendors, training for

kids, and clinics in spring of 2012.

Chairman Souto noted that he would like Sports Commission representatives to attend RCAC meetings. He pointed out that he had always urged home sports teams to contribute to MDPR Department.

Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, to provide a status report at the next Committee meeting on the Baseball Academy planned for Hialeah. He noted he did not want this project to fall through the cracks.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Jack Kardys to work with him and his staff to showcase Miami's Little League teams and to prepare them to compete in the Little League Baseball World Series.

Chairman Souto relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairman Moss.

1F PUBLIC HEARING

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

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2A

111822 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss,

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY WITH RESPECT TO FUNDRAISING BY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA AND PROVIDING THAT NO DEADLINE OR MINIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OBLIGATIONS EXIST WITH RESPECT TO SUCH FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Second: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Sosa

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

Commissioner Moss explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution. He noted the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) was a partner of Miami-Dade County and raised in excess of \$36 million for projects at Zoo Miami. During the construction of the Amazon & Beyond Project, it was agreed that this should be an extraordinary attraction, the commissioner noted. He also noted \$18 million of the allocation to the Lakes of Australia funding was subsequently dedicated to the Amazon & Beyond project. The ZSF agreed to raise the \$18 million over a certain period of time; however, this goal was unrealistic considering the economic downturn. Consequently, this proposed resolution removes the commitment from the ZSF to raise \$18 million over a specific period of time, Commissioner Moss noted. The funding for the Lakes of Australia has been reallocated to the Amazon & Beyond and the Florida Exhibit, and the ZSF would continue its fundraisings efforts.

2B

111596 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto,

Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE DADE COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO IDENTIFY A LIST OF COUNTY PARKS THAT COULD FEASIBLY BE USED AS VENUES FOR FARMERS' MARKETS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Second: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Sosa

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

Chairman Souto retained the Chair.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

111774 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION OF FORESTRY AT TRAIL GLADES RANGE RESULTING IN EXPENDITURE OF \$25,500 OF THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDINGS FROM PROJECT NO. 44 AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Sosa

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

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3B

111775 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED OF LAND FROM THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC. (HASF) TO EXPAND OAK PARK; AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO CONTRACT WITH HASF FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS ON OAK PARK AND FOR JOINT USE THEREOF; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE LICENSE AND JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH HASF AND TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Sosa

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

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3C

111779 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR \$200,000 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$327,196 FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND FOR A TRAILS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT AMELIA EARHART PARK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE FUNDS, AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT, UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Park & Recreation Department)

*Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Monestime
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa*

3D

111786 Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR \$348,270 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$122,415 FROM THE BUDGET OF THE DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE FUNDS, AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Monestime
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa*

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

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4 COUNTY ATTORNEY

5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6 REPORTS

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

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111698 Report

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

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Monestime
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa

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

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

6B

111700 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2011-
VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS TRUST

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa

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

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

6C

111701 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT

(County Mayor)

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa

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

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

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Commission Chambers

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Late: Rebeca Sosa 2:26:00 PM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1A MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez; 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 2:06 p.m.

Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted a withdrawal request for Item 1D4.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the October 24, 2011 Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee agenda be approved, along with the change noted by Assistant County Attorney Rizo. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioners Sosa and Suarez were absent).

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1D1

112152 Service Awards

Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE(S):

Presented

AUDALBERT BAPTISTE - PROS - 30 YRS
NAPOLEON BASTIEN - PROS - 30 YRS
ELLERY LYONS - PROS - 30 YRS
EFRAIN MALDONADO - 30 YRS
KERLY MERCILUS - PROS - 30 YRS
LEON VERTUS - PROS - 30 YRS
DIANE WILLIAMS - PROS - 30 YRS

Report: *Chairman Souto presented Service Awards to the foregoing employees, with the exception of Kerly Mercilus, who was absent.*

