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Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
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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, July 7, 2008 **2:00 PM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

Members Absent: Dorrin Rolle.

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 Alina Hudak
~Assistant County Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer
~Deputy Clerk Judy Marsh
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer

1D DISCUSSION MATTERS

1D1

082080 **Discussion Item**
BUDGET DISCUSSION ***Presented***

Report: *Chairman Souto asked Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Budget Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), to provide an explanation regarding the activities and programs that were recommended to be cut from the budget.*

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that committee members had received copies of the budget proposal and that the information was also published online. She said in an effort to make the documents easier to understand, each departmental item that was reduced or enhanced within the budget was listed in full detail, as well as enhancements and potential reductions. Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that no adjustments were made to any of the Museum subsidies. She said certain programs were kept in place within the Park & Recreation Department (MDPR) such as summer camps, after school care programs and sports development programs; and enhancements were made towards 19 new and expanded facilities, including the Metro Zoo. The Amazon & Beyond exhibit would open next fiscal year and 20 positions were added within the current budget as well as additional positions in fiscal year 2008-2009 noted Ms. Glazer-Moon. She pointed out a 20% reduction of grounds maintenance activities within MDPR and an adjustment to the millage rate for the Library Department. Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that no reductions occurred to Cultural Grants within the Cultural Affairs Department budget.

Commissioner Moss asked for further detail regarding the 20% reduction of grounds maintenance activities at parks.

In response to Commissioner Moss' request for further detal, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the 20% reduction to ground maintenance pertained to frequency; the grass would be cut less often and trash pick up would be less often. She noted that this reduction would result in a savings of $800,000.

Mr. Howard Gregg, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), further explained that the level of maintenance of all athletic fields would remain the same, however maintenance of the

passive areas outside of the parks and playing fields would be reduced to every other week versus every week. He noted this also related to cleaning shelters and grills within parks.

Commissioner Sorenson pointed out that budget reductions to MDPR amounted to $7 million. She stated that keeping summer and after school programs in place was a good idea that would help to reduce juvenile delinquency.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding cutting positions at Greynolds Park and eliminating 17 general labor positions at the Country Club of Miami, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that those positions would possibly be replaced with contracted services and the affected personnel would go to existing vacant positions within other county departments. She also noted that OSBM staff was reviewing the potential of contracting landscaping services which were provided to other departments and this would provide an estimated savings of $255,000.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry regarding the Women's Park, Ms. Glazer-Moon said there were some reductions to the Women's Park, which included elimination of the Music Appreciation of Visual Arts Instruction for Seniors Citizens and relocation of the Local Hispanic Arts Salon at the Women's Park. She noted this would result in a reduction of two positions at the park.

Chairman Souto inquired whether competitive marketing for renting out the parks facilities for activities such as weddings and other events would produce more revenue to allow all of the positions to remain in place at the Women's Park.

Mr. Gregg explained that only the program component of renting the facilities was proposed to be eliminated. He said the availability of the Women's Park's facilities would continue to operate and that the elimination of the positions was geared towards the programming that was offered for the community.

In response to Chairman Souto's concerns regarding the funds generated from renting the facilities at the Women's Park, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that OSBM staff had conducted studies to ensure that the revenues from renting park facilities were sufficient to support the related activities and the park. She noted that a number of fee adjustments were proposed in an effort to

maximize the revenues generated.

Chairman Souto suggested scheduling a workshop regarding methods and activities to generate revenue for parks.

Commissioner Moss concurred with Chairman Souto's remarks regarding scheduling a workshop. He also inquired whether any consideration was given to continuing the Senior Program at Norman and Jean Reach Park.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, noting that the Senior Program at Norman and Jean Reach Park was proposed for elimination due to low attendance.

Mr. Gregg stated that senior programs with little or no attendance were being reviewed with the possibility of combining other programs and providing transportation to the programs in an effort to save some of these programs.

Commissioner Moss noted the County Commission must explore ways to generate revenues in order to minimize the impact to park programs, including the possibility of giving residents of the community a portion of the entire tax break versus the entire tax break. He noted the community would be in an uproar when park services and maintenance were not provided.

Commissioner Jordan concurred with Commissioner Moss that one of the possible aspects of looking at additional revenue was not having the community realize the savings as a tax reduction. She said not only did the County Commission need to review parks, but everything needed to be totally reviewed. Commissioner Jordan noted that although revenue was being generated due to tourism, she saw a report regarding people doing "staycations" as opposed to going to other places, so tourism was down. She inquired whether the loss of revenue from tourism had been factored into the budget process and noted that adding user fees to parks may not have a great impact.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding user fees to non-residents, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that most of Miami-Dade County's tourists were international tourists and with the dollar being so weak, the trip was less expensive.

Commissioner Sorenson commented that if user fees to parks were going to be adjusted, staff should look at a tiered fee system where residents would receive a discount and visitors would pay more.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said different parks would have different affordable fee programs.

Chairman Souto said he was currently working with the Park Department and county attorneys on a proposed ordinance to charge more fees to tourists using the parks. He suggested the County Commission look at different activities to determine where people could be charged more fees in an effort to generate more revenues for parks. Commissioner Souto also suggested County Administration look at the feasibility of increasing marine fees.

