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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

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

DATE: December 9, 2013

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Director, 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:

October 7, 2013
November 18, 2013

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

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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, October 7, 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.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Kerry Khunjar, Commission Reporter*
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1A **INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05**
(H)

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 Monica Rizo and Miguel Gonzalez
 ~Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Kerry Khunjar*

Chairman Souto called the meeting to order at 9.35 A.M.

Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted that pursuant to the Board of County Commissioners' Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's memorandum dated October 7 2013, entitled "Requested Changes to the Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee (CRC) Agenda, Agenda" Item 1E8 should be withdrawn from today's (10/7) agenda; and item 2C was withdrawn and reassigned to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Vice Chair Jordan that the October 7, 2013 CRC Agenda be approved with the changes requested by Assistant County Attorney Rizo. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Monestime, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0.

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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131889	Service Awards	Rebeca Sosa	
	PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:		<i>Presented</i>
	JOHN W. MORETZ - PARKS - 35 YEARS		

1D2

131829 Citizen's

Sen. Javier D. Souto

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION BY FRANKIE RUIZ AND
CARLOS MARTINEZ REGARDING TROPICAL PARK
TRACK

Presented

Report: *Commissioner Suarez requested a point of personal privilege and recognized the presence of Mr. Carlos Martinez, Miami Dade County Public Defender at today's (10/7) meeting.*

Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing special presentation item.

Mr. Carlos Martinez, Miami Dade County Public Defender, appeared and presented a citizen's presentation regarding Tropical Park Track. He spoke about his personal struggle with weight and the important role the Tropical Park Track has made in his journey towards living a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Martinez commented on the poor condition and state of disrepair of the track and walking trails at the park. He expressed his hope that repairs to the track and walking trails at Tropical Park would be given priority.

Mr. Martinez noted he began his exercise regime approximately one year ago by walking and has now progressed to running. He spoke about the different activities he has been able to partake in, including being a member of a running club and participating in the annual "Turkey Trot" and "Cuban American 5k."

Mr. Martinez spoke of his introduction to Frankie Ruiz, an avid runner and co-founder of ING Miami Marathon. He noted Mr. Ruiz was better qualified to speak as to the conditions of the running track at Tropical Park and other facilities throughout Miami Dade County.

Commissioner Suarez requested a point of personal privilege and recognized the presence of the uncle of Javier Garcia-Tunon, an accomplished 400 meter hurdler from Miami Dade County and alumnus of Miami's Belen Jesuit Preparatory School.

Mr. Frankie Ruiz introduced himself and thanked the Committee for allowing him the opportunity to

appear before them at today's (10/7) meeting. He pointed out that both he and Mr. Martinez stood before the Committee as representatives for thousands of Miami Dade runners and the intent of his presentation today (10/7) was to urge Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) to take notice of the community's growing need for additional, as well as better infrastructure for runners and walkers.

Mr. Ruiz noted that he along with several other runners have been meeting with PROS officials including Mr. Jack Kardys regarding the identification of pressing needs, opportunities, scope and funding sources. He proposed the Committee consider repairing the Tropical Park running track as well as developing unpaved marked running paths at several County parks to deal with the needs of the rapidly growing walking and running community.

Mr. Ruiz pointed out that running as an activity has increased in popularity both nationally and locally. He spoke about the need for PROS to keep up with this growing trend. Mr. Ruiz quoted research done by his company, "US Road Sports & Entertainment Group", which found that over 70,000 Miami Dade residents currently run at least 110 days out of the year.

Mr. Ruiz advised the Committee about the facilities currently available to walkers and runners. He noted that Miami Dade County was only equipped with one unpaved running/walking specific path (also known as a cross country course marked with mile markers) and three running track facilities, the largest located at Tropical Park. Mr. Ruiz informed the Committee that the running track at Tropical Park had not been resurfaced in approximately 20 years. He questioned why priority was given to all the other sporting activities at parks but little to no attention was paid to running.

Mr. Ruiz pointed out while runners had a very limited choice of facilities available to them (only 3 tracks), other athletes had a host of locations to choose from including over 15 parks with soccer fields totaling over 60 fields in the county; approximately 17 parks equipped with baseball fields with an estimate of 80 fields in total; 5 parks with designated dog parks; 126 tennis courts; 80 basketball courts and 15 pools.

Referring to a NCJA study, Mr. Ruiz reported that

running showed steady growth in participants 7 years and older while other traditional team sports demonstrated a slight decline. He asked the Committee to consider the fact that there were 40 million runners in the USA, with running showing consistent growth for the past 10 consecutive years. Mr. Ruiz also noted while there was a decline in traditional team sports and participation; volleyball, lacrosse, track and field and soccer all saw increased participation and popularity.

Mr. Ruiz argued any investment by PROS into Tropical Park's running track as well as the development of running and walking paths throughout Miami Dade Parks would be well worth it particularly in light of the following statistics:

- ~ Over 55 per cent of high school students participated in sports nationally, with the figures much higher for Miami Dade County where school districts ranked amongst the largest in the country;
- ~Over 750 high schools in the State of Florida totaling over 800 thousand athletes;
- ~Over 100 high schools in Miami Dade County with cross country/track and field teams which translated to over 8000 runners;
- ~Approximately 180 middle schools in Miami Dade County with track and field teams which totaled over 5000 runners;
- ~Combined totals of over 13,000 student runners from Miami Dade County schools;
- ~Over 1.4 million children participate in running nationally; with track and field being the most popular sports for children.

Mr. Ruiz pointed out in addition to the general figures provided above, Tropical Park running track was used by the four local university track and field teams as well as numerous other local runners and walkers.

Mr. Ruiz asked the Committee as well as PROS to seriously consider the effects of repairing as well as constructing new well designed running and walking paths at Tropical Park. He pointed out these tracks and paths would meet the needs of so many residents within the County. Mr. Ruiz spoke about the economical impact such facilities would offer the community. He noted new facilities would attract events and organizations to the area which would in turn benefit the hospitality industry.

Mr. Ruiz informed the Committee that Miami

Dade County was currently losing income to the Ansin Sports Complex located in Miramar. He indicated the cost of repairing as well as constructing new running tracks were relatively inexpensive when compared to other sporting activities. Mr. Ruiz pointed out running tracks were multi functional and could be used year round by other sporting teams for training.

