



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

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

DATE: October 7, 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:

July 8, 2013

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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)

Monday, July 8, 2013

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Kerry Khunjar, Commission Reporter (305) 375-5108*

1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05
(G)

1B ROLL CALL

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

*~ Senior Advisor to the Mayor Lisa Martinez
~ Assistant County Attorneys Alexander Bokor
and Daniel Frastai
~ Deputy Clerks Cindy White, Jill Thornton and
Kerry Khunjar*

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1D1

131346 Service Awards

Rebeca Sosa

SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

Presented

SANDRA F. HILL - CULTURAL AFFAIRS - 40 YEARS

JEFFREY L. SMITH - LIBRARY - 30 YEARS

1E

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1E1

131381 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING THE SHANNON
MELENDI ACT

Report: *Chairman Souto recounted his personal involvement behind the passing of the Shannon Melendi Act. He noted the Act was now a part of Florida State law and its primary purpose was to ensure the protection and safety of children in all State Parks and libraries. Chairman Souto invited Mr. Jack Kardys, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) to give a brief overview of the application of the Act in Miami-Dade County Parks.*

Mr. Jack Kardys, noted while the Shannon Melendi Act was enacted within PROS in 2008, the Act itself was far more reaching than just within the Parks Department. He explained as a means of adhering to the Act's requirements that "all coaches, umpires and volunteers who will have direct contact with children show proof of official statewide background checks for substance abuse, family violence and crimes of moral turpitude", PROS required an affidavit from its programming partners verifying that a certified background service was used and all coaches and mentors were in compliance.

Additionally, Mr. Kardys noted PROS enforced the Act Requirement that "all coaches, umpires, Parks Department personnel and permanent volunteers who come in direct contact with children shall wear a picture identification at all times while on County property". He explained that this aspect of the Act enabled PROS to verify through "checks" that the coaches and volunteers were the individuals approved to work at the facilities. Mr. Kardys pointed out that the background checks and picture identification requirements also applied to fair and carnival employees. He commended the Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD) on their enforcement of the Act requirements through periodic "checks" at Park facilities and seasonal attractions such as Santa's Enchanted Forest, as well as at fairs and carnivals.

Mr. Kardys thanked Chairman Souto for being a driving force behind the Act.

Mr. Angus Butler, Assistant Director at MDPD appeared on behalf of J.D. Patterson, MDPD

Director, to provide a brief oral report regarding the MDPD's involvement in the enforcement of the Shannon Melendi Act.

Mr. Butler explained that the specific enforcement actions were handled by the Special Victims Bureau specifically the Sexual Offender and Predator Team and provided the following oral report regarding the Miami Dade Youth Fair and Exposition (MDYFE) and Santa's Enchanted Forest (SEF) attractions over the last two years to the Committee.

MIAMI DADE YOUTH FAIR AND EXPOSITION

He reported that MDPD had conducted two "spot checks" in 2012 at MDYFE. The first "spot check" done on March 22, 2012 resulted in 25 files being obtained and reviewed. He stated two individuals were in violation of the Shannon Melendi Act requirements and were subsequently terminated by the employer. Mr. Butler clarified that the individuals terminated were not found to be sexual offenders or predators but did qualify under other portions of the act hence their termination. He recounted the second "spot check" conducted on March 28, 2012 resulted in 20 files reviewed with all found to be in compliance. Mr. Butler commented that during this "check" one individual was not wearing picture identification as required and was sent home as a result.

Mr. Butler told the Committee that MDPD attended a "pre-fair" safety meeting for this current year (2013) and conducted a "spot check" on March 19th. He stated that 45 files were obtained and reviewed, resulting in 2 violations (none related to the sexual offender/predator portion of the Act). Mr. Butler continued to explain that one of the "violations" was later determined to be invalid. He further clarified the discrepancy occurred because an individual employed by the fair had a common name but through the fingerprinting process was determined to be in compliance. Mr. Butler noted that all personnel wore their identification tags at this evaluation. He reported that a second "spot check" was conducted on March 27th, with 10 files being reviewed and found to be in compliance.

