



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
(RCAC)**

Board of County Commissioners

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Miami, Florida 33128

Monday, February 11, 2008
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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, February 11, 2008

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Barbara J. Jordan.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter*
305-375-3570

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
~Senior Deputy Clerk Doris Dickens
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1D1

073798 Special Presentation

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS (NAYS)
RECOGNIZES MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION
AS THE TOP NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES
ASSOCIATION CHAPTER OF 2006 (Park & Recreation
Department)

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the
foregoing special presentation into the record.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Miami Dade Parks &
Recreation Department (MDPR) stated that
MDPR was proud to be recognized by the
National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS) for their
commitment in training community coaches how to
teach children the fundamentals of good
sportsmanship and safe athletic development. He
said that MDPR had been a part of NAYS since
1989 and that it was the programming partnership
ordinance which had codified this as a
requirement for all Community Based
Organizations (CBO's) that provided youth
athletics within the community. He asked Ms.
Michelle Ramirez, Chapter Management Specialist
for NAYS and Mr. John Engh, CEO of NAYS to
come forward.*

*Mr. Engh said that NAYS had approximately 3000
Chapters nationwide and that Miami-Dade County
was the number one Chapter in regards to
volunteer coaches and training. Mr. Engh
commended MDPR and recognized the efforts of
their staff for taking an additional step to retain a
certified youth sports administrator.*

*Mr. Kardys recognized Mr. Alex Cann as the new
Manager for Region 5 for MDPR and invited
Committee members to participate in the
presentation.*

1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1E1

080111 Ordinance Jose "Pepe" Diaz,
Bruno A. Barreiro, Carlos A. Gimenez, Rebeca Sosa, Sen.
Javier D. Souto

ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 9.03 OF SECTION 2-1
OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, RELATING
TO THE RULES GOVERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR USE
OF VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS; PROVIDING
SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

*Forwarded to BCC without a
recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the
forgoing ordinance into the record.*

*Chairman Souto opened the public hearing on the
foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Mr. Jeffery Rynor, Chairman, Vizcaya Trust and
Gardens, provided a brief explanation regarding
fee waivers for the use of Vizcaya Museum and
Gardens, in which he noted the fee waiver under
the committee's consideration was an issue that
had been at the forefront of Vizcaya due to the
American Association of Museums' (AAM)
performance review of Vizcaya for purposes of
accreditation. He noted in the mid 1990's,
approximately 200 events were held at Vizcaya;
however, that number had declined to a little over
100 today. The number of events held at the
Museum was one of the criteria that AAM
considered in terms of how the Museum (Vizcaya)
was preserved, and the primary aim of the fee
waiver was to ensure that Vizcaya was accessible
to the public and the County and to ensure that the
use of this facility was leveraged to maintain the
beauty and integrity of the Museum.*

*Mr. Jorge Luis Lopez and Ms. Mireille Chancy
Gonzalez, Board Members, Vizcaya Trust and
Gardens, appeared before the Committee and
noted that the Vizcaya Trust and Gardens Board
members supported the foregoing proposed
ordinance.*

*There being no other persons to appear in
connection with this ordinance, the public hearing
was closed.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted she had some
concerns regarding this proposed ordinance as
written and suggested it be amended to change the
language contained within Section 2-1(a) to delete
the following language: "reducing the voting*

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requirement from a unanimous to two-thirds (2/3) of the members present" and replace it with "the supermajority of those in office."

Commissioner Edmonson suggested this proposed ordinance be forwarded to the Board as written, without a recommendation.

Vice Chairman Moss concurred with Commissioner Edmonson's suggestion, noting that Vizcaya was not an exclusive place or a party hall, but it was a special place.

Hearing no further comments the committee proceeded to vote.

