



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

Board of County Commissioners

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Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Barbara J. Jordan (1), Katy Sorenson (8), and Dorrin D. Rolle (2)

Monday, December 8, 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 members were present:*

*~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer
~Deputy Clerk Judy Marsh
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted the following change to today's (12/8) agenda:

~Withdrawal of agenda item 4D

1D DISCUSSION MATTERS

1E **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1E1

083438 Special Presentation

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT RE: SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING (Park
& Recreation Department)

Presented

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, provided a special presentation regarding the Signage and Wayfinding Plan. He noted that the open-space master plan consisted of the following six principles: equity; access; beauty; multiple benefits; seamlessness and sustainability. Mr. Kardys said signage was an important aspect to making sure everyone had equal access to parks as well as advertising the multiple benefits that existed within the parks. He distributed a Wayfinding & Signage Plan which detailed the types of icons and the design of the signs to be posted throughout parks. Mr. Kardys said the new signs would provide clear directions to the park, promote brand awareness, trail and pathway safety and would direct people to public transportation.

Ms. Maria Nardi, Section Supervisor of Park System Planning, Park & Recreation Department, discussed the three types of sign designs which included signage designed to be placed at the entrance of parks, a design for marinas and a design for trails. She explained that the standard gateway signs would include the name of the park as well as the Miami-Dade County logo. Ms. Nardi said the new signage would include park rules for vehicles and pedestrians as well as directional signs. She said the signs placed at marinas would include rules, directions, and interpretive maps. Ms. Nardi said that trail signs were different because they included etiquette signs which would show users various activities along the various trails. The signs would also have directions and interest points along the trail as well as mile markers noted Ms. Nardi.

Mr. Kardys said the entire funding was not in place to change all of the signs to the new format. He noted the new signs would be installed at newly built parks and deteriorated signs at existing parks would be replaced with the new signage. Mr. Kardys pointed out that Biscayne Trail and Greynolds Park were amongst the first

places the new signage would be installed. He noted a partnership existed between Miami-Dade County and the following municipalities: City of Miami, Coral Gables and Key Biscayne and other members of the South Florida Park Coalition had agreed to adopt the same signage system in an effort to remain consistent throughout the county.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the type of signage that would be placed at the gateway of community parks, Mr. Kardys explained that signage with coral rock frame and foundation would be installed at all heritage parks and that regular signage without the coral rock frame and foundation would be placed at community parks.

Commissioner Moss asked Mr. Kardys to implement the Wayfinding & Signage Plan within all community parks throughout the County.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to explore the feasibility of placing directional signage to all regional parks on local highways.

Commissioner Jordan showed appreciation to Park & Recreation staff regarding the grand opening of the archeological Chittohachee Park. She stated that the park was beautiful.

Commissioner Jordan asked Mr. Kardys to explore the feasibility of placing a monument in recognition of the Tequesta Indian Tribe and their ancestors the Seminole Indian Tribe at Chittohachee Park (1880 Northwest 199th street) within Commission District 1.

Chairman Souto commended Mr. Kardys and his staff on the successful opening of the Amazon & Beyond exhibit at the Metrozoo.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

083383 Resolution **Katy Sorenson**
RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8-9, 2008 "GMPW SEAN TAYLOR CLASSIC" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GREATER MIAMI POP WARNER LEAGUE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,130.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 8 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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 voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2B

083385 Resolution **Audrey M. Edmonson**
RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2008 "GET OUT TO VOTE CAMPAIGN" SPONSORED BY THE DADE COUNTY FEDERATION OF BLACK EMPLOYEES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,230.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 3 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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 voted on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2C

083384 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2008 "2ND ANNUAL EMILIO LOPEZ HEALTH FAIR AND FOOD DRIVE" EVENT SPONSORED BY THE BORINQUEN HEALTH CARE CENTER, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,366.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

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

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

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

083243 Ordinance

Katy Sorenson

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ORDINANCE, CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 25B-23 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR MORE THAN EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS WITHOUT A TWO (2) YEAR HIATUS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

Chairman Souto opened the public hearing and there being no one to appear in connection with the foregoing proposed ordinance the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Sorenson expressed concerns regarding the Citizens Oversight Committee coming to a close and noted that she would like to see the parks bond issue come to an end. She asked County Manager Munoz to provide her with a status report regarding the projects which were delayed in an effort to move forward.

Commissioner Jordan inquired about the timeframe for the remaining projects if the bond issue came to a close.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry, Assistant County Manager Munoz noted that 9 to 12 projects needed to be completed. He said all of the projects should be completed in approximately two years and county projects would be closed approximately 2012.