In addition to the "spot checks" done by MDPD, Mr. Butler recalled one incident on March 29th, when PROS contacted MDPD regarding a file in

question. It was later determined not to be a violation. He used this instance as an example of the working relationship between the two entities in their collaborative efforts to enforce the Shannon Melendi Act.

SANTA'S ENCHANTED FOREST (SEF)

Mr. Butler informed the Committee that MDPD attended a "pre-meeting" prior to SEF opening for the 2012 season, where 12 files were reviewed and found to be in compliance. He detailed 3 additional "spot checks" conducted on November 13, 2012, November 28, 2012 and December 20, 2012. He reported MDPD reviewed 23 files on 11/13; 15 files on 11/28 and 5 files on 12/20, with all files found to be in compliance.

Mr. Butler identified one incident on December 20, 2012 where an employee left his picture identification at home and was sent home to retrieve it. Mr. Butler thanked Chairman Souto for his personal and professional involvement in bringing forth the Shannon Melendi Act to Miami Dade County in 2005 and spoke about the work he was involved in with the Melendi family, particularly educating and warning high school seniors leaving home to attend universities about the dangers they may encounter and how it led to Shannon Melendi's death. He stressed the importance of the Act and voiced his belief that the Act was comprehensive enough to resolve and prevent future crimes like the one committed against Shannon Melendi in Georgia. Mr. Butler noted the successful working relationship MDPD shared with PROS and the intent to continue this association moving forward.

Chairman Souto recalled the history of the Shannon Melendi case and explained the naming of the Act after the victim was a tribute to her memory. He pointed out the stringent Act requirements, such as the background checks, helped provide an extra element of security at parks by easing the public's concerns regarding the identity of volunteers and mentors at the facilities.

Chairman Souto concluded by noting that while the majority of employees and volunteers in the Parks system were good people, the aim of the Act was to ensure the undesirables were identified and removed from the organization before causing harm to children.

2A AMENDED

131675 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE COMMISSION DISTRICT IN WHICH A CULTURAL OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY IS CLOSED OR SCHEDULED FOR CLOSURE IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION EXCEEDING \$250,000.00 IN VALUE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 131110]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 4-0

Report: *Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chairwoman Jordan.*

Commissioner Souto provided a brief overview of the intent of the resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Souto that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Vice Chairwoman Jordan voiced her concerns regarding the current language of the proposed resolution as presented today (7/8) and noted her belief that the resolution appeared to call for micromanagement. She expressed her reservations about supporting the item, particularly since it would result in allowing the Committee to be involved in projects otherwise under the purview of County Administration. Vice Chairwoman Jordan, through the assistance of Daniel Frastai, Assistant County Attorney, clarified that the Mayor had the authority to approve projects costing \$1 million dollars or less without being presented to the Board of County Commissioners and questioned if it was Commissioner Souto's intent that the project cap be \$100,000.00 as opposed to the \$1,000.00 referenced in the proposed resolution. She also expressed her concerns regarding the proposed resolution's intent to have reports regarding partial closures heard by the Committee. Vice Chairwoman Jordan commented that this proposal would translate into the Committee having to hear numerous reports that could otherwise be addressed to the District Commissioner. She reiterated her position that she could not support the proposed resolution as currently presented because it called for micromanagement and minutiae.

Commissioner Suarez fully concurred with Vice Chairwoman Jordan's concerns and reservations

regarding the proposed resolution and its possible path to micromanagement. He suggested a friendly amendment to the proposed resolution which would help alleviate some of the shared concerns by Vice Chairwoman Jordan and himself. Commissioner Suarez suggested the capital expenditure for construction threshold be increased from \$1,000.00 to either \$50,000.00 or \$100,000.00 and reports be generated only as it pertained to full facility closures. He stated he would support the proposed amended resolution.

