



MEMORANDUM
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CRC
Agenda Item No. 6(A)

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

DATE: October 22, 2014

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

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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:

August 28, 2014 CRC Meeting

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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)

Thursday, August 28, 2014

12:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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

Members Absent: Xavier L. Suarez.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jill Thornton, Commission Reporter
(305) 375-2505*

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

Report: *Chairman Souto convened the meeting at 12:40 p.m., and noted a quorum was not yet present; therefore, informational items would be heard first.*

1B **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present: Michael Spring, Cultural Affairs Director and Senior Advisor to the Mayor; Assistant County Attorneys Monica Rizo and Miguel Gonzalez; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Jill Thornton.*

Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted there were no changes to today's (08/28) agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the August 28, 2014 Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented. This motion was seconded by Chairman Souto, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0; (Commissioner Suarez was absent).

During the meeting:

Commissioners Moss and Jordan congratulated Chairman Souto and Commissioner Monestime on their re-election to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Monestime requested a personal privilege to recognize Jordan Ricketts, a staff member who was leaving his office to pursue a master's degree in International Trade, at a graduate school in Switzerland. He said he was very proud of Jordan, who initially was hired as a community outreach liaison, worked very hard during the 2009/10 election campaign, and later was promoted to a Commission Aide position. He also said that Jordan was well-loved by the residents of Commission District 2, and would be dearly missed by him and the community.

Commissioner Monestime also recognized and welcomed Maguelena Adolphe, the newest staff member in his office.

1C **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1D **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN
RULE 6.06**

Report: *Chairman Souto called for persons wishing to speak in connection with items on today's (08/28) agenda, as provided by Rule 6.06; and the following persons appeared:*

1. Mr. Peter Ehrlich, Jr, 770 NE 69 Street, Board Member of the Urban Environment League and Scenic Miami-Dade, addressed Agenda Item 2B. He suggested that all future proposals for new museums or cultural arts centers be amended to require these facilities be self-sustaining, especially those constructed using private funding or endowments. He noted he has heard that the County was losing several million dollars each year in debt services and operating costs on the Performing Arts Center and several county museums, and he believed it would be less of a burden on the taxpayers if these facilities were self-sustaining.

2. Ms. Priscilla G. Stephens-Kruize, 15901 SW 102 Avenue, representing the Black Heritage Museum, spoke in support of Item 2B for development of a Black History Museum in Miami-Dade County. She requested the Black Heritage Museum be a part of this process, noting it has been in existence in Miami-Dade County for the past twenty-eight years.

1. Mr. Gene Tinney, representing Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, (no address provided), spoke in support of Agenda Item 2B for a Black Heritage Museum in Miami, and agreed the idea was much needed and long overdue. He noted he believed however, that the effort was somewhat underway at Virginia Beach Key Park, by a coalition of grass-root citizens and the late Ms. M. Athalie Range, a former City of Miami Commissioner, who persuaded the City Commission to reclaim and restore the Park to its former splendor, and articulated the need for new generations of Miami to learn of the Park's history. Mr. Tinney noted the plans for development of this park envisioned an indoor/outdoor museum that would tell the true story of this unique, environmental landmark, including a significant portion of Miami's Black African heritage and historic connection to it. Speaking as a private citizen, Mr. Tinney

cautioned that tribal politics, racial bolstering or biased narratives being used to stake claims on history might result in unnecessary conflict and division, and could impact support for this project. He pointed out that even the best of intentions could be misconstrued, and that this was an opportunity for more positive and productive efforts.

1E SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1F DISCUSSION ITEMS

1F1

141822 Discussion Item

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

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing Discussion Item for the record.*

Mr. Michael Spring, Cultural Affairs Director/Senior Advisor to the Mayor, noted there was no formal presentation to be made on this item; however, staff was present to answer any questions or concerns the Committee members might have regarding the departmental budgets.

Commissioner Jordan noted her concerns for the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS/Libraries), and inquired whether the current hours of operation would be maintained for all libraries; specifically, whether the North Dade Regional Library would remain opened on Sundays, if the Mayor's proposed budget was adopted.