Mr. Ruiz concluded by noting that Tropical Park was ideally located and would benefit substantially from further development. He pointed out the park was already a local favorite and with the proper investment and infrastructural improvements could become a place where running teams and school clubs would be willing to pay to utilize. Mr. Ruiz added renovations to Tropical Park's running track and the addition of unpaved tracks would significantly add to the diversity of the facilities and services already provided by PROS at its other locations.

Chairman Souto commended Mr. Ruiz for his thorough research and presentation.

Mr. George Navarrete, Deputy Director of PROS appeared on behalf of Mr. Jack Kardys (Director of PROS) and spoke about the efforts being made by PROS to resurface the running tracks at Tropical Park. He pointed out the department was still in the initial stages of "scoping" out the work. Mr. Navarrete informed the Committee that a part of the "scoping" process included staff visits to other running facilities in order to understand what can and should be done at Tropical Park.

Mr. Navarrete expressed his optimism that the project would be in the design stages by the end of November 2013 and in construction before the end of the 2014. He noted the renovation project included the running track as well as the football field. Mr. Navarrete informed the Committee that the football field's renovation would be funded in part by a \$200,000 grant secured from the National Football League (NFL) and from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (GOB) funds.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry regarding the walking trails at Tropical Park, Mr. Navarrete confirmed Mr. Ruiz' representation concerning the state of disrepair of the trails. He stated the department was aware of the condition of the trails and the need for improvements. Mr.

Navarrete noted while there were no immediate projects to improve the walking trails, the department was working on plans to address both Tropical Park and Amelia Earhart Park walking trails.

Chairman Souto spoke about his weekly visits to parks located within his district and voiced his opinion that Banyan Park was one of the parks in dire need of a jogging path. He pointed out that Banyan Park served not only local joggers but also the nearby Banyan Elementary School.

Chairman Souto informed Mr. Navarrete that a study as well as project plans were already developed for Banyan Park and suggested staff revisit his initial recommendation made several years ago to use recycled materials in the construction of the jogging paths. He pointed out if it was found acceptable, the use of recycled material would result in tremendous savings for the county. Chairman Souto stated the construction of running, jogging and walking tracks/trails should not be an expensive venture and called for construction plans to be simplified.

Chairman Souto stressed the importance of listening and responding to the needs of the community. He spoke of the versatility of walking and jogging, pointing out people of all ages could benefit from these activities.

Commissioner Jordan informed the Committee about her recent meeting with Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Miami Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS), regarding plans to increase the number of track and field facilities at schools and noted that there were several construction projects currently underway. She spoke of the importance of maximizing resources and stated the County should be focused on providing the services and facilities needed to the public through coordination and not duplication.

Commissioner Jordan pointed out proper coordination of resources could result in notable savings for PROS.

Vice Chair Jordan asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez along with the Mr. George Navarrete, deputy director of Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, to explore the possibility of obtaining more inclusive memorandums of agreements with the Miami Dade County Public School Board that would

allow community access to school's sporting facilities and infrastructure which would address a county wide need for such facilities.

Chairman Souto fully concurred with Commissioner Jordan's statements and suggestion regarding the utilization of school facilities in order to meet community needs. He spoke of the importance of integrating schools and parks and used Westwood Park and Cypress Elementary School as a prime example of such an integration. Chairman Souto recounted the history and his personal involvement in the revitalization of the park and invited Commissioner Jordan to the inauguration of the music program at the park.

Chairman Souto noted there were many County facilities that were currently underutilized including recreation centers at parks such as the Westwood Park. He spoke about the importance of maximizing all County resources particularly in light of the economic times.

Chairman Souto reiterated his involvement in the revitalization of Westwood Park and pointed out the new music program was the result of a joint venture between his office and Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of MDCPS. He noted the park would soon be home to a similar art program.

Chairman Souto concluded by reiterating his support of Commissioner Jordan's suggestion regarding utilization of school facilities to offset community needs. He stated it was of utmost importance that the County begin to maximize use of all its resources and infrastructure to ensure services and facilities are among the best and that they continue to improve.

Commissioner Jordan moved for the Committee to take into consideration all pending action items before continuing with the other discussion items in the spirit of time management and efficiency.

Chairman Souto acknowledged and commended PROS on a job well done. He spoke of the virtues of exercise and its positive benefits on long term health. Chairman Souto reiterated the importance of County departments working together for the benefit of the community.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the County Mayor noted the Administration's commitment to following up on Commissioner Jordan's

suggestions that the County explore the possibility of entering into agreements with MDCPS in an attempt to leverage all County resources for the betterment of the community. Additionally, she restated the Administration's continued commitment to ensuring ongoing improvement projects were completed as swiftly as possible.

Ms. Martinez stated it was her intent to maintain communication with Mr. Ruiz and all stakeholders within the community so that the County could benefit from partner resources as well in addition to maximizing utility of County resources.

1E DISCUSSION ITEMS

1E1

131552 Discussion Item **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
 EXPLORE POSSIBLE YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT TROPICAL PARK EQ CENTER, PETTING AREA/POSSIBLE REVENUE OPTIONS (ADMISSION FEE)

Presented

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

Mr. Kevin Kirwin, Assistant Director of Operations for PROS, informed the Committee of the planned celebrations on October 16, 2013 to recognize the opening of the two new covered arenas. He expressed his support for employing a selective process and advertising Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for weekend and afterschool programs. Mr. Kirwin pointed out the RFP would include the vendor providing the expertise, staff, equipment and animals for the program. He noted his commitment to working alongside the CRC and Equestrian Council in the development of an acceptable program.

Chairman Souto noted the inauguration of the new Equestrian Center and facilities at Tropical Park was scheduled for October 16, 2013 at 4 p.m. He spoke about the importance of Tropical Park to the community.

1E2

131554 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

DISCUSSION REGARDING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14*Presented*

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

Chairman Souto asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez along with Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director of Miami Dade library system, to provide the committee with a report providing an explanation of the library's budget so that the committee could be better prepared to address future departmental budgetary issues or concerns.

Chairman Souto acknowledged that a report of such importance would require time to compile and stated he looked forward to meeting with the Library Department's Administration to discuss the future of the library system.

