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

Board of County Commissioners
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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)

Friday, November 7, 2008 **9:30 AM** **Commission Chambers**

Members Present: Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin Rolle, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Audrey M. Edmonson, 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 INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present:*

~Assistant County Attorney Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer
~Senior Deputy Clerk Doris Dickens
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer

1D DISCUSSION MATTERS

1D1

083185 **Discussion Item**

FDOT ROAD PROJECT IMPACT TO TROPICAL PARK ***Presented***

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR) provided a brief overview regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project impact to Tropical Park. He noted he and his staff reviewed the plans for widening Bird Road. Mr. Kardys pointed out that the impacts occurred east of the main entrance to the park and it may be necessary to provide minor realignment to the east bound turn lane or some minor adjustments to some of the sidewalks; however, the major impact was to the width of the existing sidewalk or FDOT right-of-way. Consequently, the sidewalks would be restored as part of the roadway improvements and the FDOT would work with staff to adjust the County's sidewalks/walkways to ensure they were compatible and code compliant. Also, FDOT has assured staff that they would replace any landscaping that was damaged as a result of the improvements.*

Chairman Souto expressed concern regarding the significant increase in traffic on Bird Road due to the tremendous population growth in the area as well as the growth in the student population at Florida International University, which has made it very unsafe for pedestrians to cross Bird Road. He suggested the traffic signals be adjusted to allow enough time for pedestrians to cross.

Mr. Kardys responded to Chairman Souto's concerns regarding pedestrians and the traffic signals noting that MDPR would work in conjunction with FDOT to make sure the traffic signals were coordinated to allow pedestrians sufficient time to cross the street.

Chairman Souto noted that expanding Bird Road to eight lanes would make the road more dangerous for pedestrians. He asked Mr. Gus Pego, District Secretary, FDOT to consider constructing a crosswalk bridge at the entrance of Tropical Park.

In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry regarding the possibility of constructing a crosswalk bridge at the entrance of Tropical Park, Mr. Pego concurred with Chairman Souto's concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians. He

noted; however, that a crosswalk bridge had various constraints and was problematic. Mr. Pego noted that the plans were still conceptual and once completing an inspection of the traffic signals timing cycles, the department would conduct further inspection to determine the need for a crosswalk bridge. He said that the FDOT would share the results of the inspections with the Public Works Department Director and Chairman Souto and/or his staff. Mr. Pego said FDOT's engineers would determine whether or not a crosswalk bridge was needed.

Commissioner Moss noted that he worked with the Community Image Advisory Board and Mr. Pego who were both extremely responsive. He further noted he would work with Chairman Souto to address his concerns and come up with some solutions.

Commissioner Jordan noted that she would like to have a discussion with Mr. Pego regarding the widening of 47th Avenue and how that could be incorporated within planning.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

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083024 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2008 "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAMILY FUN DAY" SPONSORED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,936.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 10 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083027 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF FACILITY RENTAL FEES FOR THE USE OF VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS FOR THE NOVEMBER 29, 2008 "24TH ANNUAL WHITE PARTY" SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY AIDS RESOURCE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $18,750.00 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: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083021 **Resolution** **Sally A. Heyman**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2008 "MOONLIGHT MADDNESS" EVENT SPONSORED BY MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $716.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 4 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083165 **Resolution** **Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2008 "BUENA VISTA HOWLING HALLOWEEN" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE BUENA VISTA EAST HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,266.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 3 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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082808 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2008 "2ND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH" SPONSORED BY DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,336.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 2 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083118 **Resolution** **Joe A. Martinez**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2008 "TRUNK N TREAT HARVEST FESTIVAL" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI BAPTIST CHURCH AT, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $790.00 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: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083160 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2008 "LITE THE NIGHT 2008" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI VINEYARD COMMUNITY CHURCH, 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: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2H

083161 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2008 "2008 FAMILY FUN NIGHT EVENT" SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH EAST DADE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE, 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: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083167 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE DECEMBER 21, 2008 "DODGE CITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY" SPONSORED BY THE DODGE CITY PICNICS, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,916.00 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: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083164 **Resolution** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 17-19, 2008 "4TH ANNUAL ART FEST AT DORAL" SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF DORAL, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,835.00 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: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

