Memorandum WIAMI

Date:

May 7, 2019

To:

Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:

Carlos A. Gimenez

Mayor

Subject:

Agenda Item No. 1(F)5

Sunset Review of County Boards for Y 2019 - Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am transmitting the 2019 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Agricultural Practices Advisory The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of February 6, 2019 and has recommended the continuation of its board.

Deputy Mayor

Date:

February 6, 2019

To:

Carlos A. Gimenez

Mayor

From:

Sam Accursio

Chairperson, Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Subject:

Sunset Review of County Boards for FY 2019 - Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am submitting the 2019 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of February 6, 2019.

It is recommended that the BCC approve the continuation of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND

The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) was created on January 17, 1995. The purpose of the Board is to review regulations regarding agricultural practices in Miami-Dade County and provide recommendations to the BCC with regard to such regulations. The APAB continues to review regulations and legislation pertaining to agriculture, and provide recommendations to the BCC. In 2008, Sections 2-931, 2-932 and 2-933 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which created the APAB, were amended and Sections 2-934 through 2-936 were created to update and clarify the APAB organizational structure and purpose. In 2011, Section 2-934 was amended to eliminate term limits and provide for member to serve on the Board until his or her successor has been appointed. During the last two years the APAB has: forwarded three resolutions to the Board of County Commissioners ranging from support of the State Road 836 extension, the potential impact of South Florida Water Management District water control structure S-333N on South Dade agriculture, and the potential conversion and distribution of post hurricane organic debris into mulch for agricultural purposes. The Ag Board has successfully argued for additional roadway maintenance funding for certain roads located outside of the Urban Development Boundary; expressed opposition to a proposed ordinance intended to address illegal dumping that would have required the fencing of all undeveloped land, including agriculturally-designated land; helped initiate a public awareness program on the environmental hazards of illegally dumped oil and the need for additional used oil collection sites at County trash and recycling centers. The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board provides a vital service for Miami-Dade County's agricultural community and should continue to function.

Sam Accursio

Board Chairperson

SUNSET REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARDS 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Board reporting:

Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

2. Indicate number of board members, terms of office, and number of vacancies:

Number of Board Members: 13

Terms of Office: Four (4) years: No term limits

Number of Vacancies: 2

3. Identify number of meetings and members' attendance (Attach records reflecting activity from **January 1, 2017** through **December 31, 2018**):

Number of Meetings: 21

Number of Meetings with a Quorum: 21

Attendance Records: See Attachments A and B

4. What is the source of your funding?

General Fund

5. Date of Board Creation:

January 17, 1995

6. Attach a copy of the ordinance creating the Board. Please include all subsequent amendments.

See Attachment C

7. Include the Board's Mission Statement or state its purpose:

The purpose of the APAB shall be to review proposed or existing regulations or legislation pertaining to agricultural practices in Miami-Dade County and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with regard to such regulations and legislation.

8. Attach the Board's standard operating procedures, if any.

Not Applicable

9. Attach a copy of the Board's By-Laws, if any.

Not Applicable

10. Attach a copy of the Board minutes approving the Sunset Review Questionnaire, including a vote of the membership.

See Attachment D: February 6, 2019 Meeting Summary (to be provided after the meeting date)

II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Is the Board serving the purpose for which it was created? Please provide detailed information.

Yes. The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB; Ag Board) reviews and comments on regulations and legislation that affects agriculture, horticulture and the exurban communities of Miami-Dade County. During the 2017-2018 period, the Ag Board expressed its support and/or concern on various issues, and submitted three resolutions to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to request BCC actions on three (3) Ag Board's recommendations, including: support of the SR-836 extension alignment; recommend that the South Florida Water Management District adhere to its own operational schedule to construct water control Structure S-333N; and for the BCC to direct the Department of Solid Waste Management, the Division of Environmental Resources Management and the Agricultural Manager's Office to convert, store and distribute organic storm debris into mulch. The Ag Board successfully argued for additional roadway maintenance funding for certain roads located outside of the Urban Development Boundary; expressed opposition to a proposed (now delayed) ordinance intended to address illegal dumping that would have required the fencing of all undeveloped ("vacant") land in the County, including agriculturally-designated land; contributed to Resolution R-233-18 and Directive No. 180205, that has (or will) initiated a public awareness program on the environmental hazards of illegally dumped oil and the need for additional used oil collection sites at County trash and recycling centers; and provided input on Ordinance No 18-47, which amended Section 21-118 of the Code relative to the theft of fruit, plants and trespassing violations. The Ag Board also hosted 'special agenda' meetings which, in addition to its regularly-scheduled meeting, addressed issues of concern beyond the immediate agricultural community, including: a Comprehensive Development Master Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Workshop for South Dade residents; a presentation by Jim Murley, Chief Resilience Officer for Miami-Dade County on "Greater Miami and The Beaches;" a presentation on "The City Water Resilience Framework" by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department and Resilient Greater Miami and the Beaches; and a presentation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District on their "Combined Operations Plan" for Everglades restoration and rehydration.

2. Is the Board serving current community needs? (Please provide detailed information)

The Board serves the community by discussing and providing information on issues that primarily impact residents in The Redland and South Dade. Crime statistics, Code enforcement, urban development, plant epidemics—such as Laurel Wilt—farm labor, and others issues are often the topics of discussion at Ag Board meetings. However, there is a growing concern in the community, and amongst at least one Ag Board member, that the Ag Board is more supportive of private property rights and large-scale farmers and landowners, than the small-scale and specialty-crop farmers who represent the overwhelming majority of the County's agricultural community. In the last two years, there was an effort to remove one Ag Board member from the Mayor's Urban Expansion Area Taskforce, who was accused of representing his personal position rather than that of the Ag Board in general. And the Tropical Fruit

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Growers of South Florida has called for the removal and replacement of its representative for supporting the SR-836 Expansion, as well as a lack of confidence in his ability to represent the smaller specialty crop growers. These conflicts will most likely increase as urban development expands into the agricultural area.

