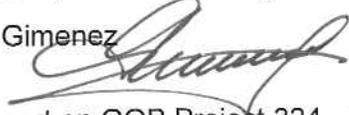


Memorandum



Date: May 3, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Status Report on GOB Project 324 - Puerto Rican Community Center

This memorandum provides a status on the negotiations regarding the Puerto Rican Community Center with the South Florida Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). On December 2, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution R-1368-08 designating the Chamber as recipient of a \$2.5 million grant for GOB Project 324 which entails the development, design and construction of a Puerto Rican Community Center. The resolution directed the County Mayor to negotiate the agreements for conveying the land and overall development, design and construction of the project.

Staff has been working with Vice-Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson to assist the Chamber with satisfying the requirements needed to finalize the agreements. The main outstanding issues are the submittal of the project plans and specifications by the Chamber and a statement of sources and uses showing adequate funding to complete the project. We will continue to reach out to the Chamber to ensure the County is providing assistance to finalize the agreements and move this project forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lester Sola, Director of the Internal Services Department, at 305-375-2363, or me directly.

c: Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor
Jennifer Moon, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Lester Sola, Director, Internal Services Department
Wendi J. Norris, Internal Services Department
Leland Salomon, Internal Services Department