

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

Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, May 12, 2008
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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, May 12, 2008

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: *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
~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

*Assistant County Attorney Ferrer announced the following changes to today's (5/12) Agenda:
Agenda Item 4I was added to the agenda and a scrivener's error existed within Agenda Item 4D.*

1D DISCUSSION MATTERS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

081358 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 31, 2008 2ND ANNUAL BEE-DAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND COMMUNITY FAIR SPONSORED BY NEW PROVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,816.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 3 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

2B

081356 Resolution Bruno A. Barreiro

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 3, 2008 "PAZ, JUSTICIA, Y LEGALIZACION PARA LOS INMIGRANTES" EVENT SPONSORED BY CASIOPEIA CORPORATION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$761.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 5 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Rolle

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

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2C

081357 Resolution

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 10, 2008 INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY RENAISSANCE ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL (RECS) PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,032.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 12 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

2D

081362 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 3, 2008 WALK ON THE WILD SIDE EVENT SPONSORED BY EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,086.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 11 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Moss, Sorenson

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

2E

081364 Resolution

Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 13, 2008 8TH ANNUAL CROQUET AND CROQUETAS EVENT SPONSORED BY THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,396.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 8 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

2F

081369 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 29, 2008 EVENING UNDER THE STARS TALENT SHOWCASE SPONSORED BY AIR BASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL AND 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: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

2G

081370 Resolution Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 4, 2008 "ONE PEOPLE, ONE COMMUNITY" MULTI-CULTURAL STREET FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY WECARE OF SOUTH DADE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,398.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson, Moss

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

080958 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 26-1, RULE 33 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO PERMIT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS HELD IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE AMENDED ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 081537] (Park & Recreation Department)

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 3A Amended; Legislative File No. 081537.*

3A Amended

081537 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 26-1, RULE 33 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO PERMIT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS HELD IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation as amended

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

The public hearing was opened; however it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Souto's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with the foregoing proposed resolution.

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), explained the intent of the foregoing proposed ordinance. He noted that the ordinance gave MDPR the ability to issue permits to serve alcoholic beverages in specific County-owned and operated park facilities during sports events sponsored for adults. Mr. Kardys pointed out that this would be completely controlled by requiring off-duty police officers and other proper security mechanisms and by requiring appropriate licensing.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry regarding the types of alcoholic beverages to be sold, Mr. Kardys explained that this ordinance allowed any type of alcoholic beverage to be sold, particularly beer and wine. He noted that at large sporting events, beer and wine would be sold and at smaller more controlled events, other types of alcoholic beverages would be sold.

Concerning questions raised by Commissioner Rolle regarding the reference to "other suitable facilities throughout the park system and how the Director defined adequate security," Mr. Kardys explained that both off-duty police officers and park security officers would be used to patrol and control significant, spectator events; that the State of Florida governs the sale of alcoholic beverages

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in stadiums and other facilities located within a contained area like an equestrian center where gates and other security controls were in place. He clarified that this type of permit would be limited and only issued for events aimed at attracting adults. Mr. Kardys also noted public safety would be paramount when issuing such permits and that he—in consultation with the Miami-Dade Police Department—would determine the number of security personnel needed for each event. He explained that permit(s) would be issued by his office and signed by him in conjunction with Miami-Dade Police Department.

Pointing out that selling alcohol in parks could result in problems, Commissioner Rolle asked Mr. Kardys to provide an example of an event in a park where children would be prohibited.

Mr. Kardys clarified that he was not suggesting that children would not be allowed; that the sale of alcohol would not be permitted during any youth event; that it would be limited to adult spectator sports event. Using Soccer as an example, he noted a family may bring children to a game, but beer would only be sold to an adult with appropriate identification to show proof of age. Additionally, Mr. Kardys noted the sale of beer would be prohibited at soccer games after half time.

Referring to the County Manager's recommendation which states that the event promoters and vendors would cover all liability at these types of events, Commissioner Edmonson questioned who would be liable if someone falls over a trash bin and other park equipment. Mr. Kardys explained that the promoter would be liable; that this type of liability would be covered through a liability insurance policy provided by the promoter's insurance company.

Commissioner Edmonson questioned whether this meant that the County could not be sued for any type of accident.

Mr. Kardys said he would have to defer to the County Attorney.

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted that obviously the County could be sued, but the County would be protected through the agreement with the promoters and the vendors.

