



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

Board of County Commissioners

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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, December 7, 2009

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Sally A. Heyman, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Barbara J. Jordan.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter*
305-375-3570

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:*

*~Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz
~Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer
~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

Assistant County Attorney Wifredo Ferrer indicated that in addition to the December 7, 2009, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Agenda," the following additional changes had been requested: that the word "withdrawal" be changed to "deferral of Agenda Item 1D2; and that Agenda Items 2A and 1D6 be added to today's agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the changes listed in the County Manager's memorandum and the additional changes noted by the Assistant County Attorney be accepted. This motion was seconded by Chairwoman Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Jordan was absent).

1D **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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092860 Special Presentation

RECOGNITION OF MIAMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MAINTENANCE DIVISION ON RECEIVING THE 2009 PROFESSIONAL GROUNDS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY GREEN STAR AWARDS - "GRAND AWARD" (Park & Recreation Department) **Presented**

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

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department (MDPR), presented the 2009 Professional Grounds Management Society Green Star's Grand Award to Mr. Gil Delgado, Special Taxing District Division Chief, MDPR. Mr. Kardys said the Annual Professional Grounds Maintenance Awards program brought national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence. He noted Grand and Honors awards were offered in 15 categories covering all types of private, public, commercial and industrial landscaping. He said the Landscape Special Tax District's Maintenance Division was awarded a Grand Award for outstanding landscape design and grounds maintenance. Mr. Kardys pointed out that this award had only been awarded to companies such as Walt Disney World and major universities. Mr. Kardys acknowledged the Landscape Special Tax District Maintenance staff members present in the chamber.

Mr. Delgado expressed appreciation to Mr. Kardys and the staff for making winning the award possible.

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092317 Special Presentation

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN APPRECIATION FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE "FIT TO PLAY" PROGRAM (Park & Recreation Department) **Withdrawn**

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093121 Citizen's

MARITZA (MATTIE) DELGADO, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR- CRIME VICTIMS RESOURCE NETWORK
RE: CRIME VICTIMS RESOURCE NETWORK WORKING
TOGETHER WITH PARKS CRIME WATCH

Presented

Report: *Ms. Maritza Delgado, Executive Director, Crime Victims Resource Network (CVRN), expressed appreciation to Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Parks & Recreation (MDPR), and the staff of the MDPR Park Watch Program for their support. Ms. Delgado stated the CVRN has been operational for over 40 years, and the mission was to provide services awareness, activities and mentoring to prevent crime throughout the City of Miami. She said the CVRN has conducted national sexual assault awareness events, numerous crime victims' awareness events with the Park Watch program and provided services to all victims of crime. Ms. Delgado expressed appreciation and made a special presentation to Mr. Kardys for hosting the National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims on September 25, 2009, at Tropical Park. Ms. Delgado pointed out it was the CVRN's goal to organize at least four events in 2010, which would include non-violence walk-a-thons.*

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys when video cameras would be installed in parks; he said this was important for highly attended parks in an effort to prevent crime.

Mr. Kardys noted video camera systems were mounted and functional in Tropical Park, Goulds Parks, and Tamiami Park. He noted the department would place video camera systems in new parks once developed; however, the department did not have any funding available to retrofit existing camera systems.

Chairman Souto said MDPR was really late with this video camera initiative and that this began approximately 10 years ago. He noted that it was implausible that these systems were only installed in three parks. He suggested the department establish a goal to install video cameras in five or six parks per year.

Commissioner Heyman noted she was able to organize a crime watch program in her district even with reductions in the MDPR budget. She expressed concern that video cameras would need

to be maintained and monitored; and that they could be vandalized. Commission Heyman suggested looking at forfeiture dollars and said a major expenditure was expected from the budget committee for crime prevention. She noted the intent of this video camera systems was to prevent crime and would benefit some areas by providing additional security measures.

Chairman Souto asked Mr. Kardys to review the feasibility of having mounted police patrol in parks during events at no charge.