082998 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FY2008-09 YOUTH ARTS ENRICHMENT GRANTS PROGRAM TO: ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; ALHAMBRA MUSIC, INC.; ARTS BALLET THEATRE OF FLORIDA, INC.; ARTSOUTH, A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION; ARTSPRING, INC.; BISCAYNE FOUNDATION, INC., THE; CITY THEATRE, INC.; COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC.; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, INC.; CREATIVE CHILDREN THERAPY, INC.; DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC., THE; FLORIDA GRAND OPERA, INC.; GABLESTAGE, INC.; HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA; KAREN PETERSON AND DANCERS, INC.; M ENSEMBLE COMPANY, INC.; MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER, INC.; MIAMI BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.; MIAMI LIGHT PROJECT, INC.; MIAMI MOMENTUM DANCE COMPANY, INC.; MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC., THE; MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER; MURRAY DRANOFF FOUNDATION, INC., THE; MYSTERY PARK ARTS COMPANY, INC.; PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TRUST, INC. D/B/A THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WOLFSONIAN; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC.; YOUNG PATRONESSES OF THE OPERA, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Sorenson, Edmonson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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082997 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TWENTY-NINE (29) GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2008-2009 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - FIRST QUARTER WITH 2B; AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF POLISH CULTURE, INC. (AIPC), THE; ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY; ARTE DEL BARRIO CORP; ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF MIAMI, INC. A/F/A FOR PERFECTLY YOURS; BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART A/F/A FOR JOHN HENRY'S PENINSULA PROJECT; CARIBISLES SPORTS CLUB, INC.; CENTRO CULTURAL BRASIL-USA DA FLORIDA, INC.; COMMUNITY HEALTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; CORAL GABLES MUSEUM CORP., THE; CULTURE IN THE CITY, INC. A/F/A FOR ALETTE SIMMONS "GIANTS IN THE CITY"; DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. A/F/A FOR SAINT MARTHA CONCERTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.; GERMAN SCHOOL OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., THE; GREATER SOUTH DADE/SOUTH MIAMI/KENDALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC., D/B/A CHAMBER SOUTH; M. ATHALIE RANGE CULTURAL ART FOUNDATION, INC.; MARTI PRODUCTIONS; MERRICK FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI BEACH ARTS TRUST, INC.; MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. A/F/A FOR BAKER COMPANY, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; MIAMI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, INC.; MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION - DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER DIVISION; NATIONAL CENTER FOR CREATIVE AGING; PIAG MUSEUM, INC.; RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF KENDALL, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA NATIONAL PARKS TRUST, INC.; SUNFLOWER SOCIETY, INC.; VOICES UNITED, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4C

082999 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF TWENTY-SIX GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' 2008-2009 DEVELOPING ARTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANTS PROGRAM TO ACADEMIA DE LAS LUMINARES DE LAS BELLAS ARTES, INC.; ALHAMBRA MUSIC, INC. D/B/A ALHAMBRA ORCHESTRA; ARTS AT ST. JOHNS, INC.; BRAZZ DANCE THEATER, INC.; CACEC, INC. (CENTER FOR ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY, INC.); CAMPOSITION, INC.; CIVIC CHORALE OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.; COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, INC.; COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC.; COVE/RINCÓN, CORPORATION, THE; DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. F/A FOR ORCHESTRA MIAMI, INC.; DECO ECHO ARTISTS' DELEGATION D/B/A CENTER FOR FOLK AND COMMUNITY ART (CFCA); DIASPORA VIBE CULTURAL ARTS INCUBATOR, INC.; GROUND UP AND RISING, INC.; HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM; HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC.; MIAMI CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY INC.; MIAMI GAY MEN'S CHORUS, INC.; MIAMI WATERCOLOR SOCIETY, INC.; MZ. GOOSE, INC.; NORTH MIAMI COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND; RED CHEMISTRY, INC.; SOUTH BEACH CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TEATRO EN MIAMI CORPORATION; THE UNCONSERVATORY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

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083071 **Bid Awards**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN NAC CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR SOUTHRIDGE PARK - STADIUM BLEACHERS, PHASE II - PROJECT NO: DB07-PARK-01 GOB; CONTRACT NO: 600603-02-001

(Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed contract award recommendation into the record.*

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed contract recommendation as presented.

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083154 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,100,000, BETWEEN 8701 SOUTHWEST, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AS SELLER, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY 3.42-ACRES OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11101 - 11162 S.W. 87 COURT, MIAMI, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KILLIAN LIBRARY PARK; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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083109 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING(S): OCTOBER 10, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson, Sorenson

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

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed report as presented.

8 REPORTS

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083088 **Report**

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

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

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

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, provided a brief status report regarding the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC). He noted construction of the SMDCAC was 81% complete. Mr. Spring noted he and Assistant County Manager Munoz met with the contractor (The Tower Group) to discuss a number of construction issues and to emphasize the urgency to resolve these issues. Mr. Spring noted that damages were continuously assessed against the contractor for delays on the project. He pointed out that he and his staff were managing the project aggressively and insisting that the contractor provide a quality facility. Mr. Spring said that he met with the contractor on site and that the contractor brought in a new team to manage the project throughout its completion. He further stated that the new management team was committed to resolving each complaint to the Cultural Affairs Department's satisfaction.

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed report as presented.

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083101 **Report**

SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS MONTHLY REPORT (County Manager)

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

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, reported that no soccer events were held and that soccer season had ended.

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed report as presented.