3. What are the Board's major accomplishments?

a. Last 24 months

In 2018 the Ag Board submitted three resolutions to the BCC:

- Resolution AG 18-01 to recommend that the BCC support the proposed alignment and extension of SR-836;
- Resolution AG 18-02 which requested the BCC to recommend to the South Florida Water Management District to adhere to its own operational schedule to construct water control Structure S-333N; and
- Resolution AG 18-03 which requested the BCC to direct the DSWM to coordinate with the RER-DERM and the Agricultural Manager's Office to convert, store and distribute organic storm debris into mulch suitable for use in the county's agricultural and horticultural industry.
- Regular discussions regarding poor road conditions outside of the UDB initiated Resolution R-224-16, sponsored by Commissioner Levine-Cava, to evaluate certain roads. The DTPW has since evaluated 180 miles of roads and identified 40 miles needing resurfacing at a cost of \$10.9 million;
- Two Board members served on the Mayor's Urban Expansion Area Task Force, which provided recommendations on four designated expansion areas on the County's CDMP;
- Actively supported the redevelopment and opening of the Redland Farm Life Culinary Center;
- Sponsored a CDMP EAR Workshop for South Dade residents on August 2, 2017:
- Board members met with Deputy Property Appraiser Lazaro Solis to discuss increased agricultural property tax rates, which had been reduced to a flat rate under a previous property appraiser, but had returned to a variable rate under the current property appraiser and in accordance with state regulations;
- Received a public presentation by Jim Murley, Chief Resilience Officer for Miami-Dade County on "Greater Miami and The Beaches" on December 6, 2017
- Provided input on Ordinance No 18-47, which amended Section 21-118 of the Code relative to the theft of fruit, plants and trespassing violations.
- Contributed to the awareness of illegally dumped oil in the agricultural area, thus contributing to the Resolution R-233-18, (also see Directive No. 180205) which directed a public awareness program and the addition of concluded that additional oil collection resources are needed.
- Held a public presentation on "The City Water Resilience Framework" by the MD-WASD and Resilient Greater Miami and the Beaches on May 14, 2018; and
- Unanimously opposed against a proposed fencing ordinance—intended to prevent illegal dumping—that would have had a negative on agriculture and reduce the amount of viable agricultural land and have an immense economic impact on agriculture.

b. Since established

- Provided recommendations to Commissioner Levine-Cava on code language to address Laurel Wilt;
- Served as a resource and information clearinghouse for farmers during the Oriental Fruit Fly infestation and resulting quarantine;
- Provided recommendations and encouraged the Office of the Property Appraiser (PA) to clearly identify properties/folios containing Natural Forest Communities on the PA website;
- Supported and encouraged the Miami-Dade Police Department to fully restore the number of Agricultural Patrol officers;
- Submitted Resolution No. 15-01 (Invasive Pests) to ask the County to produce a Public Service Announcement video on the impact of invasive pests and disease and the importance of protecting agriculture, and the economic impact to farmers and taxpayers, and mandate that it be shown on MIA arrival flights and Port Miami cruise ships entering port (the resolution never gained a commission sponsorship);
- Recommended that the County Department of Transportation and Public Works conduct a study (BCC R-224-16; 3/8/16) of roadway conditions outside of the Urban Development Boundary;
- Provided feedback to the MDX regarding the proposed SR836 southwest extension;
- Worked to address illegal dumps on a private property and illegal dumping in general; helped one resident address DERM fines for clearing property; and
- Provided recommendations and encouraged the opening of the Redland Farm Life School culinary kitchen.
- 4. Is there any other board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this board?

No. There are no other public or private boards which act as reviewers of agricultural regulations and/or as liaisons between agricultural interests and the BCC.

5. Should the ordinance creating the Board be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created? (If "Yes", attach proposed changes)

Possibly. Agricultural techniques and technology has changed significantly since the Ag Board was established in 1995. The size, number and acreage of row crops and groves has changed significantly, and has been replaced by smaller-sized acreages of diverse specialty crops, horticultural and aquaculture products. At this time there are no immediate changes necessary to the establishing ordinance; however, this Sunset Review presents an opportunity to begin consideration of the types of agricultural, horticultural and related industries currently represented by the Ag Board membership. Also, one member was removed from the Board by the Clerk of the Board in 2018 for failure to file a 'Source of Income' form, and another member passed away due to illness. Section 2-935(a) (Vacancies) of the Code should be reviewed to more clearly determine the process for the replacement of Board members as a result of removal and/or other unforeseen events.

6. Should the Board's membership requirements be modified?

See Question 5 above.

7. What is the operating cost of the Board, both <u>direct and indirect</u>? (Report on FY 2017 and FY 2018)

2017: \$50,565* 2018: \$52,337*

- * The operating costs shown includes the total hours dedicated to the Ag Board as indicated on staff's annual timesheets. In previous Sunset Review questionnaire submittals, total annual hours were not taken into account, which clarifies the increased operational costs shown, compared to previous Sunset Review questionnaire submittals.
- 8. Describe the Board's performance measures developed to determine its own effectiveness in achieving its stated goals.

The APAB's performance is gauged by comparing its activities to its purpose and charge as outlined in Section 2-931 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. A review of the APAB's activities in 2017 and 2018 indicates that it continues to serve its purpose (see Questions 1 and 2). The Ag Board also provides a vital source of information for South Dade's agricultural and non-agricultural community in regards to crime, code enforcement concerns, and local agricultural practices: as previously stated, one citizen's suggestion to utilize post hurricane debris as mulch for county farmers was accepted by the Ag Board and was forwarded to the BCC as an Ag Board-sponsored resolution. However, as stated in Question 5, the size, number and acreage of row crops and groves has changed significantly, and has been replaced by smaller-sized acreages of diverse specialty crops, horticultural and aquaculture products. In 1995, there were approximately 88,765 acres of agricultural land in Miami-Dade County; today. there are approximately 63,475 acres of agricultural land. The loss of more than 25,000 acres of agricultural land over the last 25 years, combined with an increasing diversity of crop types, the amount of acres needed for such crops. and increasing community concerns regarding the 'interests' that Ag Board members represent, presents an opportunity to address such concerns in order for the Ag Board to serve its stated purpose(s) today and in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD 2017

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Attachment C

Ordinances creating the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Hon. Chairperson and Members Board of County Commissioners

CADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

DATE: "

(Public Hearing 1-17-95)

November 15, 1994

SUBJECT:

Agricultural Practices study Advisory Board

Robert A. Ginsburg FROM: County Attorney

95-03

The attached ordinance is placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

> Robert A. Ginsburg County Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO. 95 - 03

ORDINANCE CREATING AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, this Board by Resolution No. R-1635-93 established an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County, and by Resolution No. R-537-94 extended the existence of the Committee through December 13, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the task assigned to the Committee requires that additional time be afforded to properly complete it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Sec. _ - Sec. _ of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County are hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. ____. Creation: purpose: duties.

