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Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 2, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Agricultural Practices Advisory Board:
Appointment of Members

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(A)

Resolution No. R-686-09

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners:
1) Appoint the following persons to their first term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):

- Gary Dufek to fill the Fruit Crop Industry seat #1 as recommended by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee; and
- Martin Motes to fill the Citizen's Association seat as recommended by the Redland Citizens Association, Inc.

2) Re-appoint the following person to his second term as a member of the APAB:

- James Humble to fill the At-Large seat as recommended by the APAB

Scope
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board has a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor
This section does not apply.

Background
The APAB consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, Code of Miami-Dade County, requires that vacancies occurring on the APAB be filled by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). By Code, each nominating organization must submit for BCC review a minimum of one nominee for their vacant position, the nominee's resume, and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for each of the following nominees is attached.

- Florida Avocado Administrative Committee Seat
  Mr. Gary Dufek was selected to represent the Avocado Committee for the Fruit Crop seat #1. The previous appointee, Mr. Bill Losner, finished his second term on the APAB in December 2008. Mr. Dufek operates a small farm in southwest Miami-Dade County that produces lychees, longans and avocados. *The Florida Avocado Administrative Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Dufek at their February 11, 2009 meeting.*

- Citizen's Association Seat
  Mr. Martin Motes was selected to represent the Redland Citizens Association, Inc. Mr. Dave Romney, whose first term ended in December 2008, declined to serve a second term on the APAB. Mr. Motes is the Founder and President of Motes Orchids Inc., which is located in the Redlands. Mr. Motes has resided in the Redlands for over 30 years. *The Redland Citizens Association recommended the appointment of Martin Motes at their January 29, 2009 meeting.*

- At Large Seat
  Mr. James Humble was selected for re-appointment by the APAB for the At-Large seat. Mr. Humble has owned Pita Groves in south Miami-Dade County since 1978. He was Vice President, Chief Executive Officer, and a shareholder of the South Dade Land Corporation that owned 5,000 acres of farmland from 1987 to 1996. Additionally Mr. Humble has served on numerous state and local advisory boards including the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee. Mr. Humble is currently the Chair of the APAB. *The APAB recommended the reappointment of James Humble at their February, 2009 meeting.*

The appointments are for a term of four years, which will end on December 31, 2012.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 2, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(A)
6-2-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-686-09**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO NEW MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD AND REAPPOINTING ONE EXISTING MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose, and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB); and

WHEREAS, a vacancy of the first of two Fruit Crop Industry representative seats exists on the APAB; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy of the Citizen's Association seat exists on the APAB; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Humble has completed his first term as the At-Large representative on the APAB and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the APAB are to be filled by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that the designated organization must provide at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, and the respective nominating organizations, recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Gary Dufek to represent the Avocado Committee in Fruit Crop Industry seat #1, and Mr. Martin Motes to represent the Redland Citizens Association; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, and the APAB, recommend that the Board of County Commissioners reappoint Mr. James Humble to fill the At-Large seat,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Gary Dufek and Mr. Martin Motes are hereby appointed and Mr. James Humble is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term to end on December 31, 2012.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**absent**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**absent**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Andrew Boese

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Redland Citizens Association, Inc.

We support:
- Agriculture
- Conservation
- General Area Improvement
- Pollution Control
- Public Safety
- Rat Control
- Zoning

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING & ZONING
ZONING PLANNING SECT

March 12, 2009

To: Foren, Stephen A. (DP&Z)

This letter is to acknowledge that Dr. Martin Motes has accepted the position on The Agricultural Practice Board of Miami Dade County to represent **The Redland Citizens Association..**

Our Association Board & Membership are looking forward to having Dr. Motes represent our organization.

Sincerely,

Sidney Robinson, Act Sec
Sidney Robinson
For the Board of Directors

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Curriculum Vitae Martin R. Motes

