# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
# FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
# Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

**Board of County Commissioners**
Stephen P. Clark Government Center
Commission Chamber
111 NW 1st Street
Miami, Florida 33128

**Meeting Date:**

September 10, 2007
2:00 P.M. Commission Chambers

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## Meeting Minutes

## Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Barbara J. Jordan (1), Katy Sorenson (8), and Dorrin D. Rolle (2)

**Monday, September 10, 2007** **2:00 PM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

## 1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

**Report:** *Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1475*

## 1A INVOCATION

## 1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 1C ROLL CALL

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz; Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Zorana Gainer.*

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**072915** **Report**

CHANGES TO TODAY'S 09/10/2007 RCAC AGENDA

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer indicated that agenda items 1F2, 1F3, and 1F4 were added to today's (9/10) agenda.*

## 1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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**072432** **Report**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST TO ARLENE BOUZA-JOU, RECREATION SPECIALIST 1, MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, WINNER OF THE 2007 EXCELLENCE AWARD IN COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR SELFLESS DEDICATION IN THE DIRECT SERVICE OF CHILDREN *Presented*

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**072433** **Report**

PRESENTATION BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING GREENTHINK: THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN (POWER POINT PRESENTATION) [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7A] ***Presented***

**Report:** *Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) Director, noted the Miami-Dade County Open Space Master Plan was being updated and provided the intent of the plan. Mr. Kardys noted that MDPR staff had been working with a consultant for the past year and a half to update the plan.*

*Ms. Maria Nardi, MDPR Park and Park Planning Systems Planning Section Supervisor, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Green think-The Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Space Master Plan." She provided statistical data on projected population growth in Florida and in Miami-Dade County. Ms. Nardi noted levels of service would be increasingly difficult to meet due to increasing population growth and insufficient land area. She further noted that a more livable South Florida could be created if these issues were addressed using a parks system master plan with the following layers: great parks, great public spaces, great natural and cultural areas, great greenways and blueways, and great streets. Ms. Nardi also noted that the governments of Denmark and the cities of Boulder, Colorado; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Seattle, Washington; and Chicago, Illinois had applied some of these layers.*

*Vice Chairman Moss asked Mr. Kardys to incorporate in the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Space System Master Plan, the potential for MDPR to partner with the Miami Dade County Public Schools to provide infrastructure that would make schools' green spaces more park-like and to provide staff for programs on green spaces.*

*Vice Chairman Moss discussed the proposed transfer of the Community Image Office staff from the County Manager's Office to the Public Works Department. He noted he felt the Community Image program would be more effective and receive more attention from the County Manager if it were in the County Manager's Office.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted that if the Community Image Office was not a standalone office then it would be more appropriate to make it a part of the Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z) or MDPR. She noted she hoped the effort was closely coordinated with DP&Z and expressed support for Vice Chairman Moss' ideas for MDPR to partner with schools.*

*In response to Vice Chairman Moss's question as to whether this Committee had identified its budget priorities, Chairman Souto noted that around August 27, 2007 he forwarded to each Committee member a summary memorandum with all items that the Committee had identified, according to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chair's instructions.*

*The Committee scheduled a workshop to be held on September 14, 2007 at 9 a.m. to discuss and vote on the Committee's budget priorities.*

*Vice Chairman Moss noted it was important to complete discussion and voting on September 14th because the first Budget Conference Committee meeting was also scheduled for the 14th in the afternoon.*

## 1E PUBLIC HEARING

## 1F DISCUSSION MATTERS

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**072625** **Discussion Item**

JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FAIRS AT COUNTY PARKS AND LIBRARIES WITH MOBILE OFFICE UNITS — ***Presented***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Chairman Souto noted the success of Jackson Memorial Hospital mobile office units program and spoke in support of holding health care fairs at libraries and parks.*

*Ms. Maggie Perez, Jackson Health System Local Affairs Coordinator, noted that mobile units made stops throughout the community throughout the week and asked Commissioners to contact Jackson if they would like mobile units to stop in their districts. She further noted that health fairs at libraries and parks would have to be held on weekends, which would incur overtime costs.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's question regarding Chairman Souto's intent regarding this discussion item, Chairman Souto noted the idea was for Commissioners to hold fairs in their districts so that people could get medical information and aid. He suggested that private companies be solicited to help promote the fairs, but noted that Jackson should be the guiding force that oversaw the community's health.*

*Commissioner Edmonson suggested other vendors be invited to participate at the parks.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's suggestion to have vendors other than Jackson at the fairs, Chairman Souto noted the fairs had to be public-private efforts and asked that Jackson contact private companies to get them involved in the efforts.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked Ms. Perez to meet with her to discuss the possibility of making Jackson's mobile office units available at Commissioner Edmonson's upcoming events.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked staff to submit a report for the Committee's review detailing the feasibility of forming public-private partnerships to sponsor health fairs and similar events at the County's parks and libraries.*

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**072688** **Discussion Item**