There is hereby created and established an advisory board to be known as the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board. Its purpose shall be to conduct a study of the regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations.

In order to fulfill its purpose, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners

no later than December 31, 1995, a report including the following:

- (a) an overview of all pertinent state, regional and local regulations, statutes, ordinances and policies concerning or impacting agriculture in Dade County;
 - (b) recommendations for eliminating or reducing duplication of effort when two or more governmental entities administer similar regulatory programs;
 - (c) recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that have mutually exclusive or contradictory criteria or goals; and
 - (d) recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that create undue burden or hardship on the agricultural industry.

Sec. Membership: qualifications.

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There shall be a total of thirteen (13) members appointed as follows:

- (a) The initial thirteen (13) members shall be comprised of the members of the Dade County Ad-Hoc Committee created to study regulation of agricultural practices in the county.
- If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners (b) from a slate of nominees selected by the selection through a. Manager County the Planning implemented by process Nominees shall be members Department. interest agricultural recognized have shall and organizations the in interest demonstrated agricultural industry in Dade County.

Sec. <u>Terms: staff support.</u>

Members of the Board shall serve until the submission of the Board's report to the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Manager shall designate representatives from the Planning Department to provide appropriate staff support to the Board.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED JAN 1 7 1995

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency. A6

Prepared by:

Sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson

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Honorable Chairperson and Members Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

Janauary 17, 1995

SUBJECT

Statement of Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board

Ordinance

FROM:

County Manager

95 - 03

It is estimated that the annual cost of Planning Department support to the proposed Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board is estimated to be \$13,025, based upon anticipated labor-hour requirements at appropriate planning staff rates. This commitment could be absorbed within existing staff resources.

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PART DECODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 2 ADMINISTRATIONS

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ARTICLE LXVIII. AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD*

*Editor's note-Ord. No. 95-03, adopted Jan. 17, 1995, amended the Code by the addition of provisions which have been included herein at the discretion of the editor as Art. LXVIII, §§ 2-931-2-933.

Sec. 2-931. Creation; purpose; duties.

There is hereby created and established an advisory board to be known as the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board. Its purpose shall be to conduct a study of the regulation of agricultural practices in Miami-Dade County, review the Agricultural Land Use Study and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations and Agricultural Land Use Study.

In order to fulfill its purpose, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners an annual report addressing the following:

(a) An overview of all pertinent state, regional and local regulations, statutes, ordinances and policies concerning or impacting agriculture in Miami-Dade County;

(b) Recommendations for eliminating or reducing duplication of effort when two (2) or more governmental entities administer similar regulatory programs;

(c) Recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that have mutually exclusive or contradictory criteria or goals;

(d) Recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that create undue burden or hardship on the agricultural industry; and

(e) An analysis and recommendations for modifying or implementing provisions in the Agricultural Land Use Study.

(Ord. No. 95-03, § 1, 1-17-95; Ord. No. 96-14, § 1, 1-16-96; Ord. No. 96-181, § 1, 12-3-96; Ord. No. 98-16, § 1, 2-3-98)

Sec. 2-932. Membership; qualifications.

There shall be a total of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

- (a) Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by Florida Lime and Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and Florida's Tropical Fruit Advisory Council;
- (b) Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association;
- (c) Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau;
- (d) One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida; 16

(e) One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;

(f) One (1) representative of allied agribusiness, recommended by the Miami-Dade

AgriCouncil;

(g) One (1) representative of agri-banking, recommended by the Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce;

(h) One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida

Farmworkers Organizations;

(i) One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and

(j) One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural

Practices Study Advisory Board.

(Ord. No. 95-03, § 1, 1-17-95; Ord. No. 95-215, § 1, 12-5-95; Ord. No. 99-79, § 1, 7-13-99)

Sec. 2-933. Terms; staff support.

Members shall have a major portion of their income from or work time devoted to production agriculture in Miami-Dade County, and shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, with none serving more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. The County Manager shall designate representatives from the Department of Planning and Zoning to provide appropriate staff support to the Board.

(a) Transition. In the year 2000 (Transition Year 1) there will be two (2) at-large representatives, one (1) appointed for the regular three (3) year term and one (1) appointed for one (1) year only. There will therefore be a total of fourteen (14) members in Transition Year 1 only. Otherwise, the transition from the current board to the new

board and three (3) year term rotations shall occur as follows:

Year 1 Transitions and Term Rotations:

1. Florida Lime & Avocado Committee (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida position)

2. At-large representative (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida

position)

3. Farm labor (replacing current Tropical Fruit and Vegetable position)

4. Nursery representative #2 (replacing current Tropical Fruit Advisory Council position)

5. Citizens' Association

Year 2 Transitions and Term Rotations:

- 1. Tropical Fruit representative (replacing current Florida Mango forum position)
- 2. Vegetable representative #1

Year 3 Transition and Term Rotations:

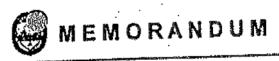
- 1. Nursery representative #1
- 2. Vegetable representative #2
- 3. Agri-banking
- 4. Aquaculture.

(Ord. No. 95-03, § 1, 1-17-95; Ord. No. 95-215, § 1, 12-5-95; Ord. No. 98-16, § 2, 2-3-98; Ord. No. 98-125, § 38, 9-3-98; Ord. No. 99-79, § 2, 7-13-99)

[Note: (RI, 4-30-2003) Section 2-932 includes another paragraph that has inadvertently been deleted from the published and on-line versions of the County Code, but which the Clerk's office has been notified to correct. Per County Ordinance 95-03, this paragraph reads:

If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners from a slate of nominees selected by the County Manager through a selection process implemented by the Planning and Zoning Department. Nominees shall be members of recognized agricultural interest organizations and shall have a demonstrated interest in the agricultural industry in Miami-Dade County.]