DOB December 23, 1944

Professional

1959 Founded Motes Orchids
1964 AS Miami-Dade Community College - Botany
1966 BA University of Miami - English
1968 MA .. .. ..
1972 PhD Miami University ..
1972-76 Assistant Professor of English, Wright State University
1975-76 Senior Fulbright Lecturer, University of Pristina, Kosovo
1977-79 Adjunct Professor, University of Miami
1977-79 .. Miami Dade Community College
1977-86 Director of Horticulture, Grant Center Hospital
1984 Certified Master of Horticultural Therapy - National Council on Therapy and Rehabilitation (NCTRH)
1985-86 National System Consultant on Horticulture - Hospital Corporation of America
1982-89 Director, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1984 News Letter Editor, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1985 Director of Education, SFOS
1986 Vice President SFOS
1989 Secretary, SFOS
1990-91 Chairman of Judging, SFOS
1992 Consultant on BENLATE claims Fla. Dept of Agriculture
" " " " Mr. Jerry Eckert
" " " " Mr. Chad Whetstone
" " " " Jill Sidran
" " " " Coqui Nursery
1994 Instructor- Introduction to Orchid Growing- Fairchild Tropical Gardens
1995-Present Director, Secretary, Vice President, Redland Professional Orchid Grower
1996-97 Chairman Redland International Orchid Festival
1999 " MIAMI BEACH Orchid Show
1998 Consultant, Palmer Orchids
1999-2001 .. Plants in Design, Orchid Nursery
2000 Chairman of Judging Caracas, Venezuela Orchid Show
2000 Consultant on Landscape orchids University of Miami Dept. of Architecture
2000 Instructor- Orchid Short Course- Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Gardens Cayman Is.
2000 " Vanda Culture Course Fairchild Tropical Gardens
2000 " " " " - W. Palm Bch. Cooperative Extension Service
2001 Consultant on Orchids Mr. Jeffery De Mott Ag-Corp

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Redland Citizens Association, Inc.

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- Zoning

Minutes of Meeting
January 29 , 2009

Members Present: Pres. Pam Gray, Karen Esty, Sid & Maryannette Robinson, Arlene Samalion, Joe Freal, Mike Hatcher, Rebecca Hunter, martin Dereiko, Dewey & Lee Steel, Dave Romney, Louise King.

Discussion on Krome Gold law suit: Attorney Tucker Gibbs was handling the appeal on the applicants request to excavate 135-acre plus for a lake and build million-dollar houses on lots ranging in size from 5-10 acre lots.

Amendment #13: Bed & Breakfast establishments outside the UDB are being considered to this amendment as ancillary to agriculture. The amendment also covers small mom & pop businesses at the intersections of arterial roads outside the UDB.

Parkland 2014: This is a 961-acre proposed development located on Krome Avenue and SW 136 Street to the North and Eureka Drive to the South. CC#11 voted to approve the applicants request for this massive development. Attorney Tucker Gibbs is representing several environmental groups appealing CC#11 decision. At the BCC level, this application does not have the votes needed to pass, therefore the application was deferred.

Dave Romney has finished his four years on the Ag Practices Board. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at the Ag Extension office form 9 am to 12 noon. Sid knew before hand of Dave Romney's not staying on the board, and called
several RCA members he thought would serve on the Ag Practices Board. Orchid grower, Martin Motes has accepted & the RCA Board has approved his recommendation. He will be out of town the first Wed. of March, but will attend the April Meeting

All necessary paper work will be in progress for county staff asap. :

The county is going forward with the Strategic Plan. Michael is on the Urban Services & Economic Development Board representing the RCA. He will keep the RCA informed of the progress.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Sidney Robinson, acting Sec.

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2002 Consultant on Orchid Damage Sharon Garrett's The Habitat
2002 Panel Member Commercial Grower's Forum World Orchid Conference Kuala Lumpur
2002 Chair Orchid Hybridizer's Forum " " " " "
2003 Consultant on Orchid Damage Insurance for Agriculture
2003-Present Consultant Hacienda Loma Linda Orchids
2004- Present Chairman, Tamiami Orchid Festival

1983- Present Accredited Judge, American Orchid Society
1977-Present President Motes Orchids Inc.