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083104 **Report**

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

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

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

Mr. Larry Wilker, President, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC) provided the foregoing status report. He noted the Jazz Roots Series began this month and was completely sold out. Mr. Wilker pointed out that 150 students from Miami-Dade Public Schools who participate in Jazz Bands were invited to attend the concerts as special guests. These individuals would also meet with the artists and have dinner with them. Mr. Wilker said a curriculum written by the University of Miami's Music School would be distributed to teachers throughout the school system along with CDs of music from the series. In conclusion, Mr. Wilker noted the The Reduced Shakespeare Company would present The Complete Works of William Shakespeare this month at the PAC. He also noted the show was for adults as well as young adults and was a great way to introduce people to the works of William Shakespeare.

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed report as presented.

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083115 **Report**

WESTCHESTER CULTURAL CENTER ORAL UPDATE
(County Manager)

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

Report: *Assistant County Manager Munoz provided an oral report regarding the Westchester Cultural Center. He noted that funding was in place for construction; however, the issue with budget adjustments, which primarily resulted from reductions in State funding impacted the operations budget for this project as well as some other existing and future projects. Mr. Munoz explained that funding was available to build these projects, but not to operate them. He noted staff was in the process of developing plans to provide staffing and programming for parks.*

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the projected completion date of constructing the subject project, Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department stated it would take approximately 5 years to complete.

Commissioner Moss stated that the completion date of the project was so far out that funds should be available to operate the facility upon its completion and suggested that the commission move ahead with the project.

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083116 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: MARCH 2009 MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE MONTHLY UPDATE (County Manager)

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

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, provided a report regarding the 2009 Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show. Mr. Kardys said the show was scheduled for March 20th through 22nd at the Ronald Regan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park. Mr. Kardys said he and staff were holding bi-weekly meetings with the steering committee and that the website for the show was live. Mr. Kardys noted the sponsorship packages ranged from $2,500 to $25,000 and that Okeechobee Farmland had signed onto the show as a $5000 silver sponsor. He said marketing within trade publications were running through December until March. Mr. Kardys said that Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela, Chile, Brazil and Ecuador were Latin American targets to market the show to. The educational component of the show would be held in a large air conditioned tent this year on-site rather than having an off-site education seminar which helped integrate the show and gave more value to the sponsors.*

Mr. Charles Lapradd, Agricultural Management, Department of Planning & Zoning gave further details regarding the 2009 Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show. He noted that representatives from the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscapers Association's Miami Chapter were interested in participating in the Agriculture and Cattle show in conjunction with their own homestead plant exposition. He noted that he had met with International Trade Commission (ITC) and the Inter-American Institute for the Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) regarding inbound trade missions and their participation in the educational component of the show. Mr. Lapradd said that he held a workshop in September with approximately 30 growers that were interested in showcasing their product at the farmer's market at the show. He said he had visited many of the local agricultural trade organizations and had handed out many brochures for the show. Mr. Lapradd said he recently visited the Sunbelt Agricultural

Exposition which was the largest Agricultural Trade show in the Southeast United States where he passed out more brochures; he said the show had a large exhibit of goats as well as poultry and he expected some of the same sponsors and attendees at Miami's show. Mr. Lapradd pointed out that he had attended a workshop regarding goat marketing at the Sunbelt show and noted that attendees had many questions regarding sale and purchase of goats, goat products and goat marketing in South Florida, Mr. Lapradd said this prompted him to explore adding a goat exhibition to Miami's show.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Lapradd to explore Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's (FAMU) small ruminant programs to obtain further information regarding the goat product market.

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083196 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: STATUS REPORT ON CONCESSIONS FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AT THE TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER, THE RENTAL OF HORSE STALLS TO GENERATE INCOME, THE BRINGING IN OF A NON-PROFIT TO PROVIDE EQUESTRIAN THERAPY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND THE ISSUE OF A CONCESSION FOR SAILBOAT RENTALS AND SAILBOAT LESSONS AT TROPICAL PARK (County Manager)

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

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), provided a status report regarding concessions for horseback riding at the Tropical Park Equestrian Center. Mr. Kardys noted that he met with the Equestrian Task Force (ETF) staff to gauge what the impact would be if MDPR put a block of stalls up for rent. ETF staff members noted concern regarding the impact to the 30 to 35 shows that were held at the Equestrian Center. Mr. Kardys noted that his staff was considering putting additional portable stalls in the area where pavilions were currently located. Mr. Kardys said his staff had met with the Creative Children Therapy Inc. regarding bringing three horses into the Equestrian Center to provide therapeutic riding for disabled children. He said since Creative Children Therapy was a non-profit group they could enter into an annual permit then a Request For Proposals (RFP) to non-profits in the future.*

With regard to sailboat rentals in Tropical Park, Mr. Kardys noted that the current vendor within the park had priced storage of the boats and other aspects of renting sailboats and decided he would not be able to provide the service. Upon searching for other vendors to provide sailboat rentals, Mr. Kardys said he realized that a floating dock system needed to be in place for accessibility purposes. He noted that prices on the floating dock system and ramps were estimated anywhere form $80,000 to $100,000. Mr. Kardys noted that he had a draft RFP for a Master Concession Agreement which would go to procurement within the next 30 days which included food, bicycle rental, water bikes, sailboats and kayak rental operations under one master lease agreement.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Javier D. Souto, Chair