

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, August 8, 2005**

**Michael Ann Russel Jewish Community Center
18900 NE 25 Avenue**

Summary of Meeting

Members Present

Wayne Rinehart, Chair	Julio A. Garuz
Tim Hyman, Vice-Chair	Christi Sherouse
Reginald J. Clyne	Jay Sosna

Members Absent

Antonio Fraga
Rod Jude
Gonzalo Sanabria
Al Maloof

Planning and Zoning Staff Present

Maria Crowley, Chief, Community Planning Section
Tom Spehar, Section Supervisor, Community Planning Section
Alberto Gonzalez, Principal Planner, Community Planning Section
Amina Newsome, Senior Planner, Community Planning Section

Other County Staff Present

Craig Collier, Assistant County Attorney
Peter Velar, Assistant Director Incorporation and Annexation Office of Strategic Business Management
Robert Kirschbaum, Office of Strategic Business Management
Odell Ford, Office of Strategic Business Management
Jason E. Rodriguez, Office of Strategic Business Management
Sarah Ingles, Office of Strategic Business Management
Cheree Gulley, Office of Strategic Business Management

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

At 6:45 pm Chair Wayne Rinehart started the meeting welcoming everybody present, The Chair introduced himself to the audience and stated that the agenda of tonight's meeting would include the public hearing for the proposed incorporation of Northeast Miami-Dade Country.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NORTHEAST DADE INCORPORATION

Peter Velar from the Incorporation and Annexation Unit from Office of Strategic Business Management presented staff's report regarding the proposed incorporation of the Northeast

Dade area. Mr. Velar stated that the NE Dade Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) met for approximately 15 months and was finalized on Dec 15, 2004. Mr. Velar stated that as of 2003 the revenues for the area approximated \$5.4 million, and the total cost expenditures totaled \$4.3 million resulting in a loss to UMSA of \$1.1 million, which would be mitigated by assessing 1 mills mitigation fee to the tax revenue of the proposed incorporation area.

Mr. Velar then introduced Mr. Ken Friedman, Chair of the Northeast Dade MAC.

Ken Friedman, from 21305 NE 19 CT., MAC Chair spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation for the Northeast Dade area, and made a formal presentation in favor of the incorporation. Mr. Friedman also addressed different issues that have been raised by residents in the area.

Roseylan Wiesblum, a member of the NE Dade MAC spoke in favor of the incorporation.

Glenn Gopman from 2010 NE 198 TER, served on the MAC and spoke in favor of the incorporation, and on the budget that was discussed by the MAC.

Richard A. Golden from 2280 NE 201 ST. a member of the MAC that does not support the incorporation process, and stated he was the sole member that did not vote for the incorporation process to proceed.

Scott Jay from 19500 NE 2104 CT, Skylake, Highland-Lakes area Homeowners Association spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation

Donald Myers from 1400 NE 191 ST, President of New Horizons Condominiums spoke against the proposed incorporation process.

Helene Taliamonte from 18555 NE 14 AV spoke against the proposed incorporation.

Marta Oakes from 18555 NE 14 AVE #720 asked why there wasn't an interpreter provided for the meeting.

Richard Miller from 18735 NE 12 AVE, stated that according to County Code the proposed incorporation should not have a negative impact to the UMSA operating budget and the fiscal viability of the new proposed city. Mr. Miller also stated he's a retired Miami-Dade County administrator and worked with the MAC Budget Committee. Mr. Miller stated he is opposed to the proposed incorporation.

Albert Magabon from 2045 NE 197 TERR, spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and stated he would like to see a discussion between the "Yes" proponents and the "No" proponents.

Mort Braverman from 20510 NE 19 AVE in the Highland Oaks area, spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and the need for government closer to the people.

Carol B. Moss from 2310 NE 193 ST. deferred her time to Rochelle Matza.

Rochelle Matza from 20020 NE 21 Avenue President of the Oak Forest Homeowners Association, spoke against the proposed incorporation and asked the people wearing red shirts opposing the incorporation to stand up.

Arnaud Clay Hackman III from 2340 NE 193 ST. spoke against the proposed incorporation, and stated that he works for Miami-Dade County.

Gerard G. Moss from 2310 WE 193 ST. since 1979 and is against the proposed incorporation.

Brenda Auerbach from 21120 NE 18 CT. not happy with the current services provided by the County, and spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation.

