

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Economic Development and Human Services  
Committee (EDHSC)**

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**FINAL OFFICIAL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Economic Development and Human Services**  
**Committee**

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners  
Barbara J. Jordan (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D. Souto (10)

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**Tuesday, June 19, 2007**

**9:30 AM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Jovel Shaw, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1289*

**1A INVOCATION**

**1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Report:** *The Committee convened in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton, Assistant County Attorneys Cynthia Johnson-Stacks, Geri Bonzon-Keenan and Terrence Smith; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

*Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks informed the Committee of the following requested changes to today's Committee agenda: that Agenda Items 1E1 and 1E2 should be withdrawn; that Agenda Item 2G should be deferred to no date certain; that Agenda Item 2H should be added to the agenda; and that Chairwoman Edmonson should be added as a cosponsor to Agenda Item 2E.*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's Committee agenda, noted by Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks, be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote, 5-0.*

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## 071942 Report

OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRWOMAN EDMONSON *Presented***Report:**

*Chairwoman Edmonson called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. and provided the Committee with an opening statement regarding the recent increase of foreclosures in Dade County. She stated this community was suffering from a housing crisis which threatens to leave families, friends and neighbors without a roof over their heads and that the people could not afford the high insurance, tax and interest rates.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted she hosted a meeting two weeks ago with the County's Housing Finance Authority urging Commission District 3 residents to be aware of predatory lenders. She stated the County also needs to work closely with members of the industry (home financing, banking and real estate) in order to address this crisis.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson asked Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry to work with the Housing Finance Authority Director and the Consumer Services Department Director to schedule a public hearing before this Committee as soon as possible to discuss the recent housing crisis, specifically home financing, banking, foreclosures and other real estate issues. She asked that representatives of the Florida State Legislature, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the banking industry and the financial industry be invited to attend, along with individuals currently facing foreclosures.*

*Commissioner Jordan stated she would join Chairwoman Edmonson in an effort to address the recent housing crisis and increased foreclosures. She informed the Committee of a meeting she initiated in Commission District 1, a conference with Metro-Miami Action Plan on housing.*

*Commissioner Moss concurred with Commissioner Jordan regarding joining in the efforts to address the current housing crisis. He recommended the County move forward with providing resources in the community, such as counseling centers to assist individuals through the housing process issues. He indicated the State should be involved in this process because of the property insurance continues to escalate.*

*Commissioner Souto joined the other Committee members in applauding Chairwoman Edmonson on addressing the housing crisis issue.*

## 1D SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1D1

071810 Citizen's Audrey M. Edmonson  
MR. CAMILLE MERILUS PRESENTATION REGARDING *Presented*  
SUMMER SEASON AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### Report:

*Mr. Camille Merilus, Founder of Camille and Sulette Merilus Foundation, appeared before the Committee and made a presentation regarding the summer season and keeping children safe during this season. He urged the County to plan for the development of a youth center in this community that would serve as a safe haven for the youth.*

*A discussion ensued between Chairwoman Edmonson and Mr. Merilus regarding the recaptured funding for a Youth Co-op and the status of the youth program activity with the Department of Human Services.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson asked her Commission District staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Camille Merilus to discuss the fiscal year 2005 recaptured funding for a Youth-Co-op and to determine how to proceed with his request made today (6/19) for the development of a youth center.*

*Commissioner Moss reminded Mr. Merilus and the community of potential budget cuts due to the property tax reform legislation. Commissioner Moss stated the County would be facing difficulty with maintaining the current County services.*

## 1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1E1

**071361 Resolution**

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND EXTENDING AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE TO INCLUDE ZONE C FOR TRIPS ORIGINATING AT THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (Consumer Services Department)

*Withdrawn*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee withdrew the foregoing proposed resolution.*

1E2

**071498 Ordinance**

**Audrey M. Edmonson**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-106 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD (AHAB) TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS HAVE EXPERIENCE IN OR BE CONNECTED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING; RESTRICTING AHAB MEMBERSHIP TO THOSE QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY OR AN OFFICER OF ANY ENTITY THAT RECEIVES OR APPLIES FOR FUNDING FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH THE AHAB; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE(SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 071496)

*Withdrawn*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee withdrew the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

1E3

**071330 Ordinance****Barbara J. Jordan**

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 17-103, PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 17-105, PERTAINING TO LOCAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:**

*Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing and the following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing proposed ordinance:*

*Mr. Roger Salvo, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, a resident, discussed the improper use of the funding and the mismanagement of affordable housing properties.*

*Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry regarding responsibility, Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry asked the Office of the Community and Economic Development Director to meet with Mr. Salvo to assist him in addressing his situation. Ms. Amanda Lopez, an affordable housing developer, 8672 SW 40 Street, Suite 203, informed the Committee of the present situation that makes affordable housing nearly impossible to obtain. She noted she had 100 affordable housing units, which were ready for occupancy. Ms. Lopez stated she provided all of her prospective buyers with all of the governmental assistance available, specifically Metro-Miami Action Plan, Housing Assistance Program and the Documentary Surtax program. She informed the Committee of the waiting time and the unavailable funding for the buyers when needed. Ms. Lopez urged the Committee to support funding a certain percentage of her projects in order to provide affordable housing to County residents.*

*Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry pertaining to the complaints of the slow progression of the Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority (HFA) process, Ms. Curry informed the*

Committee that the HFA was given the authority by the County Commission to administer the Homeownership and Rehabilitation Surtax Programs. She indicated that the funding sources for these two programs were moving forward quickly due to the demands by banks and buyers.

Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), informed the Committee of his site visit of Ms. Lopez' affordable housing project. He noted the appropriation of funds through HFA was done through a lender on-line system. Mr. Cintron provided an overview of this system and noted that developers and realtors compete with one another when the funding was made available on-line to reserve a certain amount of funding for closing. He stressed that the process was very competitive and the demand far exceeded the level of resources.

Following Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's comments regarding any reserve funds for affordable housing projects, Mr. Cintron stated if developers applied under the OCED Request for Applications (RFA) process and was selected for funds, than those funds would be used exclusively for their projects. He noted the length of time for the reserved funds depended upon the executed contract and loan documents. Mr. Cintron informed the Committee that staff was in the process of standardizing all contract documents for the Surtax funding to ensure the delivery of housing units.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Cintron regarding the RFA process.

Mr. Cintron noted a meeting was scheduled next week with OCED, HFA and MDHA to discuss future funding sources in order to address the demand for affordable housing.

Ms. Claudia Alvarez, President, Miami-Dade Community Development, 14343 SW 66 Street, appeared and noted her company's experience in building and providing affordable housing to this community. She questioned whether developers were required to do a RFA to put aside funding for future home buyers.

Following Ms. Alvarez' comments, Ms. Cintron noted the type of competition for the funding to the lender on-line system had not been available in the past, and funding did not need to be set aside

*because it was always available; when the developer was ready to close they went on-line to view the available funding, however, in the last year funding has not always been available. He noted the only way to ensure that there would actually be a set-aside for second mortgages was to respond to the RFA and actually win the competitive set-aside funding.*

*Ms. Curry explained the Surtax Program RFA process lends itself more to the developers building multi-family housing units and the set-aside was for homeownership and rehabilitation, whereas developers were not necessarily submitting an application. She noted an Infill Program administered through the General Services Administration, who are working with developers to provide housing units.*

*Mr. Cintron noted the OCED had a recent agreement with the HFA to a set-aside some of the monthly allocation to provide to developers for infill housing.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson asked that Ms. Alvarez meet with the appropriate staff to review the process.*

*Hearing no other persons wishing to appear before the Committee on this matter, Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.*

1E4

**071803 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICIES GOVERNING THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED FY 2008-2012 CONSOLIDATED PLAN THROUGH THE PREPARATION OF THE FY 2008 ACTION PLAN; APPROVING THE USE OF A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP), DOCUMENTARY SURTAX PROGRAM AND THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT TO SOLICIT AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ADDRESS NEEDS ALREADY IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN OR TO MEET UPDATED NEEDS RESULTING FROM THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing.*

*Mr. Lee Variety, 710 NW 7 Street, appeared before the Committee, and asked that the County consider providing an incentive to affordable housing buyers/residents to reside longer in the housing units than currently required. He stated the incentive should be to offer additional assistance to prevent residents from becoming victims of predatory lenders or purchases. Mr. Variety informed the Committee of Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) training programs enacted in 1973 who recently processed 16 individuals for jobs. He asked if this organization could assist the County in monitoring local job creation.*

*Hearing no other persons wishing to appear before the Committee on this matter, Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing.*

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

*Responding to comments made by Mr. Variety, Commissioner Moss stated that many of the affordable housing projects were not successful due to the recent changes in the Real Estate*

industry. He noted in the past there were no policies in place in terms of how long residents should reside in affordable housing. He stated that under the leadership of Commissioner Jordan, policies were being developed to discourage flipping and predatory lending.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson questioned the pre-development loans and if the County was adequately protected under those pre-development loans.

Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development affirmed that the County was protected. He informed the Committee that in exchange for the pre-development loan agreement was a title to the land. Mr. Cintron stated that if a developer was not prepared to provide the title to the land for an exchange of the pre-development loan, the pre-development loan would not be granted. He noted this model had been used successfully in other parts of the country and the Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority has a pre-development loan program. Mr. Cintron stated up to \$500,000 could be used for pre-development loan.

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

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**071808 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO AMEND THE FY 2007 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE REALLOCATION OF FY 1997, FY 1999, FY 2001, FY 2002, FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006 AND FY 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,334,100.99 AS INDICATED IN EXHIBITS I, II, III, AND IV; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Amended*

**Report:** See Agenda Item 1E5 Amended, Legislative File No. 072010 for the amended version.

1E5 AMENDED

**072010 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO AMEND THE FY 2007 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE REALLOCATION OF FY 1997, FY 1999, FY 2001, FY 2002, FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006 AND FY 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,334,100.99 AS INDICATED IN EXHIBITS I, II, III, AND IV; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071808] (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, informed the Committee of proposed amendments to the foregoing proposed resolution to be presented by the Office of Community and Economic Development Director Jose Cintron.*

*Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development noted staff had received requested allocations from the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and County Commissioners not reflected in the foregoing proposed resolution. He asked that Exhibit III entitled, "Non Public Service CDBG Funds" be amended to include the following allocation:*

*(1) Leisure City/Naranja/Princeton Community Advisory Council (CAC) Reserve Fund, Sunny Heaven Project in the amount of \$100,000,*

*In addition, he asked that Exhibit IV entitled, "Non Public Service CDBG Funds" be amended to include the following allocations:*

*(2) Commission District Reserve (CDR) Fund, District 10 in the amount of \$200,000 for the Housing Finance Authority for purchases of homes for residents residing in Commission District 10,*

*(3) CDR Fund, District 12 in the amount of \$20,000 for the Hialeah-Dade Development,*

*(4) CDR Fund, District 12 in the amount of \$180,000 for the Mildred Pepper Senior Center*

extension, and  
(5) CDR Fund, District 8 in the amount of \$200,000 for the Housing Finance Authority for purchases of homes within Commission Districts 8 and 9.