1F DISCUSSION MATTERS

1G CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION

1G1

080415 Citizen's

Sen. Javier D. Souto

PRESENTATION BY EDUARDO PADRON, PRESIDENT
OF THE MIAMI DADE COLLEGE RE: THE MIAMI DADE
COLLEGE BOOK FAIR AND FILM FESTIVAL

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing presentation into the record.*

Mr. Juan Mendieta, Communications Director, Miami Dade College (MDC), appeared before the committee in the absence of MDC President Dr. Eduardo Padron. Mr. Mendieta explained that MDC had been in existence for 50 years and that 1.5 million people had studied at the college since 1960. He noted that Dr. Padron realized that it was not only about academics and that culture should be an important part of our community, which elevated the quality of life within the community. This year the college reached a very special milestone, the 25th Anniversary of the Miami International Film Festival (MIFF), which began on February 28, 2008, and the 25th Anniversary of the Miami Book Fair International. Mr. Mendieta pointed out. He noted MDC was requesting an additional \$75,000 for each event, which was recently in the New York Times as the Cannes of the Americas.

Chairman Souto commended Mr. Mendieta on the success of the Film & Book festivals. He requested that Mr. Mendieta conduct an investigation regarding the feasibility of Miami-Dade County Libraries, in conjunction with MDC, holding Spanish and Creole language classes.

With regard to Mr. Mendieta's request for funding of \$75,000 towards the 25th Anniversary of the MIFF and the Miami Book Fair International, Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Munoz to identify additional funds for both of the events.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

080311 Resolution Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 15, 2008 RELAY FOR LIFE OF EAST KENDALL SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$866.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 8 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2B

080307 Resolution Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 29, 2008 SPRING GARDEN SOIREE SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY GARDENS CHARITABLE FUND, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,511.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 8 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2C

080306 Resolution Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 2-4 AND MARCH 9-11, 2007 "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GOLD COAST RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,223.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2D

080313 Resolution Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2, 2008 MARDI GRAS 2008 SPONSORED BY HOMESTEAD MAIN STREET, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$716.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 9 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2E

080364 Resolution Dennis C. Moss,
Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL CARE AT PET-FRIENDLY PARKS AND TO REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REGULATIONS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2F

080323 Resolution Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 15, 2008 SUMMER GAMES AND COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,466.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 12 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2G

080337 Resolution Carlos A. Gimenez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 1-3, 2008 FESTIVAL FOR THE POOR SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC. THROUGH ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,066.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

2H

073532 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 2007 "WALK TO TALK" EVENT SPONSORED BY HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,150.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

080334 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETROACTIVE TIME EXTENSION FROM DECEMBER 31, 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH TRAIL, TRAP AND SKEET CLUB, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT TRAIL GLADES RANGE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3B

073729 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM MASTER PLAN; ENDORSING THE PLAN'S PRINCIPLES, GOALS AND VISION; AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND ACTION NO LATER THAN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Commissioner Sorenson commended the Department of Parks & Recreation's (MDPR) staff for providing such a comprehensive visionary document. She noted it was very exciting to see what Miami-Dade County's Parks could become and that she looked forward to seeing the implementation plan.

Vice Chairman Moss also commended MDPR's staff. He expressed concern regarding the usage of school land, noting that many neighborhoods did not have parks; however they had schools with open space that could be used for organized activities after school hours and/or on weekends. Vice Chairman Moss asked Mr. Jack Kardys, Parks & Recreation Department Director, to encourage Dade County Public Schools representatives to enter into a joint partnership to use open space on schools' property and include green space in the master plan.

Chairman Barreiro submitted a memorandum waiving the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be considered at the February 19, 2008 County Commission meeting.

