



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Recreation, Culture and Tourism Committee
(RCTC)**

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Meeting Minutes

Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

Javier D. Souto (10), Chair; Bruno A. Barreiro (5) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally A. Heyman (4); Barbara J. Jordan (1), Katy Sorenson (8) and Rebeca Sosa (6)

Monday, April 13, 2009

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Bruno A. Barreiro.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Alan Eisenberg, Commission Reporter
305-375-2510*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following members were present:*

*~Assistant County Manger Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer
~Assistant County Attorney Eric Rodriguez
~Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo
~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw
~Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg*

Commissioner Seijas was also present.

Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer noted a request was made to consider Agenda Items 8C and 8D out of order.

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1D1

090813 Special Presentation
PARKS FOUNDATION AND ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM *Deferred to May 11, 2009*

Report: *The foregoing presentation was deferred to May 11, 2009 due to lack of a quorum.*

1D2

090814 Special Presentation
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION 2009 *Deferred to May 11, 2009*

Report: *The foregoing presentation was deferred to May 11, 2009 due to lack of a quorum.*

1E DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

090764 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A "SISTER EQUESTRIAN CENTER" PROGRAM BETWEEN THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE ROYAL ANDALUSIAN SCHOOL OF EQUESTRIAN ARTS IN JEREZ, SPAIN

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Barreiro

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

Chairman Souto relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Jordan.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

Commissioner Sosa asked the Parks and Recreation Department Director to provide her with a cost estimate and a cost benefit analysis on the possibility of developing a Sister Equestrian Center Program between the Ronald Regan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park and the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Arts in Jerez, Spain

Chairman Souto resumed the Chair.

2B

090866 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss,

Sally A. Heyman, Dorrin D. Rolfe

RESOLUTION CREATING AN OLYMPIC
EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE ADVISORY BOARD TO
SERVE AS A WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD STUDY
THE FEASIBILITY OF HOW MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CAN COMPETE TO HOST THE SUMMER OLYMPIC
GAMES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FEASIBILITY AND
METHODOLOGY FOR BIDDING TO HOST THE
OLYMPIC GAMES

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Barreiro

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

*Commissioner Heyman requested to be added as a
co-sponsor of this resolution.*

*Commissioner Sosa asked that Chairman Moss as
the sponsor of this proposed resolution, to provide
additional information on the proposed Olympic
Exploratory Committee Advisory Board; including
the Board's membership and composition as well
as the selection process and reporting method.*

*Assistant County Attorney Eric Rodriguez
explained that the intent of this proposed
resolution was for the Advisory Board to report
back to the Board of County Commissioners;
however no timetable had been established. He
also clarified that Committee members would vote
on this resolution as presented, pending a
response from the sponsor to information
requested by Commissioner Sosa.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the
Committee proceeded to vote.*

2C

091014 Resolution Jose "Pepe" Diaz,
Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez,
Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Audrey
M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA
SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE'S BID TO HOST THE
2013 SUPER BOWL XLVII

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Barreiro*

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

*Commissioner Diaz requested a waiver to allow
the the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard
at the April 21, 2009 County Commission meeting.*

*Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager
Alex Munoz to prepare an appropriate
memorandum asking Chairman Moss to waive the
Board's rules and procedures to allow this
proposed resolution to be heard at April 21, 2009
meeting.*

*Commissioners Heyman, Jordan, Sorenson, Sosa
and Chairman Souto requested that they be added
as co-sponsors of this resolution.*

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

2D

090939 Resolution Natacha Seijas

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN TO ORGANIZE, COORDINATE AND HOST IN
THE COMPANY OF WOMEN AWARDS CEREMONY IN
MARCH 2010 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AND
DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCLUDE
APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN
PROPOSED BUDGETS PREPARED FOR EACH FISCAL
YEAR COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010
TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR SUCH EVENT
[SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2F]

Withdrawn

Report: *(See agenda item 2D Amended; Legislative File
No. 091329 for the amended version).*

2D AMENDED

091329 Resolution

Natacha Seijas,

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN JOINTLY ORGANIZING, COORDINATING AND HOSTING IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN AWARDS CEREMONY IN MARCH 2010 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO CONSIDER INCLUDING APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN PROPOSED BUDGETS PREPARED FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR SUCH EVENT [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 090939]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Barreiro

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

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, for discussion.