Mr. George Navarrete, Chief of Project Scheduling & Compliance, Office of Capital Improvement, said that approximately \$31 million in total from the program was not spent. He noted that he and his staff would provide a status report on each project to all committee members at the next committee meeting in January.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the Oversight Committee's membership, Mr. Navarrete said that the memberships were rotated and the terms all expired at different times. He noted that four of the existing members were approaching their eight year limit.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding individuals serving an 8 year term and the possibility of the same person being reappointed for another term.

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan clarified that general code provisions stated that at the expiration of a commissioner's term the commissioner may re-appoint a new member and a commissioner may remove any member.

Following discussion regarding term limits of County Boards, and hearing no further questions or comments the Committee voted on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.

4 DEPARTMENT(S)

4A

083320 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF THREE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE FY 2008-2009 DANCE MIAMI CHOREOGRAPHERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

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

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

4B

083314 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 44 - "TRAIL GLADES RANGE" AS IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-913-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson

Seconded: Souto

Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Jordan asked Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, to place comments on the record regarding any outstanding code violations from 2007 on the subject property.

Mr. Kardys noted that due to the magnitude of the violations the previous operator left voluntarily and no current controversy existed.

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

4C

083393 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES AT THE BILL BIRD MARINA IN HAULOVER PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconded: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

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

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

4D

083235 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE DEERING REHYDRATION ADDITION/DEERING ESTATE FLOW WAY PROJECT; GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND EASEMENT (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn during the consideration of changes to today's (12/8) agenda.*

4E

083315 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 30 - "REDLAND FRUIT & SPICE PARK" AS IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-913-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Secunder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

(Park & Recreation Department)

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

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

4F

083317 Resolution

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTREC EQUITIES, INC. AND NIECA 1 LLC FOR THE RESTAURANT SERVICE OPERATION AT HAULOVER PARK MARINE CENTER IN HAULOVER PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 4F Amended; Legislative File No. 083574.*

4F Amended

083574 Resolution

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTREC EQUITIES, INC. AND NIECA 1 LLC FOR THE RESTAURANT SERVICE OPERATION AT HAULOVER PARK MARINE CENTER IN HAULOVER PARK [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 083317] (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Edmonson
Second: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

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

Mr. Kardys read the following amendment into the record: On Handwritten page two under the subtitle "Contract Length" the words "Two years" should be deleted and replaced with the words "January 1, 2008 through March 30, 2010 unless extended or terminated earlier in accordance with the sublease".

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

4G

083394 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK AND STATE SCHOOL YYY-1 (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Second: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

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

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

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

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7A

083403 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): NOVEMBER 7, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

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

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

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

8 REPORTS

8A

083365 Report

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

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

Report: *Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, gave a status report regarding the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. He noted construction of the building was approximately 82% complete and the building should be completed within the first quarter of 2009. Mr. Spring pointed out that the The Tower Group had added a new team of senior project managers in an effort to complete the project. He noted he expressed dissatisfaction with the scheduled updates received from the contractor because the dates did not appear to be realistic in terms of projections of remaining work on the building. Mr. Spring said that The Tower Group would provide a new schedule update which would provide a realistic look at the remaining tasks that needed to be performed to complete construction of the building as well as a realistic idea of a substantial completion date. He noted during the January 2009 committee meeting he would be able to provide the committee with a firm update on the completion date.*

Commissioner Moss commended Mr. Spring and staff for managing the construction of this project and their efforts to make sure the building being constructed was of high quality.

Mr. Spring noted that he had received incredible assistance from other county departments on this project. He pointed out that Assistant County Manager Munoz had been very involved in site visits and meetings with the contractors. He expressed appreciation to the Building Department and the Building Code Compliance Office for their assistance in addressing construction issues on the site.

8B

083371 Report

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

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

Report: *Mr. Kardys noted no soccer games were held this month. He apprised committee members of the newly created online park store. Mr. Kardys pointed out that the online park store was created in an effort to create revenue for parks. He also pointed out the various items that could be purchased from the online park store.*

Mr. Kardys presented each committee member with a plaque from Amazon & Beyond.

