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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

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

**DATE:** July 8, 2013

**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 Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee:

**June 3, 2013**

CA/as  
Attachment



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee (CRC)**

**Board of County Commissioners**  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
Commission Chambers  
111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

June 3, 2013  
As Advertised

Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk  
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111 N.W. 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

### Meeting Minutes

#### Cultural Affairs & Recreation Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jean Monestime (2) and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

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Monday, June 3, 2013

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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**Members Present:** Barbara J. Jordan, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Xavier L. Suarez.

**Members Absent:** Jean Monestime.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter  
(305) 375-1475*

**1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05  
(G)**

**1B ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the Mayor Lisa Martinez; Assistant County Attorneys Alexander Bokor and Miguel Gonzalez; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw, Alicia Stephenson, and Kerry Khunjar.*

*Assistant County Attorney Bokor noted items 1E1 and 6A should be added to the agenda.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Suarez that the agenda be approved with the changes noted. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and upon being put to a vote, passed 3-0 (Commissioner Monestime was absent).*

**1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1D**      **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM)**

1D1

130898 Special Presentation Sen. Javier D. Souto  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
FOR HAVING BEEN AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S  
SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD 2013

*Presented*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Alexander Bokor read the foregoing special presentation into the record.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Director, thanked Chairman Souto for recognizing PROS today (6/3). He indicated it was announced a few weeks ago that PROS would receive the "Governor's Sustained Excellence Award 2013" and the award was received on Friday, May 31, 2013. Mr. Kardys said that in bestowing the award, the State and the State's Governor were acknowledging sustained effort in continuous improvement and results-oriented government.*

*Mr. Kardys noted that fiscal reductions for County departments had a particularly acute impact on PROS, which had undergone an over 35% reduction in its workforce. He indicated that despite this, PROS had been able to continue growing its revenues in order to keep taxes down. Mr. Kardys indicated that in relation to the Governor's Sterling Award, one example of revenue growth through good business practices was that according to the Florida Benchmark Consortium's figures, at an increase from 38% to 45% recovery of user fees and other revenues between 2008 and the present, PROS was 20% ahead of the average recovery of user fees and other revenue sources by parks departments in the State and 8% ahead of the highest level in the State.*

*Mr. Kardys indicated that PROS was making investments in parks' infrastructure that would increase the usage of the parks, reduce the demand for General Fund subsidies, and create more reliance on businesses' resources; and such investments had been made at Zoo Miami, Deering Estate, the Trail Glades Sport Shooting Range, Fruit and Spice Park, and Tropical Park, where two showrooms were being added to the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center. He opined that this was the key to what PROS had been accomplishing, and the State had recognized PROS for it.*

Chairman Souto acknowledged that the award was received in Orlando. He noted that parks influenced everyone's lives. Chairman Souto indicated that parks were essential to a family's well-being because they provided a means for children to exercise, resulting in their physical and mental health and increased intelligence, preventing them from becoming criminal statistics. He commented that the County's tourism industry depended heavily on the parks. Chairman Souto noted that at some point in the future, he would like to meet with tourism heads and the Mayor to discuss the parks system receiving aid from the tourism industry.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, noted that the Governor's Sustained Excellence Award 2013 process took into consideration best business practices from the public and private sectors, and PROS was the only County entity that had received this award. She acknowledged staff members from PROS who were present at the Committee meeting. Ms. Martinez added that the award recognized operations and the management of human capital, which included customer service and how employees worked, developed, and improved together. She noted the award was something the County should be very proud of.

Commissioner Suarez noted recent studies indicated that a tremendous link existed between maintaining physical activity and avoiding mental deterioration, particularly Alzheimer's disease. He noted it was stated that if a right-handed person used his or her left hand to perform activities, such as some activities done in the parks, one could delay the onset of senility. He noted PROS should have more personnel and summer programs.

Commissioner Suarez discussed with Mr. Kardys that PROS managed 263 parks and had budgets of over \$400 million in Capital Improvements and Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) monies and about \$200 million in Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) funds. He noted he believed PROS was very deserving of the award it received. Commissioner Suarez said he hoped the County continued making its best effort to increase PROS' revenues.

Chairman Souto advised that he and Commissioner Monestime met in the Sunshine during the past week about connecting the

County's parks with parks, events, and economic development in Haiti. He noted that the County had a large Haitian population and such economic development would be reflected in the County's economy. Noting that the County was having an international impact, Chairman Souto said he and Commissioner Monestime would apply to Haiti experience gained from the Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show over the past six years regarding genetics.

Vice Chair Jordan indicated despite the fact that incorporation had significantly reduced the number of County parks from 510, the quality of improvements in the parks system had been sustained. Vice Chair Jordan attributed this to parks personnel's commitment to PROS and noted she observed this quality in the parks in her Commission District (DIST 1) daily. She commended PROS for receiving the award.