Following further comments by Commissioner Sorenson, Commissioner Seijas, as sponsor, requested that Agenda Item 2F be withdrawn.

Commissioner Seijas recognized Roxy Bolton and Sylvia Unzueta for their foresight in creating the "In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony" (Event). As a founding member of the Women's Park and founder of the Park Foundation, Commissioner Seijas commended the Parks and Recreation Department for its achievements, and noted she initially recommended the responsibilities for organizing and hosting the March 2010 Awards Ceremony be transferred to the Commission on the Status of Women because she felt the Commissions direct involvement in this project would enable them to be successful.

In response to the Parks and Recreation Department Director Jack Kardys comment that the Event was the culmination of the March activities that occurred at the Women's Park, Commissioner Seijas noted the Event should have been held at Vizcaya or the Women's Park.

Commissioner Seijas asked Chairman Souto to

consider forwarding this proposed resolution to the County Commission without a recommendation to allow the Mayor and the Manager to develop a process to address this issue.

Commissioner Sorenson agreed with Commissioner Seijas's recommendation to place the responsibility for the Awards Ceremony under the Mayor's Office. She suggested the appropriate staff support needed to assist the Commission for Women in organizing and coordinating this event could be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the foregoing proposed resolution be amended to request that the Mayor or the County Manager prepare an appropriate recommendation providing that the Park and Recreation Department and the Commission for Women work together to organize, coordinate and host the "In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony in March 2010." This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa.

Commissioner Heyman spoke in support of this year's change in venue for the Awards Ceremony and for keeping it in a centrally located and accessible setting. She noted her concern that resources would be available for next year's Event and that it not become a financial burden on the Commission for Women. Commissioner Heyman expressed appreciation to Mr. Kardys for his stewardship of this Event.

Commissioner Sosa indicated that the Parks and Recreation Department had done a wonderful job and combining resources with the Commission for Women would be productive.

Commissioner Jordan noted she did not support the change in venue for this year's Awards Ceremony. She indicated that the Parks and Recreation Department could contribute to the success of this event by establishing it as a signature event for the Commission for Women.

Ms. Sylvia Unzueta expressed appreciation to Committee members for its thoughtful consideration for this preeminent event honoring women and the contributions of the Parks and Recreation Department. She expressed her desire for this Event to grow and to publish a book portraying the lives of women who had been

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honored over its first twenty five years. Ms. Unzueta noted she would also like to create the 3rd Women's Museum in the United States which would collect writings portraying the legacy women were creating in the community.

Hearing no further questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended.

2E

090853 Resolution**Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-11.15 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO ART-IN-PUBLIC-PLACES PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY BY CITY OF HIALEAH ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

*Withdrawn**Mover: Sosa**Seconder: Heyman**Vote: 6-0*

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

Commissioner Sosa, sponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution, provided an overview of the proposed multi-purpose facility to be developed by the City of Hialeah. She noted the facility would include a Jackson Memorial Hospital Health Care Center, affordable housing units, and parking.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the County Commission.

Chairman Souto expressed concern that granting the waiver request relating to the Art-in-Public-Places (APP) Program might be setting a precedent. He noted the future of the APP Program might be adversely impacted by cities that did not have sufficient funding to build a facility, and the Program might only exist in Unincorporated Dade County.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry whether municipalities were required to abide by the APP program requirements, Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo replied that municipalities were subject to the ordinance.