Publications

1977 Ecological Landscaping for South Florida - *Fairchild Garden Bulletin*
1978 Landscape Orchids for South Florida " " "
1979 Encyclia Hybrids - *Florida Orchidist*
1980 Presentation to National Conference of National Conference Rehabilitation through Horticulture
1981 'Seeing Red- Renanthera and its Hybrids' - *Florida Orchidist*
1983 ' New Vandas in South Florida' " "
1988 Series of six articles on Vanda - *American Orchid Society Bulletin*
1989 'Influence of Vanda Species on Modern Hybrids' - World Orchid Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
1990 'Vanda Breeding' - Queensland(Australia) Orchid Short Course
1991 Speaker," Influence of Vanda species on Modern Hybrids,' Moderator, Horticultural Sessions, Asian Pacific Orchid Conference, (APOC) Chaingmai, Thailand
1992 New Vanda Breeding - APOC, Townsville, Queensland
1993 New Directions in Vanda Breeding -Australian National Orchid Congress, Darwin, Australia
1994 " The Making of Vanda Motes Goldflake" *Orchids*
1996 "Cultivation of Terete Vandas" "
1996 "New Directions in Vanda Breeding"- World Orchid Conference, Rio de Janeiro
1997 BOOK: *Vandas: their History, Botany and Culture*, Timber Press
1997 "The Sweet Smelling Vanda" *Orchid Digest*
1998 'Low Light, Temperature Tolerant Vandas'- *Orchid Review*
1999 'Vandas for English Growers'- Royal Horticultural Society lecture, London Orchid Show
1999 'New Vandas'- *Orchid Digest*
2000 'Judging Vandas' - American Orchid Society *Awards Quarterly*
2001 Series of six articles 'Breeding with Lesser Known Vandas' - *Orchids*
Featured Speaker "Vanda Breeding in Florida",
Moderator of Hybridist's Forum,
Panel member Commercial Growers Forum,
World Orchid Conference Shah Alam, Malaya
2002 Speaker "Commercial Production Of Vandas in Florida" Univ. of Florida Orchid Growers Short Course
2002 Featured Speaker Southern Louisiana Orchid Society Orchid Short Course and Show
2002 " The Perfect Parents" *Phalaenopsis* (Journal of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance)

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2004 Speaker " Analysis of Production costs of Florida Grown and Imported Vandas" University of Florida Orchid Short Course
2005 Featured Speaker "Temperature Tolerant Vandas" World Orchid Conference, Dijon
2006 Judging Vandas- Seminar for AOS Judges Shrevesport, Houston, Dallas and Ft. Worth Judging Centers
2006 Hurricane Preparedness *Orchids*
2007. "Producing Commercially Successful Orchid Hybrids" University of Florida Orchid Short Course
2007 Featured Speaker Southern Louisiana Orchid Society Orchid Short Course and Show
2008 *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month* Redland Press 2008

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March 4, 2009

Stephan Foren, AICP
Principal Planner
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Miami, Florida 33128

RE: Appointment

Dear Mr. Foren,
The Avocado Administrative Committee has appointed Mr. Gary Dufek to represent the avocado industry on the Ag Practices Board replacing Mr. William Losner. We thank you for allowing our representative to serve on this board. Enclosed is a copy of our February avocado committee meeting minutes appointing Mr. Dufek along with a copy of his resume.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Flinn – Manager
Avocado Administrative Committee

cc. Mr. Dufek

Fresh Florida

FLORIDA AVOCADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
18710 SW 288TH STREET
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030
9:15 A.M.
(305) 247-0848

Chairman Wheeling called the meeting to order and requested that the Manager, Mr. Flinn, call the roll. Those present were:

Bill Klein Grower Member District II	**Arturo DeLeon** Handler Member District I	**Jerry Case** Grower Member District I
Manny Hevia Handler Member District I	**Hal Kendall, Jr.** Alt. Grower District I	**Craig Wheeling** Handler Member District I
Raymond Barrow Grower Member District I	**Dr. Evans** Public Member District I	**Billy Prichett** Alt. Handler District II

Others present were: Capt Andress &Lt. DiBernardo, Miami-Dade Ag. Patrol, K. Edwards, Farm Bureau, M. Krome, J. Humble, G. Dufek, C. De la Torre, Mr. Grant, C. LaPradd, Ag Manager, Miami-Dade County, J. LaPradd, Dr. Crane, P. Brooks, H. Yamamura, D. Rodriguez, J. Osbourne, D. Pybas, R. Zimmerman, A. Flinn, Manager, B. Hass, Bookkeeper/Secretary and D. Jamieson, Marketing Specialist, USDA.

The Chairman welcomed all the guests to the Avocado Committee meeting.

The January monthly minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Klein and seconded by Mr. Kendall, Jr. to accept the January minutes as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

The minutes for an Emergency Teleconference meeting held on January 29, 2009, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Barrow and seconded by Mr. Hevia to accept the Emergency Teleconference minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The January financial statement was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Klein and seconded by Mr. Case to accept the January financial statement as presented. The vote was unanimous.