Chairwoman Edmonson asked that the recaptured FY2005 CDR Funds in the amount of \$105,000 remain in Commission District 3 until she allocated those funds to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Eligible Projects.

Mayor Joseph Kelley, City of Opa-locka, appeared before the Committee, and noted newly appointed Commissioner Gail Miller joined him. He thanked the County Commission for their support in providing the City over the years with the funding to enable the City to make improvements to its parks, roadways and water and sewer drainage. In addition to the City's crime prevention and other related issues that impact the City, Mayor Kelley urged the Committee to support the foregoing proposed resolution that would allow the City to continue enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Commissioner Jordan recognized City of Opa-locka Commissioner Gail Miller. She spoke in support of City of Opa-locka, Curtis Drive Phase II Drainage System project.

Commissioner Moss thanked the City of Opa-locka Mayor Kelley and congratulated Commissioner Miller for her recent appointment. He acknowledged the City of Opa-locka's City Manager Jannie Beverly and her experience. He briefly discussed the Community Image Advisory Board and acknowledged the City along with the City of Miami Gardens efforts for the NW 27th Avenue Roadway Improvement Project.

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Walter Hardemon, Executive Director, Youth of America, Inc., 6102 NW 7th Avenue, appeared before the Committee, and expressed concern with the recaptured FY 2006 CDBG funds for his agency. He urged the Committee to reallocate the funds to Youth of America, Inc.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted the OCED Director informed her that the CDBG funding would be allocated to Youth of America, Inc.

Mr. Cintron explained that all of the recommended

FY2006 CDBG funds listed in Exhibit 1 for recapture of Public Service Funds would be funded out of the County's General Fund. He indicated in adherence to the Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban (USHUD), staff must list those FY 2006 CDBG funds recommended to be allocated as recaptured funds and then allocate from the County's General Fund. Mr. Cintron reassured Chairwoman Edmonson and Mr. Hardemon that the funding was available.

Hearing no one else wishing to appear before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Moss requested that the recommended funding for the Richmond Perrine Optimist Club, Inc. be voted on separately due to his conflict of interest.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Sorenson and Mr. Cintron regarding the recaptured CDBG Funds for activities in the Public Service Category and those activities being funded through the County's General Fund.

Mr. Cintron stated the County had an issue with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) whereas the County had over-expended in the Public Service Category, well beyond the cap allowed. Therefore, as part of an agreement with USHUD, the County would take all of those costs and pay for those activities out of the General Fund and reallocate those Public Service category funds to Non-Public Service activities.

Commissioner Moss asked Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry to identify a funding mechanism for the Greater Goulds Optimist Club, Inc. for incurred expenditures for public service activities and bring back recommendations for the County Commission's consideration. In addition, he asked Ms. Curry to keep him apprised of the status of those agencies that incurred expenses based on the recaptured CDBG funding.

Mr. Cintron noted discussions were held with the Office of Strategic Business Management and Commissioner Moss' staff to identify alternative mechanisms that could be used to fund the cost incurred by Greater Goulds Optimist Club, Inc. He reiterated the CDBG funds could be not be used as a funding source for public service

activities.

*It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the Committee forward the recommended recaptured FY 2006 CDBG Funds of Public Service Funds for Richmond Perrine Optimist Club, Inc. listed in Exhibit 1 to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioner Moss was absent).*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, excluding the recommended recaptured FY 2006 CDBG of Public Service Funds for Richmond Perrine Optimist Club, Inc.*

1E6

**071838 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO AMEND THE FY 2007 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE REALLOCATION OF FY 2005, AND FY 2006 HODAG AND FY 2002, FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006 AND FY 2007 HOME FUNDS, AS INDICATED IN EXHIBIT I; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing and the following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing proposed resolution:*

*Mr. Charles McKinnon, Executive Director, Naranja Princeton Community Development Corporation (NPCDC), spoke in opposition of the recommendation to allocate recaptured Home Investment Partnership (HOME) to Villa Capri, Inc. for the Villa Capri Project. He proceeded to inform the Committee of the current status of the development project located in South Dade, specifically the Naranja Princeton Community Development Corporation.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry and Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks for their recommendation on the matter raised by Mr. McKinnon.*

*Ms. Curry stated staff would meet to discuss and review the information submitted by McKinnon.*

*Mr. Kenneth Forbes, 25121 SW 120 Place, spoke in support of the NPCDC and the community regarding the objection to the reprogramming of funds for the Villa Capri Project. He asked the County to carefully review all community development corporations (CDC) and joint ventures to ensure they were acting in good faith on these joint ventures. Mr. Forbes stated if the developer was not acting in good faith, the County should not continue to allocate funding to those*

entities.