Commissioner Sosa suggested the budget for the APP Program be re-evaluated in view of the current economic condition. She noted that although she supported the arts, it was more important to provide housing for two families in need of assistance. Commissioner Sosa offered to withdraw the foregoing proposed resolution; however she noted the proposed project must have sufficient funding in order to continue. She noted it was more feasible to construct a green building and to offer medical services and affordable housing, than to purchase art.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the Review Committee appointed through the County

Manager's Office, be allowed to make the appropriate recommendation regarding the waiver request. She noted the APP Program was not in competition with additional housing since additional jobs and opportunities would be created.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would prefer this Program be reviewed in response to the current economic conditions. She said she could not support this proposed resolution as it jeopardized the integrity of the APP Program. Commissioner Heyman pointed out that the cost estimates for the project exceeded the proposed General Obligation Bond (GOB) allocation. She noted that although she believed in the need for additional housing, the County must consider the implications of this decision on future projects as its program regains integrity. Commissioner Heyman suggested the Administration review alternatives including the percentage allocation; maintenance and inventory priorities; new art acquisition policies; and cities providing their own art.

Commissioner Sorenson sympathized with Commissioner Sosa's intentions. She noted art program budgets in Dade County Public Schools were the first to be cut. She suggested the County find ways to continue its display of functional art in its facilities.

Commissioner Sosa requested that the foregoing proposed resolution be withdrawn. She asked Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo to meet with her to draft an appropriate resolution in an effort to sustain the Art-In-Public Places Program and to save cost.

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

2F

091001 Resolution Natacha Seijas

RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INSTRUCT MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND ALL PREPARATIONS FOR THE 22ND ANNUAL IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THREE MONTHS IN ORDER TO ALLOW BOARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS EVENT TO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2D]

Withdrawn
Mover: Heyman
Secunder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Barreiro

Report: *(See agenda item 2 Amended; Legislative File No. 091329 for the report)*

Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer noted that the sponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution had withdrawn this item.

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, advised that discussions pursuant to this item were held with staff members in the County Managers Office. He noted no further information was disseminated from his office.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

090183 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 26-1, RULE 33 TO DELETE THE SUNSET PROVISION AND MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS HELD IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE SUBSTITUTE ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 090679] (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *(See Agenda Item 3A Substitute No. 2, Legislative File No. 091084)*

3A SUBSTITUTE

090679 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 26-1, RULE 33 TO DELETE THE SUNSET PROVISION AND MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS HELD IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 090183] (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *(See Agenda Item 3A Substitute No. 2, Legislative File No. 091084)*

3A SUBSTITUTE #2

091084 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 26-1, RULE 33 TO DELETE THE SUNSET PROVISION AND MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS HELD IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NOS. 090183 & 090679] (Park & Recreation Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation**Mover: Heyman**Seconder: Sosa**Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record. He noted a scrivener's error existed on handwritten page 6 be corrected to delete [[2]], [[3]], and [[4]] and remove >><< from Section numbers 3, 4, & 5.*

Chairman Souto announced that the foregoing proposed ordinance was open for public participation, and there being no one to appear before the Committee, the public hearing was closed.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

090812 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THIRTY-SIX (36) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$170,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2008-2009 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - THIRD QUARTER WITH ARTSPRING, INC.; CAMPOSITION, INC. A/F/A FOR LA FORTUNA; CITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; CITY OF MIAMI MODEL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT TEAM (NET); CULTURE IN THE CITY, INC. A/F/A FOR ANIMATE OBJECTS PHYSICAL THEATER; EARTH LEARNING, INC.; EARTHMAN PROJECT, INC., THE; FIRE HAUS PROJECTS, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN, INC. A/F/A FOR EDGEREP, INC.; FRIENDS OF THE YOUNG MUSICIANS CAMP, INC.; GALATA, INC.; GREATER MIAMI BILLFISH TOURNAMENT, INC.; HAITIAN AMERICAN YOUTH TASK FORCE, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A ERE BISTOURY, INC.; HISPANIC-AMERICAN LYRIC THEATRE, INC. A/F/A TEATRO FLAMENCO CARMEN RUBIO; HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION AND EDUCATION CENTER, INC.; HUMAN SERVICES COALITION OF DADE COUNTY, INC.; LOVEWELL INSTITUTE FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS, INC.; MASTER CHORALE OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; MIAMI OVERSEAS CHINESE ASSOCIATION, INC.; MIAMI RIVER FUND, INC.; MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL, INC., THE; MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - DIVISION OF ARTS AND CULTURE; MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; MIMO BISCAYNE ASSOCIATION, INC.; MUSICAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC.; THE; NATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS BY THE MENTALLY ILL, INC.; NEW WORLD FESTIVAL, INC.; SIEMPRE FLAMENCO, INC.; SOCIEDAD CULTURAL SANTA CECILIA, INC.; ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.; URGENT, INC.; VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST; VIZCAYANS, INC., THE (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Secunder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