AG PATROL REPORT

Captain Andress began the Ag. Patrol report by giving an update on the arrest and recovery statistics for the previous month. Captain Andress stated that during the recent freeze alert extra personnel were added to patrol agricultural areas. There were no avocado thefts reported. After a brief question and answer session, the Ag Patrol report was completed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Chairman requested the Manager, Mr. Alan Flinn, give the Manager's Report. The Manager began his report by requesting a motion for the Committee to change the 2008/09 Season Budget to reflect the additional funds added to research. He continued that a motion was made during the Emergency Teleconference meeting to give an additional $50,000 for research on the Ambrosia Beetle/Laurel Wilt research. A motion was made by Mr. Case and seconded by Mr. Klein to change the 2008/09 Season Budget to reflect the additional funds added to research. The motion passed unanimously. The Manager stated that the amended 2008/09 Season Budget expenditures would be $301,608 instead of the original amount of $251,608.

The next item concerned an appointment to the Ag Practices Board. The Chairman suggested that a secret ballot be received for this appointment. The following were nominated: Ms. Medora Krome and Mr. Gary Dufek for this appointment. After the ballots were cast and counted, Mr. Dufek was selected as the avocado industry's representative to the Ag Practices Board.

Mr. Flinn continued the Manger's Report by stating nominations for the Public Member and alternate member positions for the 2009/10 Season were needed. The Chairman stated that both Dr. Crane and Dr. Evans had served the Committee with excellence and have continued to demonstrate an understanding of the avocado industry. Their support and expertise has been immeasurable through the years they have served. A motion was made by Mr. Prichett and seconded by Mr. Hevia to nominate Dr. Crane and Dr. Evans as the Public Member and Alternate Public Member for the 2009/2010 Season of the Avocado Committee. The motion as presented passed unanimously.

The last item on the Manager's Report was to remind the Committee that a Laurel Wilt Conference was to be held on the 26th and 27th of February in Savannah, Georgia. He stated that there were three researchers attending. Dr. Crane added that representatives from California would be attending also. This concluded the **Manager's Report**.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Crane distributed two funding requests for Dr. Pena to determine the effectiveness of chemicals against the Ambrosia Beetle and the impact on Laurel Wilt. Dr. Crane also gave a short update on the research being done by Dr. Pena and Dr. Ploetz. He also informed the Committee that additional funds had been committed to the Ambrosia Beetle/Laurel Wilt research by AFAS and USDA. After a brief question and answer session, Dr. Crane concluded his report. (Copies of the handouts are available from TREC or the Committee office). This ended the Old Business portion of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman requested Ms. Jamieson, Marketing Specialist, USDA, give the results of the 2009/10 Season Avocado Committee Elections held on February 10, 2009, for walk-in voting and the mail-in ballots received. Ms. Jamieson stated that 127 ballots were received via mail and that this election had the best participation in several years. The results of the election are as follows:

District I – Avocado Growers

Members	Alternates
Medora Krome	Raymond Barrow
Mark Philcox	Raymond Caves
Larry Dunagan	John Alger
Hal Kendall, Jr.	Claudia VanEssen

District I – Avocado Handlers

Diego Rodriguez	Herbie Yamamura
Arturo DeLeon	Manny Hevia
Craig Wheeling	Bill Brindle

District II – Avocado Grower

Vacant	Bill Klein

District II – Avocado Handler

Jessica Prichett	Bill Prichett

This concluded the results of the 2009/10 Season Avocado Committee elections.

A member of the Committee requested the Chairman give him an opportunity to address the Committee members. The Chairman agreed. The Committee member ask those present if there was still value in the Marketing Order? He gave several examples why he believed it was not. 1) Cost of assessments and inspection fees limited the profit for growers, 2) off shore fruit did not always meet maturity standards, 3) the Committee Manager was restricted from going to New York and other entry ports, to review inspections, 4) the Avocado Committee was unable to lobby or hire attorneys to represent their interests in Washington D.C. and 5) no advertizing of Florida Avocados was done due to lack of funding.

One Committee member responded that the Marketing Order was established to secure a constant market of avocados and that provided a quality product.

Several other Committee members agreed with the frustrations voiced concerning inspections and the use of DNA testing to ascertain varieties coming from off shore. They did not see how advertizing would benefit the Florida Avocado industry because there were too many varieties.

After a long discussion of the concerns voiced by the Committee member, it was suggested that the Committee explore options on ways to save growers money. Some suggestions were: 1) Sub-Committee be formed to review the value of the Marketing Order, including whether inspection standards be dropped (Alan would be responsible for checking with Inspection about the maturity standards, 2) to close the Committee offices and lay-off support staff and have Alan work out of his home and 3) to use the present .27 cent assessment fee for research.