3C

073731 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND PROGRAM FOR DISCRETIONARY AND PRE-AGREEMENT LAND ACQUISITION FUNDS AND RECAPTURED FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PARK PROJECTS (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3D

073723 Bid Awards

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR REDLAND FRUIT & SPICE PARK - LAKE DEVELOPMENT - PROJECT NO: 682501-00-003 GOB; CONTRACT NO: 682501-00-003 (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing bid award into the record.*

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3E

073744 Bid Awards

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR KENDALL SOCCER PARK PHASE II & IIA - ARTIFICIAL TURF SOCCER FIELDS, RESTROOM BUILDING, LIGHTED PARKING LOT & WALKWAYS - PROJECTE NO: 493501-02-001 GOB; CONTRACT NO. 493501-02-001-1 (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 3E Amended. Legislative File No. 080444.*

3E AMENDED

080444 Bid Awards

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR
KENDALL SOCCER PARK PHASE II & IIA - ARTIFICIAL
TURF SOCCER FIELDS, RESTROOM BUILDING,
LIGHTED PARKING LOT & WALKWAYS - PROJECT
NO: 493501-02-001 GOB; CONTRACT NO. 493501-02-001-
1 (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with favorable
recommendation with committee
amendments
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the
foregoing bid award into the record.*

*Assistant County Attorney Ferrer apprised the
Committee that Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-
Dade Parks & Recreation (MDPR), requested the
foregoing proposed resolution be amended to
insert the word "Initial" so that the heading on
handwritten page 1 reads "Initial Project
Description," and to add another heading entitled
"Final Project Description" and insert the
following language under this heading:*

*"Complete construction of three (3) lighted
artificial turf soccer fields numbered three (3),
four (4) and five (5), lighted parking lot, restroom
building, concrete walkways, bleacher pads and
all supporting utilities and netting behind each
goal".*

*Assistant County Attorney Ferrer pointed out that
this amendment was made to reflect that there
would be three (3) soccer fields.*

*Discussion ensued regarding the difference in
costs for an artificial turf field versus a grass
field.*

*Mr. Kardys noted that the cost of an artificial turf
field was approximately \$700,000 and a grass
field was approximately \$100,000; however, the
maintenance for a turf field was significantly less
than for a grass field.*

*In response to Commissioner Rolle's request for a
progress report of the Oak Grove Park soccer
field, Mr. Kardys stated that the field was
completed and was being used.*

*Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to research the
feasibility of holding a soccer event comparable to
the world cup and extending invitations to
European, Brazilian, African and South American*

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soccer teams to participate in this event.

Chairman Barreiro submitted a memorandum waiving the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed bid award to be considered at the February 19, 2008 County Commission meeting.

3F

073788 Bid Awards

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR HAULOVER MARINA DOCKMASTER COMPLEX , PROJECT NO: 222302-03-003 GOB; CONTRACT NO: 222302-03-003; PROJECT LOCATION: 10800 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

Report: *Chairman Barreiro submitted a memorandum waiving the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed bid award to be considered at the February 19, 2008 County Commission Meeting.*

3G

080333 Change Orders

RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. TWO AND FINAL FOR HIGHLAND OAKS PARK, RECREATION CENTER; PROJECT NO. 123302-02-001; CONTRACT NO. 123302-02-001; PROJECT LOCATION: 20459 NE 24 AVENUE, NORTH MIAMI, FL (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing change order into the record.*

Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to vote.

3H

080387 Change Orders

RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) FOR
BLACK POINT MARINA SEWER CONNECTION;
PROJECT NO. GOB 29-70140; CONTRACT NO: 602201-01-
002; PROJECT LOCATION: 24775 S.W. 87TH AVENUE,
MIAMI, FL 33032 (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the
foregoing change order into the record.*

*Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to
vote.*

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

073799 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): DECEMBER 10, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

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

*Hearing no comments the committee proceeded to
vote.*

7 REPORTS

7A

080100 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE MIAMI
INTERNATIONAL AGRITECH & LIVESTOCK EXPO
(County Manager)

Report Received

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation (MDPR), gave a report regarding the Miami International Agritech & Livestock Expo. He said currently the highlight of the show was education and that the show stood alone from other cattle shows because of its incorporation of the educational component, which was provided by the University of Florida. The topics included animal identification and country of origin, genetics, maintenance of breeding stock, and cattle nutrition; and the education aspect of the show would be University and Trade style courses via a series of round table discussions from all of the places where cattle were traded and products were used, Mr. Kardys noted.