4B

090963 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF ALL BIDS; AUTHORIZING WAIVING THE BID PROTEST PROCESS; AUTHORIZING WAIVING OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND SECTION 255.20 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT GSA NO. W70259 BETWEEN SOLUTION CONSTRUCTION, INC. (SOLUTION) AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ARCOLA LAKES BRANCH LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,006,000.00; IN ADDITION, \$44,604.00 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES; FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

General Services Administration Director Wendy Norris requested a waiver to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the April 21, 2009 County Commission meeting.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to prepare the appropriate memorandum asking Chairman Moss to waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at the April 21, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Sosa expressed concern regarding the procurement process. She noted the contract was being awarded to Solution Construction Inc. (Solution), after the General Service Administration (GSA) staff incorrectly determined that Zurqui Construction Service, Inc. (Zurqui) was non-responsive. Commissioner Sosa requested details on the performance history of Solution, noting the company currently had a violation in the amount of \$175,935 for utilization of a non-Community Small Business Enterprise (CSBE) firm.

Ms. Wendy Norris, Director, General Services Administration (GSA), explained that an error was made and the intent of this proposed resolution was to correct that error. She noted this item was

the result of a previous item that was approved in February 2009 to accept a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between the three lowest bidders of the original process. Ms. Norris noted this was a time sensitive matter and bond funding needed to be expended immediately. She noted a miscommunication occurred between the GSA Staff and the County Attorney's Office; however, proper notification was issued in accordance with the State Statutes. Ms. Norris advised the BAFO process which required the low bidder be selected from among the three lowest bidders, resulted in the recommendation of Solution.

Commissioner Sosa asked Assistant County Attorney Munoz to provide her with a listing of the lobbyists and the principals whom they represent. She requested clarification from Assistant County Attorney Ferrer whether or not the intent of the resolution could be accomplished, as presented.

Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer said this proposed resolution was sufficient to correct the problems.

Responding to Commissioner Sosa, Ms. Norris noted the Inspector General (IG) was involved in the negotiation process.

Ms. Penelope Townsley, Director, Department of Small Business Development (SBD), noted that Solution presently had one violation which resulted in a \$176,000 make-up and a make-up plan had been approved for \$208,000. She said the status of the violation would remain open until the make-up amount was reimbursed.

Chairman Souto inquired from the GSA Director and the County Attorney whether all of the legal requirements had been satisfied.

Ms. Norris replied affirmatively to this question and Assistant County Attorney Eduardo Gonzalez indicated that this award recommendation was being sent back to the Board in order to cure a previous technical notice requirement for publication pursuant to Statute.

Responding to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry regarding clarification of the foregoing proposed resolution, Assistant County Attorney Gonzalez explained that in February 2009, the Board rejected all bids, waive the bid protest process and waive the competitive bid process. He advised public notice was not provided 14 days before the

February County Commission meeting, as required by Statute Section 225; therefore, the award recommendation would be brought back to the April 21, 2009 County Commission meeting to consider waiving the bid protest process, the rejection of all bids, and the waiver of competitive bidding. Mr. González noted the required public notice was sent to all bidders.

Chairman Souto pointed out that the current bid was \$245,000 lower than the previous bid.

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

4C

090986 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE PARK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AT HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AMENDED ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 091155] (Park & Recreation Department)

Withdrawn

Report: (See agenda item 4C Amended; Legislative File No. 091155 for the amended version).