The Chairman inquired if anyone would be interested in volunteering to seat on this Sub-Committee. No one responded.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting of the Avocado Committee was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AVOCADO COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11th, 2009, AT THE JOHN D. CAMPBELL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION BUILDING, 18710 S.W. 288TH STREET, HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, AT 9:15 A.M.

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Gary J. Dufek

SS#390-44-5615

Objective

To serve as a member of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Experience

2009-Present
Citizens Transportation Advisory Council Miami-Dade County
- Member

2007-2008
Miami-Dade County Community Council #14 Miami-Dade County
- Member

2003–Present Universe Realty Miami, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

2003 Keyes Realty Miami, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

2000-2003 Century 21 America Kendall, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

1996-1998 Sun Country Realty Homestead, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

1989 – Present Roystonea Enterprises Miami, FL
Zoning Consultant
- Represent clients before the Miami-Dade County Commission
- Represent clients before Community Councils
- Represent clients before county departments

1978-Present Roystonea Enterprises Miami, FL
Property Tax Consultant
- Analyze Tax Bills for accuracy

- Advise clients possible actions to lower tax bills
- Assist clients with correcting errors on their tax bills.
- Represent clients before the Special Masters for tax reductions

1977-Present — Homestead, FL

Land Lord/Property Manager

1971-Present — Miami-Dade County

Farmer

- Lychees
- Longans
- Avocados

1966-1989 Eastern Airlines — Miami, FL

- Supervisor-Computer Operations
- Senior Computer Operator

1962-1966 United States Air Force — Minot, ND, Homestead AFB

- Computer Operator
- Key Punch Operator

1963-1964 Catalytic Construction Company — Minot, ND

- Computer Operator
- Key Punch Operator

Education/Training

1989 — Miami, FL

- Realtor/Associate Training (on-going)
- Department of Elections Clerk Training (on-going)

1966-1967 Eastern Airlines — Miami, FL

- Computer Programming

1965-1967 Miami-Dade College — Miami, FL

- Computer Programming

1962 USAF Technical School — Sheppard AFB, TX

Licenses

1989-Present DBPR Real Estate Sales Associate

1976-Present FDACS Private Pesticide Applicator License

Organizations

2004-Present

Dade County Agri-Council

Dade County Farm Bureau

Metro-Dade Police Citizens Advisory Committee

2001-2004

South Miami-Dade Busway Phase II Citizens Advisory Committee

1998-2002

Krome Avenue Action Plan

1997-Present

Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida

1988-2004

Sierra Club

1988-1992

Homestead Real Estate Board/Chair MLS

1987-1993

Historic Preservation Board

1971-Present

Redland Citizen's Association Miami-Dade County

- President 1986-1989
- Official Spokesperson 1981-1989
- Membership Chairperson 1976-1985

1978-Present Florida Avocado Administrative Committee

1999-Present American Legion

1989-Present Knights of Columbus

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RESIDENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI 1976

OWNER OF PITA GROVES IN SOUTH DADE COUNTY SINCE 1978

MEMBER OF HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBER OF BLUE BELT COMMISSION

VICE PRESIDENT, CEO. AND SHAREHOLDER OF SOUTH DADE LAND CORPORATION WHICH OWNED 5000 ACRES OF FARM LAND IN SOUTH DADE COUNTY FROM 1987 TO 1996

PAST CHAIRMAN OF LIME AND AVOCADO ADMISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - A MEMBER SINCE 1986

MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1997-2000

MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 1997-2000

CHAIRMAN OF FLORIDA CITY FARMERS MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBER OF DADE COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMMITTE 1986

MEMBER OF "380 COMMITTEE" DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS APPOINTED BY ROBERT GRAHAM 1986

AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM HOMESTEAD-FLORIDA CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1984

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2002-2004

CSOP FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2004

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING SUMMARY
Miami-Dade Agriculture Center Auditorium
18710 SW 288 Street
Homestead, Florida
February 4, 2009

Board Members Present
James Humble, Chair; Larry Caudle, Vice Chair; Jonathan Borghi; Jorge Abreu; John DeMott;; Teena Borek; Dave Romney, Robert Thompson, Bill Losner

Board Members Absent
Vacant seat for Tropical Fruit Representative #2; vacant seat for Ornamental Aquaculture Representative; vacant seat for Vegetable Representative #1, Erik Tietig, Excused Absence

Department of Planning and Zoning Staff (DP& Z)
Stephen Foren, Principal Planner; Katie Halloran, Senior Planner; Aiman Hamdallah, Junior Planner