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111950 Special Presentation

PRESENTATION BY JACK KARDYS, DIRECTOR OF
MIAMI-DADE PARKS AND RECREATION RE: THE
YOUTH SPORTS KIDS SPORT-ZONE PIECE

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the foregoing special presentation into the record.*

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, noted Chairman Souto previously requested the development of promotional materials regarding the value of youth athletics within the community. He provided a video presentation on the Kids Sport-Zone, featuring the youth soccer league. Mr. Kardys expressed appreciation to Mr. Henri Sori, Director, Community Information and Outreach (CIAO); and to Mr. Donn Patchen, Ms. Carol Higgins and Mr. Maurice Coombs, CIAO staff; for developing this presentation. He said this presentation would be running monthly on Miami-Dade TV, and noted information on all youth sports could be obtained at the following website: www.miamidade.gov/parks.

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112136 Special Presentation**Dennis C. Moss**

PRESENTATION FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM TO TEN (10) OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED AS GOODWILL AMBASSADORS AT THE GOLD COAST MUSEUM OPENING OF THE BLACK RAILROADERS EXHIBIT

Presented

Report: *Commissioner Moss made presentations to the following individuals who served as Goodwill Ambassadors at the Gold Coast Museum opening of the Black Railroader's Exhibit: Antoney Allen, Keisha Davis, Alprecious Cooper, Kimberly Hepburn, Denise Phinazee and Oscar J. Braynon; (Carolyn Ballard, Valerie Carter, Edward B. Harris and Patricia Rogers were absent).*

Mr. Oscar J. Braynon, Program Officer, Community Advocacy, Office of the Chair, expressed appreciation to Commissioner Moss for honoring the Goodwill Ambassadors. He noted the volunteers worked with the National Black Railroader's Historical Society (NBRHS), and Mr. Alan Laird, a Black Railroad historian, who compiled the exhibit at the Gold Coast Museum. Mr. Braynon expressed appreciation to Mr. Laird and Ms. Shirley Ellison.

Ms. Shirley Ellison, former County employee and former Goodwill Ambassador, said it had always been her pleasure to serve as an ambassador. She noted she was currently a volunteer for the NBRHS and Mr. Laird was one of its co-founders.

Mr. Alan Laird expressed appreciation to the Goodwill Ambassadors. He noted over 250 artifacts were located at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum and the NBRHS was seeking partners. Mr. Laird said Ms. Femi Folami-Browne, co-founder of the NBRHS, sent her regards.

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112161 Special Presentation**Dennis C. Moss**

PRESENTATION TO RECOGNIZE A RETIRED COUPLE KATHY AND RON MEDFORD FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM OF 82,000 HOURS AT ZOO MIAM

*Withdrawn**Mover: Heyman**Seconder: Moss**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Suarez, Sosa*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted a withdrawal request for the foregoing item.*

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112163 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

STATUS REPORT FOR THE TROPICAL PARK
EQUESTRIAN CENTER SECOND PHASE*Presented*

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, said the Tropical Park Equestrian Center project was funded with \$2.822 million from the FY 2011-12 Capital Budget, and with \$2.620 million from the FY 2012-13 budget. He noted this funding distribution was sufficient for the Department to bid, award, and begin construction on the base scope of the project; and to initiate and complete construction by the end of 2013.

Mr. Kardys said the project's base scope included a second lighted show and a warm-up ring with utilities for temporary horse stalls, walkway connectors, irrigation, landscaping, grading, drainage, parking lot improvements, and a sound system, totaling \$5.5 million. He noted an additional \$390,000 funding anticipated in FY 2013-14 and \$3.1 million funding in FY 2014-15 would provide the balance needed to complete the project. This included a third covered arena and additional covered walkways and connectors said Mr. Kardys. He noted execution of the project agreement was pending County Commission approval.

Chairman Souto emphasized the need to finalize the second phase of the Equestrian Center to attract important horse events, such as the Paso Fino Horse Show, which would bring revenue to the County.