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding further review of this item, Mr. Cintron explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution was to take the funding from the development entity and provide it to the Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority (HFA). Therefore, HFA could provide second mortgages to the purchasers of the affordable housing units. He further explained this particular allocation was awarded under a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process for the Cornerstone Group Development. Mr. Cintron stated rather than processing the second mortgages through the development entity, the HFA would receive the recaptured funding and process the second mortgage loans to the homebuyers for this development. He noted he would meet with Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Forbes to discuss the issues raised at today's (6/19) Committee meeting.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked the Office of Community and Economic Development Director to review issues raised by the Naranja Princeton Community Development Corporation pertaining to reprogramming of CDBG funding for Villa Capri, Inc., and to prepare a report and recommendation(s) for the County Commission consideration.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Curry to review all concerns raised by the Naranja Princeton Community Development Corporation to determine the validity of those concerns, and whether they needed to be addressed by the County.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

## **2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**071818 Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**  
RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-735-07 *Amended*  
RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP  
PROGRAM TO DIRECT COUNTY MANAGER TO  
IDENTIFY SITES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY  
COUNTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE  
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND TO AUTHORIZE  
COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM  
DEVELOPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR  
RENOVATION OF SUCH HOMES

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 2A Amended, Legislative File  
No. 071935 for the amended version.*

2A AMENDED

071935 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-735-07 RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM TO DIRECT COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY SITES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY COUNTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE SINGLE FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY HOMES AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM DEVELOPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RENOVATION OF SUCH HOMES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071818]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B into the record.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee considered the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B simultaneously.*

*Ms. Terry Coble, representing the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, appeared before the Committee, and requested a correction of an inadvertently omission in the title of Agenda Item 2B, the term of extremely low income which are families with an annual income of \$16,000 or below. Ms. Coble concluded her comments by commending Commissioner Jordan for her sponsorship of the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B.*

*Ms. Amanda Lopez, 8672 SW 40 Street, Suite 203, appeared before the Committee, and informed the Committee of the availability of affordable housing units that were completed and ready for occupancy. She urged the County's consideration of purchasing these housing units.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution. She asked the County Attorney to respond to Ms. Coble's comments regarding the need to include the extremely low income in Agenda 2B, which she would support.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry, Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan stated the extremely low income could be included in the proposed resolution.*

*Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan read*

*the amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution (Agenda Item 2A) Section 3 to replace the existing language in this section with the following language as follows: "The County Manager shall provide within 90 days a list of areas in Miami-Dade County where a shortage of affordable housing exists; and to target acquisition to include developed and undeveloped real property that is appropriate for use in the Affordable Homeownership Program."*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan.*

*Commissioner Moss expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Jordan's leadership on the foregoing resolution. He noted he would continue his efforts to review areas where affordable housing developments exist, to acquire and managed those developments that were having a negative impact on the subject area.*

*Commissioner Souto concurred with Commissioner Moss' comments. He stressed the need for the County to move forward and not permit those types of properties and neighborhoods.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson noted the issue of looking at private land and the required work to be performed by County staff. She expressed a concern with once the parcels had been identified there would be an increase in the purchase price. She noted a shortage of affordable housing in affluent neighborhoods and the need to include multi-family homes.*

*Following Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's comments, Ms. Wendi Norris, Director, General Services Administration (GSA), stated that in working with Commissioner Jordan's staff, the amendment would identify specific areas and not a list of specific parcels of land. She noted GSA was working very closely with the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) and the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) to prepare a report regarding the usage of County-owned properties for affordable housing and this proposal would identify those areas where County-owned properties did not exist. Subsequently, she noted, it would be a more manageable area to survey and upon identify the funding the County could begin to address the shortage of affordable housing. Ms. Norris concluded by stating GSA*

would present the actual land acquisition.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry regarding the increase in the land purchase price, Ms. Norris noted GSA had Real Estate Officers that would identify property and would inquire about the asking price up-front. She informed the Committee that staff always used the appraised value as the starting purchase price and would negotiate based upon that amount.

Commissioner Sorenson offered an amendment to include multi-family homes in the foregoing proposed resolution (Agenda Item 2A).

Commissioner Jordan asked the General Services Administration Director to explore the possibility of having an outside entity acting on the County's behalf to acquire and negotiate the purchase price for properties as a part of the County's Affordable Homeownership Program.

Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan clarified the incorporation of the amendment offered by Vice Chairwoman Sorenson for the inclusion of multi-family homes in the title and throughout the body of the foregoing proposed resolution. In addition, the County Manager shall prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from developers for construction and/or renovation of such homes.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan.

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the following proposed amendment to Agenda Item 2B, as follows: "...directing the County Manager to identify legally available funds for rental assistance to extremely low income, very low income and low income tenants..." In addition, Section 2 shall be replaced with the following language: "...The County Manager shall provide within 90 days a list of areas in Miami-Dade County where shortage of affordable housing exists. Acquisition efforts should be targeted to include developed and undeveloped real property that is appropriate for the development of affordable rental housing."

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded Agenda Item 2B as amended by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan.