Other Miami-Dade County and Governmental Staff
Police Department: Captain Scott Andress, Lieutenant Sheree Dibernardo
County Manager's Office: Charles LaPradd, Agricultural Manager
Office of Neighborhood Compliance: Daniel Vuelta
Board of County Commissioners: Sean McCrackine (Aide to Commissioner Sorenson), Dallas Manuel (Aide to Commissioner Moss);
South Florida Water Management District: Evan Skornick
Cooperative Extension: Don Pybas
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): Vilma Croft
Miami-Dade Water and Sewer: Maribel Balbin

Public Attendance
See Sign-In Sheets

Chair's Report
Chair James Humble called the February meeting of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) to order at 9:00 am. Mr. Humble mentioned that last month the Board elected him as Chair of the APAB once again. He thanked the Board but commented that this would be his last term as Chair and suggested that the position be rotated among other Board members. Mr. Humble also informed the Board that his term expired on December 2008 and if the Board would like to reappoint him as the at large member they would have to vote on it. Mr. Losner made a motion to reappoint Mr. Humble as the at large member the motion was seconded by Teena Borek and passed unanimously. Mr. Humble then waived the Chair's report.

Coordinators Report
Steve Foren introduced Katie Halloran as a Senior Planner with the Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning and informed the Board that she will be working with staff on the APAB. Mr. Foren also informed the Board that five Board members' terms expired in December of 2008. Those members are Dave Romney, Robert Thompson, James Humble, Jorge Abreu and Bill Losner. Mr. Foren notified the Board that County staff might not be available for the May and November meetings due to Board of County Commission (BCC) meetings. He recommended canceling or rescheduling those APAB meetings. Mr. Humble suggested that the

Board not cancel or reschedule the monthly meetings for May and November; he noted that the APAB meeting can be recorded if necessary, and staff can prepare the minutes from the recording.

Mr. Foren updated the Board on the status of the Procurement Resolution, informing the Board that the resolution was being reviewed by the DP&Z Director and would be sent to the Agenda Coordinator once the review is complete. Mr. Foren also mentioned to the Board that the Department of Procurement Management (DPM) reviewed the resolution and will not be endorsing it. The Board then asked staff to arrange for a DPM representative to explain their position on the Procurement Resolution.

Mr. Foren informed the Board that each Board member is required to attend the County Ethics training class at least once. The Board members that have not attended the training are Jonathan Borghi, Jorge Abreu, Larry Caudle and Erik Tietig. Mr. Foren stated that the three new members under review for appointment would have to attend the ethics training as well. Mr. Foren further stated that the Ethics training course would be available to those Board members who need it in March 2009, at the Cooperative Agricultural Extension after the regular APAB meeting.

Adoption of January 2009 Minutes

Mr. Foren suggested a correction to the Coordinators report section of the January minutes. Mr. Foren had mistakenly cited the wrong section of the County Code on Board member absences. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the January 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Romney and passed unanimously.

Agricultural Patrol

Captain Scott Andress reported that the Agricultural Patrol answered 126 calls for service and made 31 arrests for the month of January. The majority of the arrests for the month of January were related to thefts that occurred on nurseries. The thefts consisted of various items from small farm equipment to office furniture. There was no pattern to the thefts and so the Agricultural Patrol concludes that the crime is random and does not involve professional thieves. Captain Andress also informed the Board about an incident regarding vandalism to an irrigation pump. Mr. Foren informed the Board that the County has a law that requires realtors to inform potential buyers that they are buying a home in an agricultural area and that there are consequences to living near commercial agricultural operations. Mr. Romney stated that he saw suspicious activity near his property involving a truck and the dumping of a bicycle and he called the Ag Patrol using two phone numbers provided to him by the Farm Bureau. He left two messages and never received a call back from the Patrol. Captain Andress cautioned that if those numbers were Ag Patrol cell phone numbers it was possible that callers wouldn't receive an immediate response. He explained that the Ag Patrol cell phones were merely a courtesy to the community and that a response could not be guaranteed. He said that in-progress crimes should be reported to 911, and anything after the fact should be called in to the complaint desk at 305-4-POLICE.