Ms. Olga Connor, Miami-Dade County Health Department Director, noted PROS was a great partner of her department and concurred with Commissioner Souto concerning how essential PROS' great work was to people's well-being. She said her department was present at the awards ceremony on the 31st. Ms. Connor presented to PROS an award for its contributions to the health of the County and for receiving the Governor's Sustained Excellence Award 2013.

Mr. Kardys acknowledged that the Miami-Dade County Health Department had received the Governor's Sterling Award three times.

Chairman Souto noted that Ms. Connor was engaged in a program to fight rats, which the County did not have a budget to do, but should find a way to do.

## 1E DISCUSSION ITEMS

1E1

## 131009 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

DISCUSSION REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS IN  
MIAMI-DADE PARKS*Presented*

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

*Hearing no objection, the Committee heard the foregoing discussion item and Agenda Item 1E2 (Legislative File No. 131106) simultaneously.*

*Chairman Souto invited County residents to make use of the parks. He indicated that crime was a problem in the parks and said security cameras were necessary to protect the park's users. Chairman Souto noted that small crimes led to large crimes, and although not all parks needed cameras, many did. He urged collaboration with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) to address the situation before it got worse.*

*Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, indicated a report from the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety submitted to the County Commission in April 2013 included recommendations, one of which was the installation of cameras. She noted that the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Director, Information Technology Department (ITD) Director, and an MDPD representative would provide progress reports.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, PROS Director, noted that limited surveillance cameras currently existed in Tamiami, Tropical, Crandon and Haulover regional County parks, with those at Crandon and Haulover focused on collecting money from tolls; cameras existed at Goulds community center, the Gwen Cherry Youth Educational Town (YET) Center, Women's Park, and sections of Tropical Park; the installation of a security camera system in Chuck Pezoldt Park would be complete by September 2013; in response to requests from members of the County Commission, PROS had created a plan for cameras in 13 Commission District regional parks, which were A.D. Barnes, Amelia Earhart, Crandon, Greynolds, Haulover, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Homestead Bayfront, Ives, Kendall Indian Hammocks, Larry & Penny Thompson, Matheson Hammock, Tamiami, and Tropical parks; GOB monies were scheduled to become available on dates between the present and 2018-2019; and because the*



cameras were expensive, the plan to install a little over 450 of them in critical locations was phased through 2019.

Mr. Kardys invited discussion on funding security cameras with money left from allocations to the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park. He noted he wanted ITD Director Angel Petisco to talk about spectacular technology available since the plan was developed and the great partnership with IBM and others.

Mr. Angel Petisco, ITD Director, reported ITD had been working with PROS and MDPD, particularly regarding investigative services, to determine how they could apply technology to complement the camera system and the overall protection of the parks' users. He indicated the County had partnered with the company, IBM, in IBM's "Smarter Cities" program. Mr. Petisco noted in working with these entities, ITD was attempting to do cross-collaboration. For example, he said, cameras and recording devices were being developed, and as they were installed in the parks, they would be attached to a central video system, enabling them to attach features such as facial recognition and analytics. He noted the intent was to be able to use the technology, including audio-visual equipment and facial recognition, to identify sexual predators and send alerts to MDPD so that responses could be quick; to determine why packages were left unguarded and what they contained; and for other purposes.

Chairman Souto recounted the case of a sexual predator who escaped from the Turner Guilford Knight (TGN) Correctional Center roughly three to four years ago, hid in A.D. Barnes Park, survived on food people gave him, and was caught by police on a nearby bus bench after about a week. He noted if the park had had cameras, the escapee may have been caught earlier.

Mr. Kardys noted that the initial cost of the effort to install the cameras was about \$3.3 million, but a significant portion of that was for 24-hour monitoring, so the technology Mr. Petisco referred to would help reduce the cost.

Chairman Souto suggested that Mr. Kardys develop a program through the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade to solicit donations from wealthy people and companies in the community such as Burger King, American Airlines, etc. and recognize them by name at the front of the parks.

Mr. Kardys noted he would pursue Chairman Souto's suggestion. He added that the installation of mobile flash cam systems in the Francisco Human Rights, Westwood, and North Trail parks would begin shortly. Mr. Kardys mentioned that the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety Community Action Plan referred to by Ms. Martinez was adopted on March 3, 2013.

Mr. Juan Perez, MDPD Deputy Director and Co-Chair of the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety's Out-of-School Youth Safety Working Group, was introduced by Mr. Kardys. Mr. Perez indicated that MDPD and PROS had a relationship through the roundtable. Referring to the central video system as camera integration, Mr. Perez said it would also allow MDPD to access live streams to assess the incidents they faced. He advised that Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments of priority parks were underway, and would help parks better install cameras. He added that a CPTED evaluation of A.D. Barnes Park would probably show that its tree and shrubbery coverage, which were potential hiding places, should be reduced. Mr. Perez said Captain Hector Llevat was MDPD's liaison with PROS and the contact person regarding youth safety. He indicated that MDPD submitted criminal statistics for each park to PROS on a weekly basis to help eliminate crime, and even a relatively low crime rate would cause some people not to return to a park. Mr. Perez noted that a memorandum of understanding existed between MDPD and PROS, whereby PROS would reserve space for MDPD work stations at the parks, allowing for an MDPD presence. He added that MDPD truancy sweeps were now performed around parks, especially in high-crime areas.