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Agenda Item No. 7(F)

Po:

Honorable Chairperson and Members,

Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

(Public Hearing 1-16-96)

December 5, 1995

SUBJECT:

Agricultural Practices Study

Advisory Board

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

96-14

The attached ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

Robert A. Ginsburg

Dade County Attorney

RAG/mkd Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. 96-14

ORDINANCE EXTENDING EXISTENCE OF AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; MODIFYING DUTIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board by Resolution No. R-1635-93 established an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County, and by Resolution No. R-536-94 and Ordinance No. 95-03 extended the existence of the Committee through December 31, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the task assigned to the Committee reuqires that additional time be afforded to properly complete it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-931 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-931. Creation; purpose; duties.

There is hereby created and established an advisory board to be known as the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board. Its purpose shall be to conduct a study of the regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations.

Words stricken through shall be deleted. Underscored words constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

In order to fulfill its purpose, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners no later than December 31, 1996, a report including the following:

- (a) an overview of all pertinent state, regional and local regulations, statutes, ordinances and policies concerning or impacting agriculture in Dade County;
- recommendations for eliminating or reducing duplication of effort when two or more governmental entities administer similar regulatory programs;
- (c) recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that have mutually exclusive or contradictory criteria or goals; and
- (d) recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that create undue burden or hardship on the agricultural industry-; and
- (e) an analysis and recommendations for modifying or implementing provisions in the Agricultural Land Use Study.
- Section 2. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.
- Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.
- Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any Sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

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Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Prepared by:

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Sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson

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TO:

Honorable Chairperson and Member

Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

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County Manager

DATE:

January 16, 1996

SUBJECT:

Statement of Fiscal Impact

of the Agricultural

Practices Study Advisory

Board Ordinance

It is estimated that the annual cost of support from the Department of Planning, Development and Regulation's Planning Division, to the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board is \$15,475.28, based upon anticipated labor-hour requirements at appropriate planning staff rates. This commitment could be absorbed within existing staff resources.



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PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,

INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Indexes: AGRICULTURAL Sponsors: Katy Sorenson, Prime Sponsor

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Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

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TITLE

ORDINANCE EXTENDING TIME FOR REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County, and by Resolution No. R-537-94 extended the Committee's existence through December 13, 1994; and by Ordinance Nos. 95-03 and 96-14 extended the time for the Committee's report through December 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the task assigned to the Committee requires that additional time be afforded to properly complete it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-931 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:1

Sec. 2-931. Creation; purpose; duties.

There is hereby created and established an advisory board to be known as the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board. Its purposes shall be to conduct a study of the regulation of agricultural practices in Dade County; review the Agricultural Land Use Study and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations and Agricultural Land Use Study.

In order to fulfill its purposes, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners no later than December 31, [[1996]] >> 1997<<, a report including the following:

- (a) An overview of all pertinent state, regional and local regulations, statutes, ordinances and policies concerning or impacting agriculture in Dade County;
- (b) Recommendations for eliminating or reducing duplication of effort when two (2) or more governmental entities administer similar regulatory programs;
- (c) Recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that have mutually exclusive or contradictory criteria or goals;
- (d) Recommendations for eliminating or modifying regulatory activities that create undue burden or hardship on the agricultural industry; and
- (e) An analysis and recommendations for modifying or implementing provisions in the Agricultural Land Use Study.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board. Section 5. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

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Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 6. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

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>>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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BOARD

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF

THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE

CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-931, ET. SEQ., OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE 27

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BODY

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931, 2-932 and 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose, and duties of the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of the Advisory Board is to study the regulation of agricultural practices in Miami-Dade County and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board should appropriately represent the various sectors of agriculture in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board recognizes the increasing economic impact of the nursery industry in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish theses goals, the Advisory Board has recommended this Board amend Section 2-931, et. seq. of the Code of Miami-Dade County to restructure the Advisory Board; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-932 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:1

Sec. 2-932. Membership; qualifications.

There shall be a total of thirteen (13) members appointed >>by the Board of County Commissioners << as follows:

- (a) [[The initial thirteen (13) members shall be comprised of the members of the Dade County Ad-Hoc Committee created to study regulation of agricultural practices in the County.]]
- >>two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by Florida Lime and Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and Florida's Tropical Fruit Advisory Council;
- two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association;
- two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau; one (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;
- one (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- one (1) representative of allied agribusiness, recommended by the Miami-Dade AgriCouncil;
- one (1) representative of agri-banking, recommended by the Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce:
- one (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- one (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- one (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board.

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Section 2. Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

[[Members of the Board shall serve until the submission of the Board's report to the Board of County Commissioners.]] >>Members shall have a major portion of their income from or work time devoted to production agriculture in Miami-Dade County, and shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, with none serving more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. << The County Manager shall designate representatives from the Department of Planning[[, Development and Regulation]] >> and Zoning << to provide appropriate staff support to the Board.

>>(a) Transition - In the year 2000 (Transition Year 1) there will be two at-large representatives, one (1) appointed for the regular three (3) year term and one appointed for one (1) year only. There will therefore be a total of fourteen (14) members in Transition Year 1 only. Otherwise, the transition from the current board to the new board and three year term rotations shall occur as follows:

Year 1 Transitions and Term Rotations:

- 1. Florida Lime & Avocado Committee (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida position)
- 2. At-Large Representative (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida position)
- 3. Farm Labor (replacing current Tropical Fruit and Vegetable position)
- 4. Nursery Representative #2 (replacing current Tropical Fruit Advisory Council position)
- 5. Citizens' Association

Year 2 Transitions and Term Rotations:

- 1. Tropical Fruit Representative (replacing current Florida Mango forum position)
- 2. Vegetable Representative #1
- 3. South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District
- 4. Allied Agribusiness

Year 3 Transition and Term Rotations:

- 1. Nursery Representative #1
- 2. Vegetable Representative # 2
- 3. Agri-banking
- 4. Aquaculture.<<

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered

to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board. Section 6. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

1 Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE LXVIII SECTIONS 2-931

THROUGH 2-933 AND CREATING SECTIONS 2-934

THROUGH 2-936 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (CODE), PERTAINING TO THE AGRICULTURAL

PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD (BOARD);

PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND FORMATION OF COMMITTEES; MODIFYING TERMS OF

OFFICE AND FILLING OF VACANCIES; EXPANDING

BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED OR EXISTING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING

SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN

EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NOS.