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Commissioner Edmonson questioned why this was not under the Mayor's discretion versus the Department Director's discretion.

Assistant County Attorney Munoz noted it could be under the Mayor's or the Director's discretion; that the reason it was under the Director's discretion was because the department dealt with a lot of special events and they would be negotiating directly with the promoters/vendors. Additionally, he noted the department would consider and approve on a case-by-case basis, determine the amount of security for each event, and check the insurance requirements.

Mr. Kardys explained that the Administrative Order to special events places the authority of special event signature under the Director for regular, general special events; that only those permits that involve events on private property required that County Manager's signature.

Commissioner Edmonson questioned the criteria that would be used to determine who could and could not sell alcoholic beverages during events.

Mr. Kardys said large adult sporting events held at venues such as the Crandon Park Tennis Center (which was designed specifically for emissions, with gating system(s) to control ingress/egress, and with concession stands) would be an ideal venue to sell alcoholic beverages. He explained that the department would work with Miami-Dade Police to ensure it was an appropriate venue.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in support of this ordinance, noting she felt it was reasonable and would generate revenues for parks.

Commissioner Jordan noted, for the record, that this proposed ordinance was not unique in terms of other parks across the country.

Mr. Kardys said he did not believe so; that it was not unique in terms of events held at stadiums. He noted all special events such as rib fests and other large events held throughout parks were already permitted for the sale of alcoholic beverages or beer and wine through a not-for-profit permit. He explained that this ordinance would not result in a significant expansion in the number of activities.

Commissioner Moss questioned whether any of the venues tied into soccer related events. Mr. Kardys noted soccer, chess, and equestrian were the three

primary areas targeted for expansion. He concurred with Commissioner Moss that the thinking was to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages during professional and/or semi-professionals soccer events. He noted the Sports Commission was developing a new soccer series and he felt it was important to be prepared in anticipation of an influx of more spectator sports over the coming years. Mr. Kardys pointed out that without these types of accommodations, the promoters may go to the City of Miami or some other alternative facilities rather than using the County's facilities.

Chairman Souto expressed concerns regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages at sporting events. He asked Mr. Kardys to closely monitor the sale of alcoholic beverages in parks during events and to provide a monthly progress report to the committee. Chairman Souto recommended the foregoing proposed ordinance include a one-year sunset provision.

There being no further discussion, the committee members voted to forward the foregoing proposed ordinance to the County Commission with the amendments noted by Chairman Souto.

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

081235 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,099,840 BETWEEN ABC CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE SHENANDOAH BRANCH LIBRARY CONTRACT COUNTYWIDE (PROJECT CICC 7040-0/07 RPQ NO. Z00049-C) (General Services Administration Department)

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

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4B

081236 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (FPL) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES, LOCATED WEST OF S.W. 147 AVENUE ON S.W. 280 STREET, MIAMI, IN THE NARANJA LIBRARY SITE, IN SECTION 04, TOWNSHIP 57 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 6-0

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

Chairman Souto expressed concerns regarding the landscaping surrounding libraries and suggested volunteers be used to maintain the landscaping surrounding libraries.

Commissioner Moss concurred with Chairman Souto regarding landscaping surrounding the libraries.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade County Libraries, to meet with him to discuss the possibility of the Library Department partnering with local businesses to host fundraisers in public libraries. Chairman Souto also asked Mr. Santiago to consider the possibility of opening new branch libraries in areas where new dwellings were built.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4C

081246 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 10785 N.W. 58 STREET, DORAL, WITH U.S. RETAIL INCOME FUND VI, LP, A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM 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: Edmonson
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Rolle expressed concern regarding other expenditures and operating costs that were not listed. He asked Assistant County Manager Munoz to provide him with a comparative report indicating the cost of building the proposed library at 10785 NW 58 street and other locations.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4D

081253 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS AND EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISION CONTAINED THEREIN (Library Department)

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

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

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted that a scrivener's error existed within the subject line of the memorandum, and that the subject line should read: "lease agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables for the Coral Gables Branch Library".