Chairman Souto noted he was recently made aware of several new contracts entered into by the Library for store front locations at the cost of one million dollars over the course of a five year contract period. He voiced his dissatisfaction with this development particularly in light of the recent budget discussions and negotiations. Chairman Souto stated it was the intent of the Board of the County Commissioners to utilize county facilities and infrastructure to house libraries in an attempt to cut expenses. He reiterated the importance of maximizing utility of county resources. Chairman Souto restated his belief that it was important that he meet with the Library Department's Administration to discuss all matters pertaining to the system.

Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director of Miami Dade Public Library System, noted that a meeting will be scheduled to respond to all concerns and questions posed by Chairman Souto.

Ms. Lisa Martinez informed Chairman Souto that he will also receive an update regarding the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Miami-Dade Public Library System and the proposed approach to deal with the challenges facing the library later this week.

1E3

131618 Discussion Item **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE 2013 - **Presented**
2014 GOLDEN TICKETS ARTS GUIDE BOOKLET

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

Commissioner Monestime requested the Committee hear from Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs, regarding items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6.

Mr. Michael Spring appeared and presented status reports on items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6 simultaneously.

Mr. Spring informed the Committee that the 2013-2014 Golden Tickets Arts Guide was published in August. He explained that the guide offered free of charge offers for senior citizens 62 years and older. Mr. Spring noted 18,000 guides were printed which included hundreds of free offers from over 43 non-profit cultural organizations. He pointed out that 7000 guides were mailed directly to senior citizens who had registered for them, while the remaining guides were available at County Commissioner's Offices and at Library and Park locations throughout the County. Mr. Spring advised the Committee that his office was currently working with the Department of Human Services (Elderly Services Division) as well as the Miami Dade Transit Golden Passport Office. He noted the Golden Tickets Arts Guide was also being distributed by the Department of Public Housing and Community Development.

1E4

131619 Discussion Item**Sen. Javier D. Souto***Presented*

DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AS TO WHAT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCUR WITH THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND MADRID

Report: *Commissioner Monestime requested the Committee hear from Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs, regarding items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6.*

Mr. Michael Spring appeared and presented status reports on items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6 simultaneously.

Chairman Souto requested the presence of Mr. Fernando Figueredo, Director of Communications and External Affairs for the Mayor's Office, noting his involvement and familiarity with the subject. He informed the Committee of the history behind the foregoing discussion item. Chairman Souto spoke of the importance of the cultural exchange between the County and Madrid and noted the benefits and potential for development of the cultural arts in Miami.

Mr. Spring informed the Committee that he had been working closely with Mr. Figueredo. He spoke of the recent discussions between himself, Mr. Figueredo, Mr. Ricardo Diez-Hochleitner Cousteau (Madrid's Director General of the Arts) and Mr. Juan Jose Herrera De La Muela (Madrid's Director General for Museums and Music) regarding the enormous potential for cultural exchange between Miami and Madrid and the already vast exchange that already occurs.

Mr. Spring noted he was made aware during the conversations with Mr. Custo and Mr. Herrera that the 2013 Miami Dade College Book Fair would be featuring Spain and authors from the region. He stated dozens of authors and artists from Madrid were expected to attend the fair. Mr. Spring advised the Committee that Mr. Figueredo had extended an invitation to the representatives from Madrid to visit Miami for either the Book Fair or for Art Basel. He stated the intent of the invitation was aimed at promoting more personal conversations between the two parties.

Mr. Spring noted the invitation to visit Miami during either the Book Fair or Art Basel was

being reviewed by the Madrid counterparts and a decision should be made within a week. He expressed his enthusiasm with working in collaboration with Madrid to ensure the success of this cultural exchange venture.

Chairman Souto expressed his disappointment in the fact that the Committee had not been involved or kept abreast of the latest developments with Madrid. He strongly urged Mr. Spring to keep the Committee involved in all aspects of planning moving forward particularly in light of the fact that tax dollars will be used to fund the venture.

Mr. Spring reassured Chairman Souto that his presentation today (10/7) was an attempt at keeping the Committee informed of all developments. He noted it was the intent of the department to set up personal meetings and facilitate a presentation by the Madrid representatives upon their arrival. Mr. Spring voiced his commitment to ensuring the Committee was kept informed of all developments. He pointed out all discussions thus far were preliminary in nature and was simply a follow up to the meeting between Mayor Gimenez, Chairman Souto and Madrid's Mayor Ana Botella.

Mr. Spring reiterated his commitment to keeping the Committee and Chairman Souto abreast of all development as they occur.

Mr. Fernando Figueredo noted his office was in communication with Madrid's Office of Culture and has had several conversations regarding cultural exchange ideas. He stated his office was currently awaiting Madrid's decision regarding their visit to the Miami Dade College Book Fair which is set to feature Spanish books and authors. Mr. Figueredo spoke of the possibility of the Prince of Spain attending the fair and assured the Committee that they would be informed of developments as they occur.

Chairman Souto reiterated the need to have the Committee involved and informed, and urged Mr. Figueredo to do so moving forward.

1E5

131622 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING THE STATUS OF
TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER PHASE 2
CONSTRUCTION

Presented

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

Mr. George Navarrete, Deputy Director of PROS informed the Committee that construction was complete and a temporary certificate of occupancy had been secured. He noted a final certificate should be issued by Friday.

Discussions ensued between Chairman Souto and Commissioner Monestime regarding the inauguration ceremony scheduled for October 16, 2013.

1E6

131623 Discussion Item**Sen. Javier D. Souto****DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING THE STATUS OF
FUNDING FOR THE WESTCHESTER PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER*****Presented***

Report: *Commissioner Monestime requested the Committee hear from Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs, regarding items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6.*

Mr. Michael Spring appeared and presented status reports on items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6 simultaneously.

Mr. Spring provided a brief update regarding funding for the Westchester Performing Arts Center noting his department had met with PROS and recently assumed management of the project. He noted the center would be a cultural facility located in Tropical Park. Mr. Spring advised that a draft of the Request to Advertise for architectural engineering services was complete and the community business enterprise measures were approved. He stated the project was now ready to advertise for architectural engineering services for the design of the center and hoped to have an architect selected by early 2014. He also informed the Committee that the project would receive funding from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (GOB).

Chairman Souto thanked Mr. Spring for his presentations and voiced his optimism that the Westchester Performing Arts Center would soon be a reality.

