

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 15, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Mayor to conduct a study to locate alternative sites for a Cuban Exile History Museum in Miami-Dade County in consultation with representatives from Cuban Exile History Museum, Inc. and present a report of those findings to the Board within ninety (90) days

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-15-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO LOCATE
ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR A CUBAN EXILE HISTORY
MUSEUM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN CONSULTATION
WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CUBAN EXILE HISTORY
MUSEUM, INC. AND PRESENT A REPORT OF THOSE
FINDINGS TO THE BOARD WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS

WHEREAS, in 1998, the County purchased the FEC Property from the City of Miami for the purpose of developing the property to include, among other things, the American Airlines Arena (the "Arena"), parking, retail development and specialty entertainment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a series of agreements by and among the County and Basketball Properties, Ltd. (the "Arena Manager") and the Miami Heat Limited Partnership (the "Arena Agreements"), the County granted the Arena Manager the rights to develop the Arena and Parcel B of the FEC Property; and

WHEREAS, the undeveloped portion of the FEC Property between Biscayne Bay and the Arena, commonly referred to as "Parcel B", is approximately 2.76 acres in size; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. R-1118-03 and R-1446-03, the Board authorized amendments to the Arena Agreements to, among other things, terminate the Arena Manager's rights and obligations to develop Parcel B in order for the County to utilize Parcel B for public open space purposes until such time Parcel B was developed; and

WHEREAS, Parcel B still remains undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, this Board previously directed the County Mayor to conduct a feasibility study analyzing development of Parcel B for a Cuban Exile History Museum; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal for the Cuban Exile History Museum is a three-story building (approximately 65 to 70 feet in height) including, but not limited to, an open air public plaza and a garage below the building with approximately 300 parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's feasibility study identified some considerable design challenges with respect to developing the Cuban Exile History Museum on Parcel B given the Museum's expected parking and loading needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's feasibility study also noted that the use of Parcel B for a Cuban Exile History Museum may obstruct existing views from neighboring buildings and roadways and significantly impact operations at the American Airlines Arena; and

WHEREAS, given these concerns, there may be other more viable locations in Miami-Dade County for a Cuban Exile History Museum that would not carry these same challenges and impacts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to conduct a study analyzing alternative locations in Miami-Dade County for development of a Cuban Exile History Museum in consultation with representatives from Cuban Exile History Museum, Inc. The County Mayor shall submit and present the report to this Board within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.
It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The
motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote,
the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day
of July, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption
unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this
Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MBV

Michael V. Valdes