Hearing no further questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4E

081254 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIGNIFICANT
MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT
NO. 263 -"FACILITY RENOVATION AND
REHABILITATION OF THE NORTHEAST BRANCH
LIBRARY" IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO
RESOLUTION NO. R-919-04 AFTER A PUBLIC
HEARING (Library Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 6-0

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

*Hearing no questions or comments, the committee
members proceeded to vote.*

4F

081326 Change Orders

UNILATERAL RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE FOR CRANDON PARK CENTRAL RESTROOM/PARK OFFICE/DOCK MASTER AND EXISTING RESTROOM UPGRADES; CONTRACT NO: 422801-02-010 TO MIAMI SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 6-0

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

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted that a scrivener's error existed on Handwritten page 11 second paragraph and the first sentence should read: "The design firm's Professional Services Agreement was terminated by the PRD after multiple requests and demands to cure performance deficiencies that were not corrected."

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the intent of the change order, Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Miami Dade Park and Recreation (MDPR), explained the foregoing proposed change order would approve construction of a new 1,550 square foot central restroom building and a 900 square foot park office building on the east side of Crandon Boulevard. He noted on the west side of Crandon Boulevard, a two-story 2,250 square foot Dock Master/Bait and Tackle building would be constructed and two existing restrooms would be upgraded.

Chairman Souto suggested that the citizens of Key Biscayne would be willing to contribute to the upgrades and renovations of Crandon Park's facilities.

With regard to Chairman Souto's suggestion, Assistant County Manager Munoz stated that this was a Countywide park and everyone that used the park contributed by paying the small entrance fee to enter the park.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Munoz to explore the possibility of imposing user fees for non-county residents at parks.

Hearing no questions or comments committee members proceeded to vote.

4G

081327 Resolution

RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE FOR CAMP OWAISSA BAUER RENOVATE AND UPGRADE FACILITIES; PROJECT NO. 693001-03-001; CONTRACT NO. 693001-03-001 TO ZURQUI CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC. (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4H

081251 Resolution

RESOLUTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND PROGRAM FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR TAMIAMI PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

4I

081250 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS FOR FY 2008-2009 COUNTY FUNDING OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PARK PROGRAMMING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

081331 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): APRIL 14, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Edmonson
Second: Moss
Vote: 6-0

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

*Hearing no questions or comments, the committee
members proceeded to vote.*

8 REPORTS

8A

081328 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: UPDATE ON PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ADOPT-A-PARK AND CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS (County Manager)

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

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Miami Dade Park & Recreation (MDPR) provided a brief introduction regarding the Adopt-A-Park program and The Park Foundation. He noted the Park Foundation was created as an advocate organization for the 2004 Building Better Communities Bond issue and an operating agreement between MDPR and the Park Foundation began in June 2004.

Mr. George Lopez, President, Park Foundation, noted the Foundation served as a support mechanism to MDPR. He said over the last several years the Foundation raised money, served as a vehicle for activities throughout the County, and served as a voice behind the scenes for MDPR. Mr. Lopez noted the Foundation was excited about launching its Website and revenue generating opportunities. He pointed out that membership was important to the Foundation and suggested that MDPR launch a countywide or statewide membership program where people could contribute, participate, and adopt parks to generate additional revenues. Mr. Lopez said he was honored to be a part of MDPR's team.

Mr. Kardys said the Park Foundation had nearly \$200,000 in its account and had assisted in raising \$50,000 towards the Great Park Summit. He noted staff was seeking to put \$100,000 of the \$200,000 in an endowment with the Dade Community Foundation. Mr. Kardys introduced Ms. Allison Diego, Assistant Director, MDPR, who presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Adopt-A-Park Program.

Ms. Diego pointed out that the Adopt-A-Park Program proved successful in raising funds during the first few years and that a total of \$1 million dollars had been raised thus far. She said the first phase of the Adopt-A-Park online program was being implemented which included Adopt-A-Bench, Adopt-A-Tree, volunteer opportunities,

Adopt-A-Dog Park and Adopt-A-Program (scholarship program, leisure access equipment and programming, and educational opportunities). Ms. Diego noted this online program would promote "green giving" to help beautify and enhance parks; that the entities that had made a difference within the park system included: Community Based Organizations (CBO's), non-profit organizations, civic and church groups, schools, scout troops, families and individuals. She provided an overview of recent Adopt-A-Park Events and a brief description of the website which she noted was currently live.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry whether the \$1 million collected were contributions, Ms. Diego responded that it was 45% cash and 55% in-kind contributions.

Commissioner Moss asked Mr. Kardys to consider using dedicated funding sources to sustain parks in the future.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that this was a great program and suggested that all commissioners add a link to this site on their own commission website. She also noted that in New York City's Central Park every bench had a metal plaque engraved with the family, person or corporation that contributed to the park.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote.