1E7

131629 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto
DISCUSSION REGARDING TENNIS COURTS AND **Presented**
BASKETBALL COURTS AT TROPICAL PARK

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

Mr. George Navarrete, Deputy Director of PROS noted Tropical Park was equipped with 12 tennis courts and two basketball courts. He stated his office was currently working on identifying locations and funding for additional basketball courts per a request made in August. Mr. Navarrete promised to keep the Committee informed of all developments.

Chairman Souto reiterated the need for basketball courts in the Tropical Park area. He spoke about the benefits and advantages of these courts to the community and the youth of the area. Chairman Souto stated if there were more activities and facilities available to the youth and to a community, there was a decreased likelihood for criminal activity in the surrounding areas.

Commissioner Monestime asked for an update regarding the roof at South Park.

Mr. Navarrete informed Mr. Monestime that the issue was as a result of negligence on the contractor's part and as such the contractor's insurance would be responsible for repairs.

Mr. Kevin Kirwin, Assistant Director of Operations for PROS, concurred with Mr. Navarrete's statements regarding the damage and repairs. He stated he was informed that the repairs had been completed and noted his intent to verify this information later today (10/7).

Commissioner Monestime asked for clarification regarding the repairs and if the damaged equipment had also been replaced.

Mr. Kirwin informed Commissioner Monestime and the Committee that the entire roof of the recreation center as well as the office and restroom had been replaced as well as all the damaged equipment.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the County Mayor informed Chairman Souto that Miami

Dade Police Department (MDPD) would be able to offer additional information at the next Committee meeting regarding cameras at parks in Central Miami Dade.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's inquiry regarding securing additional funds to ensure the Helping Emergency Responders Operate (H.E.R.O) pilot program could continue as proposed, Ms. Martinez noted while there was no additional funds available from the general budget there was a possibility that additional funding could be secured from alternative sources.

Chairman Souto spoke of the importance of maximizing all resources.

Commissioner Monestime fully concurred with Chairman Souto's sentiments.

1E8

131639 Discussion Item

DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-1795 OF THE CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 12-46)

*Withdrawn**Mover: Jordan**Seconder: Monestime**Vote: 4-0*

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

During consideration of changes to the agenda and pursuant to the Board of County Commissioners' Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's memorandum dated October 7, 2013, entitled "Requested Changes to the Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee (CRC) Agenda, the foregoing discussion item was withdrawn.

1E9

131828 Discussion Item**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTS IN THE PARKS

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the foregoing discussion item into the record and noted this item was included in earlier discussions pertaining to agenda items 1E3, 1E4 and 1E6.*

Chairman Souto noted this was a pilot program in his commission district (District 10) that was completely funded without increasing taxes.

1E10

131888 Discussion Item **Sen. Javier D. Souto** **Presented**
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING CRIME AT COUNTY PARKS (HOBBIE BEACH IN KEY BISCAZYNE) AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT OUR PARKS, MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES

Report: *Chairman Souto spoke about the crime situation affecting parks and other recreational facilities. He voiced his commitment to seeing crime eradicated in Miami Dade County. Chairman Souto related examples of criminal incidents occurring in public spaces and parks throughout the county.*

Commissioner Jordan asked the Assistant County Attorney to read the foregoing discussion item into the record before further consideration of the matter.

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

Chairman Souto noted that Miami Dade County was the birth place and home of many influential and powerful people in business and sports. He spoke about the wealth in the County and questioned why there was no money for cameras at parks, museums and libraries.

Commissioner Monestime reminded Chairman Souto of his colleague's upcoming need to leave due to a prior engagement.

Chairman Souto reiterated his belief that there must be a way in which the wealth of the many businesses and corporations located in Miami can benefit the County and its residents.

Commissioner Jordan recognized Randy Heller, Assistant Director of Miami Dade Police Department.

Mr. Heller noted he was appearing on behalf of Mr. J.D. Patterson, Director of Miami Dade Police Department, who was unable to attend today's (10/7) meeting. He stated his staff was present to provide additional information specific to crime in Key Biscayne and the installation of cameras at parks and other public facilities.

Mr. Heller informed the Committee members of MDPD's efforts to ensure increased police

presence at all parks. He noted the department had mandated roll calls be performed at parks in keeping with recommendations made at the Mayor's joint roundtable meeting on the Youth Safety Initiative. In addition to performing roll call at parks, Mr. Heller advised the Committee that police officers were encouraged to write reports and complete paperwork at parks thereby establishing more presence.

MDPD Captain Jorge Guerra introduced himself to the Committee noting he was assigned to the Rickenbacker Causeway area where both Hobie Beach and Crandon Park were located. He spoke about the recent wave of car burglaries at Crandon Park and advised the Committee that the subjects were apprehended by officers. Captain Guerra informed the Committee that the number of car burglaries have decreased dramatically since the arrest of said subjects.

Captain Guerra briefed the Committee on Hobie Beach. He explained that Hobie Beach was located along the Rickenbacker Causeway and was patrolled by both Miami Dade County Police Department (MDPD) and the City of Miami Police Department (MPD). Captain Guerra further explained that MPD was responsible for the area west of the William Powell Bridge towards the toll plaza while MDPD was in control of the region west of the bridge. He referenced a recent news story in which it was reported that several vehicles were burglarized at Hobie Beach. Captain Guerra clarified that the incidences occurred in the area patrolled by the City of Miami Police Department. He spoke about the proactive efforts undertaken by MDPD with respect to policing the area of the beach under their jurisdiction, pointing out officers utilized all-terrain vehicles and bicycles as well as conducted "plain clothes" details to patrol the space. Captain Guerra reiterated the decreased criminal activity at Hobie Beach as a result of the efforts made by MDPD.

Commissioner Suarez noted that while he was informed the issues at Crandon Park were resolved he required additional information regarding camera installation, budget and functionality of the cameras. He informed the Committee that he had learned the primary function of the cameras at Haulover Beach Park were to monitor the parking attendants and was not for surveillance of the park and its patrons.

In response to Commissioner Suarez' inquiries

regarding the cameras in Crandon Park, Captain Guerra informed the Committee that MDPD did not use cameras for any surveillance purposes. He added that he was unable to give any further information regarding cameras at any of the parks and noted that a PROS representative was present to answer any questions pertaining to the cameras.

