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CRC  
Agenda Item No. 6(A)

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

**DATE:** February 10, 2014

**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:

**January 15, 2014**

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Attachment



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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)

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Wednesday, January 15, 2014

12:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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**Members Present:** Jean Monestime, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Xavier L. Suarez.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** Barbara J. Jordan .

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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

**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*

*MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted there were no changes to today's (1/15) agenda.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Suarez that the January 15, 2014 CRC Agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Monestime, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0. (Vice Chairwoman Jordan was absent)*

**1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- 140002 Special Presentation** **Rebeca Sosa**  
 PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE(S): *Presented*  
 EDWIN J. TERRY - PROS - 40 YEARS

**1E PUBLIC HEARINGS****2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

- 140010 Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**  
 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN NINETY DAYS, TO PROPOSE PAIRINGS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES WITH WORLDWIDE PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES  
*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Suarez*  
*Seconder: Souto*  
*Vote: 3-0*  
*Absent: Jordan*

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

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

**3 DEPARTMENTS**

3A

**140013 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO DISTRIBUTION OF COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR 2014 SONY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS PACKAGE AND 2014 MIAMI MARLINS BASEBALL SEASON; APPROVING LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, INC. FOR THE 2014 SONY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Monestime  
Second: Suarez  
Vote: 4-0*

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

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

**4 COUNTY MAYOR**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**140007 Report**  
APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 CULTURAL AFFAIRS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved  
Mover: Suarez  
Second: Souto  
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

**132418 Report**

ORAL REPORT ON COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE  
(Mayor)

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

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

*Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, informed the Committee that today (1/15) was the designated deadline for Miami-Dade County to prove to the State of Florida that all encumbrances on the Coconut Grove Playhouse property title had been addressed. He noted that once it was determined by the State of Florida that all encumbrances had been successfully resolved the lease agreement with the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and Florida International University (FIU) would be removed from escrow and take full effect.*

*Mr. Spring noted the department met with the title company yesterday to review all the work the department had done over the past ninety days with regards to resolving outstanding encumbrances on the title of the Playhouse. He informed the Committee that the title company agreed that all the encumbrances were successfully addressed and the supporting documents were forwarded to the State of Florida for review.*

*Commissioner Suarez acknowledged and thanked Mr. Spring and the department for all the work they have done to date on the Playhouse. He asked the Cultural Affairs Department Director to provide him with a copy of the documents that were sent to the State of Florida for review regarding any and all resolved encumbrances appearing on the title of the Coconut Grove Playhouse.*

*Discussions ensued between Commissioner Suarez and Mr. Spring regarding what documents were sent to the State of Florida for review. Mr. Spring stated among the legal documents sent for review were a multitude of legal documents including affidavits and settlement agreements.*

*Mr. Spring explained the process to remove the*

*encumbrances from the property title was completely transparent and complied with all the requirements by the State of Florida.*

*Senior Advisor to the Mayor, Ms. Lisa Martinez pointed out that Mr. Spring and the department were able to successfully reduce the total encumbrance value from over three million dollars to less than one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, an amazing feat in and of itself.*

*Chairman Souto thanked Mr. Spring for a job well done and expressed his enthusiasm for the reopening of the Playhouse. He pointed out Miami-Dade County was no longer just a destination for retirees but has established itself as a cultural hub attracting many patrons from the Latin Americas. Chairman Souto noted these cultural tourists grow the hospitality industry in Miami.*

*Chairman Souto asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor, Lisa Martinez to explore the possibility of the Department of Cultural Affairs utilizing vacant bus shelter advertising space to promote the County's various cultural venues and its upcoming events and programs.*

*Mr. Spring advised Chairman Souto that posters showcasing the County's various cultural centers and upcoming events were readily available and could be used as advertisements at bus shelters once the space was made available.*

*Ms. Martinez noted she would contact the Transit Department as well as the Deputy Mayor overseeing the department to explore the possibility of using the empty bus shelter advertising spaces.*

*Chairman Souto stressed that it was of utmost importance that every marketing opportunity be explored and maximized when promoting Cultural Arts in Miami-Dade County.*

*During discussions regarding Agenda item 7F, Vice Chairwoman Jordan asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor, Lisa Martinez to include a cost analysis and budget proposal to show how the County would pay for advertising on bus shelters as suggested by Chairman Souto.*

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**132268 Report**

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

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

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

*Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs provided the Committee with the December monthly status report at the last Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee Meeting (CRC) held on 12/9, however due to a lack of quorum no action was taken and the foregoing agenda item was carried over to today's (1/15) meeting for consideration.*