8B

081329 Report

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

Report Received

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Rolle

Report: *Mr. Rick Arriola, Chairman, Performing Arts Center Trust, gave a brief report regarding the Adrienne Arshl Performing Arts Center (PAC). He reported that ticket sales through April 2008 were 26% higher, noting that The Very Hungry Caterpillar, La Boheme and the Master Chorale were just a few of the sold out performances at the PAC. Mr. Arriola stated that through April the occupancy costs for the year was \$1 million less than budget and the current projections continued to reflect a balanced budget. He noted new members of the PAC Trust Board included State of Florida Representative Dan Gelber, Attorney Alan Fein, Sergio Gonzalez of University of Miami, Adriana Savino of the City of Key Biscayne, Gilbert Cabrerra of the City of Miami, Attorney Richard Milstein, and Realty Developer Scott Robbins. Mr. Arriola also noted Ms Carolyn Taylor, City of Miami and City of Miami Beach Mayor Mattie Bower were reappointed to the Trust Board.*

Mr. Arriola noted the following upcoming performances at the PAC: Go Diego Go, Celia: The life and music of Celia Cruz, Miami Libre, Slava's Snow Show, Summer Shorts, Myriam Hernandez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez' Annual Art Exhibition, Creative Golden Vision's Senior Exhibition and the International Hispanic Theater Festival. He also noted that the Free Gospel Sundays Series continued, featuring local Gospel Choirs.

Commissioner Moss commended Mr. Arriola and staff for changing the financial situation at the PAC. He suggested that the PAC staff explore bringing the Broadway production of The Lion King to the PAC.

Commissioner Sorenson concurred with Commissioner Moss' comments.

8C

081330 Report

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

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

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, provided an oral report regarding the upcoming Miami International Agritech & Livestock Expo. He noted that the show was only a few days away and that 230 head of cattle were scheduled to participate in the show. Mr. Kardys noted that on Friday (5/16) morning the education session would begin at the Blue Room at Tamiami and approximately 50 people were signed up for this session. He pointed out that the sessions were provided by the University of Florida staff and discussions would revolve around USDA sanitary requirements, creating economic opportunity for the US agricultural industry, good agricultural practices on farms, and nutritional management considerations for Brahmin influenced heifers. Mr. Kardys said a press conference was scheduled for Friday (5/16) at 11 a.m. and Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson as well as Commissioner Souto would be in attendance. On Saturday (5/17) the spectator activities would begin as well as the judging of the cattle noted Mr. Kardys. He said Brangus breed cattle judging would begin at 9 a.m., the pig races would begin at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and other spectator activities throughout the weekend included: rodeo roping demonstration, Miami Dog obedience demonstration, cattle chip toss contest, the Brahman Breed Cattle judging, Simmental Breed Cattle judging, and live bands.*

Chairman Souto expressed appreciation to Mr. Kardys and his supporting staff for working diligently at developing the Livestock Expo.

081745 Discussion Item
NON-AGENDA ITEM

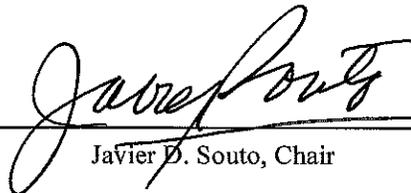
Report: *Mr. Kenneth Newman, 2350 Arch Creek Drive, North Miami appeared before the committee. He noted that Summer school had been cancelled with the exception of a few hundred seniors that needed Summer school to graduate. Mr. Newman pointed out that since schools would be closed, the schools' playgrounds would be closed and inaccessible to children. Mr. Newman said this presented a problem for every municipality and he expressed concern that juvenile delinquency would increase because of the inaccessibility to the schools' playgrounds. He requested that this problem be resolved if possible.*

Mr. Newman apprised committee members that the Miami Dade Soccer Complex was not funded and suggested a funding source be identified for this complex.

Mr. Newman said in the coming weeks the County Commission would encounter an agreement concerning the City of North Miami and Biscayne Landings. He noted that the residents of North Miami were concerned and had asked Biscayne Landings representatives to negotiate for additional park property to the City of North Miami. He noted concerns were expressed regarding these negotiations and he urged the Commission to examine this situation.

Assistant County Manager Munoz noted that all county summer programs were opened. He stated that he would meet with Dade County School Board representatives within the week to discuss whether school playgrounds could be opened during the Summer.

9 ADJOURNMENT



Javier D. Souto, Chair