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AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE LXVIII SECTIONS 2-931 THROUGH 2-933 AND CREATING SECTIONS 2-934 THROUGH 2-936 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (CODE), PERTAINING TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD (BOARD); PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND FORMATION OF COMMITTEES; MODIFYING TERMS OF OFFICE AND FILLING OF VACANCIES; EXPANDING BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED OR EXISTING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Article LXVIII Sections 2-931 through 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, are hereby amended to read as follows1:

ARTICLE LXVIII. AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES [[STUDY]] ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 2-931. Creation; purpose; duties.

There is hereby created and established an advisory board to be known as the Agricultural Practices [[Study]] Advisory Board. Its purpose shall be to >>review proposed or existing << [[conduct a study of the]] regulation >>s or legislation pertaining to << [[of]] agricultural practices in Miami-Dade County [[, review the Agricultural Land Use Study]], and to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to such regulations >>and legislation << [[and Agricultural Land Use Study]].

[[In order to fulfill purpose, the]] >> The duties of << the Board shall >> be to: << [[prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners an annual report addressing the following:]]

- (a) >>Evaluate<< [[An overview]] >>on an ongoing basis<>existing or proposed federal,<< state, regional>>,<< and local regulations, statutes, ordinances>>,<< and policies>> concerning or impacting [[agriculture]] >>the agricultural industry<< in Miami-Dade County;
- (b) >> Provide recommendations << [[Recommendations]] for eliminating or reducing duplication of effort when two (2) or more governmental entities administer similar regulatory programs;
- (c) >> Provide recommendations << [[Recommendations]] for eliminating or modifying >> language in the Code of Miami-Dade County and/or << regulatory activities that have mutually exclusive or contradictory criteria or goals;
- (d) (d) >>Provide recommendations<< [[Recommendations]] for eliminating or modifying >>language in the Code of Miami-Dade County and/or<< regulatory activities that create undue burden or hardship on the agricultural industry; [[and]]
- (e) >> Provide recommendations << [[Recommendations]] for modifying or implementing provisions >> from any future or previously conducted study or plan that has the ability to impact the agricultural industry << [[in the Agricultural Land Use Study]]; and
- >>(f) Prepare draft language to the Board of County Commissioners amending relevant sections of the Code of Miami-Dade County.<<

[[Sec. 2-932. Membership; qualifications.

- (a) There shall be a total of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:
- (1) Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by Florida Lime and Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and Florida's Tropical Fruit Advisory Council;
- (2) Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association;
- (3) Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau;
- (4) One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;
- (5) One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- (6) One (1) representative of allied agribusiness, recommended by the Miami-Dade AgriCouncil;
- (7) One (1) representative of agri-banking, recommended by the Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce; 33

- (8) One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- (9) One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- (10) One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board.
- (b) If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners from a slate of nominees selected by the County Manager through a selection process implemented by the Planning Department. Nominees shall be members of recognized agricultural interest organizations and shall have a demonstrated interest in the agricultural industry in Miami-Dade County.]]

>>Sec. 2-932. Definitions

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

Allied Agribusiness – a proprietorship, partnership, or other firm that provides goods, services, or supplies to those actively engaged in bona fide agriculture.

Board - the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Director - the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning or his or her designee.

Legislation - statutes, ordinances, resolutions, and policies.<<

[[Sec. 2-933. Terms; staff support.

Members shall have a major portion of their income from or work time devoted to production agriculture in Miami-Dade County, and shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, with none serving more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. The County Manager shall designate representatives from the Department of Planning and Zoning to provide appropriate staff support to the Board.

(a) Transition. In the year 2000 (Transition Year 1) there will be two (2) at-large representatives, one (1) appointed for the regular three (3) year term and one (1) appointed for one (1) year only. There will therefore be a total of fourteen (14) members in Transition Year 1 only. Otherwise, the transition from the current board to the new board and three (3) year term rotations shall occur as follows:

Year 1 Transitions and Term Rotations:

- 1. Florida Lime & Avocado Committee (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida position)
- 2. At-large representative (replacing current Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida position)
- 3. Farm labor (replacing current Tropical Fruit and Vegetable position)
- 4. Nursery representative #2 (replacing current Tropical Fruit Advisory Council position)

5. Citizens' Association

Year 2 Transitions and Term Rotations:

- 1. Tropical Fruit representative (replacing current Florida Mango forum position)
- 2. Vegetable representative #1
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Year 3 Transition and Term Rotations:

- 1. Nursery representative #1
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>>Sec. 2-933. Membership; qualifications.

There shall be a total of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

- (1) Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by the Florida Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.;
- (2) Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association;
- (3) Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;
- (4) One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;

- (5) One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- (6) One (1) representative of allied agribusiness recommended by the Dade AgriCouncil;
- (7) One (1) representative of agri-banking, >>agri-financial consulting, or agri-lending << recommended by the Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce;
- (8) One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- (9) One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- (10) One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Members shall have a majority of their income from or work time devoted to production agriculture in Miami-Dade County, hold membership in recognized agricultural organizations, or have a demonstrated interest in the agricultural industry in Miami-Dade County. <<

Section 2. Sections 2-934 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County are hereby created to read as follows:

>>Sec. 2-934. Terms; Term Limits

Members shall be appointed for terms of four years, and no member may serve more than two terms, consecutive or otherwise. Members of the Board as of the effective date of this ordinance ("Current Members") shall serve out the terms for which they were appointed. Thereafter, Current Members who have served only one term may be reappointed for one four-year term. Current members who have served two or more terms may not be reappointed to the Board.<<

- >>Sec. 2-935 Vacancies; election of officers; committees; meetings and records.
- (a) Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners. The designated organizations listed in Section 2-933 shall submit at least one nominee from their respective organizations, including the nominee's resume and the minutes of the board meeting approving the nominee to the County Manager, who shall forward the nominee to the Board of County Commissioners in a timely manner. In the case where a member organization fails to submit a nomination for a replacement member within 45 days of notification of a vacancy, the Board shall propose a nominee to fill the vacancy. The nominee shall be approved at a meeting of the Board, and the Board shall forward the minutes approving such nominee, together with the nominee's resume, to

the County Manager, who shall forward the nominee to the Board of County Commissioners in a timely manner.