Chairman Souto noted that in order to stop crime in the parks, the County had to considerably involve communities with County efforts and get them to aggressively protect their parks, and it had to make the parks a central part of each community. He said this was necessary for a strong and prosperous County. Chairman Souto noted people who decided not to return to parks due to their experiences with crime could influence many others not to visit, by word of mouth and over the Internet, which was more incentive to nip the problem in the bud.

1E2

131106 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto  
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING CRIMES AT COUNTY PARKS *Presented*

Report: See report under Agenda Item 1E1 (Legislative File No. 131009).

1F **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

**130970 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF EIGHTEEN (18) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$96,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2012-2013 COMMUNITY GRANTS – ALGO NUEVO INCORPORATED; ALYANS ATIZAY AYISYEN, INC.; ARTE DEL BARRIO CORP.; CITY OF DORAL PARKS & RECREATION; CITY OF MIAMI-LITTLE HAITI CULTURAL CENTER; DELOU AFRICA, INC.; EL INGENIO, INC.; FRESH START OF MIAMI-DADE, INC.; FUNDARTE, INC. A/F/A FOR ARTEFACTUS CULTURAL PROJECT, INC.; GREATER ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A FOR YO PRODUCTIONS, INC.; IFE-ILE, INC.; INSTITUTO DE CULTURA PERUANA, INC.; INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INC.; KEY BISCAYNE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.; MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.-THE KOUBEK CENTER; SOUTH FLORIDA FRIENDS OF CLASSICAL MUSIC, INC.; THE MULTICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC. WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Suarez*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 3-0*

*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on the proposed resolution as presented.*

3B

**130974 Resolution**

RESOLUTION-WAIVING FORMAL BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE COUNTY CODE, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO CONTRACT AND PAY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS, INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS, AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES FOR ARTISTIC SERVICES AND PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF CULTURE SHOCK MIAMI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00 IN TOTAL, NOR \$30,000.00 PER PERFORMANCE, PROJECT OR EXHIBITION FEE; AND 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 AMENDMENT AND CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Suarez*

*Vote: 3-0*

*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on the proposed resolution as presented.*

3C

**130942 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO MEDSOUTH PARK TO BE USED BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Suarez*

*Vote: 3-0*

*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on the proposed resolution as presented.*

3D

**130968 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 305-PLAY, EAT AND SUCCEED PROJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$185,817.50 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 3-0*  
*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on the proposed resolution as presented.*

3E

**130982 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND WESTREC EQUITIES, INC., FOR THE DRY BOAT STORAGE FACILITIES AT HAULOVER PARK MARINE CENTER IN HAULOVER PARK (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Souto*  
*Vote: 2-1*  
*No: Suarez*  
*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on the proposed resolution as presented.*

**4 COUNTY MAYOR**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**131011 Report**

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
MAY 13, 2013 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 3-0*  
*Absent: Monestime*

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

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee voted on  
the report as presented.*

**7 REPORTS**

7A

**130941 Report**

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

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 3-0*  
*Absent: Monestime*

**Report:** *Hearing no objection the Committee voted on  
Agenda Items 7A and 7B simultaneously as  
presented, with no discussion on item 7A.*

7B

**130969 Report**

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

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 3-0*  
*Absent: Monestime*

**Report:** *Hearing no objection the Committee voted on Agenda Items 7A and 7B simultaneously as presented.*

*In response to Commissioner Suarez' inquiry regarding whether any new information was available concerning efforts to hold responsible those who carried out improper construction on the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Senior Advisor to the Mayor Lisa Martinez noted negotiations between the County Attorney's Office and Performing Arts Center (PAC) Builders were in progress. She said they were close to a conclusion regarding the scope of work, but the parties needed to determine if they would be able to come to a consensus, and the deadline for the consensus was that afternoon (6/3); therefore, an update should be available the next day.*

*Chairman Souto noted Cesar Pelli, an Argentinian, designed the Arsht center. He indicated that a street in his Commission District (DIST 10) was recently designated as Republica Argentina Avenue. He suggested that Mr. Pelli sponsor and fund a presentation of Argentinian tango, music, and other events at the inauguration of the avenue. Chairman Souto called on Department of Cultural Affairs Director Michael Spring to invite Mr. Pelli to do so. He advised that the inauguration was scheduled for July 13, 2013 at Bird Road and SW 92nd Avenue.*

*Commissioner Suarez noted he believed 15% of the \$600 million total capital cost of constructing the Arsht had been designated for architecture and design.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.*