4C AMENDED

091155 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE PARK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AT HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 090986] (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Commissioner Sosa asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to provide Committees and the Board of County Commissioners with full disclosure outlining the total costs of proposed projects including operational and maintenance expenses when presenting these items.

Assistant County Manager indicated that the item would be amended to include the requested information.

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

4D

090985 Resolution

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

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Secunder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Commissioner Sorenson requested a waiver to allow the the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the April 21, 2009 County Commission meeting.

Chairman Souto asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to prepare an appropriate memorandum asking Chairman Moss to waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at April 21, 2009 meeting.

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

4E

091099 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.03(D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, SECTION 2-8.1(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE REQUIREMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-39 AND SECTION 255.20, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE BOARD, TO CONTRACT WITH DOWNRITE ENGINEERING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,091,260.57 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKES BY THE BAY PARK SITE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Commissioner Sorenson expressed concern that this proposed resolution was placed on the agenda with short notice and committee members had not had an opportunity to review it.

Commissioner Sosa noted she felt it was unfair to place this proposed resolution on the agenda without allotting sufficient time for Committee members to review it. She asked Assistant County Manger Alex Munoz to provide County Commission members with a memorandum explaining the budgetary impact of this proposed contract. She also asked that this information clarify whether the requested allocation was included in the current year's budget or in next year's budget; and whether the funding was allocated to the Park and Recreation Department or to the General Fund.

Commissioner Heyman echoed the sentiments of Commissioners Sorenson and Heyman and stated that the process was irresponsible. She asked that the information requested by Commissioner Sosa include an analysis on the overall process; a rationale for the late submittal, and whether or not it was time sensitive.

Commissioner Barreiro recommended that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners without a favorable recommendation.

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Committee members proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

090894 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): MARCH 9, 2009 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sosa
Seconded: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan

8 REPORTS

8A

090843 Report

ORAL REPORT BY BILL TALBERT, PRESIDENT & CEO, GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU RE: TOURISM REVENUE, FORECAST OF TOURISM REVENUE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM REVENUE (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. William Talbert, President, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) congratulated Senator Souto on the success of the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show (MIACS) and indicated that planning was already started for next years show.*

Commissioner Sosa suggested that the show be expanded from its three day weekend format to include some weekdays.

Mr. Talbert reported that Miami-Dade County remains the top travel destination in the United States and sustained its position in both occupancy and average daily hotel rates. During the month of March, Miami-Dade County was No. 1 in hotel occupancy, ahead of Hawaii, Phoenix, and New York although down over 12%, as was the rest of the United States and the world, said Mr. Talbert. He also indicated that the County was No. 2 in hotel rates, following New York, which was No. 1.

Mr. Talbert noted the International Pow Wow, the travel industry's premier international marketplace and the largest generator of Visit USA travel will be held in Miami in 33 days (May 16 – 20, 2009). He indicated cooperative efforts were underway with members of the County Administration and representatives from the taxicab industry and the Community Image Advisory Board. Inspection tours would be conducted to ensure the community was clean and attractive to tourists from throughout the world. Mr. Talbert expressed appreciation to each Committee member for their continued support of the Miami Where Worlds Meet Marketing Program, as well as representatives from the Beacon Council, Miami-Dade Marketing Initiative, and American Airlines.

Chairman Souto spoke about a recent visit to the Miami International Airport by the Brazilian FAA., looking for opportunities for Brazil to increase activities at the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

Quoting words of encouragement from the writings of Bill Marriott, Chairman and CEO, Marriott International, Mr. Talbert said, "We are starting to see a little bit of stabilization and we think we have seen the worst and may be poised for an up tick." He noted what was happening in Miami-Dade County was interconnected to the global crisis and would require global solutions.

Chairman Souto indicated that Latin America had not suffered as much as the rest of the world. Their countries do business with Miami-Dade's Aviation and Seaport Departments and local merchants which was positive for the economy.