DISCUSSION ON THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRITECH & LIVESTOCK EXPO — ***Presented***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) Director Jack Kardys gave a report on the Miami International Agritech & Livestock Expo. He noted the expo was being developed in response to an April 25, 2006 Board of County Commissioners resolution, and was scheduled for May, 2008. Mr. Kardys noted the benefits of this expo, including commercial and tourism opportunities. He further noted economic benefits to Miami-Dade County, and specifically, to Tropical Park's Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center. Mr. Kardys noted aspects of project implementation, including a marketing campaign; the development of a website and a steering committee; and procurement of sponsors, grants, and a contract for event production. Mr. Kardys added that MDPR would be issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in order to look ahead to the 2009 show.*

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**072689** **Discussion Item**

MOUNTED POLICE PATROL AT RONALD REGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER — ***Presented***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Chairman Souto noted he was concerned that approximately $72,000 in rent was being paid every year to house MDPD's horses at a farm in horse country when 20 stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center in Tropical Park had been unoccupied for a year or more. He noted that if the stalls were occupied, there would be added protection for the park and rent would not have to be paid. He noted the park needed as much police protection as possible, particularly because of activities being held at the park. He also suggested that MDPR develop a youth sailing program. Chairman Souto expressed concern that MDPD had as few horses as they did.*

*Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz noted that a written report was scheduled to go before the Budget and Finance Committee.*

*Mr. J.D. Patterson, Assistant Director, Support Services, Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), addressed Chairman Souto's concerns. He noted MDPD was leasing because the department had concerns about the Tropical Park. Mr. Patterson noted he was willing to meet with the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) director to assess and evaluate the Tropical Park facility, and report back to the Committee.*

*In response to Chairman Souto's request for clarification of MDPD's concerns about the Tropical Park facility, Mr. Patterson noted activity during the annual Santa's Enchanted Forest event may have adverse effects on the Department's animals and staff or threaten their security.*

*Chairman Souto asked that MDPD resolve this issue, which he noted had been on-going, and noted that MDPR and MDPD needed to work together. Chairman Souto noted he wanted to bring the best available equipment to MDPD, but he couldn't if MDPD was paying so much rent. He noted there had been problems with the fair there for many years, but that was another reason there*

*should be more police at the park. He expressed concern that $250,000 extra was being spent to protect Tropical Park from predators.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry as to the cost for maintaining eight horses, Mr. Patterson noted he could check on the cost, but that rent for eight horses was $60,000 to $70,000 per year. Mr. Patterson also noted that MDPD patrolled Tropical Park three times per week. He noted he believed there was funding in the General Obligation Bond for the rebuilding or design of a new facility. He noted MDPR needed to look at options and exercise the best one.*

*Chairman Souto noted this issue needed to be addressed.*

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**072690** **Discussion Item**

DISCUSSION RE: ADA COMPLIANCE OF PARKS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ***Presented***

**Report:** *Mr. Denny Wood, 15000 S.W. 92 Avenue, president of the Florida Paraplegic Association, appeared before the Board.*

*Mr. Wood expressed concern with the building of parks by Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR). He further noted that the disabled had not been considered in the construction of Briar Bay Park near his home, and that he had distributed an illustration of this to Committee members. Mr. Wood noted projects on today's (9/10) agenda needed to go through the Miami-Dade Office of ADA Coordination for review, be overseen by the Miami-Dade Commission on Disability Issues (CODI), and he had submitted to Commissioner Edmonson a proposal for an ordinance to establish a special unit in the Miami-Dade County Building Department that would review all plans for strict compliance with federal and State disability laws. Mr. Wood expressed concern regarding the review of transition plans for park facilities.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's question regarding whether county parks had to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, MDPR Director Jack Kardys noted MDPR never intended to exclude accessibility features from the parks or to create barriers. He noted MDPR was in the process of updating its transition plan.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked Mr. Kardys to address ADA compliance issues at Briar Bay Park.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz and Mr. Kardys to meet with her to discuss the issues involving the parks' ADA compliance.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted her staff was working with MDPR to address these issues raised by Mr. Wood.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry regarding whether Committee members could provide assistance during the budget process in*

*order address their concerns, Mr. Kardys noted the Transition Plan Update was part of the Department's process; however, he would check with staff.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer to investigate whether a process was in place for the ADA office to review and approve parks projects for compliance.*

*Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to place a barrier between the Snapper Creek Canal and the adjacent linear park to the north of the canal at Snapper Creek Road between S.W. 112th and 107th Avenues.*

*Commissioner Sorenson identified accessibility issues raised by Mr. Wood which were being addressed.*

*Commissioner Rolle noted MDPR was very responsible and attentive to concerns which were presented to them.*

*Mr. Wood noted he believed if structural inadequacies in the county's government were fixed, the parks could be built and modified correctly. He provided an example of a project, noting if the project had been submitted to the Office of ADA Coordination and CODI, these agencies would have offered suggestions.*