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112164 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

STATUS REPORT FOR THE CULTURE & ARTS
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN OUR PARKS*Presented*

Report: *Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), provided an oral status report on the Culture and Arts program for children in County parks. He noted earlier this month, the DCA sent a notice to more than 100 not-for-profit cultural organizations specializing in children's programs. This notice offered information on a new Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department initiative providing free space to cultural organizations willing to offer arts programs in Miller Drive Park, Ruben Dario Park and Westwood Park. Mr. Spring said this initiative was a pilot program to determine whether sufficient interest existed by the cultural community. He noted the program would be expanded to other parks throughout the County if successful. Mr. Spring said this initiative would build on an existing partnership with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, providing arts activities, such as the disabled children's program at Camp Matecumbe.*

Mr. Spring said he would provide the Committee with a report on the success of this initiative. He noted that the deadline for cultural organizations to indicate their interest was mid November and anticipated that the program would begin by December.

Chairman Souto noted additional funding was not needed for infrastructure improvements since many parks had existing infrastructures. He emphasized the importance of keeping children involved in park activities; protecting them from bad situations; and enhancing their performance skills.

Commissioner Monestime congratulated Mr. Spring on this initiative, and requested that he elaborate on the number of parks participating in this program.

Mr. Spring said that Chairman Souto suggested this new initiative at a previous Committee meeting. He noted staff initiated a pilot program to determine whether cultural groups would be willing to conduct these outreach programs, and if successful, the program would be expanded to

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additional parks. Mr. Spring noted pilot programs were held at the Miller Drive, Ruben Dario and Westwood parks and staff would determine by mid November whether there was sufficient interest to proceed. He noted Ms. Bonnie Clearwater, Museum of Contemporary Art, Commission District 2, indicated potential interest to provide additional programming in other District parks. Mr. Spring concurred with Chairman Souto that the program presented a great opportunity for cultural organizations and local artists to offer art programs to children. He indicated that a status report on the pilot program would be presented at the December 12, 2011 Committee meeting.

Chairman Souto noted the possibility existed for corporations to become involved with this program.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

111977 Resolution Dennis C. Moss
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

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

3B

112053 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF NINETEEN (19) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$195,000 FROM THE FY 2010-2011 FOURTH QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: BEACH SOCCER WORLDWIDE; CENTRO CULTURAL BOLIVIANO MASIS; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST), INC.; CULTURE IN THE CITY; GROUND UP AND RISING, INC.; HISPANIC THEATER GUILD CORPORATION; INFFINITO ART & CULTURAL FOUNDATION, INC; IRREVERSIBLE MAGAZINE; MDGLCC FOUNDATION, INC.; MIAMI CITY BALLET; MIAMI HISPANIC BALLET CORP.; MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, INC. (DBA MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM); PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TRUST, INC. DBA ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; ROCKER'S ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA STADIUM, LLC; THE MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA / ORQUESTA SINFONICA DE MIAMI, INC.; THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES JUDO, INC.; WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, 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 (Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

3C

111779 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR \$200,000 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$327,196 FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND FOR A TRAILS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT AMELIA EARHART PARK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE FUNDS, AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT, UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

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111974 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO APPROVE THE CONCESSION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN KELLEY FLEET, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry regarding the process used in the Concession and Operating Agreement with Kelley Fleet, Inc., Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, provided an overview of the foregoing proposed resolution, requesting waiver of competitive bid for the drift boat fishing operation at Haulover Beach Park. He noted this was an uncommon operation and Kelley Fishing Fleet, the current operator, successfully ran this operation for the last 30 years. Mr. Kardys said market research conducted did not reveal other capable operator(s) who owned this number of boats.

Commissioner Sosa noted she wanted to confirm that the market research was conducted; that the operator had an outstanding track record; and that additional revenues would be received by the County; otherwise, she would not be supportive.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the County Mayor, noted staff also collaborated with the Internal Services Department.

Commissioner Heyman acknowledged the presence of George and Alicia Kelley. She said that despite the economic downturn and other natural disasters that occurred at Haulover Marina over the years, Kelley Fleet had provided continuity for the fishing fleets serving the Marina. Commissioner Heyman noted every year Kelley Fleet provided trips for special needs children.