- (b) Election of officers. The Board shall annually elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members at the Board's last meeting of each calendar year, or at the first Board meeting after a vacancy may occur in such positions. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present. The Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson in the absence or inability of the Chairperson.
- (c) Committees. The Board may establish or eliminate committees at its discretion; however, only two such committees may be in existence at any time. In no instance shall the authority to act or speak in the name of the Board be delegated to any committee. The Chairperson shall nominate and appoint the chairperson and members of such committees as the Board shall find helpful to their mission. The committee chairperson shall schedule committee meetings, set the agenda, establish guidelines for discussion at committee meetings, and ensure that committee meeting minutes are properly recorded. Committees shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the Chairperson. Fifty-one percent of a committee's membership shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings at least bimonthly and at other times in consultation with the Director.<<

>>Sec. 2-936 Staff support.

- (1) The Director shall designate representatives from the Department of Planning and Zoning to prepare meeting agendas, advertise meeting dates, record minutes from meetings of the Board, reserve meeting locations, arrange for speakers, administer the filling of vacancies, prepare and forward resolutions adopted by the Board to the County Manager, and provide the Board with a monthly update of the progress of such resolutions as they move through the legislative process.
- (2) Representatives from the Department of Planning and Zoning shall prepare draft ordinances and correspondence. <<
- Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.
- Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days from the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-934 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PERTAINING TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD; ELIMINATING TERM LIMITS; PROVIDING THAT A MEMBER MAY SERVE UNTIL HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-934 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec 2-934. Terms[[; term limits]].

>> Notwithstanding anything in the Code to the contrary, m<=[M]]embers shall be appointed for terms of four years>> without term limits.<= [[; and no member may serve more than two terms, consecutive or otherwise. Members of the Board as of the effective date of this ordinance ("Current Members") shall serve out the terms for which they were appointed. Thereafter, Current Members who have served only one term may be reappointed for one four year term. Current members who have served two or more terms may not be reappointed to the Board.]] >> A member may serve until his or her successor has been duly appointed and qualified.<=

Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

August 2, 2011

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency:

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AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

John D. Campbell Agricultural Center Auditorium 18710 SW 288 Street, Homestead, Florida February 6, 2019

Board Members Present

Sam Accursio (Chair), Diego Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Ivonne Alexander, Larry Caudle, James Humble, Bill Losner, Martin Motes, Erik Tietig, Tommy Vick and Arie de Zwart

Board Members Absent

Arturo Lopez (EA)

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) staff

Felix Acosta: Development Services Division

Mark Dorsey: Planning Division Ed Rivera: Code Compliance

Charles LaPradd: Agricultural Manager, Consumer Services Division

Other Miami-Dade County and Government Staff

Rebecca Elliott: FDACS/OAWP

Sgt. Frank Fariñas: Miami-Dade Police Department: Agricultural Patrol Sean McCrackine: Commission District 8 (Commissioner Levine-Cava)

Dallas Manuel: Commission District 9 (Commissioner Moss)

Raul Nillo: Office of the Property Appraiser

Jeff Wasielewski: Cooperative Extension Service/University of Florida

Public Attendance

Jorge Abreu: Dade County Farm Bureau; Gary J. Dufek; Mike Hunt; Dave King: Royal Grove; Matthew Porter: Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida; Diego and Lisa Hurtado; Arlene Samalion: Redland Civic Association; Mary K. Waters, Richard Zahalla

Approval of Minutes

The Board adopted the December 2018 Meeting Summary

Chair's Report

Chair Accursio called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. He had no report, however, Board Member Losner asked everyone to congratulate Board Member Alexander for her birthday. The Board sang Happy Birthday and she thanked everyone. Chair Accursio allowed the Ag Patrol to present their monthly report first.

Reports

Agricultural Patrol Report

Sergeant Frank Fariñas, Miami-Dade Police Department, Agricultural Patrol (Ag Patrol) introduced himself. He announced that he has replaced Sgt. Deborah Puentes, and Lt. Orlando Garcia, Jr. has replaced Lt. Richard Garcia, and they will now attend Ag Board meetings. He then reported crime statistics. For the month of January 2019, Ag Patrol officers reported a total of 147 total reports; 8 arrests; 7 thefts; 59 civil citations; and 15 animal-related cases. He also reported there has been a 50% decrease in crime since this time last year.

Board members discussed illegally dumped and abandoned boats, and increasingly dangerous and reckless drivers on SW 217 Avenue/Loveland Road, between SW 248 Street/Coconut Palm and SW 264 Street/Bauer Drive, and along SW 344 Street and points south. Drivers have been seen speeding past the four-way intersection without stopping, including at night, at speeds in excess of 80 mph. Sgt. Fariñas replied that he has conducted high speed enforcement on SW 217 Avenue and is aware of the problem there and at other 40

locations. He said the Ag Patrol is also working to address illegal dumping. To conclude, he said if anyone see's something to say something, even if it is a non-emergency. The Ag Patrol's "on-duty" cell phone number at 786-218-8344; otherwise he said to call 911.

Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dorsey provided the 2019 Sunset Review report for the Board's review. He explained that every two years the County evaluates County boards' activities to determine whether a board should remain active or be dissolved, aka "sunset." He said the report needed to be signed today.

Board Member Alexander voted to move the 2019 Sunset Review report. She said she did not realize the report was so extensive, and that she had forgotten some of the activities the Board had completed over the years. Board Member Motes seconded the motion. He agreed with comments in the report which stated that the agricultural and horticultural industry have changed significantly since the Board was formed in 1995, and the industries represented on the Board should be reformed or expanded. The motion passed unanimously 10-0, as follows (Board Member Rodriguez arrived after the vote):

lvonne Alexander	Yes	Diego Rodr	iguez ¹	N/A
Larry Caudle	Yes	Erik Tietig		Yes
James Humble	Yes	Tommy Vic	k	Yes
Arturo Lopez	. N/A	Arie de Zwa	art	Yes
Martin Motes	Yes			
	Bill Losner, Cha	ir	Yes	
	Sam Accursio, \	/ice Chair	Yes .	