Commissioner Sosa expressed gratitude for the efforts of the GMVCB over the upcoming International Pow Wow. She indicated that she included the beautification of Miami-Dade County in her list of funding priorities. Commissioner Sosa also noted it was critical to support upcoming events of countywide significance such as the Pow Wow and the 2010 Super Bowl. She noted the beautification and enhancement improvements to our main tourism corridors should be implemented prior to the event, and that staff must prepare for the events in advance. This includes plans for clean up and customer service training to all ambassadors and volunteers who will participate in these events. She asked Mr. Talbert for a status and for specific needs that he might have.

Mr. Talbert indicated that Committee members would be invited to the taxi lot at the airport to inform drivers about the importance of the upcoming Pow Wow event and the delegates who will be attending.

Chairman Souto noted the negative impact which graffiti has on the community's image. He asked Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz to encourage all County employees to identify and report graffiti within the community, and to implement a Rapid Response Crew to remedy this situation.

Commissioner Sosa offered to assign a member of her staff to identify issues within the area surrounding the airport and report these findings to Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz. She acknowledged the GMVCB for its hard work in Miami-Dade County maintaining its #1 hotel occupancy ranking.

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090844 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: SEAPORT/AVIATION MONTHLY
UPDATE ON TRAVEL ACTIVITY (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Ms. Hydi Webb, Director of Cruise Development, Port of Miami (Seaport), gave a brief report regarding travel activity at the Seaport. A total of 2.4 million passengers had been served by the Seaport year-to-date, said Ms. Webb. This was a 4% year-to-date increase over the same period last year, and the passenger count for February was 398,000 and January was 444,000. Ms Webb indicated that passenger revenue totaled 23 million dollars which was a 2% increase over the same period last year and the Seaport was on target to meet its budget of 4 million passengers. Cargo was up 6% for the year and more details will be reported at the next meeting.*

Commissioner Barreiro expressed concern over rumors that cruise lines could be leaving the Seaport.

Ms. Webb responded that the Seaport had long term agreements with the cruise lines which do not begin to expire until 2013 and was working on early renegotiations of these agreements.

Ms. Ana Sotorrio, Associate Aviation Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) gave a brief report regarding travel activity at the Miami International Airport (MIA). Ms. Sotorrio said traffic performance for February was down approximately 4% from the same period last year and that MIA was experiencing smaller declines than other airports. She noted domestic passengers of 1.4 million and international passengers of 1.2 million in February. Ms. Sotorrio mentioned that larger declines were being experienced in cargo operations globally and at home, resulting in a 26% decrease in international freight from the same period last year with a total of 105,778 tons and a 31% decrease in domestic freight of 15,903,000 tons. She noted the discontinuation of Air Jamaica's operations at MIA and the upcoming Air Europa service to the Canary Islands.

Commissioner Sosa noted her efforts during the past three years as Chairperson of the Sister City program and thanked Mayor Alvarez for her appointment. She was pleased to announce that

*the first flight to the Canary Islands will be on
June 20th and that more details would follow.*

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090842 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: 2009 MIAMI INTERNATIONAL
AGRICULTURE & CATTLE SHOW (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Parks and Recreation Department (MDPR), introduced Mr. George Parrado, Assistant Director of Recreation. He noted Mr. Parrado played an integral role in the success of the 2009 Miami International Agricultural & Cattle Show held at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park on March 20 – 22, 2009.*

Mr. Parrado noted the Agricultural & Cattle Show was attended by approximately 45,000 people from 22 countries including Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama and Venezuela. He also noted the Show started with a press conference where the Associated Press, along with a dozen other media outlets, broadcasted a story entitled "Cows on the Catwalk in Miami for Agricultural Show". This story was then carried by USA Today, MSNBC, CNBC, ABC News, CBS News, Forbes Magazine, and major daily publications including the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Chicago Tribune. A total of 379 head of cattle made up of nine breeds from 14 States including Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee were showcased. Mr. Parrado said the show was a partnership with the Homestead Plant Expo and Nursery; and the Ornamental Plant Trade Expo which featured a large selection of landscaping plants, fruit and vegetable trees, farmers market, machinery equipment and supplies from 62 vendors. Educational seminars and workshops covering a wide range of topics relating to the cattle and horticultural industries were presented. Mr. Parrado said other events/activities included a Peruvian Passo Horse show, a South Florida Quarter Horse show, an Andalusia Horse show, Pasa Fino Youth Group Horse Exhibition, kid zone with face painting and bounce house, puppet show, cow chip contest, and free concerts including Grammy nominee Tiempo Libre (sponsored by Target), Martha Rahine (phonetic), Rockway Middle School Jazz Band, the Fit Band and Carlos Oliva.

