



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL
Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

Thursday, October 23, 2008
As Advertised

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Board of County Commissioners

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Members Present: Bruno Barreiro; Jose "Pepe" Diaz; Audrey M. Edmonson; Carlos A. Gimenez; Sally A. Heyman; Barbara J. Jordan; Joe A. Martinez; Dennis C. Moss; Dorrin Rolle; Rebeca Sosa; Javier D. Souto

Members Absent: Natacha Seijas; Katy Sorenson

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter (305) 375-3570

1A MOMENT OF SILENCE

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

8 DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

80 PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

801B

082738 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-8.4 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO BID PROTEST PROCEDURES BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DELAD SECURITY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,881,073 PER YEAR, TO PROVIDE SECURITY GUARD AND SCREENING SERVICES AT VARIOUS GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY DESIGNATED AS SECTOR 1D; AND TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER CONTRACT NO. 487A-1D (Procurement Management Department)

Amended

10/21/2008 Carried over by the Board of County Commissioners

801B Amended

083305 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-8.4 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO BID PROTEST PROCEDURES BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DELAD SECURITY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,881,073 PER YEAR, TO PROVIDE SECURITY GUARD AND SCREENING SERVICES AT VARIOUS GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY DESIGNATED AS SECTOR 1D; AND TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER CONTRACT NO. 487A-1D [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 082738] (Procurement Management Department)

Adopted as amended
Resolution R-1132-08
Mover: Barbara J. Jordan
Seconder: Audrey M. Edmonson
Vote: 7- 3
No: Heyman, Gimenez, Diaz
Absent: Rolle, Moss, Seijas

Report: *Commissioner Sosa questioned whether the foregoing proposed resolution recommended the Board award the contract to Delad Security (Delad).*

Assistant County Manager Susanne Torriente noted that staff's recommendation was to award the contract to Delad.

Mr. Mitchell Bierman, Attorney representing Extreme Security (Extreme), stated that Extreme was the next ranked Security Company and there were numerous flaws with the process. Mr. Bierman explained that Extreme was evaluated by a selected committee appointed by the County Manager to determine its fitness and ability to fulfill the contract. He said nearly two years after the evaluation that ranked Extreme higher than Delad the Procurement Department conducted a re-evaluation of Extreme and that he felt it was a great waste of time and money to go through the selection committee's evaluations only to be re-evaluated by the Procurement Department. Mr. Bierman said that the Procurement Department did not have the right to re-evaluate Extreme, and that the re-evaluation was arbitrary. He said procurements evaluation punished Extreme for being a small business, and that the recommendation took the contract away from the small business that was ranked higher and charged less and awarded the contract to a larger company.

Mr. Miguel DeGrandy Attorney representing Delad Security stated the original selection committee review was conducted on August 25, 2006; Mr. DeGrandy pointed out that the re-evaluation was conducted because it would have been irresponsible for the county not to have conducted an updated review to determine whether Extreme had the capability to fulfill the contract two years later. He noted that Extreme had not filed a bid protest to allow them due process. Mr. DeGrandy stated that if Extreme was properly disqualified then Delad deserved to be awarded the contract and if Extreme was improperly disqualified then they deserved to be awarded the contract. Mr. DeGrandy suggested the Board award the contract to Delad today with an express proviso that allowed Extreme to file a bid protest after the contract had been awarded.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that according to the selection committee's review conducted in August 2006 Extreme was rated higher than Delad, and that two years later the Department of Procurement Management (DPM) conducted a re-evaluation of Extreme citing it was a responsibility review. Commissioner Gimenez asked the DPM Director to explain the responsibility review.

Ms. Miriam Singer, Director, DPM, explained that no re-evaluation took place but a responsibility review was conducted to determine due diligence, to assess the firms financial capacity to do the required work and a review of the company's integrity. Ms. Singer said that upon conducting the review it was determined that Extreme was not capable of carrying out the full scope of the contract.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern with the DPM review which subsequently deemed Extreme non-responsible.

Discussion ensued regarding the process DPM used to conduct the review of Extreme and the reasons DPM's review found Extreme to be non-responsible.