*Ms. Curry noted the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B were the results of the County Manager's report entitled, "Report on Strategies for the Production of Affordable Housing" accepted by the County Commission at its June 5, 2007, meeting. She also noted staff had undertaken efforts to respond to a great number of directives given to the County Administration regarding housing and follow-up on those directives.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson pointed out the County Commission and staff had been addressing the housing issues to develop solutions for this community. She expressed concern that staff should inform the Commission if solutions were in conflict or were not feasible from a professional perspective.*

*Commissioner Jordan stated while the County staff was in the process of developing a Master Housing Plan, any initiatives that were of priority to the community needed to move forward. She noted the County Commission had the responsibility of being responsive to the community and it may not be timely enough in terms of what was coming forth through a process, especially when the County had the resources to address the community needs.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry to provide the EDHS Committee Chairperson with a list of all the directives given to County Administration involving housing.*

2B

071819 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY UNDEVELOPED AND DEVELOPED SITES AVAILABLE FOR ACQUISITION BY COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS TO BE OWNED BY THE COUNTY; DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO VERY LOW INCOME AND LOW INCOME TENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM DEVELOPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION OF SUCH MULTI-FAMILY UNITS

*Amended*

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 2B Amended, Legislative File No. 071936 for the amended version.*

2B AMENDED

071936

Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY UNDEVELOPED AND DEVELOPED SITES AVAILABLE FOR ACQUISITION BY COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS TO BE OWNED BY THE COUNTY; DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO EXTREMELY LOW INCOME, VERY LOW INCOME AND LOW INCOME TENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM DEVELOPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION OF SUCH MULTI-FAMILY UNITS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071819]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the following amendment to Agenda Item 2B, a proposed resolution as follows: "...directing the County Manager to identify legally available funds for rental assistance to extremely low income, very low income and low income tenants..." In addition, Section 2, shall be replaced with the following language: "...The County Manager shall provide within 90 days a list of areas in Miami-Dade County where shortage of affordable housing exists. Acquisition efforts should be targeted to include developed and undeveloped real property that is appropriate for the development of affordable rental housing."*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded Agenda Item 2B as amended by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan.*

2C

071377 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. R-1354-05 AND R-1438-06 TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE OPA-LOCKA TRIANGLE AREA BEAUTIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM NORTH TO N.W. 151 STREET, SOUTH TO N.W. 135 STREET, EAST TO N.W. 17 AVENUE, AND WEST TO N.W. 37 AVENUE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF RESOLUTION NO. R-1438-06

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2D, a resolution regarding the expansion of the boundaries of the Opa-locka Triangle Home Rehabilitation Program into the record simultaneously.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of the proposed resolutions.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2D as presented.*

2D

071594 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1353-05 TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE OPA-LOCKA TRIANGLE HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM NORTH TO 151ST STREET, SOUTH TO N.W. 135TH STREET, EAST TO N.W. 17TH AVENUE, AND WEST TO N.W. 37TH AVENUE

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *See Report under Agenda Item 2C, Legislative File No. 071377.*

2E

071609 Resolution Natacha Seijas,  
Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss, Sen. Javier D.  
Souto

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY  
AFFILIATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND  
THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH  
AFRICA

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable  
recommendation  
Mover: Moss  
Seconder: Souto  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks  
read the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked Senior Advisor  
Cynthia Curry to provide the fiscal impact prior to  
the County Commission's consideration of the  
foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Ms. Curry stated the fiscal impact would be  
included in the item for the County Commission's  
consideration.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the  
Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing  
proposed resolution as presented.*

2F

071658 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF CRIMINAL LAWS IN AND AROUND PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS AND THE PUBLIC

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Souto*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Jordan offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution to include focusing on crime prevention.*

*Following Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's request regarding the proposed amendment and the absence of the sponsor, Commissioner Jordan stated she would present the amendment when the proposed resolution was considered by the County Commission.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

2G

071496 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson,  
Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION VACATING THE CURRENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD, IMPLEMENTING A NEW APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS WHEREBY THE ENTIRE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS CHARGED WITH NOMINATING AND APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE AHAB BOARD (SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1D1)

*Deferred to no date certain*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain.*

2H

**071920 Resolution Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ENFORCE ITS DEED REVERTER ON LAND TRANSFERRED FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SOUTH MIAMI HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FORTY-FIVE (45) AFFORDABLE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING UNITS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE LAND PENDING MEETING THE EXTENSION OF TIME

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

**3 DEPARTMENTS**

3A

**071844 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-9 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY TO PROVIDE NUTRITION SERVICES TO THE HEAD START PROGRAM, AND PARTICIPATING AFTERSCHOOL SNACK AND SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM SITES; AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO RENEW WITHOUT PRIOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION (Community Action Agency)

*Amended*

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 3A Amended, Legislative File No. 072072 for the amended version.*

3A AMENDED

**072072 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-9 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY TO PROVIDE NUTRITION SERVICES TO THE HEAD START PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATING AFTERSCHOOL SNACK AND SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM SITES; AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO RENEW WITHOUT PRIOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION

(Community Action Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Moss*

*Secunder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 3-0*

*Absent: Jordan, Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 3B into the record.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee considered the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 3B simultaneously.*

*Commissioner Souto questioned whether the Trans Fat-Free Program was included in the nutritional services provided to the Head Start Program.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson expressed her concern with the items on the menu for the Head Start Program and the participating afterschool and summer meal programs.*

*Ms. Julie Edwards, Director, Community Action Agency (CAA), stated that the CAA Head Start Program Dietitian, Ms. Parameshaw ("Rani") Panchanathan was present to respond to the concerns raised by Committee members. She informed the Committee that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) has addressed this issue and CAA would revise the menu for 2007-08. Ms. Edwards noted the menu did meet the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements.*