Agricultural Manager's Report

Mr. LaPradd informed the Board that his office, along with the help of Congressman Putnam and Congresswomen Ileana Ross Layton, secured a total of $160,000 allocated funds to support University of Florida research on ways to combat the Redbay Ambrosia beetle. There has been no further movement south of Okeechobee County of the Redbay Ambrosia beetle so far. Mr. LaPradd informed the Board that the economic impact of the avocado industry in Miami-Dade County is about $30 Million and about 1,000 jobs.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. LaPradd about the seasonal agricultural CDMP amendment and asked him to update the Board on this issue. Mr. LaPradd informed the Board that the next BCC meeting

on this issue will be held on May 2009. Mr. LaPradd will keep the Board updated on any new developments.

Presentation by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Jeff Easley introduced himself to the Board along with Vilma Croft. Ms Croft is the FDOT Project Manager for the Krome Avenue Truck By-Pass project and Mr. Easley is a consultant from Reynolds, Smith and Hill and is working with FDOT on the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The By-Pass project encompasses Krome Avenue from just south of Flagler Avenue to SW 296 Street (Avocado Drive). Mr. Easley stated that FIHS roadways provide high speed and high volume travel and accommodate high occupancy vehicles, express bus transit and passenger rail service. The SIS is a network of transportation hubs like rail stations, airports, ports and the corridors and connectors that link these hubs like highways, rail lines, waterways and transit. Mr. Easley mentioned that the SIS facilities carry more then 68% of all truck traffic in the State Highway System. The purpose and need for the Krome Avenue Truck By-Pass is to redirect traffic from the downtown Homestead historic district, relieve congestion and improve truck mobility.

The PD&E study includes an engineering analysis, environmental analysis and public input. The engineering aspect of the study encompasses a corridor analysis, safety analysis and roadway design alternatives. The environmental portion of the study evaluates social and cultural factors like community cohesion and impacts to historic sites, impacts on wildlife habitat, and economic impacts. As well as physical impacts such as air, water quality and noise. The PD&E study also requires public participation through communication with elected officials, agency briefings and public meetings.

Julio Boucle introduced himself to the Board as the consultant working on the Krome South PD&E study. Mr. Boucle is also a consultant with Reynolds, Smith and Hill. Mr. Boucle explained that the Krome South PD&E study includes Krome Avenue from SW 296th Street (Avocado Drive) to SW 136th Street. The project area is approximately 10 miles in length, and contains a rural Principal Arterial roadway with adjacent agricultural, commercial and residential land uses. The study found that there is a need to reconstruct Krome Avenue based on the following:

- It is part of the FIHS
- It is the only north-south artery on the western fringes of Miami-Dade County
- There are safety, mobility, and drainage issues associated with this segment of the roadway
- There are economic competitiveness and congestion-relief benefits to reconstruction
- Reconstruction would allow for the use of Krome Avenue as a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.

Mr. Boucle then explained to the Board that there are four different typical sections (roadway designs) that are being considered for the project area. Alternative 1 would reconstruct Krome as a two lane rural divided roadway. Alternative 2 would reconstruct Krome as a three lane rural divided roadway, which is the same as alternative 1 with passing zones. Alternative 3 would reconstruct Krome as a four lane rural divided roadway, which is a typical section for FIHS. Alternative 4 would reconstruct Krome as a four lane non-rural divided roadway with a smaller median and borders. Currently, Krome is a two lane undivided roadway. FDOT recommends Alternative 3 for Krome Avenue.

The Board discussed the impact of FDOT's proposed designs for Krome Avenue. Mr. Boucle explained that the designs proposed for Krome are regulated by the "Asset Management Classifications/standards" and by the legal liabilities that accompany Krome's status as an FIHS

roadway within the SIS. They asked Mr. Boucle when funding would become available for any construction on Krome and Mr. Boucle noted that only design funding is available now.

The Board then discussed the impact of Krome Avenue's design on the Farmers' Market. Mr. Humble explained that the Farmers' Market is an asset to the entire agricultural industry and community. (Staff note: The Farmers' Market lies south of the projects discussed at this meeting, but would be impacted by these projects.) He stated that access to the market is critical and a median would upset a traffic pattern that has historically served produce buyers, sellers, and transporters well. Teena Borek noted that the market is a unique economic factor that FDOT must recognize. She explained that growers depend on truckers to get their crops to market. She feels that if transportation times increase due to limited ingress/egress to the market, some trucking companies may decide to halt services to the market altogether. Other Board members are concerned that limiting access to nurseries and other businesses on Krome due to the proposed median would have significant negative impacts on local commerce. The Board discussed ways to remove the median from the design or narrow the median by reducing the access classification of the roadway or removing its classification from the FIHS.