Mr. Kardys advised that \$116,200 was generated through sponsorships. He introduced Mr. Bill

Hunt, representing the Homestead Plant Expo and Nursery (HPEN).

Mr. Hunt commended staff's coordination of the Show. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to include the HPEN as a participant in the Show and expressed his desire to participate in next year's Show. Mr. Hunt pointed out that agriculture was currently Miami-Dade County's second largest industry and he emphasized the Show's importance to this industry. He noted positive feedback was being reported from international visitors from the Caribbean, South America and Europe.

Mr. Jim Strickland, Vice-President, Florida Cattlemen's Association, representing approximately 6,000 members, spoke in support of the Show. He noted Miami was the hub for the export of cattle throughout the eastern portion of the United States via Miami International Airport, the Port of Miami and Port Everglades, and approximately 1 million head of cattle was shipped out of Florida annually. Mr. Strickland expressed appreciation to Miami-Dade County for its vision and noted the community was receiving significant publicity from the cattle industry.

Chairman Souto expressed appreciation to Mr. Kardys and the Parks and Recreation Department staff for contributions toward the Show's success. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Strickland and Mr. Hunt for their tremendous efforts. Chairman Souto noted a positive economic impact to of Miami's 2 billion dollar agriculture industry in this community as a result of international visitors participating and conducting business. He said the Show had gained recognition throughout the industry and was bringing recognition to Miami-Dade County; and he recommended Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz consider compiling and disseminating information on the economic impact of this Show nationwide.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to publish the pictures and other highlights of the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show in a book for future promotional and commemorative purposes. He also asked Mr. Kardys to schedule an event at the park to celebrate these accomplishments.

Commissioner Jordan commended Chairman Souto and noted the Show had doubled in

participation over the previous year.

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090893 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN
(County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Barreiro

Report: *Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department (MDPR), provided an oral report on the 21st Annual "In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony" held on March 4, 2009. He noted this event, which was recognized by the National Association of Counties and the Southern Region of the US Civil Rights Commission, honored the outstanding achievements of women from all walks of life who demonstrated leadership, vision, responsibility, and helped develop future female leaders. Mr. Kardys indicated that over 300 women received this award including salsa singing legend Celia Cruz, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, environmentalist and author Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Grammy Award winning artist Gloria Estefan, and Miami-Dade County Commissioners, educators, cultural and business leaders.*

Mr. Kardys explained that this year the Awards Ceremony was held at the historic Biltmore Hotel due to declining weather conditions and technical problems at Vizcaya. He noted this year's event was attended by 300 guests, and the event was underwritten by the Parks Foundation who funded a security camera system at the Roxy O'Neal Bolton Women's History Gallery at the Women's Park. Mr. Kardys noted the importance of the 15-acre lakeside Women's Park, which was used by 1,5000 people weekly.

Mr. Kardys said this year's Awards Ceremony was preceded by six activities held over a two month period with the opening of the Annual Women's Art Exhibit, the FIU Women of Distinction Lecture Series, a business networking reception hosted by Suited for Success, and the American Association of Women's Breakfast, honoring outstanding women in government and law. He noted that Commissioner Sosa was the recipient of this year's "In the Company of Women Award." Mr. Kardys noted Commissioner Sosa had offered an excellent proposal to establish a junior category for the annual In the Company of Women Award." Mr. Kardys said students from the Ancestral Voices

Oral History Project recorded acceptance speeches, which enabled them to learn about the outstanding contributions of women within the local community.