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093122 Citizen's

EDEN E. CARR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- JUVENILE
DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL ("JDRF") RE: JDRF WORKING
TOGETHER WITH PARKS

Presented

Report: *Ms. Eden Carr, Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF), expressed appreciation to the Committee for its continued support. Regarding the Walk to Cure Diabetes held at the Metro Zoo, Ms. Carr asked if the County could waive admission fees or sponsor admission fees during the event at Metro Zoo.*

Mr. Frank Cosmen, Member, Board of Directors, South Florida Chapter of JDRF, pointed out that 82% of the money JDRF collected through fund raising efforts was used for research, which would help find a cure for juvenile diabetes. He said 90% of the funds collected at the Walk to Cure Diabetes event would go directly to research. Mr. Cosmen said that the Walk to Cure Diabetes event held at the Metro Zoo did not cost the County any money, he asked that the gates be opened free of charge.

Mr. Joel Connable appeared before the committee and asked that the Committee waive the admission fee at the Metro Zoo during the Walk to Cure Diabetes event.

Commissioner Heyman noted although it did cost the Metro Zoo money to host JDRF's event, she would sponsor legislation to waive the admission fee. She noted this event would cost the zoo money but the funds could be in-kind funds.

Commissioner Heyman asked the Assistant County Manager to waive the fees at the Metro Zoo for the JDRF's Walk to Cure Diabetes event. She also asked Assistant County Attorney Ferrer to draft legislation to allow unallocated carry over money from the departments under the County Commission's purview to be transferred into the Office of the Chair's budget.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that she still had in-kind carry over funds and she would dedicate funds to the organization.

Commissioner Sosa noted that she would verify if

she had any in-kind funds to dedicate to the organization.

Ms. Carr expressed appreciation to the Committee for their help and commitment of any in-kind funding to support the organization.

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- 092314 Special Presentation** **Dennis C. Moss**
 PROCLAMATION HONORING "TROPICAL PARK DOG PARK" SHELLEY STANCZYK, COUNCIL MEMBER, VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY (Park & Recreation Department) **Deferred to January 11, 2010**

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- 093268 Citizen's**
 COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE **Presented**

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

Ms. Shelley Spiveck, Chairwoman, Coconut Grove Playhouse Board of Directors, gave a brief update regarding the Coconut Grove Playhouse. She said she was very pleased regarding the partnership between Joe Adler and Gables Stage. She said this was a turning point that would take the Coconut Grove Playhouse into the future. Ms. Spiveck said she planned on moving forward to bring activity back to the Coconut Grove Playhouse. Ms. Spiveck noted that the County had consistently supported the playhouse. She expressed appreciation to committee members as well as Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs for their continued support of the Playhouse.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that the Coconut Grove Playhouse was an institution within the community and the new partnership was a wonderful step forward.

Chairman Souto asked Ms. Spiveck to apprise the committee of any upcoming events scheduled at the Coconut Grove Playhouse.

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DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1E1

093245 Discussion Item

STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION START DATE FOR
EQUESTRIAN CENTER EXPANSION BY MEMBERS OF
EQUESTRIAN TASK FORCE & EQUESTRIAN
COMMUNITY

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, gave a brief status report regarding the Equestrian Center expansion. He noted the design consultant submitted a fully revised plan in October and the permitting process should be completed in January 2010. Mr. Kardys said that three alternate concept plans included adding a show ring to the existing second covered arena, and yet to be determined was whether to proceed with a third covered arena or link the existing arenas with sheltered structures.

Chairman Souto stated that the Equestrian Center was important for the community and asked Mr. Kardys to arrange a meeting between him and the Equestrian Task Force members to discuss the expansion.