Detective Omar Garcia, MDPD Homeland Division, introduced himself to the Committee. He advised the Committee that he was currently working on a project known as Helping Emergency Responders Operate (H.E.R.O) which dealt with cameras and establishing "situation awareness". Detective Garcia explained the intent of the program was to use cameras during times of crises to provide a live feed to responding officials to better prepare them for the situation. He provided an example of a school emergency to illustrate the effectiveness of the project. Detective Garcia spoke about the importance of integrating additional technology such as electronic floor plans in order to maximize the potential of the project.

Detective Garcia explained that while H.E.R.O was currently in its pilot program phase he hoped that it could be launched at a couple of parks in Miami Dade County.

Chairman Souto asked for clarification regarding the number of parks currently used in the H.E.R.O pilot program, noting there were approximately 260 parks in Miami Dade County. Detective Garcia noted that presently only two parks were involved in the program.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, clarified that Detective Garcia was providing information on a pilot program resulting from the Mayor's Youth Safety Roundtable discussions involving the school district. She pointed out that there were more than two parks with installed cameras and additional information regarding library cameras that would be offered to the Committee by the respective departments upon completion of Detective Garcia's presentation.

Chairman Souto highlighted the importance of cameras in parks from a safety perspective. He noted that currently not even 10 percent of Miami Dade County Parks were equipped with cameras. Chairman Souto pointed out metropolitan cities such as London and Barcelona enjoyed low levels of criminal activity and attributed these low

incidents rates to the presence of cameras throughout the cities.

Ms. Martinez spoke further about the potential of the H.E.R.O program pointing out the program proposed utilizing installed cameras not only for their recording capabilities but also as a live feed transmitter during the course of an emergency.

Chairman Souto reiterated the importance of having cameras installed at parks.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's inquiry regarding if the H.E.R.O program would be extended to parks within his district (Commission District 2), Detective Garcia informed Commissioner Monestime that the pilot program was intended to answer questions regarding what procedures needed to be put in place before the H.E.R.O program can be launched on a county wide scale. He spoke about the many advantages of the program not just to law enforcement and first responders but also to the community.

Commissioner Monestime asked for clarification regarding electronic floor plan technology and the H.E.R.O pilot program. Detective Garcia clarified that the electronic floor plan technology was separate from the camera aspect of the H.E.R.O pilot program. He explained how accessibility to the electronic floor plans could assist and benefit first responders in cases of emergencies.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's question about the success of the pilot program to date, Detective Garcia pointed out that the program was still in the developmental stages with the Information and Technology Department (ITD) spearheading the efforts to ensure the camera feeds are accessible to 911 and first responders.

Responding to Commissioner Monestime's inquiry regarding the approximate timeline for the countywide launch of the H.E.R.O program, Detective Garcia noted that the pilot program was tentatively scheduled for completion by May 2014. He pointed out the pilot program was intended to answer questions regarding procedure, protocol and funding issues.

MDPD Lieutenant Raul Martinez, MDPD Homeland Security Bureau Division, reiterated the department's commitment to ensuring safety in the

parks. He provided greater details about the H.E.R.O pilot program, noting it was scheduled to be launched at Gwen Cherry Park and Gould's Park.

Chairman Souto expressed his concerns that the pilot program was not going to be conducted in central Miami Dade County and suggested the department look into including the area in its program.

Vice Chair Jordan asked what were the criteria used in deciding which areas or parks were included in the H.E.R.O pilot project. She surmised that the two pilot park locations were selected because of the high level of criminal activity in the area and the fact that these locations would best provide answers to the possible effectiveness of the program against crime.

Ms. Martinez provided a brief procedural explanation as to the origins of the pilot program. She noted the pilot program was only one of several other recommendations for a six month action plan which resulted from discussions at the Mayor's Youth Safety Round Table. Ms. Martinez pointed out that there were cameras already installed at parks located in central Miami Dade County that could easily be included in the pilot program. She clarified that the information relayed thus far to the Committee was simply to apprise them of the strategy employed by the department in the development of the pilot program. She acknowledged Chairman Souto's concerns and noted it was in the best interest of the community to have the program up and running in as many parks as possible.

Chairman Souto spoke about the rise in criminal activity around the Florida International University (FIU) area and his commission district. He stressed his "zero tolerance" for crime in Miami Dade County but more specifically in his district and restated his commitment to serving and defending his constituents.

Ms. Martinez acknowledged and noted the issues and concerns voiced by Chairman Souto.

Vice Chair Jordan thanked Mr. Heller, Captain Guerra, Detective Garcia and Lieutenant Martinez for being present.

Commissioner Monestime asked Senior Advisor to

the County Mayor Lisa Martinez to provide a status report on Gratigny Plateau Park at the next committee meeting scheduled for November 12, 2013.

Commissioner Monestime acknowledged and commended MDPH for the lighting installation at Oak Grove and noted his resident's appreciation for the project.

1F PUBLIC HEARINGS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

131589 Resolution**Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PROVIDE LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 4-0

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

Commissioner Jordan questioned if the proposed resolution differed from the process currently in place, noting the existing process had been discussed at length during the budget hearing meetings.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, responded to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry by explaining that the foregoing item was a "carry-over" from the last Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee (CRC) meeting (8/26). She also reminded the Committee that the last update received listed five adult education centers willing to allow community access to their facilities.

Ms. Martinez stated the Administration planned to work closely with the school district. She noted, in addition to, providing regular reports regarding services provided by the school district, a report on projects undertaken by the County in an attempt to strengthen the library system through partnerships and leveraging of resources would be provided as well.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's request for further clarification on the proposed resolution, Ms. Martinez explained the foregoing resolution simply sought to validate Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS) proposal to make school facilities and resources available to the community.

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

Upon conclusion of the vote, Chairman Souto asked Ms. Martinez for information regarding the current process in place for meetings between the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the School Board. He spoke about past meetings between the two Boards and questioned the status of said meetings.

Ms. Martinez, in response to Chairman Souto's inquiries, explained that at one point in time an education compact had been established which facilitated joint meetings between the BCC and School Board. She informed the Committee that these joint meetings were no longer taking place and had stopped around 2007 but it was possible for the Administration to look into ways to re-establish and strengthen communication between the two Boards. Ms. Martinez noted the Administration maintained a close relationship with School Board staff as well as the Superintendent's staff to ensure community needs are being satisfied consistently with the Board's directives and the Mayor's direction.