*Ms. Panchanathan noted the MDCPS had already implemented a menu without Trans Fat and the CAA was working towards the same goal. She reiterated the menu did meet the USDA requirements.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Community Action Agency Director to provide revised menus for the CAA's After School and Summer Meal Programs, the Child Care Food Service Program and the Head Start Programs, and bring back a follow-up report to the County Commission.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended to include revised menus for the CAA's After School and Summer Meal Programs, the Child Care Food Service Program and the Head Start Program, pending the submittal of the follow-up report requested by Vice Chairwoman Sorenson.*

*The Committee also forwarded Agenda Item 3B to the County Commission as presented.*

3B

**071845 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE MIAMI-DADE CODE, TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HEAD START PROGRAM IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000; AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO RENEW WITHOUT PRIOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION (Community Action Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 3-0*

*Absent: Jordan, Edmonson*

**Report:** *The Committee considered the foregoing proposed resolution simultaneously with Agenda Item 3A.*

*See Report under Agenda Item 3A, Legislative File No. 071844.*

3C

**071805 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) 2007-2008 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) PLAN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY US HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (USHUD); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO USHUD FOR FINAL APPROVAL (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Amended*

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 3C Amended, Legislative File No. 071973 for the amended version.*

3C AMENDED

**071973 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) 2007-2008 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) PLAN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY US HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (USHUD); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO USHUD FOR FINAL APPROVAL [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071805] (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith informed the Committee of an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution, specifically the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan to reflect the following changes:*

*(1) Page 29 of the FY 2007-08 PHA Plan, Section 6 entitled, "PHA Grievance Procedures, Item (A) Public Housing, should read "Yes" rather than "No" and*

*(2) Page 29 of the FY 2007-08 PHA Plan, Section 6 entitled, "PHA Grievance Procedures, Item (B) Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance, should read "Yes" rather than "No."*

*Commissioner Moss requested the MDHA Director provide an overview of the Homeownership Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE VI) Project as it pertained to this proposed Plan.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' request, Ms. Kris Warren, MDHA Director, explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution and noted the HOPE VI Plan was separate from the PHA Plan. She noted PHA Plan was a Five-Year Capital Fund Plan for the agency and included the planned funds that come through the agency. Ms. Warren noted staff updated the Annual Plan for submittal to the County Commission for its approval. She pointed out that no funds were being allocated for the HOPE VI Plan.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee heard Agenda Item 6C, a County Manager's oral report regarding the status of the HOPE VI.*

Ms. Warren presented Agenda Item 6C and informed the Committee that currently staff was finalizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for advertisement in the near future. She pointed out that the RFP was seeking a development team to assist the MDHA and work with the community in putting forth additional housing units onto the HOPE VI Project site. Ms. Warren further noted efforts to increase the density of public housing units (extremely low-income units). In addition, mixed finance and mixed income development to provide mixed populations which brings about mixed uses to help bring more into the HOPE VI community. Ms. Warren stated this method would add to the HOPE VI surrounding properties, but it was not part of the RFP at this time. She noted the RFP was specific to the HOPE VI property. Ms. Warren explained the requirement added to the RFP to require that the developer work with the community and bring community-based businesses aboard. Therefore, those businesses could be trained and remain in the community to work with other contracts coming forth. Ms. Warren stated also the developer, in working with the community, could identify other items the community would like to see on the property. She noted the current historical designation of four units in the Scott-Carver area and the developer may assist in revamping those units. Ms. Warren concluded by stating that the MDHA was working closely with the Department of Procurement Management, the County Attorney's Office and the community to finalize the RFP. In addition, the RFP must be approved by USHUD as well.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's request for an overview of the recertification process, Ms. Warren introduced Mr. Clarence Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Miami-Dade Housing Agency who would provide the overview of the recertification process for public housing and Section 8 programs.

Mr. Brown informed the Committee that the MDHA was working with a private contractor to complete the recertification process backlog from October 2006 thru June 2007. He noted the contractor through the mail was asking residents to complete the recertification package and upon receipt of the information from the residents the contractor would process it. Mr. Brown stated the contractor would conduct a home visit in order to make this process available to any resident requiring reasonable accommodation. He indicated as MDHA moved forward through this

*recertification process, it intends to stay ahead of the process. Mr. Brown stated MDHA staff was conducting a mass certification in groups of 50 that may increase to 75. He noted residents may have a one-on-one interview, upon request.*

*Ms. Warren noted the MDHA staff completed an extensive training in order to do the recertification. She informed the Committee that the MDHA staff had to take an exam and pass it in order to be a part of the MDHA recertification team that performs this task.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Smith.*

3D

**071806 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) ADMISSION AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP) FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 NEW CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENTS; APPROVING MDHA'S SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR ITS SECTION 8 PROGRAMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF MDHA TO MODIFY AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE ACOP AND ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY REGULATORY AMENDMENTS OR COURT RELATED CHANGES (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Amended*

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 3D Amended, Legislative File No. 071970 for the amended version.*

3D AMENDED

**071970 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) ADMISSION AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP) FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 NEW CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENTS; APPROVING MDHA'S SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR ITS SECTION 8 PROGRAMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF MDHA TO MODIFY AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE ACOP AND ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY REGULATORY AMENDMENTS OR COURT RELATED CHANGES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071806] (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith informed the Committee of an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution, specifically the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) as follows:*

*(1) Page 40 of the ACOP, under Item B entitled, "Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Battery, Dating Violence or Stalking Preference," the definition for Dating violence to strike the word "means,"*