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093246 Discussion Item

BILL TALBERT, PRESIDENT & CEO, GREATER MIAMI
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU RE: TOURISM
REVENUE, FORECAST OF TOURISM REVENUE AND
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM REVENUE

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Ferrer read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Mr. Bill Talbert, President, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave an update regarding tourism revenue, forecast of tourism revenue and economic impact of tourism revenue. Mr. Talbert said tourism was wonderful in Miami again. He noted the press provided plenty of coverage on visiting Miami; the New York Times covered Miami more than any place in the world. Mr. Talbert said tourism throughout the world was down, however for the first 10 months of this year Miami had the largest increase in hotel room inventory of any of the top 25 destinations. He said revenue per available hotel room was down by 20% between January through October. Mr. Talbert said events, such as Art Basil and Design Miami, were highly successful. He said he anticipated that Art Basil would be successful because the show was highly successful in Switzerland. The New York Times featured the Design Miami event, and Design Miami appeared in the Swiss Art Basil show. Mr. Talbert said the Pro Bowl Football event would be held in Miami, followed by the Super Bowl. He noted a number of conventions were scheduled, including the American Institute of Architects in June. Mr. Talbert expressed appreciation to the committee for moving forward with the improvements and expansion of the Miami Beach Convention Center, which was critical for Miami to survive and prosper in the tourism industry.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

093253 Resolution

Katy Sorenson,

Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 49.3 ACRES OF PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT LAKES BY THE BAY PARK AS LOCAL PARK AND RETAINING DESIGNATION OF 55.24 ACRES OF PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT LAKES BY THE BAY PARK AS COUNTYWIDE PARK; APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF CUTLER BAY FOR CONVEYANCE OF LOCAL PARK AT LAKES BY THE BAY PARK AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXECUTE COUNTY DEED FOR SUCH LOCAL PARK; APPROVING SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF CUTLER BAY IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$742,500.00 OF SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL PARK; AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$3,357,500.00 OF IMPACT FEES FROM COUNTY TO TOWN OF CUTLER BAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL PARK; AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 32 - "LAKES BY THE BAY PARK" AS A PROJECT TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE NEXT BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM BOND ISSUANCE IN AMOUNT OF \$4.5 MILLION

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Assistant County Attorney Ferrer noted the following scrivener's error within this resolution: Exhibit B (County Deed) on handwritten page 2, the first sentence should read "and E:".

Mr. Paul Vrooman, Mayor, Town of Cutler Bay, and Ms. Peggy Bell, Council Member, Lakes by the Bay, appeared and spoke in support of the foregoing resolution.

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

093054 Resolution

Katy Sorenson,

Sally A. Heyman, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Bruno A. Barreiro,
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A.
Gimenez, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Dennis C.
Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Natacha Seijas, Rebeca Sosa
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF PALM
GLADES PARK LOCATED AT 22820 SW 112 AVENUE
AS "DEBBIE CURTIN PARK"

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Second: Sosa
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan*

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

*Chairman Souto opened the public hearing, after
no one came forward in connection with this
resolution, the public hearing was closed.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted this park was
within District 8, and she stated that little funding
was available for the park, however this park
would have a name and may attract sponsors. She
expressed appreciation to her colleagues for
supporting this resolution.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked to be listed as a co-
sponsor.*

4 DEPARTMENT

4A

093028 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) GRANT AWARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' FY2009-10 YOUTH ARTS ENRICHMENT GRANTS PROGRAM TO: ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; ALHAMBRA MUSIC, INC.; ARTS BALLET THEATRE OF FLORIDA, INC.; ARTSPRING, INC.; BISCAYNE FOUNDATION, INC., THE; CITY THEATRE, INC.; COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC. DBA MIAMI STRING PROJECT; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, INC.; CREATIVE CHILDREN THERAPY, INC.; DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC., THE; DAVE AND MARY ALPER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER; GABLESTAGE, INC.; HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM CORP.; HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC.; 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 SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, INC; MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER; MURRAY DRANOFF FOUNDATION, INC., THE; MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, INC.; MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, INC. (DBA MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM); MYSTERY PARK ARTS COMPANY, INC.; NATIONAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION, INC, THE; NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS, INC. (NFAA); ORCHESTRA MIAMI; SHAKE-A-LEG MIAMI, INC.; SUNFLOWER SOCIETY INC.; THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WOLFSONIAN; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC.; AND YOUNG PATRONESSES OF THE OPERA, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Jordan

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

Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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093134 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
RECREATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING(S): NOVEMBER 10, 2009 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan

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

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

8 REPORTS

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093131 Report

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

Report Received

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

Ms. Valerie Robinson, Representative, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (PAC), noted the fourth season began a few weeks ago with sold out performances of The Color Purple. She said over 3,000 patrons attended the performance by Bashiva the Israeli Dance Troop; over 1500 patrons attended Free Gospel Sundays. Ms. Robinson said upcoming December events at the PAC included: Billy Crystal's 700 Sundays, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Brian Stokes Mitchell, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra featuring Pinky Zuckerman and the Miami City Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker. Ms. Robinson said the occupancy costs were \$74,000 below budget. Ms. Robinson said that an endowment was important to the PAC, and that the Arsht Center Foundation along with the Trust recently formed an endowment committee. She said the endowment would be used to support the PAC to continue presenting original works as well as performances that appealed to a diverse community and impacted future generations. Ms. Robinson said an example of this was the Ailey Camp Miami which was held in August. This camp included 82 at risk students from Miami-Dade public schools; the program was entirely free and over 1200 patrons attended their performance in the Knight Concert Hall at the PAC. Ms. Robinson presented a video to the committee depicting the children of the Ailey Camp. In closing Ms. Robinson expressed appreciation to Committee members for their continuing support of the PAC.

Chairman Souto asked the Director of Cultural Affairs to prepare a dedication in memory of the Cuban singer Benny More.

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093130 Report**SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
STATUS REPORT (County Manager)****Report Received**

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

Mr. Michael Spring, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, gave a brief report regarding the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC). Mr. Spring reported that the contractors implemented a plan to repair the curtain wall, metal panels and the stucco which were previously rejected by the Building Department. He said the curtain wall was far superior to what was originally anticipated. In addition, said Mr. Spring, the stucco work that had been rejected was being removed and replaced with a new stucco system. Mr. Spring said the metal panels that needed to be replaced were in production. He said he received great cooperation from Building Code Compliance to ensure the repairs were being done correctly. Mr. Spring noted that the substantial completion date was scheduled for the beginning of December 2010 and that the project was on budget.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry regarding how far over schedule the project was, Mr. Spring responded approximately 1000 days. He pointed out that this time it was at the expense of the contractors, not the County.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding the 3 year delay of this project. She noted that she was happy that the project was being closely monitored and that the contractor was paying reparations for the delays.

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093212 Report

REPORT RE: 2009 RIBFEST (County Manager)

Report Received

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

Mr. Kardys gave a brief report regarding the 2009 Ribfest held on November 7 and 8 at the Homestead Air Base Park. In an effort to sustain the event without any subsidy from MDPR's budget the County contracted with Eventus Productions to plan, promote, and conduct the event. Mr. Kardys said more than 11,000 people attended Ribfest over a two day period, they sampled ribs and were entertained by first class performing artists. This year's event was sponsored by Big 106.9, Kiss Country Radio, Winn Dixie, Miller, Peterson's Harley Davidson, Waste Management and approximately 40 more vendors on site. Mr. Kardys noted that Eventus was responsible for all expenses incurred from the event, and that the final budget was not available at this time, but all operational costs such as Police, Fire Rescue and waste collection were paid by Eventus. Mr. Kardys pointed out that Eventus conducted the Ribfest in an exemplary manner. He noted that MDPR would receive 3% of the gross proceeds generated from the event.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry whether MDPR deemed using an event planner was successful for this event, Mr. Kardys responded that the contract was structured for MDPR to receive a gross portion of the proceeds and all liability was incurred by Eventus. He noted because Ribfest was a very well established event many sponsors were continuing sponsors that returned and that this had worked out well.

Commissioner Heyman inquired whether other events could be solicited out to private companies. She noted that Ribfest had a parking fee. She said she had received a report pursuant to her previous request for a report regarding which parks charged parking fees. Commissioner Heyman said she had not received the report and requested Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz provide her with a report regarding which parks did and did not have parking fees and whether they charged a fee during events or not and which parks could assess a parking fee.