Evan Skornick informed Mr. Boucle that Miami-Dade Expressway Authority will be performing a PD&E study in the near future to extend 836 Expressway to SW 136th street and Krome Avenue and informed him that it might affect the proposed reconstruction of Krome to SW 136th.

Katie Edwards asked if the shared use path in all four alternatives for Krome can be used by tractors and other farm equipment. Mr. Boucle stated that the shared use path is for pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motorized traffic. Mr. Boucle said that tractors would not be prohibited from using Krome Avenue once it is reconstructed.

Old Business

Mr. Foren advised the Board to revise or dismiss the landscape resolution passed at the January meeting because all four issues in the resolution have either been resolved or do not apply to the landscape ordinance in question. The four issues were: to allow stock planting on zoned and dedicated rights-of-way for commercial use as well as aesthetic use; to keep the 30 percent native requirement for landscape planting and not raise it to 50 percent; to oppose landscape ordinance language to apply a twice weekly watering restriction suggested by the South Florida Water Management District; and to remove the xeriscape language from the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Foren informed the Board that the xeriscape language in the proposed ordinance was removed, and the 30 percent native requirement for landscape planting will not be increased to 50 percent. Mr. Foren also stated that the stock planting request for rights-of-way is not included in the proposed Landscape ordinance and should be addressed with the Department of Public Works and the Agricultural Managers Office. Mr. Humble stated he would like to see it addressed in the Landscape Ordinance. The twice-weekly restriction proposed by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) is not related to the landscape ordinance but to the irrigation ordinance.

John DeMott mentioned that the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Associations (FNGLA) would like to review the most updated landscape ordinance with the changes mentioned by Mr. Foren. Mr. Humble stated that the Board would review the FNGLA proposals regarding the Landscape ordinance to discuss those proposals during the next APAB meeting. Mr. Humble has asked staff to forward the new proposed ordinance to the Board for review before any action can be taken on this issue.

Water Restriction Ordinance – Water and Sewer Department
Maribel Balbin from Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASD) introduced herself as a Water Conservation Manager. Ms. Balbin informed the Board that the County is proposing a permanent two-day a week water restriction ahead of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) proposal. The two-day a week water restriction, along with other water conservation measures is saving Miami Dade County about 40 million gallons of water a day. The main reason WASD is proposing this ordinance at this time is that the two-day a week water restriction will save WASD about $23 million in new capital improvement projects. Mr. Balbin also mentioned to the Board that SFWMD is also planning to permanently enforce the two-day a week water restriction and the County is just proposing the same restriction only early. By enforcing the restriction early WASD will be able to delay required capital improvement projects from 2010 to 2016. Ms. Balbin also informed the Board that WASD did not propose the ordinance it originated from Commissioner Seijas office. The County has been on a two day a week watering for over a year and it has being extremely beneficial to WASD in terms of lowering water consumption and lowing operating costs.

Mr. Thompson asked if this restriction affects agriculture, Ms. Balbin said the two-day a week water restriction does not apply to agriculture. The Board discussed this issue and agreed that it does not affect agriculture directly, however it indirectly affects nurseries. The indirect affect on nurseries is that it restricts the purchaser of plants from watering and therefore the purchaser may not buy plants if they can't water them.

Ms. Balbin mentioned that if the County goes back to the three day a week watering WASD will have to start working on capital improvement projects that increase capacity and the cost of these capital improvement projects will be passed to the consumer. The consumer at this time is paying $1.13 to a $1.30 per one thousand gallons of water. If WASD goes forward with these capital improvement projects the consumer will pay $3 to a $4 per one thousand gallons. The reason for this is because WASD cannot pull more then 348 million gallons per day from the Biscayne Aquifer. To increase this allocation, WASD will have to construct a reverse osmosis plant, which is very costly.

Public Comment
Katie Edwards talked about endosulfans and suggested the APAB hear a presentation by Dan B. Kimball, the Superintendent for Everglades National Park. The Board agreed and asked staff to schedule the presentation for the March meeting.

Joe Muscanera had a comment about All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) using his property and the right-of-way of a SFWMD canal in a damaging manner. Mr. Muscanera knows it is illegal to use ATVs on SFWMD rights-of-way and called Metro-Dade police to resolve the issue but he was told he would have to contact Fish and Wildlife to issue any citations to the violators.

Set Agenda
Department of Procurement on procurement resolution, Landscape ordinance, Presentation on Endosulfans

Action Items
Forward proposed Landscape Ordinance to Board

Adjournment
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

_____ Steve Foren, Coordinator