Chairman Souto stated he believed it would be very beneficial to have regular meetings between the BCC and School Board. He discussed the frequency in which he believed the meetings should be scheduled and noted the meetings would serve as a way to discuss community issues in and around school districts.

Chairman Souto noted both Boards were comprised of elected officials and stated it was important that both entities meet to discuss the needs of the community which they serve.

2B

131596 Resolution **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.,
Lynda Bell, Audrey M. Edmonson, Rebeca Sosa, Sen.
Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LIBRARIES AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS A REPORT ANALYZING POTENTIAL COST-SAVINGS AND REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE COUNTY'S LIBRARY SYSTEM

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0*

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

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

2C

131610 Resolution**Audrey M. Edmonson,****Bruno A. Barreiro, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO UPDATE CONCEPTUAL STUDY ANALYZING DEVELOPMENT OF CUBAN EXILE HISTORY MUSEUM AT PARCEL B OF FEC PROPERTY AND TO EXPAND SUCH STUDY TO INCLUDE OTHER POTENTIAL SITES FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

Withdrawn and reassigned to Finance Committee scheduled for 10/8/2013

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Monestime

Vote: 4-0

Report: *During consideration of changes to the agenda, and pursuant to the Assistant County Attorney's announcement, the foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn and reassigned to the Finance Committee scheduled for October 8, 2013.*

2D

131624 Resolution**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 10 THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURE INTO COUNTY PARKS WITHIN THE SAME COMMISSION DISTRICT

Withdrawn

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

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

Chairman Souto stated the foregoing proposed resolution was no longer needed and should be withdrawn.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee voted to withdraw the foregoing proposed resolution.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

131815 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF TWENTY-NINE (29) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$164,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2013-2014 1ST QUARTER COMMUNITY GRANTS – ANCHOR ARTS MANAGEMENT, INC. A/F/A FOR DANZARTE; ARCA IMAGES, INC.; BISCAYNE PARK FOUNDATION, INC.; CUBAN THEATRE FOLKLORE HERITAGE, INC.; EXPONICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.; FIRE HAUS PROJECTS, INC.; FLORIDA DANCE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC.; FUNDARTE, INC. A/F/A FOR AKUARA TEATRO WORKSHOP THEATER AVELLANEDA, INC.; FUNDARTE, INC. A/F/A FOR CUATROGRATOS FOUNDATION, INC.; GREATER SOUTH DADE/SOUTH MIAMI/KENDALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D/B/A CHAMBER SOUTH; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A FOR PULSE CHAMBER MUSIC, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A FOR CE N'EST PAS NOUS; IRREVERSIBLE AN INTERNATIONAL ART PROJECT, INC.; ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; KASHMIRI HINDU FOUNDATION, INC.; KEY BISCAYNE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. A/F/A FOR ART HEART FOUNDATION INC.; LIVING ARTS TRUST, INC. D/B/A O CINEMA A/F/A FOR BISTOURY, INC.; MERRICK FESTIVAL INCORPORATED; MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI WIND SYMPHONY, INC.; NUESTRO LEGADO CULTURAL, INC.; RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA NATIONAL PARKS TRUST, INC.; THE DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC. A/F/A FOR ATMA DANCE; THE HISTORIC HAMPTON HOUSE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC.; THE MIAMI FOUNDATION, INC. A/F/A FOR THOUGHT LOOM; TL TANGO LOVERS ORGANIZATION, INC.; UNITY COALITION | COALICION UNIDA, INC.; VILLAGE OF PINECREST - PINECREST GARDENS, 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: Jordan

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 4-0

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

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

Chairman Souto acknowledged a recipient from

one of the organizations receiving financial aid through the grants.

3B

131523 Resolution**Juan C. Zapata**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MUTUAL CROSS-ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND HAMMOCKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. FOR THE USE, SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN COUNTY LANDS WITHIN WILD LIME PARK; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS; APPROVING AN ACCESS EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT IN SUPPORT OF THE AGREEMENT ALL ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monesime

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 4-0

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

In response to Vice Chair Jordan question on whether the proposed resolution changed the process presently in place, Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, clarified the proposed resolution was aimed at ensuring the proper paperwork was in place.

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

3C

131423 Resolution

Bruno A. Barreiro,

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 4441 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Suarez

Vote: 4-0

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

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

For the record, Commissioner Suarez informed the Committee that he had previously sought clarification and an opinion from the Miami Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (CEPT) regarding his eligibility to vote on this proposed resolution. Commissioner Suarez reported that CEPT found there was no conflict of interest based on his distant involvement and found that he was eligible to vote on the matter.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

131598 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE JULY 8, 2013 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Suarez
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing report, as presented.

6B

131908 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERKS MEETING MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2013 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Suarez
Vote: 4-0

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

Hearing no discussion, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing report, as presented.

7 REPORTS

7A

131832 Report Sen. Javier D. Souto
ORAL REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINING
WHY THE TAMIAMI PARK CENTER IS CLOSED

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

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

Chairman Souto voiced his concerns regarding his recent discovery during a visit to Tamiami Park that the park's recreation center was closed. He noted the center's regular operating hours were listed as 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but the facility was closed at 11.00 a.m. on the day of his visit.

Commissioner Souto spoke about the importance of developing and implementing programs that would fully utilize and maximize county facilities and space. He pointed out that Tamiami Park and its Recreation Center were regional facilities and questioned the reason for the closure of the center.

Mr. Kevin Kirwin, Assistant Director of Operations at Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, informed the Committee that the center was in fact closed on the date and time referenced by Chairman Souto. He explained the recreational center was closed because there were no scheduled activities or events at that time.

Mr. Kirwin provided the Committee with a brief summary of the programs available at the park. He pointed out that the park currently offered a wide range of sporting and recreational programs such as basketball (407 participants), cheer and dance (296 participants), a disability services program (122 participants), fencing, boot camps, judo, baseball, football, soccer and swimming.

Chairman Souto, in light of the information presented by Mr. Kirwin, stated he believed the signage at the recreation center was misleading to the public, particularly the time listed as the operating hours. He suggested the sign be modified to reflect the correct hours of operation.