Commissioner Souto defended the proposed resolution as presented and stated that he believed the success of an entity required a "hands-on" approach and recounted aspects of his professional history. He explained that the proposed resolution was prompted by his personal experience of finding a library closed in his district without anybody knowing. Commissioner Souto continued to explain that he did not believe the proposed resolution called for micromanagement, but instead was a call for better communication and monitoring of projects to ensure everything was under control. He spoke with pride regarding the libraries and parks located within his district. He reiterated his intent behind sponsoring this item was to protect and properly represent the Miami-Dade community. Commissioner Souto accepted the amendment of the proposed resolution, particularly with reference to the capital expenditure amount.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan acknowledged and recognized Commissioner Souto's endeavors within his district and commended him on a job well done. She clarified that she was in agreement with reports being generated regarding closures and capital expenditures (with an increased threshold amount), but felt these reports should be directed to the District Commissioner rather than to the Committee in the hopes of maintaining efficiency within the Committee.

Commissioner Monestime expressed his reserve but stated it was his intent to move the proposed resolution forward to the Board of County Commissioners so that additional information could be provided. He recounted different issues within his district that was occurring without his knowledge and stated he believed the proposed resolution would remedy these problems. Commissioner Monestime fully concurred with Commissioner Suarez and Vice Chairwoman Jordan's concerns regarding the threshold

amount for the capital expenditure projects being set too low at \$1,000.00. He concluded by noting that better communication was needed between the County Administration and the District Commissioner regarding projects and status reports.

Commissioner Suarez informed the Committee that he submitted a proposed amendment to Daniel Frastai, Assistant County Attorney, for consideration. He explained the amendment suggested increasing the threshold amount for construction capital expenditure from \$1,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and modifying the language to require reports only on projects resulting in any construction closures. Additionally, Commissioner Suarez agreed that the reports should be sent to the District Commissioner. Commissioner Suarez addressed prior comments regarding micromanagement and referred to a quote from Colin Powell's with similar sentiments. He voiced his agreement with Commissioner Souto's interest in knowing and understanding the details that go into the operating of County facilities and commented that as County Commissioners the right to micromanage should be reserved. He thanked the County Administration for always being available and amenable to his questions and suggestions. Commissioner Suarez concluded by proposing a friendly amendment with the modifications outlined earlier to the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Souto stated that he accepted all the amendments. He reiterated his belief that a "hands-on" approach was necessary to the success of an organization.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor stated that the spirit of the proposed resolution was to foster better communication between members of the County Administration and the Commissioner's Offices with regards to on-going projects within their districts. She pointed out that while it was important to have reports regarding the progress of projects, it was equally as important to ensure that the projects were being monitored and supervised by staff. Ms. Martinez suggested further raising the cap threshold for capital expenditures and facility closures from the \$50,000.00 as proposed by Commissioner Suarez to \$250,000.00 and explained that this amount would promote quicker and more efficient project management and reporting guidelines.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan clarified that Commissioner Souto was in agreement with all the suggested modifications to the proposed resolution, including the new threshold amount recommended by Ms. Martinez and requested all the amendments be announced for the record.

Assistant County Attorney Daniel Frastai, clarified and read into the record, the following amendments to the foregoing proposed resolution as follows:

- ~to change the threshold for construction projects exceeding \$250,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00;
- ~to remove all references to "repairs";
- ~to remove all references to "partial closures";
- and
- ~to notify the appropriate District Commissioner instead of the Committee.

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

It was moved by Chairman Souto that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation with Committee amendment(s):

- ~to Change the threshold for construction projects exceeding \$250,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00;
- ~to remove all references to "repairs";
- ~to remove all references to "partial closures";
- and
- ~to notify the appropriate District Commissioner instead of the Committee.

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

131285 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF FOURTEEN (14) FELLOWSHIP AWARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000.00 TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE FY 2012-2013 SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, 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 the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Monestime
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Suarez*

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chairman Souto submitted a memorandum dated July 9, 2013, entitled "Request for July 16, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting" requesting that Board of County Commissioners' Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at the July 16, 2013 County Commission meeting.