*(2) Page 52 of the ACOP, under Item F entitled, "Eviction and Termination," should read as follows: "While public housing screening the USHUD Act of 1937, Federal regulations and Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes (Florida Landlord Tenant Act) allow..."*

*In addition, he read the following amendments to the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) Private Rental Housing – Section 8 Administrative Plan:*

*(1) Page 24, Section 2.15(B), Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Battery, Dating Violence or Stalking Preference, the definition for dating violence to strike the word "means,"*

*(2) Page 26, Section 2.15(F), Screening and Termination, the first sentence should read as follows: "While the US Housing Act, Federal regulations and USHUD policy authorizes MDHA to terminate the assistance of households...,"*

*(3) Page 26, Section 2.15(G), Steps to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Battery, Dating Violence and/or Stalking, the first bullet should read as follows: "MDHA shall prohibit the culpable perpetrator from occupying the assisted unit MDHA development,*

and

(4) Page 27, Section 2.15(G), the first bullet should read as follows: "MDHA shall establish a "no trespass" list for those that have been banned from the assisted unit MDHA development."

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Smith.

3E

**071460 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00252 AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00252 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$16,800 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2011, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00252 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00252 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00252 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3F

**071846 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 06-00039 AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #06-00039 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$205,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2015, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #06-00039 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #06-00039 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #06-00039 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3G

**071847 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 06-00039 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 06-00039 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$1,368,672 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2015 WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 06-00039, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 06-00039 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

**4 COUNTY MANAGER****5 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

5A

**071851 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MAY 16, 2007 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

**6      REPORTS**

6A

**071364 Report**

TAXICAB STUDY FINAL REPORT (County Manager)

**Report Received****Mover: Moss****Seconder: Jordan****Vote: 3-0****Absent: Edmonson, Souto**

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department (CSD) presented the foregoing County Manager's report entitled, "Taxicab Study Final Report." She noted the initial intent of the study was to assist the County in determining the appropriate number of taxicabs. Ms. Peel concluded her presentation by stating that all of the Taxicab Study Recommendations that were of significance would have to come back to the County Commission in the form of a resolution or ordinance in order to enact those recommendations.*

*The following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing report:*

*Mr. Diego Feliciano, President, South Florida Taxicab Association and Vice Chairman, CSD Taxicab Advisory Group (TAG), noted the TAG made some recommendations unanimously and asked staff to present the TAG recommendations to the Committee.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson asked Mr. Feliciano to present the TAG's report containing its recommendation on the Taxicab Study Final Report at the next Committee meeting scheduled for July 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.*

*Ms. Peel noted two interim reports to be submitted prior to the final report, which could be provided to the Committee. She indicated those reports are also available on-line.*

*Mr. Jerry Moskowitz, representing Moskocab, 2284 NW 36 Street, and spoke in connection with the transfer ability and inheritance of taxicab medallions, and urged the Committee to make changes to this recommendation.*

*Mr. Raymond Francois, representing New Visions Taxicab Drivers' Association of Miami, Inc.,*

11970 NE 16 Avenue, informed the Committee that most of the TAG members were violators of the CSD taxicab regulations. He proceeded to discuss experiences pertaining to the following issues: (1) taxicab services at Miami International Airport and Seaport, (2) the requirement for radio dispatch, technology, credit card acceptance and taxicab stands. He concluded his comments by stating that the study did not address all issues in the taxicab industry.

Mr. Esau Mardy, 14911 NE 9 Court, expressed concern that the study did not address a many of the issues that exist in the taxicab industry, and that input was not sought from the taxicab drivers. Mr. Mardy proceeded to discuss his experiences as a taxicab driver in the Miami Beach area and the "Buying of the Doors" issue.

Ms. Peel noted the "Buying of the Doors" (BOD) issue had been a concern of the CSD and the taxicab industry for a very longtime. She also noted the BOD was illegal and prohibited in the Miami-Dade County Code and pointed out the difficulty in identifying this offense. Ms. Peel provided an overview of the Miami-Dade County Code provisions that outlined the penalties and violations of this offense. She informed the Committee that staff had prepared an amendment to those provisions to be presented at the next Committee meeting, to increase the fine to \$1,000 for the first offense and \$2,000 for subsequent offenses. Ms. Peel noted there were Code provisions for suspension of registrations for up to one year.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Peel regarding the finding of all parties involved in the BOD and the response from hotels.

Ms. Peel informed Commissioner Moss that the hotel industry was usually cooperative and in most cases took administrative action against the employee(s) involved. She noted in working with the Greater Miami and Beaches Hotel Association, CSD sends an annual joint letter informing hotels of the prohibition against BOD.

Further discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Peel regarding enforcement; the time-consuming efforts by Code Enforcement Officers to enforce the BOD offense, along with other enforcement issues and the impact to the taxicab industry.