Assistant County Manager Munoz noted he had discussed with Mr. Kardys the possibility of using Eventus or similar companies to promote and conduct events.

Also responding to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry Mr. Kardys said that approved fees this year included parking fees at Tropical Park, Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, Larry and Penny Thompson Park, and A.D. Barnes Park. He noted the fees had not been implemented yet because some parks required installation of pay stations and the physical infrastructure was approximately \$750,000.

Commissioner Sosa expressed concern that this year's Ribfest was held on the same day as the Wings Over Homestead Airshow. She said if the events were scheduled on different days more people could attend both events.

Assistant County Manager Munoz noted that the military set the date for the airshow and MDPH had already set the date for Ribfest. He concurred with Commissioner Sosa that the events should be set on different days and that he already had spoken to representatives for the Airshow regarding this matter.

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093213 Report

REPORT RE: THE WINGS OVER HOMESTEAD AIR SHOW (County Manager)

Report Received

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

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz said a written report had been provided to committee members regarding the Wings Over Miami Homestead Airshow. He said the Airshow was an event sponsored by the military and that the County provided \$102,000 from the Mayors in-kind funds to support this event.

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093126 ReportORAL REPORT RE: BICYCLE BOULEVARD STUDY
UPDATE (County Manager)**Report Received**

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

Ms. Maria Nardi, Park System Planning Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Department (MDPR), gave an update regarding the Bicycle Boulevard, including visuals regarding what the Bicycle Boulevard would look like. Ms. Nardi said the final report would be completed in January 2010, and the Bicycle Boulevards would be integrated into the County's greenways and trails network. She said the Bicycle Boulevard study looked at ways to connect neighborhood streets to the greater system of bike lanes, shared streets and off trails that make up the county's bicycle network. She noted the goal was to create a variety of options for different types of cyclists and their needs. Ms. Nardi presented a power point presentation depicting Bicycle Boulevards.

In response to Commissioner Barreiro's inquiry regarding whether the signs along the Bicycle Boulevard complied with international standards, Ms. Nardi replied that the signs complied with federal and state regulations and would be understood by tourists and visitors.

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093132 Report

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

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

Ms. Hydi Webb, Cruise Development Manager, Seaport, gave a brief report regarding the Seaport. Ms. Webb said although Miami welcomed nearly 269,000 passengers in October 2009, this figure was approximately 9% down in comparison to October 2008. She said the number of passengers was expected to climb slowly throughout the year. Ms. Webb said cargo numbers were strong in October 2009, transferring over 70,000 TEU's which represented a 2% increase since October 2008. Ms. Webb reported that the Cruise numbers would rise in the winter months and in July with Norwegian Cruise Lines' largest passenger vessel the Epic.

Ms. Ana Sotorrio, Associate Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) gave a brief report regarding MDAD. She noted that traffic was flat for the month of October, international passengers were up approximately 2% and domestic passengers were down approximately half a percent, she said the total was approximately a 0.6% increase. Ms. Sotorrio said this was a modest outcome given the state of the economy. She said MDAD expected to finish the year down by at least 1%. Ms. Sotorrio reported that Cargo was down; total freight was down by approximately 4.5% which was an improvement over earlier figures. She reported International freight was down by 1.8% and domestic freight was down by 20%. Ms. Sotorrio said Cargo traffic was 14% above the December 2008 low point, but remained 15% below the early 2008 peak. She noted she was beginning to see the recovery, but it would take more time. Ms. Sotorrio reported that WestJet began operations at Miami International Airport (MIA) as a foreign scheduled passenger/cargo carrier providing non-stop service to Toronto, Canada.

Chairman Souto inquired regarding advertising Miami-Dade hospitals at MIA.

Chairman Souto reminded Mr. Raymond Santiago,

Director, Libraries, that he requested to use the libraries as centers to promote language classes.