7B

131525 Report

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

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

Report: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports, as presented.*

7C

131806 Report

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

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

Report: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports, as presented.*

7D

131530 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: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports, as presented.*

7E

131807 Report

OCTOBER - 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: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing reports, as presented.*

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.*

1D1

132186 Special Presentation

Rebeca Sosa

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

Presented

MARSHALL L. DAVIS - CULTURAL AFFAIRS - 30 YEARS

SHENITA GREAVES - LIBRARY - 30 YEARS

NELSON CABAN - PARKS - 40 YEARS

BOBBY D. JOHNSON - PARKS - 30 YEARS

1E DISCUSSION ITEMS

1E1

132160 Discussion Item Sen. Javier D. Souto
DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAINING ACADEMY AT *Presented*
TROPICAL PARK FOR HORSE BACK RIDING, ETC.

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

Chairman Souto noted the expansion of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park provided opportunities for a horse training academy and would provide more money to maintain the parks. He suggested Mr. Jack Kardys, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) Director establish activities with children on the weekends as related to the training academy, as well as other activities.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding how much the training facility would cost and how it would be set up, Mr. Kardys noted PROS would most likely hire horse owners and trainers, etc., or issue a small Request for Proposals (RFP) to them requesting that they supply horses. He indicated that storage space became unavailable when shows were booked at Tropical Park; currently, only about 275 stalls were available; and the shows were going to get bigger as a result of the expansion of the equestrian center. He noted using 10-15% of the stalls for the training facility had been discussed, but it was necessary to develop a scope and see how things would fit into the business plan.

Commissioner Suarez noted he hoped enough private/non-profit interests would become involved that way the County would not have to spend money to operate the training academy. He offered to move a resolution to that effect if needed.

Chairman Souto noted if a resolution was needed, one would be done.

1E2

132161 Discussion Item **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT THE EL **Presented**
MUNDIAL IN SOUTH FLORIDA

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

Chairman Souto noted El Mundial was the world congress of the Paso Fino horse event. He said El Mundial brought 550 horses and was a 4-day event that packed the facility and hotels; and it brought probably \$2-3 million to the County. He said this was business that did not exist before.

1E3

132269 Discussion Item**Sen. Javier D. Souto**DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING LIGHTING AND
CAMERAS IN WESTBROOK PARK*Presented*

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

Chairman Souto noted Westbrook Park was in his Commission District (DIST. 10), roughly ½ a mile from Florida International University (FIU), and nothing bad should happen near FIU.

Chairman Souto noted on a visit to the park at nightfall, he saw strange people and cars, and found out from neighbors that once in a while, people smoked marijuana in the park. He said he did not want drugs or gangs in the park; therefore, he called the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) Director and Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), and others, who were now working to address the drug problem in that park.

Chairman Souto said cameras and lights were needed in parks in which strange activities were taking place in the County; and funding sources, including the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, should be looked at.

Commissioner Jordan noted she wanted PROS to look at all the County's parks so that an effort could be made to make all of them as safe as possible. She said she hoped a report would be submitted to the Committee regarding which parks/areas had the most severe crime; that the installation of cameras and lighting could be prioritized based on the areas with the most severe crime; and that possible resources could then be identified.

Chairman Souto noted a lot of money existed in the County that could be used for the installation. He noted he was happy that recently, the MDPD, with the help of the Coral Gables Police Department, apprehended thieves in Tropical Park. Chairman Souto noted people came to the County and brought money with them, which created jobs for families in the County, which made those families strong; and families were the basis of the community. He said if drugs and gangs existed, money and jobs would leave the County; therefore, he wanted a zero-tolerance

attitude toward drugs and gangs in the County's parks. Chairman Souto noted he wanted signs installed in the parks also. He said if no money was available for the installation, county commissioners and the Mayor should create a task force to seek the funding.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, noted the Mayor had chaired a Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety that required parks to be at the heart of solutions for community safety. She noted the PROS Director and the Deputy Director of MDPD could provide updates on how they had been collaborating regarding security plans and the future of the items being discussed regarding parks today.

Mr. Jack Kardys, PROS Director, noted on June 3, 2013, he reported to this Committee in response to a request that at all regional parks in the system be reviewed and that cost estimates for outfitting them be determined. He noted those numbers, as well as dates, had been established and progressive movement was being made. Mr. Kardys noted that the Mayor's Roundtable on Youth Safety, created an opportunity for PROS, along with MDPD, to do a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment. As part of CPTED, he indicated, based on zip code and crime rate in and around parks, 43 parks had been identified as targets for the installation of security, lighting, and cameras. He suggested that the data be presented to Committee members in an informational package. He noted as a result of some recommendations from the Roundtable, police officers were present in community parks. He said a memorandum of understanding between PROS and MDPD gave the officers office space and desk space in the parks, and encouraged them to be present in the recreation centers, where they intermingled with the children there and monitored the parks. Mr. Kardys said every week, PROS received a report identifying hotspots, so that PROS and MDPD could deploy resources there. He noted he would be glad to create a report showing how this was done across the communities.

Chairman Souto noted a tremendous need existed to ask neighbors about a quarter of a mile around the parks to look out and call for police when they saw suspicious activities in or around the parks. He noted perpetrators of crime in the parks were from outside the communities that those parks were in, but drove to those communities.

Chairman Souto indicated all those involved with addressing drugs and gangs in the parks needed to do their best to eradicate those problems.

Commissioner Suarez recounted an experience at a park with young people smoking marijuana. He asked the PROS Director if it was possible to place police mini-stations in some of the County parks, as had been done in Tampa and other cities.

In response to Commissioner Suarez question concerning mini-stations in parks, MDPD Deputy Director Juan Perez noted as a result of a recommendation from the Mayor's roundtable, in certain parks, police officers completed reports, had roll calls, or closed out their shifts; and several action steps had been taken at the parks, including traffic details, directed patrols, and curfew and truancy sweeps. He said MDPD and PROS had a great partnership. Mr. Perez noted they exchanged information constantly on cases, so if there was a critical or high-priority incident that MDPD knew of, PROS would be informed. Mr. Perez noted PROS personnel sat in on MDPD meetings so they could participate and be informed. Mr. Perez noted that cameras and lighting cost money, but the CPTED may identify other solutions that were easy and could be done before the next budget year, such as landscaping and environmental changes.