Mr. Dorsey reported that Board Member Motes asked to discuss the issue of septic tanks at the last meeting, and Mr. Dorsey distributed two newspaper articles for their discussion and review. He said he has not been able to speak with Ms. Jeannie Cann, project manager of FDOT's (Florida Department of Transportation) Wildflower Program. Board Member Alexander replied that she has spoken with Ms. Cann and that she has been extremely busy. However, Board Member Alexander provided a document labeled "D6 Wildflower Program" and replied that we may have to get answers without Ms. Cann. Lastly, Mr. Dorsey reported that he had contacted Mr. Jeff DeMott—son of the late John DeMott, who represented the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District (SDSWCD)—as requested by the Board, but Mr. DeMott is not able to participate at this time. However, the SDSWCD has selected another candidate to represent them on this Board.

Agricultural Manager's Report

Mr. Charles LaPradd, Agricultural Manager, commended the Board for its activities, outlined in the Sunset Review report, and said Ag Board meetings have a quorum more than any other County board, but the Board of County Commissioners is not aware of this fact. He reported that the County is moving forward with the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)—the once every 7-year appraisal of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP)—and there will be public meetings in this area with regard to the agricultural component. He said that he, Mr. Dorsey and other staff will consider everything from alternative land uses to potential movement of the UDB (Urban Development Boundary), so the Board should be prepared to forward its recommendations for the EAR. Concurrent with the EAR is a resiliency study on sea level rise being conducted by the County's Office of Resilience. They have hired an engineering firm to conduct the study that will include a section on agriculture. However, the (sea level rise) maps that he has seen show all of the land east and west of the ridge (along US 1) being under water. One of his concerns is that the South Dade area has been overlooked; of the 6 ideas presented, he said none included engineering (to protect) the southern end of the County. He said they discussed 'cut and fill' for housing, or turning drainage areas within the transverse glades into parks, but did not discuss curtain walls, pumps or other mechanisms that have been used for centuries to address communities that are at, or below, sea-level. But it was their first meeting and hopefully there will be changes. Lastly, he reported there is a continuing issue with nonagricultural-related truck parking. That, and illegal rock mining, has been a continuing problem.

¹Board Member Rodriguez arrived at 9:25am and was not present when the vote was taken.

Chair Accursio asked if they have any idea why the seas are rising. Mr. LaPradd replied it is because of climate change. He said to flood South Dade with fresh water (to provide a hydraulic ridge that would prevent inland salt water intrusion) from the north is not an answer, so we should consider engineering solutions. The report will go to the Board of County Commissioner (BCC), but he believes that more will be done for a mudflat up north (e.g.: Miami) than will be done for higher ground down south (e.g.: Homestead). Board Member Tietig said FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) raised its flood criteria by 1-foot last year; Mr. LaPradd interjected and replied that he was told, in the sea level rise meeting, that the flood criteria will increase by an additional 1-foot this year. Chair Accursio said water levels in South Dade are extremely high now, and if there is a 2-inch rain, farmers would be in danger because groundwater would enter the root zone. Mr. LaPradd also reported that the County conducted a septic tank vulnerability study that the Office of Resilience presented to the BCC in November. Lastly, he said the BCC approved the SMART (Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit) Plan, which will create a tremendous amount of development density along the Busway, Metrorail, Kendall Drive and 3 other major corridors. He said the density projected for the southern leg of the corridor is 30,000 residents at 60 Dwelling Units per Acre.

Cooperative Extension Report

Mr. Jeff Wasielewski, Cooperative Extension Service, reported that the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program director has retired after 40-years and they are now conducting interviews to fill the position. He announced that Dr. Wang has several upcoming pesticides training classes; including a core class scheduled for February 22nd that will offer CEU's (Continuing Education Units). He said there also may be a few remaining seats for the Annual Agricultural Tour on February 22nd. And on February 27th, as part of a new Tropical Fruit Grower's series, he and Dr. Jonathan Crane will teach a class on mangos and sugar apples. The series will focus on 2 fruit crops each month.

South Florida Water Management District

Chair Accursio asked Board Member Humble if he had any comments regarding the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) given that a South Florida Water Management District (District) representative may no longer attend this meeting. Board Member Humble replied that the WRAC will not meet this month. He explained that the District's Governing Board members' terms intentionally overlapped in order to provide continuity of policy history and actions. But for the new governor to ask all of the Governing Board members to resign at one time seemed to be inconsistent with his words. He said Governing Board Member Jim Moran will attend the last meeting in March. Chair Accursio, who is also a Governing Board member, said he too will attend the last meeting, and that he has not, nor will not, resign until the governor presents him with a plan. He believes agriculture will not be represented at all on the next Governing Board. He believes the governor is receiving all of his information from U.S. Congressman Brian Mast (Florida, 18th District), which is a big problem, and removing all members at once will slow down several important projects that are already under way. But he is willing to give the new governor the benefit of the doubt.

Office of the Property Appraiser Report

Mr. Raul Nillo, Office of the Property Appraiser, Agricultural Section, (Property Appraiser) reported that Agricultural Classification applications are now available. He said the application should be filed by owners of new property effective January 1, 2019, and by those who have increased their agricultural use. He also reported that on February 1st the Property Appraiser mailed 323 letters for 'changes of ownership' (those who purchased property in 2018 but lost their agricultural classification). When there is a change in ownership, the new owner must apply and file a timely application if they would like to qualify for an exemption. He said applications were available at the back of the room.

Public Comment/Board Announcements

Board Member Humble asked Mr. Mike Hunt about several sheep remaining on a property that was recently raided by authorities and the animals confiscated. Mr. Hunt replied that he had reached an agreement with authorities to feed the sheep until they are removed.