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In response to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding whether DPM's review consisted of any different criteria than the selection committee's review, Ms. Singer noted that DPM's review staff conducted an on-site visit to evaluate Extreme's capacity to carry out a contract of this scope. She noted that the selection committee reviewed Extreme's bid proposal and did not conduct due diligence reviews.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern that the DPM review covered the same areas that the selection committee had previously reviewed. He noted that he did not understand why DPM found Extreme non-responsive when the selection committee, using virtually the same review, had ranked Extreme higher than Delad.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that the recommended company (Delad) was not a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certified company, the contract called for a company that had obtained certification as an SBE. He questioned the date that Delad's SBE certification expired.

Ms. Penny Townsley, Director, Small Business Development (SBD), explained that the notice of graduation was dated October 16, 2007, which was based on a certification expiration of October 31, 2008; the internal policy of the department was that certifications expired at the end of the month in which the firm was certified. Ms. Townsley noted that staff realized the discrepancy between the code and the internal policy and procedures. Ms. Townsley said this internal policy had been consistently utilized and had been established to encourage firms to submit applications for recertification at least 30 to 45 days in advance.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern regarding SBD's internal policy of allowing certifications to expire at the end of the month in which the firm was certified rather than considering the actual certification expiration date.

Assistant County Attorney Oren Rosenthal noted that pursuant to the code a certificate expires one year after formal notice was provided by SBD. He pointed out that the notice had two dates: the date of the notice and the date that the notice was effective.

Discussion continued regarding the date of notification versus the actual certification expiration date.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding the internal notification policy, extending an emergency contract to a company that did not have the proper credentials and the emergency contract being left unattended.

Assistant County Manager Torriente noted Extreme was incapable of performing the service because they did not have the manpower and they were a more specialized security firm.

Commissioner Heyman said that Delad had many infractions and staff should have found out the specifics of the infractions and reported them within the review. She noted that she would not support the foregoing proposed resolution as it was presented.

Commissioner Martinez pointed out security firms did not keep staff in reserve, but hired the staff needed after a contract was obtained. Commissioner Martinez said the process was flawed.

In response to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry regarding the possibility of litigation due to the conflicting dates on the notification letter, County Attorney Cuevas said both dates were good arguments and it was inconclusive as to which date would be upheld in the event of litigation.

Commissioner Edmonson suggested perhaps sponsoring a resolution directing administration to follow the dates according to the code as opposed to the dates detailed by SBD's internal policy.

Assistant County Manager Torriente noted that the practice has been inconsistent with the code and moving forward only one date would appear on notification letters.

Commissioner Rolle expressed concern regarding this recommendation to award a 3-year contract with a 2-year option to renew to a company that was not a certified SBE. He noted that he would not support this proposed resolution as presented.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding the DPM review of Extreme. She concurred with Commissioner Martinez's comments regarding staffing. She expressed further concern regarding Extreme subcontracting Security Alliance, a company that had been rejected because they were not an SBE, to acquire the number of staff needed to fulfill the contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that this proposed resolution be adopted as amended to allow three days for Extreme to file a bid protest, and if the protest was successful, then the current award would be vacated and awarded to the appropriate company. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 7-3 (Commissioners Rolle, Moss and Seijas were absent; Commissioners Heyman, Gimenez and Diaz voted "No").

11 COUNTY COMMISSION

11A2

082951	Resolution	Joe A. Martinez
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FY 2008-2009 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY RESERVE FUNDS OF DISTRICT 11		<i>Amended</i>
Report: See Agenda Item 11A2 Amended; Legislative File No. 083307.		
10/21/2008 Carried over by the Board of County Commissioners		

11A2 Amended

083307	Resolution	Joe A. Martinez
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FY 2008-2009 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY RESERVE FUNDS OF DISTRICT 11 AND THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT 11 OFFICE BUDGET FUNDS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER NO. 082951]		<i>Adopted as amended Resolution R-1133-08 Mover: Joe A. Martinez Seconder: Jose "Pepe" Diaz Vote: 10- 0 Absent: Sorenson, Moss, Seijas</i>