Continuing, Mr. Kardys noted that the first advertisement for the show appeared in the Brahman Journals, as well as a number of other publications for cattle breeders, enthusiasts, and owners. He said he attended the West Palm Beach Fair's Brahman Cattle show and visited Jimmy Chapman's Double C Bar Ranch in Kissimmee, Florida, who was committed to bringing cattle to the Expo. Mr. Kardys said he contemplated that 300 cattle would be displayed at the show—approximately 200 of which would be brought in by ranchers. He noted currently approximately 200 cattle were committed to appear at the show the Miami International Airport and Seaport were involved with various trade aspects.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to meet with representatives from Florida A&M University and the University of Miami to discuss the possibility of these universities being added to the educational component of the Miami International Agritech & Livestock Expo.

In conclusion, Chairman Souto noted he felt people would enjoy this show, which would generate funding for the agricultural community. He asked Mr. Kardys to explore the possibility of

setting up a farmers market at Tropical Park, Amelia Earhart, and other large regional parks on weekends.

7B

080293 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE
PROGRESS REPORT (County Manager)

Report Received

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

Ms. Shelly Spivack, Chairwoman, Coconut Grove Playhouse, provided a progress report on the Playhouse. She noted that the Playhouse had been closed for approximately two years, during which time research and planning consultants as well as a professional team of attorneys, public relations people and CPA's were hired with the support of the BCC and the Department of Cultural Affairs. Over the last year and a half, Ms. Spivack noted employees were paid, including salaries, vacation and severance pay. Additionally, Ms. Spivack noted the utilities had been paid up to date, that the building was now secure and insured, and that a payment in the amount of \$125,000 had been made to the State of Florida ahead of schedule, which meant that when the Playhouse reopens, it would be eligible for State funding again. The Playhouse worked, in conjunction with the City of Miami, and had accepted a historical designation and was pleased to be recognized as a historical site within the City of Miami. She said in an effort to move forward once the Playhouse was stabilized, they would develop a Charette process to allow public input on the development of the Playhouse's site. In closing, Ms. Spivack noted that the general public missed the Playhouse and she wanted to move forward with reopening as quickly as possible. She expressed appreciation to Committee members for their commitment to ensuring that the Playhouse reopens.

Commissioner Sorenson noted she was glad that efforts to reopen the Playhouse were moving forward.

Chairman Souto expressed appreciation to Ms. Spivack and concurred with Commissioner Sorenson's comments.

7C

080292 Report

ORAL REPORT BY THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA RE: THE MIAMI CIRCLE *Presented*

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

Mr. Robert McCammon, President, Historical Association of Southern Florida (HASF) provided a brief report regarding the Miami Circle. Mr. McCammon noted that in January 2008, the HASF signed a 44 year lease with the State of Florida to manage the property on behalf of the State. He reported that before opening the Miami Circle a seawall and a bay walk needed to be completed. The State had obtained a \$700,000 grant from the Inland Waterways Commission, and the Governor and the Secretary of State both had funds in their budgets—the \$1.6 million towards the completion of the seawall and the bay walk. Mr. McCammon explained that the funds were not new appropriations, but were allocated from the Trust that the State has already funded; therefore, it was anticipated that the funding would come through when the budget was signed, which was before the end of July 2008.

The permitting process for the seawall had already began, and construction should begin in September 2008, with an approximate four month build out phase to complete the seawall around the property, Mr. McCammon noted. In an effort to make the bay walk appear as one continuous bay walk on the properties, Mr. McCammon noted that HASF was working with the developers of the abutting properties who were also installing bay walks across their properties. He stated he would keep Committee members informed regarding the progress of the Miami Circle Park development via email.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Mr. McCammon to meet with her to further discuss the Miami circle project.