*Mr. Spring reported that 2013 was an immensely successful year for South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC). He informed the Committee that the vocal ensemble "Seraphic Fire" was recently bestowed a 2013 Knight Arts Challenge award, which would allow them to become "ensemble-in-residence" at the Center for 2014.*

*Mr. Spring noted SMDCAC's increasing recognition and popularity for high quality shows and activities in the South. He informed the Committee of upcoming events at the Center including performances by Broadway's "Godspell" and jazz great Kurt Elling.*

*Mr. Spring highlighted the Center's commitment to community outreach and spoke about the various ways SMDCAC have engaged the public. He noted the community's ongoing support for the Center.*

*Chairman Souto spoke about the Center's prime location in South Miami and its proximity to the Florida Keys. He noted SMDCAC was well situated to capitalize on residents and tourists visiting the Keys looking for quality entertainment.*

*Mr. Spring fully concurred with Chairman Souto's statements and confirmed that the Center already boasted a healthy clientele hailing from the Upper Keys. He concluded by noting he was very*

*pleased with the Center's accomplishments to date.*

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**132544 Report**

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
STATUS REPORT (JANUARY 2014) (Mayor)

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

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted the status report provided by Mr. Michael Spring for Agenda Item 7B covered this Agenda Item as well.*

7D

**132335 Report**

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

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

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing report into the record and noted both agenda items 7D and 7E were reports regarding the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County.*

*Mr. John Richard, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (AACPA), provided the Committee with the December monthly status report at the last Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee Meeting (CRC) held on 12/9, however due to a lack of quorum no action was taken and the foregoing agenda item was carried over to today's (1/15) meeting for consideration.*

7E

**132545 Resolution**

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MONTHLY STATUS REPORT (JANUARY 2014) (Mayor)

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

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing report into the record and noted both agenda items 7D and 7E were reports regarding the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts Center of Miami-Dade County.*

*Mr. John Richard, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (AACPA) presented to the Committee a video clip highlighting the past year's performances and activities at AACPA. He stated the video clip was an opportunity for the Center to express its gratitude to Miami-Dade County for its continued support and investment and to illustrate the far reaching effect of AACPA as a brand not only locally in South Florida but also nationally and internationally. Mr. Richard pointed out the video presentation captured the diverse array of performances and activities brought to Miami by the Center.*

*Mr. Richard spoke about upcoming events at the Center including performances by Chris Botti at the Knight Concert Hall and The Florida Grand Opera's production of "Nabucco". He voiced the Center's commitment to ensuring continued success.*

*Chairman Souto spoke about the history of the AACPA noting his personal and professional involvement in the project. He expressed his immense satisfaction with the end result and his belief that the Center has proven itself to be a successful asset to Miami-Dade County.*

*Chairman Souto noted the intent of the Center was to be accessible and to be enjoyed by all members of the community. He stressed that it was of utmost importance that the Center be accessible to all residents of the community including the elderly and those without transportation residing in remote areas of the County.*

*Chairman Souto asked Senior Advisor to the*

*County Mayor, Lisa Martinez to explore the possibility of implementing special bus transportation that would transport residents without private transportation to the Adrienne Arsht Center. He expressed particular interest in the special bus transportation servicing areas of Miami-Dade County such as West Kendall and Westchester.*

*Commissioner Monestime fully concurred with Chairman Souto regarding the implementation of a special bus system to transport residents to the Center. He pointed out that a special bus system would not only provide a means to transport residents to the Center but it would also encourage more people to use public/mass transportation in lieu of private vehicles which may add to the congestion and traffic.*

7F

**132292 Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2013  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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

**Report:** *Responding to Chairman Souto's question if there were any other pending matters left on the agenda to be addressed, Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo reminded the Committee that agenda 7F was yet to be heard.*

*Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs, presented a report on the Sunset Review of County Boards for 2013 Cultural Affairs Council at the last Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee Meeting (CRC) held on December 9, 2013 however, due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken and the foregoing agenda item was carried over to today's (1/15) meeting for consideration.*

*Commissioner Monestime moved to receive all reports.*

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

*Vice Chairwoman Jordan asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor, Lisa Martinez to include a cost analysis and budget proposal to show how the County would pay for advertising on bus shelters as suggested by Chairman Souto pertaining to Agenda Item 7A.*

*Vice Chairwoman Jordan asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor, Lisa Martinez to include a cost analysis and budget proposal to show how the County would pay for a special bus transportation to the Adrienne Arsht Center which would service Miami- Dade County communities and its residents who are without private transportation as suggested by Chairman Souto.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12.44 p.m.*