8C

083406 Report

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING
ART CENTER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MONTHLY
STATUS REPORT

(County Manager)

Accepted

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Rolle

Report: *Mr. Larry Wilker, President, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), provided a status report regarding the PAC. He reported that a payment in the amount of \$375,000 was made to the county for the sunshine state loan 3 weeks early. Mr. Wilker said the occupancy costs were \$100,000 below budget after one year of operation. He noted the following upcoming performances at the PAC: the Jazz Roots Series which was sold out; a salute to the Bossanova; the Cooking Series which was also sold out; Free Gospel Sunday Series; the Firebird Chamber Orchestra and the Miami City Ballet.*

Mr. Wilker noted that this would be his last report to the committee, and he introduced Mr. John Richard as the new President and CEO of the PAC. Mr. Wilker welcomed Mr. Richard and noted that Mr. Richard was one of the creators of the New Jersey Center for the Performing Arts in Newark where he not only raised \$187 million to build the center but a \$100 million endowment to support the center.

Mr. John Richard, President, PAC, expressed appreciation to committee members for the opportunity to work in Miami at the PAC. He said that the senior staff and the management team at the PAC had done an incredible job over the past year and that was what attracted him to work at the PAC.

8D

083408 Report

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

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

Report: *Mr. George Parrado, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department, gave a brief report regarding the Miami International Agricultural & Cattle Show (MIACS). He noted that he had received verbal commitment from seven cattle breeders which totaled 89 head of cattle; 30 Brahman, 25 Brangus and 34 other breeds. Mr. Parrado said this year he expected approximately 200 cattle. The website was currently online (www.miamidade.gov/cattle) and advertisements were running in publications including the Florida Cattlemen and Livestock Journal; The Brahman Journal; The Brangus Journal; Cattle Today; the Show Circuit; RFD-TV Magazine; Florida Agriculture; Farm and Ranch Newsletter and Latin America. He pointed out that the advertisements would run from December 2008 through March 2009 and were also being shown in Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela, Chile, Brazil and Ecuador. Mr. Parrado noted that he was waiting for proposals for television and radio advertisement spots in the United States and Latin America. Mr. Parrado said staff had partnered with the international food and agricultural science and the University of Florida's School of Veterinary Medicine to offer a one and a half day curriculum for industry and academic professionals as part of the educational component of the show. He noted the educational sessions would include biotech and advanced breeding technology; the latest hot topics relating to the cattle industry; an inbound and outbound how to trade seminar. He said a key component of this year's show includes the incorporation of the Homestead Plant Exposition; which anticipated approximately 100 nursery and ornamental wholesalers that will attract buyers from South America and the Caribbean. Mr. Parrado noted that he would visit Kissimmee, Florida to attend the Florida Cattleman's Association to promote, gather support and participation for the MIACS.*

In response to Chairman Souto's concern regarding sufficient Brahman Cattle to be recognized as a Brahman Association certified

show, Mr. Parrado noted that they had 30 Brahman Cattle already and assured Chairman Souto that he was working diligently to obtain 10 more Brahman cattle for the show.

8E

083497 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: UPDATE ON KENDALL SOCCER FIELD CONSTRUCTION (County Manager)

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

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, provided an update regarding the Kendall Soccer Field construction. He noted currently the field was in the second development phase, phase one was completed in 2002. He noted 3 new soccer fields were being added, a pathway system, 232 additional parking spaces, access control fences and a restroom building. Mr. Kardys said that currently one artificial field was fully installed and the other artificial field had 50% of the carpet installed. He noted the pathways were 95% complete, the restroom building's metal roof was installed, the drainage work for the parking lot was completed and asphalt would be installed upon completion of the soccer fields. Mr. Kardys said additional work to be completed within the next 90 days included: the interior and exterior finish of the restroom building; installation of plumbing and electrical fixtures and the poles and light fixtures in the parking lot. Mr. Kardys said the completion date was scheduled for July 1, 2009.*

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to consider placing a monument of the great soccer player Edson Arantes Do Nascimento (Pelé) in the soccer park in the small landing near the entrance to the restroom facilities.

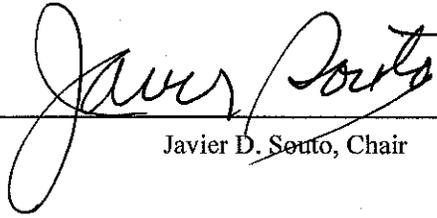
Chairman Souto asked Mr. Raymond Santiago, Library Director and Mr. Jack Kardys Park & Recreation Department Director, to collaborate with the Miami-Dade Police Department Director regarding the possibility of using the K-9 Unit to patrol parking areas for parks and libraries.

9 ADJOURNMENT

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Javier D. Souto, Chair