Board Member Losner asked Mr. Ed Rivera, Code Enforcement, for an update on illegal dumping. Mr. Rivera replied that Code Enforcement has developed a few initiatives to address illegal dumping, such as placement of a 2-foot x 3-foot A-frame sign at Krome Avenue and SW 168 Street, to alert people of illegal dumping. They have also resolved a longstanding issue with the contractor to remove abandoned boats; they have hired a new contractor and abandoned boats should now be quickly removed. He said it is easier to remove abandoned cars because they can be sold for parts, but the same is not true for boats. Board Member Humble asked how it is possible for the County to charge the victims of illegal dumping, and asked for a written opinion from the County Attorney. Mr. Rivera replied that the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is responsible for illegal dumping and fines are outlined under Chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), but he and Mr. Dorsey will follow up on this issue. Board Member Losner asked about the status of the Illegal Dumping Taskforce. Mr. LaPradd replied that the taskforce has sunset and the recommendations were forwarded to the BCC, and it is now up to the BCC as to how to proceed.

The issue of commercial trucks being illegally stored within the Agricultural area was discussed. Mr. Rivera, RER Coe Compliance. said they receive frequent complaints and they have caught people blatantly renting space for truck parking. He said commercial truck storage in the agricultural area is prohibited, with two exceptions: the use has to be ancillary to the agricultural use, or the homeowner follows certain conditions. There was also discussion of a recent segment of Channel 7 News regarding illegal truck parking in the Redland. Mr. Rivera, who was interviewed for the segment, replied that Channel 7 did not accurately present the process. He said the owners were fined \$10,000, but if they do not comply, a lien will be placed on the property, the Legal Section will send a 'cease and desist' notice, and the owners will be sued in court. However, the case was specific to the property, located near SW 224 Street and SW214 Avenue. There are other properties with violations as well, but each case is unique and includes different violations.

Ms. Rebecca Elliott reported she is working on several projects of interest to the Board, one being the Combined Operational Plan (COP) on February 20th. She said the Corps (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) has developed a program capable of providing detailed modeling of what could potentially occur during hydrological events in the Agricultural area, particularly what could happen above and beyond our existing flood protection infrastructure and strategies. Another COP Project Delivery Team meeting is scheduled for February 28th in West Palm Beach, and she will forward that information through Mr. Dorsey. The Corps will hold a public scoping meeting in Miami Gardens on February 28th to discuss the Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual, or LOSOM; an additional meeting will be held in Broward County, and she will forward that information as well. She is of the opinion that no matter what occurs in regards to (water management) operations, whether there is too much weather or too little water, "agriculture" appears to be the scapegoat for most of what goes wrong. She encouraged everyone to attend the meetings if they can, because she believes agriculture has the same right to the kinds of protections that other landowners and business receive.

Mr. Sean McCrackine, Commission District 8, followed up on an earlier comment regarding the sewage spill. He said Commissioner Levine-Cava was also concerned when she read about the discharge of 740,000 gallons of raw sewage in less than 2 ½ hours near Haulover Park. The pump station that failed was part of the Federal consent decree and is scheduled to be overhauled; the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) was scheduled to request bids when this discharge occurred. He said this discharge also occurred only one or two days after the BCC heard a report on the status of Biscayne Bay, which concluded that Biscayne Bay has lost 80% of its seagrass coverage over the last decade, including a recent rapid loss of seagrass north of the Julia Tuttle Causeway. There was also a report to the BCC, and in an article in today's Miami Herald, which stated that nutrient loading from urban development has impacted the north end of the Bay, the Coral Gables waterway, and other areas.

In response to a question regarding who should pay for the pump station's repairs, Mr. McCrackine replied that the onus is on the County, not the residents of any particular area, and the reason we are under a Federal consent decree is that the County has not taken care of its infrastructure. He said \$2 billion of WASD's capital improvements budget will be spent fixing what is outlined in the consent decree. Board Member Losner asked that Commissioner Levine-Cava, via Mr. McCrackine, keep the Board in the loop on meetings or information regarding the fire/police station near Eureka Drive and SW 154 Avenue, as it will impact agriculture. Mr. McCrackine replied there have been robust conversations on the project. The intent was to have a joint

fire/police station, but the most immediate need is for the fire station. Chair Accursio asked about the status of the Ag Patrol Substation. Mr. McCrackine replied that construction has been held up for years and that the ISD (Internal Services Department) has finally contracted to have a slab poured. It will be a modular building, but he provided no completion date.

New Business

Discussion on Septic Tanks

Board Member Motes said his original intent on having septic tanks placed on the agenda was because septic tanks have taken a lot of negative criticism, and he believed that inspections of septic tanks in the Redland were eminent. But septic tanks do not break, unless nonorganic elements or pollutants are introduced into the system. He said he read the report that was presented to the BCC twice, and doubted it would stand up to peer review for multiple reasons: the report was based on 30 and 40-year old research; it was based upon information from north Florida, which has little relevance to South Dade; in one case the report was based upon a study conducted in New Mexico; and the report was full of dubious facts and scare tactics. While the report stated the need for more research, there was very little research on the way in which drain fields behave in the Oolitic limestone characteristic of much of South Dade. The report also outlined standards that have vastly changed. For example, the standard depth between the drain field relative to the water table used to be 12-inches and it is now 42-inches; His overall concern was that more study is needed, but we (the public) need to be aware that such questions will have an effect on land use. He suggested that the entire report, particularly the cost and the potential burden on individuals who may not be able to afford the cost, needs a great deal more study.

Board Member Humble stated that John DuPont, a professor at the University of Florida, has conducted extensive research on septic tanks in the Ft. Myers and St. Lucie areas. He said 70% of the septic tanks on (Florida's) east coast are below sea level and are close to canals, and the amount of fecal bacteria in the canals is tremendous. There are other sources of contamination as well, but to ignore the issue is to make a big mistake with our water. He said Mr. DuPont's research is available online, and that he may ask Mr. DuPont to speak to the Board on the issue.

Unfinished Business

Update on roadway maintenance in the Agricultural Area

Board Member Losner mentioned road repairs in the Redland. He said the County has focused on potholes, but there are several intersections where the curbs at intersections have been worn down due to heavy trucks, and the roads are starting to deteriorate. Mr. Dorsey replied that he will request Mr. Manuel Garcia, Department of Transportation and Public Works, to provide an update to the Board.

Set Agenda

Status of the Eureka Fire/Police Station

Adjournment

With no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