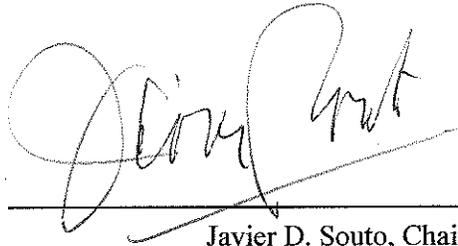
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093133 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: MONTHLY UPDATE FOR THE 2010
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE & CATTLE
SHOW (County Manager)

Withdrawn
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Jordan

9 ADJOURNMENT



Javier D. Souto, Chair



Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

December 7, 2009

EXHIBITS LIST

Prepared by: Jovel Shaw

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	12/07/09	-	County Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2009, entitled, "Requested Changes to the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Agenda."
2	12/07/09	-	Commissioner Jordan's memorandum dated December 7, 2009, entitled, "Meeting Absence."
3	12/07/09	1D3	A document entitled, "Agenda for Meeting with the Miami Dade County Board of Commissioners, Monday, December 7, 2009 at 2:00 PM" and a Crime Victims Resource Network brochure entitled, "Let's Make a Difference Every Victim Has Rights!"
4	12/07/09	8F	A report dated October 2009, entitled, "POM Cruise & Cargo Report."
5	12/07/09	8F	A report dated October 2009, entitled, "MIA Traffic Performance" and "FLL Traffic Performance."

Memorandum



Date: December 7, 2009

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Requested Changes to the
Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee
Agenda

Additions

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✓ 093245 STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION START DATE FOR EQUESTRIAN
CENTER EXPANSION BY MEMBERS OF EQUESTRIAN TASK FORCE &
EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY

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✓ 093246 BILL TALBERT, PRESIDENT & CEO, GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION &
VISITORS BUREAU RE: TOURISM REVENUE, FORECAST OF TOURISM
REVENUE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM REVENUE

Deferrals

1D2

✓ 092317 SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S MILLER
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN APPRECIATION FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE "FIT TO PLAY" PROGRAM (Park & Recreation Department)

Note: *Deferral requested to the January 11, 2010 Recreation, Culture &
Tourism Committee Meeting.*



Chg to req w/d of item
by Dept per ADA Feres

Withdrawals

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✓ 093133 ORAL REPORT RE: MONTHLY UPDATE FOR THE 2010 MIAMI
INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE & CATTLE SHOW (County Manager)



Memorandum
COMMISSIONER BARBARA J. JORDAN

To: Senator Javier D. Souto, Chairman *and* Date: December 7, 2009
Members, Recreation, Culture and
Tourism Committee

From: Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Subject: Meeting Absence
District 1

Barbara J. Jordan

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend today's Recreation, Culture and Tourism meeting scheduled for 2pm.

C: Robert A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Diane Davis, Director, Agenda Coordinator's Office



CRIME VICTIMS
RESOURCE NETWORK
a 501(c)(3) non profit organization

Agenda Item No.
1D3

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AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH THE
MIAMI DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009 AT 2:00 PM

INTRODUCTION:

I would like to express my gratitude for Senator Javier Souto's invitation to speak today before the Honorable Board of Commissioners.

Special thanks also goes to Director Jack Kardis and Chief George Poulos of the Miami Dade Park & Recreation Departments, Park Watch Program.

CRIME VICTIMS RESOURCE NETWORK a 501(c)(3) non profit organization:

The organization has been established since 2007, but we have been working throughout the community for over ten years. I worked for the Department of Justice against Organized Crime for 15 years, then I worked as a paralegal with the county, circuit and federal judicial system, after that I received my license as a private investigator.

Our mission is to provide healing services for all victims of crime, including sexual assault, domestic violence, youth violence, homicide families, elderly abuse, vehicular manslaughter.

We provide counseling, one on one and family therapy, support groups in English and Spanish. We are now working on support groups in Creole.

All of these services, if not covered by the Victim Compensation Program provided by the Office of the Attorney General, are free of charge.

We provide 24 hour hot line number – 305-569-7711 - crisis intervention.

Community awareness events.

PARTNERSHIP with Parks and Recreation Department/Park Watch:

For the past two years, the Crime Victims and Resource Network has formed a partnership with the Parks & Recreation Dept/Park Watch Program.