3B

131308 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING OF A \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM TO NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF IT'S MUSEUM OF ART FORT LAUDERDALE FOR THE REGIONAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM'S FY 2012-2013 VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chairman Souto submitted a memorandum dated July 9, 2013, entitled "Request for July 16, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting" requesting that Board of County Commissioners' Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at the July 16, 2013 County Commission meeting.

3C

130997 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TAMAMI LAKES PLAZA, INC., FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 13250-52 S.W. 8 STREET, MIAMI, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY, WITH A TOTAL FISCAL IMPACT TO THE COUNTY ESTIMATED TO BE \$554,792.00 FOR THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERM OF THE LEASE AND THE ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3D

131236 Resolution**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT TO DOMINGO MORUA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,264.30, FOR THE THEFT/LOSS OF PERSONAL TOOLS STOLEN FROM COUNTY PROPERTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-11.13 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 7-23 (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3E

131331 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY AT 9885 HAMMOCKS BOULEVARD (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

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

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chairman Souto submitted a memorandum dated July 9, 2013, entitled "Request for July 16, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting" requesting that Board of County Commissioners Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at the July 16, 2013 County Commission meeting.

3F

131299 Resolution

Jean Monestime

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH'S APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$100,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL FY 2013-2014 GRANT PROGRAM FOR A LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ON NW 167TH/163RD STREET (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

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

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

131347 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERKS MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE
3, 2013 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

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

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

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

7 REPORTS

7A

131238 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2013 -
MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST

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

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

*Hearing no objection, the Committee heard the
foregoing report and Agenda Items 7B and 7C
simultaneously and voted on the reports as
presented.*

7B

131239 Report

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

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

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

Hearing no objection, the Committee heard the foregoing report and Agenda Items 7B and 7C simultaneously and voted on the reports as presented.

7C

131243 Report

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

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

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

Hearing no objection, the Committee heard the foregoing report and Agenda Items 7B and 7C simultaneously and voted on the reports as presented.

131445 Report

NON AGENDA REPORT ITEM FOR THE JULY 8, 2013
CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Presented

Report: *Chairman Souto requested additional information regarding the issue surrounding the recapture of funds from Seymour Gelber Center.*

In response to Chairman Souto's request for additional information regarding the recapturing of funds issue, Mr. Gregg Fortner, Director of Public Housing and Community Development informed the Committee members that the matter had been resolved. He explained that the funds were recaptured from the "Jewish Community Services of South Florida – Seymour Gelber Adult Day Care Center" and reallocated to the Department of Community Action Health Services. Mr. Fortner reported that the rehabilitation to the Seymour Gelber Center would be completed as projected and there was no other outstanding issue with regards to this project.

Vice Chairwoman Jordan expressed her concerns regarding other municipalities such as City of Miami and City of Miami Beach having to return funds to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) due to lack of expenditure brought about by not using the funds properly, timely and wisely. Additionally, she stated that she did not want to be in a position where she had to report to the community that funds were recaptured because they were not utilized properly. Vice Chairwoman Jordan noted that there should be no instances that monies are being returned particularly in light of all the need that exists within the community.

Commissioner Jordan requested deputy mayor Lisa Martinez to provide a report at the next board of county commissioners meeting outlining the status of any and all outstanding U.S. HUD allocations for CDBG, home and ESG funds including unresolved issues that may exist with developers. She also requested that administration ensure that the county's funding entitlements were not jeopardized and include a plan on how to expend those funds.

Chairman Souto informed the Committee members of communications between himself, County Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Ana Botella Serrano, Mayor of Madrid, Spain regarding a possible

cross- cultural venture between Miami-Dade County and the City of Madrid. He identified the possible global benefits to Miami-Dade County for a joint venture and urged the Committee to seriously consider this liaison.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.*