Chairman Souto asked the Libraries Director to meet with the Park & Recreation Director in regards to the possibility of hosting free movie viewings at parks and libraries for the community.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

082010 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 26, 2008 "RELAY FOR LIFE OF WESTCHESTER" SPONSORED BY AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,566.00 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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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082013 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 27, 2008 "RED/BLACK DAY" EVENT SPONSORED BY WINSTON PARK K-8 CENTER, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $966.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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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082001 **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUNE 28, 2008 ''COMMUNITY EXPO & FAMILY FEST 08'' SPONSORED BY QUANT PRODUCTIONS INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,892.00 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE DISTRICT 1 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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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082015 **Resolution** **Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2008 "INTERNATIONAL RARA FEST" SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RARA FEST INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,166.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 3 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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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082014 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR JUNE 13, JUNE 27, JULY 11, JULY 25 AND AUGUST 8, 2008 "SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM" SPONSORED BY CITY OF WEST MIAMI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $950.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 6 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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 DEPARTMENT

3A

081888 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TWENTY-SIX (26) GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2007-2008 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM –FOURTH QUARTER WITH ALGO NUEVO, INC.; ARTS AT ST. JOHNS, INC. A/F/A RHYTHMIC RAPTURE; ARTSPRING, INC.; AYUDA, INC.; BISCAYNE FOUNDATION, INC., THE; CAMPOSITION; CITY OF WEST MIAMI; COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC. A/F/A FOR CIRQUE DU NOIR, INC.; CUBAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CORPORATION (HERENCIA CULTURAL CUBANA); CUBAN THEATER FOLKLORE HERITAGE, INC.; FANTASY THEATRE FACTORY A/F/A DJB DANCE THEATER, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE A/F/A FOR LATIN AMERICAN CENTER OF NEW MUSIC; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A ERE BISTOURI, INC.; INSTITUTO DE CULTURA PERUANA, INC.; INTERNATIONAL RARA FEST, INC.; JULIA E. BROWN THEATRICAL, INC.; KEY BISCAYNE 4TH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE, INC.; MIAMI BEACH CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE, INC.; MIAMI BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.; MIAMI PIANO CIRCLE, INC.; QUANT PRODUCTIONS, INC.; REVELATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA COMPOSERS ALLIANCE A/F/A FOR; DIXIE DINGO FILM FESTIVAL BY JULIE KAHN; TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.; TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; TROY FOUNDATION, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Rolle

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

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

3B

081947 **Change Orders**

RETROACTIVE CHANGE ORDER FOR HAULOVER MARINA EXPANSION PHASE II - PROJECT NO: 20-70738 (BBC-GOB); CONTRACT NO: 222302-00-002 TO SHORELINE FOUNDATION, INC. (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Rolle

Report: *Chairman Souto asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the County Commission's Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the July 17, 2008 County Commission meeting.*

3C

081941 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE COUNTY CODE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO RECREATIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE PARK SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX AND RESTROOM STORAGE BUILDING, AND APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND LIBERTY MUTUAL SURETY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN [SEE SUBSTITUTE ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 082145] (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 3C Substitute; Legislative File No. 082145.*

3C SUBSTITUTE

082145 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER AND SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE COUNTY CODE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO RECREATIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE PARK SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX AND RESTROOM STORAGE BUILDING, AND APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND LIBERTY MUTUAL SURETY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 081941] (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Rolle

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

Commissioner Sorenson inquired why a request was being made to waive formal competitive bid procedures.

Mr. Howard Gregg, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), explained that the contractor failed to perform, therefore the contract was terminated. He noted that the bonding company and the county had negotiated a settlement to complete the project and rather than put the project out for competitive bid, a bid waiver was requested which would allow the county to use a negotiated contract with a contractor that specialized in the development of recreation facilities. Mr. Gregg stated that by utilizing a bid waiver, six months would be saved in getting the project on line and the project would be completed within budget.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding other contractors with the same expertise who may say they did not have an opportunity to bid.

Mr. Gregg noted he was not aware of any other company that specialized in only recreational facilities.

Chairman Souto asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the County Commission's Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the July 17, 2008 County Commission meeting.

3D

081927 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-38, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ALLOW THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINERS AND ARTISTS FOR ENGAGEMENTS AT PARK VENUES IN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000 AND NOT TO EXCEED $50,000 PER PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Rolle

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

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

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

082018 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING(S): JUNE 9, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Rolle

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

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

7 REPORTS

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081907 **Report**

REPORT RE: SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER (County Manager)

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

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

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, provided a progress report regarding the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center. Mr. Spring said the new building was located in Cutler Bay on South West 211th Street, which consisted of a 966 seat theater, an activities building, an outdoor plaza and a large outdoor concert pasture. He explained that construction was 75% completed. Mr. Spring noted the contractor was 254 calendar days late completing the building and the substantial completion date for the project was October 22, 2008. He said liquidated damages were being assessed against the contractor and the damages would be taken out of the 10% retainage being held on the project. Mr. Spring pointed out that the project was still within the original 5% contingency budget, and that he felt that this facility would be the finest in the Southeastern United States.

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082020 **Report**

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

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

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

Mr. Larry Wilker, President, Adrianne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), gave a brief update regarding current and future events at the PAC. He noted that in June 2008 the first Summer Season was launched beginning with Celia Cruz: The Life and Music of Celia, which was the highest grossing show in the history of the Arsht Center, grossing approximately 1 million dollars in three weeks; over 21,000 people attended the show. Mr. Wilker noted a new musical called Miami Libre was opening within a few weeks; this show utilized local talent and would run for 3 weeks at the PAC. He said in the month of June, Go Diego Go was very successful. Mr. Wilker also noted the following upcoming shows: Slava's Snow Show and the International Hispanic Theater Festival.

Mr. Wilker noted that the PAC's budget was balanced and a third quarter payment was made towards the Sunshine State Loan in the amount of $375,000. He said occupancy costs remained below budget.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.*

Javier D. Souto, Chair