Park Watch, Chief George Poulos and CVRN have hosted numerous crime prevention and non violence awareness events throughout the community. Our goal is to educate the public.

Some of those events consist of:

2008 – 1st Annual National Day of Remembrance of Murdered Victims (hundreds of people attended)

2008 – National Sexual Assault Awareness Event at Village Park in Miami Gardens

2008 – Attended numerous Crime Victims Week awareness events

2009 – 2nd Annual National Day of Remembrance of Murdered Victims (hundreds of people attended)

With many dignitaries and media coverage involved. We formed committees including many police departments, the State Attorney's Office, Office of the Attorney General, Community Based Organizations.

All of these awareness events have been made possible through donations from various entities.

CVRN has been providing presentations throughout the community regarding crime prevention and non-violence at various community centers for the elderly, radio shows, TV presentations

Due to the recent partnership with Chief George Poulos and the Park Watch program, we have been able to reach out during these events to the families that have been victims of crime.

I, personally, have been acting as the victims advocate for the family of the Coral Gables High School tragedy. I have been assisting in obtaining certain compensation from the OAG, attending all hearings and meetings with the State Attorney's Office.

CLOSING/ACCOMPLISH:

Due to the high volume of usage in all of our parks, we feel that we can educate the public through these crime prevention and non violence awareness events.

We plan to go door to door to homes within the area of the parks and recruit volunteers within the communities to assist us in controlling crime within the parks.

Our focus is the elderly abuse, youth violence and homicide.

Our goal is to organize 4 events in the year 2010 including numerous presentations throughout the county, such as:

1. Non Violence Walk a thons
2. Print Brochures
3. Prepare Posters
4. Safety Tips
5. Provide our number as a 24 hour hot line number – crisis intervention
6. Continue presentations at Elderly Community Centers
7. Provide youth violence presentations of prevention and intervention at after school programs
8. Provide crime prevention and intervention presentations at various congregations
9. We will be organizing numerous committees to include: numerous government entities and community based organization.

In closing, by jointly working with the Parks & Recreation Department/Park Watch Program and our organization, Crime Victims Resource Network, we can educate the public in crime prevention, intervention, safety tips and non violence.

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Mission Statement:

To provide healing services, resources and support to victims of all crimes in a compassionate and confidential manner.

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Florida Crime Victim Compensation Program

The Florida Attorney General's Division of Victim Services serves as an advocate for crime victims and victims' rights and administers a compensation program to ensure financial assistance for innocent victims of crime. As part of its responsibility, the division notifies victims of the status of any appellate decisions regarding their cases.

Injured crime victims may be eligible for financial assistance for medical care, lost income, mental health services, funeral expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the injury. If needed, they can also be referred to support organizations within their community.

Check the status of applications or apply for assistance by contacting the division toll free from anywhere in the United States at 1-800-226-6667 or contacting the Division of Victim Services at (850) 414-3300.

Crime Victims Resource Network provides various forms including Victim Compensation Claim forms to apply for assistance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DONATIONS

305-569-7711

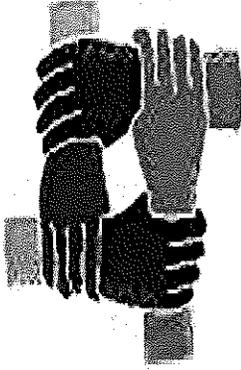
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**EVERY VICTIM
HAS RIGHTS!**

An advocacy program
providing crime victims

in the State of Florida

with information and

knowledge to move forward
and rebuild their lives again.

The Crime Victims Resource Network is a non-profit organization developed to provide unique, direct services to bridge the gap to empower victims of all crimes and their families in the State of Florida with counseling, crisis intervention, group therapy, support groups, victim compensation, resources, information and other referrals needed to move forward in their lives.

The Crime Victims Resource Network as an advocate, recognizes the importance of valuable resources offered to victims by developing services that reflect the needs of victims and their families.

The Crime Victims Resource Network educates victims and their families to develop the resources they need to lead productive lives after a crime. Our valuable resources help rebuild lives within communities across the state of Florida. We help victims identify the resources at the local, state and county government level that are not commonly known to crime victims and their families. Through a coordinated network, this advocacy program is designed to provide victims with resources and links to appropriate services.