Mr. Kardys noted 17 parks security enforcement officers covered the parks seven days a week and worked primarily between 4PM and 2AM, when people were using the parks most. He noted 260 parks spanning 2,000 square miles was a lot of area for those officers to cover. Mr. Kardys noted the Parks Watch Program was instituted six to seven years ago, and involved a resource officer communicating with homeowner's associations to ensure that they became observers in the parks on behalf of the County. He noted staff would continue to improve their efforts, and he believed the report that he would submit would show that they were doing the best they could with what they had to work with.

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132271 Report**ORAL REPORT REGARDING GRATIGNY PLATEAU
PARK STATUS (Mayor)****Presented**

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Parks and Recreation Department (PROS) Director, PARD began working with local television news station Channel 10 (WPLG) about a year and a half ago on a fundraising effort to develop a parcel of land known as Gratigny Plateau Park. He advised that Miller Construction had fenced, cleared, grubbed, and graded the park site, and elevation surveys and layout of the hardscape were complete. Mr. Kardys said filling, compacting, and forming for concrete work was needed. He noted a company was lined up to build irrigation infrastructure and 85 cubic yards of concrete were being sought. He noted that Channel 10 was seeking 125 cubic yards of limerock fill; and named two companies that had provided limerock fill. Mr. Kardys noted Channel 10 was publicizing fundraising opportunities and publishing them on their website. He noted the Parks Foundation was working very vigorously on raising funds for the proposed children's playground and fitness equipment. Mr. Kardys noted the park would be one of the priority projects on Give Miami Day, a fundraising effort which the Parks Foundation would participate in on November 20, 2013. He added that a mobile fundraising application was being set up to allow smaller donations for Gratigny Plateau Park, as well as for security and lighting for other parks, and other such things.

Commissioner Monestime thanked Mr. Kardys for his report, noting that a small number of neighborhood residents were present at the groundbreaking for the park a little over a year ago, and others had heard about the partnership with Channel 10. He said he had been receiving calls from people trying to find out what was happening with the park.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's question regarding whether all permitting had been approved, Mr. Kardys noted it had all been approved in about April or May. He noted it was now a matter of fundraising and getting final elements of the project donated, noting those

elements were being solicited separately. Mr. Kardys noted despite attempts to acquire a single donor to write a \$250,000 check to buy playground and fitness equipment and close the loop, none had stepped forward.

Commissioner Monestime recounted a story of children trying to play ball in the middle of the street and said the neighborhood needed the park very much. He noted he hoped a potential donor was watching and listening to this meeting and would write the \$250,000 check. Commissioner Monestime noted he was begging that someone do so.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's question regarding whether any portion of the \$250,000 had been raised, Mr. Kardys noted \$30,000 in cash had been raised and the rest had been in-kind and donations of infrastructure, cement, labor, etc. He added that it would probably cost about \$75,000 for the playground equipment to be acquired and installed.

1F PUBLIC HEARINGS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

132057 Resolution **Rebeca Sosa**
 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE STUDY REGARDING THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF LIBRARIANS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS OF OTHER ENTITIES OF A SIMILAR SIZE AND SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

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

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

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

2B

132092 Resolution**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN NINETY DAYS, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING FENCES OR WALLS SEPARATING COUNTY PARKS FROM ADJACENT PRIVATE PROPERTY

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Jordan.

Commissioner Souto noted some of the fences separating parks from private property did not look good, which diminished the quality of parks. He said parks should be designed to enable police officers to capture criminals if they tried to escape. Chairman Souto indicated that parks should be reviewed by district or by region; and for the parks with the most issues, ways of resolving those issues should be determined. He said the process of fixing the issues had to start somewhere.

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

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

132040 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THIRTY-SIX (36) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$452,900.00 FROM THE FY 2013-2014 FIRST QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRAVEL AGENTS; BAYFRONT PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST; CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH; CLASSICAL SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, INC. A/F/A MOKSHA FAMILY ARTS COLLECTIVE; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST), INC.; EXPONICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.; FLORIDA GRAND OPERA, INC.; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PATRICIA & PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF WOMEN BASKETBALL; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; GREATER SOUTH DADE/SOUTH MIAMI/KENDALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D/B/A CHAMBER SOUTH; IRREVERSIBLE: AN INTERNATIONAL ART PROJECT, INC.; ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MDGLCC FOUNDATION; MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; MIAMI BEACH LATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.; MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL, INC.; MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, INC.; MIAMI NICE JAZZ FESTIVAL; MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DAYS, INC.; MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, INC.; OCEAN PROMOTIONS & EVENTS, LLC; OLYMPIA CENTER, INC.; PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE, INC.; SERAPHIC FIRE, INC.; TEATRO EN MIAMI CORP; THE DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC.; THE DAVE AND MARY ALPER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; THE KEY BISCAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC.; TROPICAL EVERGLADES VISITOR ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, FROST SCHOOL OF MUSIC; 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: Monestime

Seconded: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

3B

132139 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR WETLANDS AREAS WITHIN HAULOVER PARK, LOCATED AT 10800 COLLINS AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE EASEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PROCESS EASEMENT (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 Monica Rizo read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3C

132197 Resolution**Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 1256 CASTILE AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0

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

Hearing no objections, the Committee considered agenda items 3C, 3D, and 3E simultaneously.

Ms. Kathleen Kauffman, Historic Preservation and Archaeological Resources Chief, Regulatory and Economic Resources, responded to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the intent of agenda Items 3C, 3D, and 3E was, and whether it had been carried out before. Ms. Kauffman noted ad valorem exemptions had been done quite often before. She noted a historic preservation tax exemption ran for 10 years and was given on a portion of taxes when a property owner restored a building. The owner would still be paying the taxes they were paying before the renovation, she noted.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding whether the owner was being exempted from responsibility for the preservation, Ms. Kauffman noted the owner was not. She explained that the exemption came with a covenant between the owner and the County that dictated if anything happened to the property within the 10 years, the owner had to pay back the exemption.

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

3D

132198 Resolution

Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 1137 ASTURIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0*

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 3C.*

3E

132126 Resolution

Xavier L. Suarez

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 4320 SANTA MARIA STREET, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND 196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE (Regulatory and Economic Resources)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0*

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 3C.*

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7 REPORTS

7A

132037 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS OF 2013 -
VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS TRUST

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

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

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

7B

132039 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT

(Mayor)

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

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

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. PM.*