11B1

083076 ReportALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 1)*Approved**Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle**Seconder: Carlos A. Gimenez**Vote: 11- 0**Absent: Sorenson, Seijas*

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 1 Discretionary Reserve funds as requested by Vice-Chairwoman Jordan.*

\$5,000 to Larry Little Legends Gold Classics (In support of the Virginia Key Beach Trust)

\$2,000 to Lake Stevens Cardinals Youth Foundation (for the Barbara Jordan Bowl)

\$2,000 to Optimist club of Golden Glades (for the Barbara Jordan Bowl)

11B2

083077 ReportALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 COUNTY SERVICES
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 3)*Approved**Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle**Seconder: Carlos A. Gimenez**Vote: 11- 0**Absent: Sorenson, Seijas*

Report: *The following funding allocation was made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 3 County Services Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Edmonson.*

\$10,000 to United Haitian American Artists

11B3

083078 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 3)

*Approved**Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle**Second: Carlos A. Gimenez**Vote: 11- 0**Absent: Sorenson, Seijas*

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 3 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Edmonson.*

*\$10,000 to MiMo Biscayne Association**\$5,000 to Bayside Residents Association**\$3,000 to Creative Beginnings, Inc.**\$2,500 to Belafonte Tacolcy Center, Inc.**\$2,500 to Lauren's Kids, Inc.**\$2,500 to The Carrie Meek Foundation (Re: Men to Men)**\$2,250 to Miami Shores Mayor's Community Task Force**\$2,000 to YMCA of Greater Miami**\$2,000 to Haitian American Historical Society**\$2,000 to Neat Stuff, Inc.**\$2,000 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools HIV/AIDS Education Program**\$2,000 to South Florida Family Medical Foundation, Inc.**\$2,000 to C.B.G. of Miami – Dade & Vicinity, Inc.**\$1,000 to American Fraternity, Inc.**\$1,000 to American Society for Public Administration South Florida Chapter**\$1,000 to Solidarity Dame-Marian**\$1,000 to Sunflower Society, Inc.**\$1,000 to United Teachers of Dade – World Aids Day**\$1,000 to New Hope Drop In Center**\$450 to Greater Love Full Gospel Baptist Church*

11B4

083079 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 4)

*Approved**Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle**Second: Carlos A. Gimenez**Vote: 11- 0**Absent: Sorenson, Seijas*

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 4 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Heyman.*

*\$1,500 to March of Dimes**\$10,000 to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**\$1,700 to Aventura Marketing Council**\$1,500 to Amaranthine/Florida Women of Achievement**\$1,800 to American Jewish Congress**\$2,500 to American Diabetes Association**\$830 to Elections Department Poll Workers Appreciation Day*

11B5

083080 Report

REIMBURSEMENT FROM COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATION FUNDS - COUNTY SERVICES RESERVE
FUNDS (DISTRICT 4)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Seconder: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were reimbursed from District 4
Community Based Organization – County Services Reserve Funds as
requested by Commissioner Heyman.*

\$15 from Sunny Isles Beach Democratic Club
\$50 from Women’s History Coalition
\$100 from Friends of the Law Library
\$5,000 from Fairchild Botanical Tropic Gardens
\$150 from Special Olympics

*Also, Commissioner Heyman would like to spend approximately \$1,500 from
her District 4 County Services Reserve account in Costco to purchase cakes
for various Nursing Homes and Organizations for the Holidays.*

11B6

083081 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 COUNTY SERVICES
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 5)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Seconder: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY)
2008/09 District 5 County Services Reserve Funds as requested by Chairman
Barreiro.*

\$500 to Colegio Nacional de Periodistas de la Republica de Cuba (Exilio)
\$1,000 to PAX Catholic Communications
*\$5,000 to Florida International University Foundation, Inc., for the Dr. Jose
Marques Endowment*

11B7

083082 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 7)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Seconder: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 7 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Gimenez.*