Alan Hecht 2041 NE 214 TERR. Spoke for the proposed incorporation, and asked for the right to vote on this issue.

Ralph Frankel from 20030 NE 22 AVE. spoke against the proposed incorporation, and yielded the rest of his time to Mr. Jack Osterholt.

Howard F. Scott from 19212 NE 25 AVE, from the Ojus area spoke against the proposed incorporation.

Bob Weisblum from 1800 NE 196 TERR., spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation, because he stated that as a city they would be able to do more in area.

Norman Wand, President of the Second Moorings Condo Association from 1551 NE Miami Gardens DR #320, spoke against the proposed incorporation and stated that the current County services provided are adequate.

Naoimi Benson from 1200 NE Miami Gardens Drive yielded her time to Mr. Charles Baron.

Ardree Yuran from 2160 NE 190 TERR, spoke against the proposed incorporation, and stated different reasons against the incorporation.

Charles Baron from 17890 W Dixie Hwy, in Ojus spoke against the proposed incorporation and stated he had listened to both sides pro and con for incorporation, and that it should not go to a vote to the residents.

Lynn Oquendo from 1101 NE 191 ST deferred her time to speak to Susan Freed.

Susan Freed from 1875 NE 197 TERR, Miami, spoke in favor of the incorporation area and stated that the area known as California Club – Ives Estates did not want to be included in the NE Dade incorporation area, and only wants the opportunity to vote on this issue. Also wanted to submit to the record a letter from the City of North Miami Beach supporting the incorporation.

Caryn Montague from 13899 Biscayne BLVD, spoke in favor of putting the issue of incorporation to a vote.

Jack Osterholt from 421 N. Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, stated he has worked with the MAC estimated operating budgets before and that the proposed budget for the NE Dade MAC has a number of errors in his opinion.

Howard Max from 1845 NE 187 ST, is not in favor of incorporation and stated that the County is providing adequate services to the area currently.

Mary Silver from 1931 NE 206 ST spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation, and that she had attended a number of the MAC meetings which did not have more than 50 people, and is in favor of putting the issue to a vote so the residents can decide what they want.

Lester Eigel from 19940 NE 23 AVE. N. Miami Beach, spoke against the proposed incorporation.

Dan Katz from 20210 Highland Oaks BLVD. spoke against the proposed incorporation, and that taxes are going to be raised no matter what.

Jacqueline Sheir from 2231 NE 202 ST, yielded her time to Andrew Henschel.

Andrew Henschel from 20001 NE 21 CT., in Oak Forrest spoke against the proposed incorporation and stated he did attend many of the NE Dade MAC meetings.

Sharon Mittman from 12181 NE Miami Gardens Drive spoke against the proposed incorporation, and stated there are not enough people to support a new city.

Marie Ayres from 1301 NE 191 ST, spoke against the proposed incorporation.

Maurice Garcia, from 900 NE 195 ST. in the California Club area while not in the incorporation area is still against the proposed incorporation area because it was excluded from the process.

Stanley Jacobs from 1401 NE 14 AVE. is against the proposed NE Dade incorporation, and is concerned about the eminent domain powers of the proposed new city.

June M. Amodio from 2472 NE 182 TERR. Spoke against the proposed incorporation and is satisfied with her current level of service.

Cornelius Haggerty from 1300 NE 191 ST., is against the proposed incorporation and should not even be put up for an election.

Murray G Fields from 2050 NE 208 ST. spoke against the proposed incorporation, and cited that the City of Aventura had recently declined to annex the proposed incorporation area.

At this time the Chair asked for a 5-minute break at approximately 8:30 PM

M. Peggy Quattro from 21300 NE 24th CT. spoke in favor of the residents to have the opportunity to vote on the issue of incorporation.

Brian Rook from 1971 NE 188 ST spoke against the proposed incorporation, and voiced his concerns about the homestead extension not being extended.

Marin Diaz Lacro from 19721 NE 22 AVE, in North Miami Beach spoke against incorporation.

Jonathon Morton 2135 NE 204 ST stated he was a new arrival to the community having moved there in 2000, and is for the proposed incorporation and that the issue should go to a vote to let the residents decide.

Nancy E. Doyle from 20625 NE 22 CT stated she was born and raised in the area and she's for the proposed incorporation, and urges the Board to allow them to vote on the issue.