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Mr. Kardys expressed appreciation to George and Alicia Kelley for their exceptional management of the fishing fleet serving Haulover Marina; for keeping people employed in our community; and for providing good options for fishing enthusiasts.

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

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112055 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WHEREBY WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GRANTS TO THE COUNTY \$250,000 OVER TWO YEARS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BEN SHAVIS PARK, REQUIRING COUNTY MATCH OF \$50,000; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez*

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

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry regarding the funding source, Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, said the West Perrine Community Redevelopment Agency (WPCRA) would provide \$250,000, of which \$150,000 was already budgeted in FY 2010-11, and \$100,000 would be budgeted in FY 2011-12. He noted this amount would be matched with \$50,000 from Commission District 9 Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program (QNIP) funds in FY 2011-12. Mr. Kardys said the WPCRA would assist in funding the installation of a new playground in FY 2011-12.

Commissioner Moss spoke in support of this proposed resolution. He noted funding would be provided from the WPCRA, and not from any other source.

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

- 4 COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6 REPORTS

6A

111947 Report

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

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the status of discussions with Genting representatives, Commissioner Sosa noted they were scheduled to speak before the Economic Development and Social Services Committee on Wednesday, (10/26) along with other interested parties.

Commissioner Moss noted Yolanda Adams' performance at the Adrienne Arsht Center was a great event for the community, and he expressed appreciation to Mr. John Richard for continuing to bring such events to Miami-Dade County.

Mr. John Richard, President and Chief Executive Officer, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, said a planning committee comprised of community volunteers, chaired by Mr. Armando Codina, was developing a master planning process for the development of the Arsht Center District, in partnership with neighboring communities. He noted it was premature to discuss the status of the master planning effort; however, it would be sensitive to Miami-Dade County needs and concerns.

Chairman Souto noted many bus shelters had empty, illuminated panels that could be used to promote the Performing Arts Center, County marinas and golf courses, which all generate County revenue.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Committee members received the foregoing report.

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111972 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT (Mayor)

Report Received

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

Chairman Souto congratulated Commissioner Moss on the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC).

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Department of Cultural Affairs, presented a report on the SMDCAC which opened on October 1, 2011. He noted Commissioners Moss, Bell, Heyman and other elected officials attended the opening.

Mr. Spring said all issues with the SMDCAC contractor were resolved and the final work order was issued; the project was completed both within and under the approved budget; and all desired theatrical and acoustical properties were achieved. He noted the project included a sales tax savings program which allowed staff to purchase materials directly from the County, thereby saving approximately \$200,000 which was then reinvested into improving the project's quality over the construction period.

Mr. Spring said OHL USA, Inc. (OHL), the contractor who purchased the Tower Group, Inc., midway through the project's construction, addressed all issues concerning the building. He noted he would be providing the Committee with monthly status reports on the SMDCAC operations. Mr. Spring expressed appreciation to Committee members for their support.

Commissioner Moss expressed appreciation to Mr. Spring and his staff for bringing this project to fruition. He also expressed appreciation to Mayor Carlos Gimenez, former Mayor Carlos Alvarez, current and former County Commissioners, Senator Larcenia Bullard, former County Manager George Burgess, former Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz, Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez, Arquitectonica, and OHL, for their support.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Committee members received the foregoing report.

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112059 Report
SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2011 -
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no comments or questions, Committee members received the foregoing report.

112558 Report
NON-AGENDA ITEM

Report: *Commissioner Heyman announced that the trial period for "Dogs on the Dunes" at Haulover Beach was a tremendous success and the official kick-off ceremony would be held at Haulover Beach Dog Park on Sunday (10/30), at 10:00 a.m.. She noted dog owners could bring their leashed dogs to the beach every Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

Commissioner Heyman said the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the Fire Rescue Department's Ocean Rescue Bureau would monitor this initiative. She noted parking fees would be used to fund building a canopy for other County operated dog parks.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business, the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.*