*Vice Chairman Moss noted he thought everyone understood Mr. Wood's point.*

*Hearing no other discussion, the Committee proceeded with the agenda.*

## 2 COUNTY COMMISSION

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**072564** **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 21, 2007 WESTCHESTER RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,463.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072559** **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 18, 2007 BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY HARAMBEE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,081.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 9 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072567** **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 20, 2007 1350 CLINIC GROUNDBREAKING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,026.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 5 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Edmonson***
***Seconder: Moss***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072566** **Resolution** **Carlos A. Gimenez**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 18, 2007 "MIAMI-DADE EXTREME YOUTH TACKLE FALL GAME" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA SPORTS LEAGUE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $966.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 7 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072552** **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 11, 2007 "WE REMEMBER" BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHURCH, (REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA), INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $716.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 1 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Jordan***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072554** **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 28, 2007 MIAMI GARDENS COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,566.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 1 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Sorenson***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072557** **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUNE 16, 2007 ANNUAL FAMILY DAY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI NORTHSIDE OPTIMIST CLUB, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $866.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 2 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Rolle***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072555** **Resolution** **Natacha Seijas**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2007 JOHN W. KOZYAK MINORITY MENTORING PICNIC SPONSORED BY THE JWK MENTORING FOUNDATION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,850.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 13 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

## 3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

**072531** **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT AT 2190 WEST FLAGLER STREET, MIAMI, WITH DOLORES R. HERNANDEZ AND MARGARITA M. HERNANDEZ FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR ITS HISPANIC BRANCH LIBRARY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072437** **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT FROM BELLA COLINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC. TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO COUNTRY CLUB OF MIAMI SOUTH PARK - PARCEL 1169 AE2, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL SUBSEQUENT ACTION (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072481** **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO MARLIN ENGINEERING, INC., TO PROVIDE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND, WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL, PLANNING SERVICES, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AND DESIGN COORDINATION WITH THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM FOR PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. E05-PARK-01 GOB, CONTRACT NO. 999999-05-002-3 (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Jordan***
***Seconder: Rolle***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's request for clarification regarding the 12 to 14 month period noted in this resolution, Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz noted that if the contract were to be renewed, it would have to be re-advertised, which would delay park trail improvements by 12 to 14 months.*

*Responding to Commissioner Edmonson's concern that the use of in-house staff could save more money, Mr. Jack Kardys, Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) Director, noted there was no capacity to perform certain work items in-house, so they would be contracted out.*

*There being no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.*

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**072489** **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PROVIDE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND, WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL, PLANNING SERVICES, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AND DESIGN COORDINATION WITH THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM FOR PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. E05-PARK-01 CONTRACT NO. 999999-05-002-2 (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Jordan***
***Seconder: Rolle***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072491** **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO URS CORPORATION SOUTHERN, TO PROVIDE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND, WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL, PLANNING SERVICES, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AND DESIGN COORDINATION WITH THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM FOR PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. E05-PARK-01 GOB, CONTRACT NO. 999999-05-002-1 (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Jordan***
***Seconder: Rolle***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the for egoing proposed resolution.*

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**072500** **Change Orders**

CHANGE ORDER NO: ONE (1) FOR KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK FIELD CENTER, STORAGE FACILITY BUILDING AND PARKING LOT - PROJECT NO:403101-02-002; CONTRACT NO: 403101-02-002, PROJECT LOCATION: 11395 SW 79 STREET, MIAMI, FL 33173 (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Jordan***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry regarding the firms used on this contract, Mr. Jack Kardys, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) Director noted the County Attorney's Office was proceeding with litigation to collect on damages which had resulted from the default of the previous firm. Assistant County Manager Munoz noted the previous firm's performance declined following the death of the engineer of record.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked Mr. Kardys to identify the contractor who allegedly buried underground electrical lines improperly and to initiate efforts to recoup some of the costs incurred by the County from the contractor.*

*In response to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding environmental findings, Ms. Maggie Tawil, MDPR Design and Development Division Chief, provided an explanation of the environmental issues regarding this project. Mr. Kardys noted one measure being taken to prevent these issues in the future was a requirement that 5 borings be taken at sites with buildings to gain a broader understanding of the soil profiles.*

3G

**072553** **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Natacha Seijas, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MEMORIAL CUBANO, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $200,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CUBAN MEMORIAL MONUMENT AT TAMIAMI PARK FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Rolle***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.*

## 4 COUNTY MANAGER

## 5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

## 6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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**072541** **Report**

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 16, 2007 RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

***Approved***
***Mover: Rolle***
***Seconder: Edmonson***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.*

# 7 REPORTS

7A

**072436** **Report**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN POWER-POINT PRESENTATION [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1D2] (County Manager)

***Report Received***

**Report:** *See report under Agenda Item No. 1D2 (Legislative File # 072433)*

7B

**072533** **Report**

REPORT ON UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS, OPENINGS AND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES (County Manager)

***Report Received***
***Mover: Moss***
***Seconder: Jordan***
***Vote: 6-0***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

*Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.*

**072936** **Report**

NON-AGENDA REPORT-9/10/2007 RCAC

**Report:** *Chairman Souto noted that the discussion involving local participation at museum and cultural facility projects should be considered at the next meeting.*

# 8 ADJOURNMENT

**Report:** *There being no other business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.*

Javier D. Souto, Chair