Jeff Sonn from 2430 NE 202nd ST. spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation, and state that at first he was skeptical about the process, but that he is now in favor of the incorporation.

Jennifer Jay from 19500 NE 21 CT, spoke in favor of the right to vote on the proposed incorporation.

Jose Klahr from 20950 NE 24 AVE. spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and stated that the reason why the City of Aventura did not want to annex the area was because they would not be able to stay with the Utility Tax and that's what made the annexation unfeasible for them.

Mark Stella from 19840 NE 19 AVE. spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and the right for the residents to vote on the issue.

Gloria Romero Roses from 20331 NE 20 PL., spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and stated that while she does empathize with the residents of the area on a fixed income about their concern of taxes being raised, she stated that the increase is really much less than they think.

Alaine Stampler from 2321 NE 192 ST., in Enchanted Lakes spoke against the proposed incorporation, and stated that going to a vote would be a waste of time and taxpayer's money.

Harold Greene from 18955 NE 21 AVE. in an enclave area surrounded by the City of North Miami Beach spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation.

Marita Jay from 19500 NE 21 CT. spoke in favor of the proposed incorporation and the opportunity for this issue to go to a vote.

Stanley Fisher from 20000 NE 22 CT. spoke against the proposed incorporation because of the mitigation fees the County would place on them.

Jeffrey Mazor 21200 NE 19 AVE, spoke in favor of allowing the issue to go to a vote so that people can decide on the incorporation issue.

Yardin Shwartz from 2330 NE 187 ST. spoke in favor of the incorporation.

Carol Moss 2310 NE 193 ST. in Enchanted Lakes spoke in against the proposed incorporation and that the MAC members were heavily weighed with people in favor of the incorporation.

Ellen Serres from 2145 NE 204 ST. stated that the people against the incorporation hired the lobbyist.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing and opened the floor for discussion from the PAB Members.

Board Member Christie Sherouse moved for a recommendation of approval with the recommended mitigation, in order for the proposed incorporation of the NE Dade area be put to a vote, the motion was seconded by Board Member Jay Sosna, after some discussion and after being put to vote the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board and after some discussion in reference to the new responsibilities of the PAB regarding annexations and incorporations, Board Member Julio Garuz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Tim Hyman, and the meeting ended at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane O'Quinn Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Diane O'Quinn Williams
Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PLANNING
ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE
NORTHEAST DADE INCORPORATION.

WHEREAS, in response to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Resolution No. 341-03 on April 8, 2003 and by Ordinance No. 04-104 on May 11, 2004, "Creating and establishing the Northeast Dade Municipal Advisory Committee and directing County staff to prepare a study of the possible creation of a new municipality in the area of;" and

WHEREAS, the area is generally described below:

On the North: NE 215 Street / County Line Road;

On the South: NE 183 Street and NE 174 Street;

On the West: Interstate 95;

On the East: Biscayne Boulevard and Old Federal Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners referred the application to the Planning Advisory Board (PAB); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Board reviewed the Boundaries Commission's recommendations dated March 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2005 the Planning Advisory Board held an advertised public hearing, concerning this application within the proposed incorporation boundaries; and

WHEREAS, at it's hearing, the Planning Advisory Board heard that the Northeast Dade Municipal Advisory Committee has met with neighborhood groups in the area that have brought up various issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD, that it recommends approval of the Northeast Dade Incorporation, after reviewing staff's report and analysis of the fiscal viability of the proposed new city including staff's recommended mitigation payment of 1.0 mill from the assessed 2003 tax rolls; and following a public hearing on August 8, 2005 at the Michael Ann Russel Jewish Community Center located at 18900 NE 25 Avenue.

The forgoing resolution was offered by Board Member Christi Sherouse, who moved its adoption and was seconded by Board Member Jay Sosna, and upon being put to a vote the vote was as follows:

Reginald J. Clyne	No	Al Maloof	Absent
Antonio Fraga	Absent	Gonzalo Sanabria	Absent
Julio A. Garuz	Yes	Christi Sherouse	Yes
Timothy Hyman	Yes	Jay Sosna	Yes
Rod Jude	Yes		

Wayne Rinehart, Chair Yes

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of August 2005.

I hereby certify that the above information reflects the action of the Board.



Diane O'Quinn Williams
Executive Secretary