Mr. Kardys showed a photograph of several of this year's Award winners which included Commissioner Rebecca Sosa, Dr. Jan Greenberg, Jennifer Glazer-Moon, and Miriam Young. He expressed appreciation to Commissioners Edmonson, Heyman, Sosa, Barreiro, and Jordan for contributing to the event's success; and acknowledged the members of the Parks Foundation for the financial support. He also acknowledged Dr. Tony A. Dillard, Emily Young, Elizabeth Mahee (phonetic), Dr. Regina Sterri, Laura Morilla, and Aurora Marcello who selected the winners. Mr. Kardys expressed appreciation to Mercy Rodriguez for her outstanding support over the previous eight years in making this a special event for the women in the community.

Mr. Kardys provided an overview of the Dedication of the Gates and Fences Project at the Women's Park on March 28, 2009. He noted the gates were created by Miami artist Lydia Rubio which included a Central Gate, known as the Gate of Love; and the East & West Gates, known as the Gates of Wisdom and Courage. The names of the Women's Park founders were inscribed upon the entrance to the Park, said Mr. Kardys. He advised the dedication was attended by Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a representative of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, County Commissioner Javier Souto, Roxý Bolton, and former County Commissioner Maurice Ferrer. Mr. Kardys noted Cultural Affairs Department Director Michael Spring and his staff were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts with this Program.

Chairman Souto congratulated Mr. Kardys on his efforts regarding the Women's Park and invited everyone to visit this park. He also offered his congratulations to the recipients of the "In the Company of Women Award."

Commissioner Sosa commended Mr. Kardys and his staff for the beautiful Awards Celebration. He also commended Chairman Souto for presiding over this Committee as the overseer of these programs.

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

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090891 Report

SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES AT ADULT ATHLETIC EVENTS
MONTHLY REPORT

(County Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Jordan, Heyman

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090841 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT

(County Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Jordan, Heyman

Report: *Commissioner Souto asked the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Director to provide the Committee with a monthly operational report on the Center.*

Mr. John Richard, President & CEO, Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami-Dade County, indicated that he would respond to the erroneous report which appeared in the Miami Today at next months meeting. He noted the Center was currently below its total occupancy cost budget (2.77 million) by \$459,000 and ticket sales were ahead of budget by 9%. Mr. Richard was pleased to announce that the Russian Philharmonic was attended by over 1,700 people and the 50th Anniversary performance of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre had sold nearly 6,000 tickets. He noted the Center would welcome its 1 millionth visitor during the upcoming week and the Center would serve over 500,000 people in its next season.

Commissioner Barreiro asked the PAC Director to work with the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau to develop a method for prospective visitors to easily access information on upcoming performances and to purchase advance tickets for these events.

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090707 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2009 -
MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

Report: *The foregoing report was deferred to May 11,
2009 due to lack of a quorum.*

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090983 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2009-
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

Report: *The foregoing report was deferred to May 11,
2009 due to lack of a quorum.*

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090709 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2009 -
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

Report: *The foregoing report was deferred to May 11,
2009 due to lack of a quorum.*

091134 Report

NON-AGENDA REPORT ITEM(S) FOR THE APRIL 13,
2009 RECREATION, CULTURE & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING:

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing report(s) into the record.*

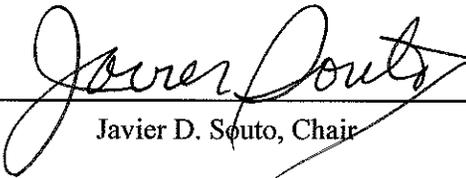
1. Discussion/Adoption of FY 2009-2010 Budget Priorities pursuant to Sec. 2-1795 of the Code.

Hearing no questions or comments the committee proceeded to vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the foregoing report be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyman and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Jordan was absent).

2. The Art of Storytelling presented by the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

Victoria Galan introduced the Ninth Annual Art of Storytelling International Festival, the signature event of the Miami-Dade Public Library System which will be held on May 2nd at the Main Library's Cultural Plaza. She showed a video presentation on the event and indicated its purpose was to promote literacy in reading through performance art.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Javier D. Souto, Chair