*Following discussion, Commissioner Moss asked the Consumer Services Department Director to monitor large taxicab companies that were connected and that may be involved in "Buying of the Doors" practices that might result in unfair advantages in the industry.*

*Commissioner Jordan informed the Committee of her experience with the BOD practice at a local restaurant and noted BOD was not limited to hotels.*

*Ms. Jean Lumor, a taxicab driver, discussed his experience with the current BOD practice at the Port of Miami/Seaport and the overall taxicab industry.*

*Mr. Jean Petitfond, 1180 NW 120 Street, a taxicab driver, discussed his experiences and concerns with the "Buying of the Doors" and the vehicle leasing companies. He urged the Committee to address these issues.*

*Ms. Lise Registre 18928 NW 163 Court Circle, a taxicab driver, discussed the "Buying of the Door" practices.*

*Mr. Pierre Ceac, 2001 NW 32 Street, a taxicab driver, discussed his experiences as a taxicab driver.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson reminded the taxicab drivers who were present that all of the recommendations outlined in the Taxicab Study would require further review by staff, and if staff deemed it was appropriate, then any of the recommendations may be presented to the Committee in the appropriate legislation for formal action.*

*Mr. Jean Cazimir, 15139 NE 6 Avenue, a taxicab driver, expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Moss for his leadership in bringing forth taxicab regulations along with the Consumer Services Department Director. He discussed his experience and concerns with the Sun Pass requirement for taxicab drivers. Mr. Cazimir urged the Committee to address his concern.*

*Ms. Peel informed the Committee that the foregoing report would be presented to the full County Commission; and subsequently, staff for consideration by the Committee at the next Committee would present an ordinance to address certain recommendations outlined in the report*

such as *Buying of the Doors*, short trip refusals and some aspects of the chauffeur agreement. She noted staff would be working with the taxicab industry, drivers and the rest of the industry on other aspects of the study including an interim 2007-08 lottery, identifying the types of technology that were available and financing opportunities.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson thanked all speakers for appearing before the Committee to voice their concerns and asked that everyone involved continue to work with staff to resolve the issues in a way that works for everyone.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee received the foregoing report as presented.

Commissioner Jordan asked while staff was reviewing the financing for technology for taxicab industry, that Ms. Peel research whether opportunities for a forgivable grant-type of program activities were available. She stated she was concerned that affordability may be an issue in the initial stages; therefore, the County should identify alternatives to financing forgivable grant opportunities.

Ms. Peel stated she supported Commissioner Jordan's suggestion and would review the feasibility of identifying forgivable grant opportunities.

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**071809 Report**

REPORT ON HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR VERY LOW, LOW, AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES PILOT PROGRAM (County Manager)

**Report Received**  
**Mover: Jordan**  
**Seconder: Moss**  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Absent: Edmonson**

**Report:** Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager noted Ms. Amelia Stringer, Special Projects Administrator, Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority, was present to present the report.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to receive the foregoing report as presented.

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**071853 Report**

ORAL REPORT REGARDING THE STATUS ON HOPE VI  
(County Manager)

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Second: Moss*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson*

**Report:** *See Report under Agenda Item 3C Amended,  
Legislative File No. 071973.*

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**071871 Report**

OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC*

**Report:**

*Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks  
read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Vice Chairwoman Sorenson noted the foregoing  
report should be forwarded directly to the full  
Board of County Commission (BCC).*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County  
Manager concurred with Vice Chairwoman  
Sorenson and noted this report should be  
forwarded to the full BCC for discussion due to the  
absence of the Office of Strategic Business  
Management Director, Jennifer Glazer-Moon, at  
today's meeting. She pointed out Ms. Glazer-  
Moon asked that this report be forwarded to the  
full BCC.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded  
the foregoing report to the County Commission.*

**7 OPEN DISCUSSION**

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071884 Discussion Item

Audrey M. Edmonson

STATUS OF PENDING AUDITS

*Presented*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Ms. Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit and Management Services (AMS), presented the foregoing discussion item regarding the status of pending audits. She informed the Committee of the release of the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) Development Corporation audit report would be no later than July 4th. Ms. Jackson stated the AMS staff was simultaneously conducting audits on the Miami-Dade County Empowerment Trust and the MDHA Development Corporation. She noted she could not provide the anticipated released date of the Empowerment Trust audit and the audit report draft was being prepared at this time.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding the length of time for the audit, Ms. Jackson noted her department received the request to begin an audit in March 2006 by the County Manager. She stated the audit did not begin immediately due to the increase in workload to perform other audits. Ms. Jackson provided an overview of the historical background on the initial meeting held to gather information and to begin the MDHA Development Corporation audit.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson stated she looked forward to the release of the MDHA Development Corporation audit report.*

*Ms. Jackson provided the Committee with a brief overview of the process in conducting an audit and the potential development of new information that merit further investigations during the audit.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the projects on hold due to the audits, Ms. Curry stated a settlement agreement was reached with the MDHA Development Corporation, which included several projects that needed to move forward. She noted the agreement should be presented prior to the County Commission August recess.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson and excused herself*

from the meeting to attend a funeral of a family member.

Vice-Chairwoman Sorenson stated it was more important that the audit report be thorough.

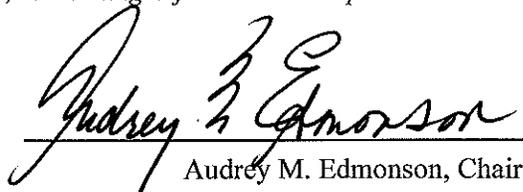
072136 Report

NON-AGENDA OPEN DISCUSSION ITEM

**Report:** *In light of the passage of the Property Tax Reform legislation by the Florida State Legislature, Commissioner Moss questioned how the County would proceed with the County's budget process particularly for this Committee, since it had jurisdiction over the community's social services. He noted these services were usually the first to receive budget cuts. He indicated he felt a discussion should occur at the next County Commission meeting on how the County plans to proceed as a result of the Property Tax Reform legislation.*

8 ADJOURNMENT

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.*

  
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Audrey M. Edmonson, Chair