- \$5,000 to Carrie Meek Foundation (For: Men to Men-A Community Dialogue to Address Violence Against Women and Girls)*
- \$5,000 to Voices for Children*
- \$2,500 to Junior League of Miami*
- \$4,000 to The Wildlife Society (For: 15th Annual Conference at Bill Baggs State Park, Key Biscayne)*
- \$1,500 to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation*
- \$5,000 to YMCA Carnaval Gala*
- \$600 to Theodore Roosevelt Gibson Memorial Fund*

11B8

083083 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 9)

Approved
Mover: Carlos A. Gimenez
Seconder: Audrey M. Edmonson
Vote: 8- 0
Absent: Sosa, Sorenson, Moss, Martinez, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 9 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Moss.*

- \$1,000 to Adopt-A-Class Room, Inc., to adopt Ms. Janice Sosa's Classroom at NormaButler*
- \$1,000 to Homestead Senior High for the 2008-2009 Bronco Marching Band*
- \$1,950 to Doctors Hospital Foundation for the 10th Anniversary of the Homestead Hospital Pineapple*
- \$500 to Haitian Heritage Museum for the 5th Annual Celebration Gala*
- \$1,555 to Paradise Embroidery & Silkscreen for the Open House Harvest Festival*
- \$1,000 to Florida Venture Foundation for operational support*
- \$2,000 to YMCA of Greater Miami for the sponsorship of a Bahia Sponsor to benefit the YMCA*
- \$2,500 to The Carrie Meek Foundation help eliminate violence against women*
- \$5,000 to The Victorious Way, Inc., to support our Community Holiday Events*
- \$2,500 to The Haitian American Historical Society for operational support*
- \$830 to Elections Department for Poll Worker Appreciation Day*

11B9

083084 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 10)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Second: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 10 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Souto.*

\$1,000 to Radio Paz to provide Thanksgiving Meals to 500 poor families in Miami-Dade County
\$10,000 to Cuban Pilots Association
\$10,000 to FIU Foundation Dr. Jose A. Marques Endowment
\$20,000 to Florida Venture
\$20,000 to Community Coalition
\$20,000 to Adult Mankind Organization
\$20,000 to American Fraternity

11B10

083085 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY
RESERVE FUNDS (DISTRICT 12)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Second: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocations were made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 12 Discretionary Reserve Funds as requested by Commissioner Diaz.*

\$20,000 to Florida Venture Foundation
\$5,000 to YMCA of Greater Miami
\$5,000 to Bay of Pigs La Brigada 2506
\$830 to Election Department for Poll Workers Appreciation Day

11B11

083086 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008/09 OFFICE BUDGET FUNDS
(DISTRICT 12)

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Second: Carlos A. Gimenez
Vote: 11- 0
Absent: Sorenson, Seijas

Report: *The following funding allocation was made from fiscal year (FY) 2008/09 District 12 Office Budget Funds as requested by Commissioner Diaz.*

\$442 to Walmart Stores – Halloween Event

11B12

090394 Report

ALLOCATION OF (FY) 2008-2009 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (DISTRICT 2).

Approved
Mover: Dorrin D. Rolle
Second: Rebeca Sosa
Vote: 12- 0
Absent: Seijas

Report: *On Thursday, October 23, 2008, Board members offered the following allocations from their fiscal year (FY) 2008-09 Commission District Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund as follows:*

The following allocations from FY 2008-09 Commission District 2 CDBG Funds as requested by Commissioner Rolle:

*\$75,000 to the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative (contingent upon meeting economic development requirements),
\$50,000 to Cliff's Restaurant,
\$25,000 to Melrose Commercial Revitalization Façade,
\$25,000 to New Scott Carver Cleaning, and
\$25,000 to Mom and Pop Program.*

Commissioner Heyman made a correction and clarified, for the record, her FY 2008-09 Commission District 4 CDBG Funds allocations made on Tuesday, October 21 to be allocated as follows:

\$200,000 to the City of North Miami Beach for the NE 18th Avenue Roadway Improvements that included road construction, installation of storm water, curbing sidewalk and landscaping between NE 168 – 169th Street and N.E. 18 Avenue in the City of North Miami Beach.