The Crime Victims Resource Network understands how difficult it may be for some victims to leave their home. We provide outreach visit services to families. Depending on each survivor's needs, we provide victims and their families with resources including reimbursement of various emergency expenses from the State of Florida. The State administers a compensation program to ensure financial assistance for innocent victims of crime, such as: financial assistance for medical

care, lost income, mental health services, funeral expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the injury

The Crime Victims Resource Network provides links to:

- Individual counseling
- Family counseling
- On Site Visits
- Support groups
- Resource and referral services
- Youth Mentoring
- Community awareness events
- Presentations at Community Centers for the Elderly; schools; churches
- Activities
- Assistance with job search
- Training
- Federal, state and county aide

Your Link

You are not alone! There are many resources available to every family member after sexual assault, domestic violence, homicide, elderly abuse, identity abuse and cyber crime. We understand crime victim's issues and are committed to assisting and linking all victims to appropriate resources.

"I have undergone a very unexpected and traumatic experience with one of my family members in the State of Florida. I am in dire need of compensation, housing, employment, medical care and counseling treatment, but I don't

know where to go or how to get these services. Can you help?"

The answer is "YES!!!"

The Crime Victims Resource Network staff conducts outreach visits to victims families throughout the State of Florida. During these visits, we will:

- Respect confidentiality.
- identify prospective resources available to you and your family.
- distribute applications for reimbursement from the State of Florida
- list telephone numbers and contact information.
- refer victims not limited to education, free training, career development, legal counsel, counseling and family services.
- offer services FREE of charge.

Confidential Referral Form

Name of Victim

Contact Information

Referred by:

Fax This Form: 305-569-7449

We will call you for an immediate appointment.



POM CRUISE & CARGO REPORT

October 2009

Passenger Traffic

	October 2009	October 2008	% over same period last year
Total Passengers	268,838	296,604	-9.4%

Cargo Traffic

	October 2009	October 2008	% over same period last year
TEU's	70,557	69,264	1.9%

Seaport News / Comments

- The Port of Miami sponsored the 4th SeaCargo Americas International Congress and Exhibition in Miami on November 4 - 6, 2009. This event was held in conjunction with the X Air Cargo Americas Congress & Exposition.
- The Port of Miami exhibited at the Americas Food & Beverage Show in Miami Beach on November 9-10, 2009.
- The Port of Miami participated at the Cruise Line International Association's (CLIA) Leadership Forum in Broward County on November 16-19, 2009.



MIA TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE

OCTOBER 2009

Passenger Traffic

	October 2009	% Chg over October 2008
International Passengers	1,247,984	1.93%
Domestic Passengers	1,386,644	-0.56%
Total Passengers	2,634,628	0.60%

Comments:

- According to IATA, international passenger traffic was up 0.5%, as demand continues its gradual improvement.

Cargo Traffic

	October 2009	% Chg over October 2008
International Freight	140,339	-1.88%
Domestic Freight	19,213	-20.21%
Total Freight	159,552	-4.52%

Comments:

- Continuing declines in domestic and international freight at MIA reflect the global crash of air commerce being experienced in virtually all markets.
- According to IATA, total international freight decreased 0.5%. This is a dramatic improvement from the steeper declines seen in previous months. Cargo traffic is 14% above the December 2008 low point, but remains 15% below the early 2008 peak.

Additional info/news

- WestJet began operating out of MIA as a foreign scheduled passenger/cargo carrier providing non-stop service to Toronto, Canada.

FLL TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE

OCTOBER 2009

Passenger Traffic

	October 2009	% Chg over October 2008
International Passengers	173,889	-1.3%
Domestic Passengers	1,360,786	2.0%
Total Passengers	1,534,675	1.6%

Comments:

- Of the 1,534,675 total FLL passengers, 11% were international passengers, while 89% were domestic passengers. In comparison, of the 2,634,628 total MIA passengers, 47% were international passengers, while 53% were domestic passengers.