Mr. Spring noted should the scenario for an increase in Libraries' millage rate be adopted, the existing hours of operations for all libraries would be maintained, all regional libraries would resume Sunday hours, and some branch libraries would gain additional days and hours as well. He also noted, pursuant to a request made at the August 25th Committee of the Whole meeting, staff was in the process of preparing a report to indicate, in a breakdown by Commission District, the adjusted hours of operation for all libraries and how those changes would impact each Commission District.

Commissioner Jordan inquired whether the North Dade Regional Library had previously been opened on Sundays.

Ms. Gia Arbogast, MDPLS Interim Director, noted the Main and all regional libraries have been opened on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., since 2010, and now the proposal was to expand those hours for regional libraries to be opened from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Chairman Souto pointed out that public libraries play a very important role in the community and are dear to the hearts of many, which was why the

County Commission was adamant about keeping them opened longer. He noted the legal department was in the process of preparing a resolution, under his sponsorship, to utilize libraries as community centers, in addition to housing books, providing a public forum for community activities such as musical concerts, educational lectures, and so forth.

Commissioner Monestime noted his concerns were regarding the current condition of public right-of-ways and mediums on roadway corridors. He said, while campaigning for re-election this year, he was approached by several church pastors and constituents, who complained about the grass not being cut on public right-of ways lately and inquired whether the County was planning to maintain these properties. He said the situation was very embarrassing for him, and inquired if the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Department was responsible for maintaining these properties.

Mr. Jorge Navarrete, Deputy Director of PROS, concurred that the PROS Department was responsible for cutting the grass and maintaining the mentioned properties.

Commissioner Monestime urged the Department to find ways to increase the mowing cycles. He asked if funding was included in next fiscal year's budget to continue maintaining the public right-of-way properties.

Mr. Jorge Navarrete noted, starting in October of next fiscal year, the mowing cycles would be spaced out better to mow the grass more frequently during the wet season. He explained that the mowing cycles were reduced last March and April; however, the Mayor has stated that upon adoption of the upcoming Budget, the previous mowing cycles would be reinstated.

Chairwoman Souto noted he shared the sentiments of Commissioner Monestime, and that it was very embarrassing for him to try and explain to the public that based on the County's Home Rule Charter, the Commissioners were limited in directing the Departments to take action, but could only suggest or draft legislation to that effect. He said the grass was up to his waist in Westwood Park, and the people still did not believe his explanation. He also noted that millions of dollars were invested into the County's Beautification Program to improve the aesthetics

of this community, and it would be a shame, as well as a waste of taxpayer dollars and a mismanagement of funds to discard those efforts.

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141709 Discussion Item **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING A DOG PARK AT *Not presented*
KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS

1G PUBLIC HEARINGS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

141666 Resolution **Jose "Pepe" Diaz,**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR *Forwarded to BCC with a favorable*
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A *recommendation*
REPORT WITHIN SIXTY DAYS CONTAINING A *Mover: Monestime*
POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR CREATION *Seconder: Jordan*
OF A TEN-MILE LINEAR PARK ALONG THE *Vote: 3-0*
METRORAIL CORRIDOR CONSISTENT WITH THE *Absent: Suarez*
GREENLINK PROPOSAL

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing proposed resolution for the record.*

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

2B

141807 Resolution**Dennis C. Moss,****Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Jean Monestime, Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM COMMEMORATING AND CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF BLACK CITIZENS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BLACK ARCHIVES, RESEARCH AND HISTORY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH MUSEUM

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing proposed resolution for the record.*

Chairman Souto, and Commissioners Jordan and Monestime requested to be added as co-sponsors to this item.

Commissioner Moss, sponsor of the resolution, noted on July 14, 2014, the County Commission adopted Resolution #R-687-14, creating a Cuban Exile History Museum in Miami, to be located on Parcel B waterfront property behind the American Airlines Arena. He noted the intent of the resolution was to preserve the history of Cuban exiles that came to Miami in 1959, and he supported it; however, argued for the support of a Black History Museum to preserve the history of Blacks who migrated here in the 1800s.