It was moved by Commissioner Rolle that the foregoing FY 2008-09 Commission District 2 and 4 CDBG Funds allocations be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0 (Commissioner Seijas was absent).

(SPECIAL NOTE: See the Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Board meeting minutes, Agenda Item 14A1 Amended, Legislative File No. 083348).

16 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (Scheduled for 8:00 a.m.)

16A1

082959 Service Awards Bruno A. Barreiro

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS: *Presented*

JOHN R. STEWARD - AVIATION - 30 YEARS
 FRANK L. MC CUNE - PLANNING AND ZONING - 35 YEARS
 JOSE LUIS MESA - MPO - 30 YEARS
 JULIE L. BERRY - MDT - 35 YEARS
 PATRICIA A. CAMPBELL COLE - MDT - 30 YEARS
 CONSTANCE M. DALTON - MDT - 30 YEARS
 ZANDRA L. WILLIAMS - MDT - 30 YEARS
 DEODATT RAMNATH - WATER AND SEWER - 30 YEARS

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16A2

082961 Certificate of Appreciation Katy Sorenson

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO SHARON P. HAXTON - HEAD START PARENT OF THE YEAR *Not presented*

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16A3

082962 Proclamation Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING CRIME PREVENTION MONTH *Not presented*

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16A4

082963 Certificate of Appreciation Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE WOMEN OF TOMORROW AT G. HOLMES BRADDOCK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL *Presented*

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16A5

082964 Certificate of Appreciation Joe A. Martinez

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE WOMEN OF TOMORROW AT FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL *Presented*

10/21/2008 Carried over by the Board of County Commissioners

16A6

082965 Proclamation Bruno A. Barreiro

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING STOP *Presented*
THE HUNGER DAY

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16A7

082966 Special Presentation Bruno A. Barreiro

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO ERNESTO FAGUNDO, *Presented*
GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST'S POINTS OF LIGHT
AWARDEE

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16A8

**082970 Certificate of Katy Sorenson
Appreciation**

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO *Withdrawn*
MARGERY GLICKMAN

10/21/2008 Carried over by the Board of County Commissioners

16B POLICY MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

16B1

082827**Discussion Item****Bruno A. Barreiro****CDBG FORECLOSURE PROCESS****Presented**

Report: *Commissioner Diaz inquired about affordable housing and whether veterans could be included as a small percentile to receive affordable housing.*

Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry explained that the program was in response to foreclosure problems within the community and individuals with incomes that were 120% and below the area median income; the funds could only be used in areas defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as areas of greatest need.

Commissioner Diaz noted that he would like some provision for housing made for veterans that resided in Miami-Dade County (MDC).

In response to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry whether any of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds could be used to prevent foreclosure, Ms. Cynthia Curry explained that none of the funds could be allocated in this manner.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested that the best way to provide alternatives to residents was to use the funds for multi-family rental properties in an effort to provide opportunities for residents that have already lost their homes.

Ms. Curry noted that she and staff had attended several workshops held by HUD and was advised that the funds were allocated based on the percentage of foreclosures, the number of foreclosures, the subprime loans, and that the different entitlement areas all received individual entitlements and that the County should focus its funds in the unincorporated areas and in those cities that did not have entitlements.

In response to Commissioner Jordan noting that the County owned land within entitlement areas and inquiring if the County was permitted to spend funds within those areas, Ms. Curry pointed out that HUD encouraged MDC not to spend within the entitlement areas that had their own entitlement funds but did not prohibit the County from having a joint project in an entitlement area. She noted that 51% of people using the funds had to be at 120% or below.

Ms. Curry pointed out that HUD made it clear that upon starting joint ventures, HUD would conduct a review on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Gimenez questioned whether an exact figure regarding the number of units in foreclosure was available.

10/7/2008 *Deferred by the Board of County Commissioners*

10/21/2008 *Carried over by the Board of County Commissioners*

16C **ZONING AGENDA (Scheduled for 9:30 a.m.)**

16D **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA (Scheduled for 2:00 p.m.)**

19 **ADJOURNMENT**

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman

ATTEST: HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Kay Sullivan, Deputy Clerk