7D

080317 Report

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING
ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MONTHLY STATUS
REPORT (County Manager)

Presented

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

Assistant County Manager Munoz asked Mr. Larry Wilker, CEO/President, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) to come forward.

Mr. Wilker provided an update on the CPA. He said the big news was the unprecedented \$30 million gift from philanthropist, Adrienne Arsht, which positioned the center to do great things in the future. Mr. Wilker said over the past weekend, the performances concluded with the annual Flamenco Festival and that three performances were held in the concert hall where over 6,000 people attended and over 200 people signed up for flamenco and samba lessons in the educational room. This month Black History was celebrated working with the Black Archives, noted Mr. Wilker, and the first exhibitions of Overtown Theater posters were featured, which included an extraordinary collection of posters from all entertainers who performed in Overtown from the late 1930's to the early 1960. This collection was so vast that it had never been exhibited all in one place, Mr. Wilker pointed out. He noted the exhibition included a lecture on entertainment in Overtown by Dr. Dorothy Fields, the retired Director of the Black Archives.

Despite rainy weather, the free monthly concerts were attended by approximately 1000 people, and were a part of an effort initiated in December to open the center to the community, Mr. Wilker noted. He also noted free tours of the center were provided and over 1000 people had toured the facility. A series of free gospel concerts would be held one Sunday per month, featuring great gospel choirs of Miami-Dade County, Mr. Wilker mentioned. He reassured Committee members that the CPA staff worked diligently on Summer Programming and both theaters should be busy with concerts and a wide variety of programs.

Mr. Wilker noted upcoming concerts scheduled at the CPA included: Noches Latina, Juan Luis Guerra, Gilberto Santarosa, Baby face Edmonds

and Peru Negro; that the CPA staff was working to keep occupancy costs low and to identify savings in the amount of \$400,000 from this year's operational budget. He also reported that they had forwarded the December payment on the construction acceleration effort as well as expanded marketing efforts by distributing over 500,000 calendars for the Spring season. Staff had instituted a program to place advertising in all of the local and community periodicals. Mr. Wilker said they were attempting to increase rentals and co-promotions and wanted to make the theaters accessible to everyone, which meant meeting with local event planners, promoters, non-profit organizations, attending talent buying conferences, attending Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitor Bureau activities.

Commissioner Sorenson commented that this was a great turnaround story and that it was so exciting to hear good news regarding the center. She commended Mr. Wilker and Mr. Ricky Arriola, and noted free concerts and tours would prove successful in opening the center to all residents of this community.

Commissioner Edmonson commended Mr. Wilker for a job well done.

Commissioner Moss concurred with Commissioner Edmonson and said he felt better about the CPA. He also commended Commissioner Gimenez for going to Washington D.C. and steering the CPA in a better direction.

Chairman Souto Commended Mr. Wilker as well and commented that it had been quite difficult since the beginning and said that Mr. Wilker should keep up the good work.

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080303 Report

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND THE MIAMI ART
MUSEUM (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Sorenson

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

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz provided opening remarks, referencing Chairman Souto's memorandum, outlining questions regarding the Museum Park and Bicentennial Park issue. He noted this report addressed those questions, which were generated during discussion among Committee members regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) introduced at the last meeting. Mr. Munoz noted directors from the three museums: Historical Museum, Science Museum, and Art Museum, were present today in connection with this report. He recognized Mr. Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs and member of the Cultural Affairs Council, and representatives from the Office of Strategic Business Management, who were also present in connection with this report. Mr. Munoz presented the following responses to the questions outlined in Chairman Souto's memorandum.

1) Were provisions relating to "site and property controls" included in the General Obligation Bond (GOB) as voted on?