Commissioner Moss explained that Black history in Miami dated back more than 60 years prior to the Cuban exile here, and Blacks have accomplished much for this community, despite the Jim Crow era and brutal discrimination. He added that Blacks were some of the original incorporators who established the City of Miami in 1896; Blacks provided the workforce that built Henry Flagler Railroad and accompanying hotels; and Blacks of Southern and Bahamian cultures helped build Viscaya Museum and the 1925 Dade County Court House. Commissioner Moss further noted that Black folks were instrumental in creating Miami's Tourism and Agriculture Industries, which are two major economic engines that drive this economy.

Commissioner Moss read, for the record, language from the foregoing resolution directing

the County Mayor or his designee to prepare a plan for the development, design and construction of Black History Museum on waterfront property; to work with the City of Miami for obtaining necessary construction permits, timeline and identifying resources to fund it; and to negotiate an agreement for the Black Archives to operate, manage, archive and curate the Black History Museum. He noted the Black Archives was founded in 1977, and contained the largest and most comprehensive repository of black history memorabilia in the County.

Commissioner Moss further noted that his proposal was anything but divisive; and its intent was to preserve Black history and highlight the contributions made by Blacks in this community. He said he felt the time had come to pursue this project, and asked his colleagues for their favorable support of it.

Hearing no further discussion or questions, members of the Committee proceeded to vote on this item as presented.

Commissioner Jordan said she felt this initiative was long overdue and that it should not be prohibited from moving forward, regardless of the number of museums existing in this community that represent a particular ethnic group. She highlighted the fact that the sponsor made it clear that the proposed museum would not be established in isolation, but through collaboration and a coordinated process, which she wanted to be a part of.

Commissioner Jordan acknowledged Ms. Dorothy Fields, historian for the Black Archives, who was present in the audience; and asked her to stand and be recognized.

2C

141817 Resolution

Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-91-11 TO MODIFY THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT KINLOCH PARK TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI AND PAID FOR WITH \$1.3 MILLION FROM BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER 220 - "ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES"

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing proposed resolution for the record.*

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

2D

141713 Resolution**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DIRECT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO OFFER FOR DONATION TO "SISTER CITIES" BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS RECEIVED BY THE LIBRARY FROM DONORS AND NOT DESIRED FOR OWNERSHIP, SALE OR USE BY THE LIBRARY, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE SECTION 2-11.2.1 TO THE EXTENT IT IS APPLICABLE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconded: Monestime

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read the title of the foregoing proposed resolution for the record.*

Commissioner Jordan said she thought that a process already existed for the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) to give away donated books.

Ms. Gia Arbogast, MDPLS Interim Director, replied that currently, the books donated by the community, which cannot be added to the Libraries' collection, are then donated to the Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library for its annual book sale, or the County's surplus store for resale. She noted she understood the intent of this resolution was for MDPLS to offer the libraries of Sister Cities donated books that cannot be added to the Libraries' collection.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding whether the current process for MDPLS to give donated books to the Friends of the Libraries or the County Store would cease as a result of this resolution, Ms. Arbogast noted the current process would continue.

Commissioner Monestime asked if the MDPLS had received books donated by the community that were written in other languages, besides English.

Ms. Arbogast noted the MDPLS gladly accepts books of all languages, donated by the community; and those the MPDLS cannot purchase on the market are usually added to its collection.

Chairman Souto noted, while traveling abroad, he has seen several books in Sister City libraries that were donated by the County. He suggested a label be placed on the books donated to the Sister Cities libraries, indicating that the books were donated

by the MDPLS.

Mr. Spring noted he would follow up on the suggestion to ensure that it was done.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee members proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

141712 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (FPL), THROUGH COUNTY-OWNED LAND, FOR \$1.00, TO SERVICE THE NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY BEING BUILT AT 2930 AVENTURA BOULEVARD, AVENTURA, FLORIDA; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Monestime

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

3B

141694 Resolution Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, FOR \$1.00, TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES AT AMELIA EARHART PARK, LOCATED AT 11900 NW 42 AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE EASEMENT (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Monestime

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

3C

141801 Resolution Bruno A. Barreiro

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION TO 1020 OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH, FL 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

Secunder: Monestime

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

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

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

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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141696 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE JULY 7, 2014 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved

Mover: Monestime

Secunder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Suarez

7 REPORTS

7A

141744 Report

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

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.*