There were no provisions for site controls or property controls in the General Obligation Bond (GOB) that was voted on, Mr. Munoz noted. He advised those rules were developed subsequent to the GOB being voted, to provide administrative controls within the program. The reason for requesting the provisions be implemented in this project, was to enable the project to move forward; and added that the MOU, which was not before the Committee today, contained language providing that the Museums would work with the City of Miami (City) and the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority to develop a lease that would be approved later, Mr. Munoz explained. He noted the Board's approval was needed in order to keep the museum projects moving forward. Additionally, Mr. Munoz explained that the land was always owned by the City and was never contemplated to be County-owned land; adding that the waiver had nothing to do with the land.

He stated this provision would allow the minimum amount of money to be allocated to museums: \$235,000 of the total \$100 million BBC funding to the Art Museum and \$3.3 million of the total \$175 million BBC funding to the Science Museum. He noted the project was currently at a critical juncture, in terms of design and fundraising.

Mr. Munoz referenced the event held last week at the Miami Art Museum (MAM), 101 W. Flagler Street, featuring a model of the proposed new Art Museum, which was a world class facility. He encouraged everyone to visit the MAM and view this exhibit.

2) What was the relationship between the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority and the Art and Science Museums?

Mr. Munoz noted this project was initiated a year and a half ago, and several types of relationships had been evaluated in an effort to make it successful. He stated the relationship that was developed by the museums, and that was recommended by the City of Miami (City), included the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority. This was also the model used in the development of the Children's Museum, which was also located on the City-owned land, Mr. Munoz added.

Mr. Munoz concluded that the purpose of the request for site and property controls and for using the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority was to provide site management and to allow the City to use the model it was most comfortable with. He further noted numerous public meetings, as well as Charettes, were held. He reassured Committee members that many public forums were held in the community to discuss this issue.

3) Who would have ownership of the museums?

Mr. Munoz advised the MOU provided that the actual museums' structures would be owned by the museums. He noted this was something the museums had desired since inception, which would provide them with the ability: to show they controlled the projects; to assure private contributors that they were developing the projects; and to provide the flexibility and ability to appropriately perform fundraising activities. Mr. Munoz stated this placed the responsibility for the development of the projects directly on the museums, and addressed past concerns regarding

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responsible project development and instances wherein the County was asked for additional funds to finish what was voted on in the GOB.

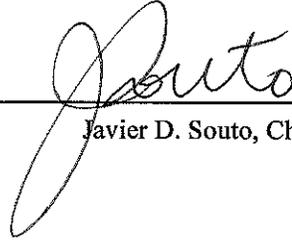
4) What other County museum models and relationships in use today were explored?

Mr. Munoz noted the subject museums were currently located in County-owned buildings, since the County provided the necessary facilities to these organizations at their inception. He pointed out that the Science Museum had been housed in a County facility since the 1960s, and the Art Museum was created to house the "Center for the Fine Arts." Mr. Munoz explained that these organizations had developed proven track records and experienced continued growth, and were now ready to move into their own facilities. He noted other not-for-profit organizations included in the GOB, which were not housed in County-owned buildings, included the Cuban Museum and the Black Archives.

Mr. Munoz advised that Budget Analyst Mike Iturrey, Office of Strategic Business Management, was present to respond to the request, in Chairman Souto's memorandum, for information relating to the Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs). He informed Committee members that two documents were attached to today's report in response to this request: 1) Folio numbers for commercial and residential properties within the boundaries of the CRA area; and 2) the assessed values of the CRA area. Mr. Munoz stressed the fact that none of the decisions and relationships, nor the way the contracts were structured for this museums' project, had ever been related to the Global Agreement in any way. He emphasized this project could proceed with or without the Global Agreement. Mr. Munoz said the provision in the Global Agreement that provided monies for the development of Bicentennial Park would help the museums' project. He stated that the City had committed to develop the Park and noted the City's development of the Park needed to be addressed. Mr. Munoz pointed out that if the CRA relationship deal worked out, there would be additional monies available; however, the City was still committed to developing and providing an adequate park to house the museums.

Hearing no comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

8 ADJOURNMENT



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Javier D. Souto, Chair