PETITION OF APPEAL FROM DECISION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ZONING APPEALS BOARD TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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This Appeal Form must be completed in accordance with the "Instruction for Filing an Appeal" and in accordance with Chapter 33 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and return must be made to the Department on or before the Deadline Date prescribed for the Appeal.

RE: Hearing No. Z10-051 (Resolution No. CZAB 11-11-11

Filed in the name of (Applicant) Krome Agronomics, LLC

Name of Appellant, if other than applicant Krome Agronomics, LLC

Address/Location of APPELLANT'S property: Southwest Corner of SW 136 Street and SW 177 Avenue (Krome Avenue)

Application, or part of Application being Appealed (Explanation):

Entire application which was denied in total by CZAB No. 11

Appellant (name): Krome Agronomics, LLC

hereby appeals the decision of the Miami-Dade County Community Zoning Appeals Board with reference to the above subject matter, and in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 33 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby makes application to the Board of County Commissioners for review of said decision. The grounds and reasons supporting the reversal of the ruling of the Community Zoning Appeals Board are as follows: (State in brief and concise language)

The denial by the CZAB was not based on substantial competent evidence and the applicant's due process rights, including the right to a fair hearing were violated by the CZAB in allowing the angry mob of protesting neighbors to intimidate and harass the CZAB members and the applicant's team.

See attached letter for further grounds and reasons.

| APPELLANT | MUST SIGN THIS PAGE |
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| Date: 20th day of October | , year: |
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| Signe | |
| | Hugo Pereira, as Member/Manager of Krome Agronomics, LLC |
| | c/o Tony Recio Print Name 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., #700 |
| | Coral Gables, FL 33134 |
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| | c/o Tony Recio, Esg. (305)854-0800 (305)854-2323 |
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| association or other entity, so indicate: | |
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| Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the | 20th day of October, year 2011 |
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Date: 21 day of OCTOBER 2011 , year: Signed Hugo Pereira, as Member/Manager of Krome Agronomics, LLC C/O Tony Recio Print Name 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., #700 FL 33134 Coral Gables, Mailing Address c/o Tony Recio, Esq. (305)854-0800 (305)854-2323 Phone Fax **REPRESENTATIVE'S AFFIDAVIT** If you are filing as representative of an association or other entity, so indicate: Representing Krome Agronomics, LLC Signature Tony Recio, Esq. Print Name 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., #700 Address Coral Gables <u>FL</u> State Zip City (305)854 - 0800**Telephone Number** Email: trecio@wsh-law.com Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the _____ day of _____ vear 201/ Notary Public ELVIA L. DUNKLEBERGER Commission # DD 885805 Expires May 7, 2013 Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-385-7019 (stamp/seal) Commission expires:

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APPELLANT'S AFFIDAVIT OF STANDING (must be signed by each Appellant)

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF <u>Miami-Dade</u>

Hugo Pereira, as Member/Manager of (Appellant) who was sworn and says that the Appellant has standing to file the attached appeal of a Community Zoning Appeals Board decision.

The Appellant further states that they have standing by virtue of being of record in Community Zoning Appeals Board matter because of the following:

(Check all that apply)

<u>x</u>1. Participation at the hearing <u>x</u>2. Original Applicant

____3. Written objection, waiver or consent

Appellant further states they understand the meaning of an oath and the penalties for perjury, and that under penalties of perjury, Affiant declares that the facts stated herein are true.

Further Appellant says not. CCAG Signature Appellant's signature ez. Hugo Pereira Print Name Print Name Krome Agronomics, LLC (Member/Manager) Signature VIVIC Print Name TC. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the $\underline{\mathcal{H}}$ day of vear 7 Appellant is personally know to me or has produced as identification. Notarv (Stamp/Seal) Commission Expires: Page 3 [b:forms/affidapl.sam(9/08)] ALEIDA C. DUARTE

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*OF COUNSEL

October 21, 2011

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles Danger Interim Director Department of Permitting, Environment & Regulatory Affairs Miami-Dade County c/o Ronald Connally 111 NW 1 Street, 11th Floor Miami, Florida 33128

And

Mr. Jock Osterholt Interim Director Department of Sustainability, Planning & Economic Enhancement Miami-Dade County c/o Ronald Connally 111 NW 1 Street, 11th Floor Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Appeal of Public Hearing Application No. Z10-051, Appellant Krome Agronomics; Resolution No.CZAB11-11-11 (the "Resolution")

Dear Messrs. Danger, Osterholt and Connally:

On behalf of the original applicant/appellant, and pursuant to Section 33-313 of the Miami-Dade County Code, we formally file this appeal of the Community Zoning Appeals Board No. 11 ("CZAB") decision officially posted on October 11, 2011, and described in the

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attached Resolution. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction to hear this appeal pursuant to Section 33-314(B)(2). The CZAB committed reversible error when it denied our application. A copy of the transcript of the October 4, 2011 hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."The CZAB's error was invited – in large part – by the antics and vitriol of a sizable group of objectors to our application ("Objectors"). We highlight our application and some of the Objectors' intimidating behavior that prejudicially influenced CZAB members in the sections that follow.

I. Our Application

A. County Wide Public Need

Miami-Dade County needs a new cemetery and our application is designed to satisfy this pressing, County-wide need. Simply put, the County does not have sufficient burial lots or cremation niches to satisfy the County-wide need in the 15-year planning horizon. In fact, our exhaustive needs analysis demonstrates that the County's existing inventory will be depleted by 2021.¹ Because cemeteries require a good deal of lead time to zone, license, plan, and build out, now is the appropriate time to address the County's need and plan for the future. Miami-Dade County residents are already facing the disastrous prospect of having no place to inter the deceased in approximately 10 years. The reality is this: people will continue to die in Miami-Dade County and we will need space for us to care for our loved ones when they pass.

B. The Ideal Location

The site that is the subject of this appeal, located at the southwest corner of SW 136th Street and Krome Avenue (the "Site"), represents an ideal location for a new cemetery. The Site is located in a very sparsely populated area outside of the Urban Development Boundary ("UDB"). Highlighting the sparse residential population at this location, only 135registered voters live in this precinct and only 62 public notices were mailed. The Site enjoys great accessibility at present and that condition will further improve with the widening of Krome Avenue at this location. Given its location outside the UDB, the cemetery use will not negatively impact readily developable inventory of commercial, industrial, or residential lands. Recognizing the County's obvious and overwhelming need for burial spaces, and the ideal attributes of the subject site, the County Planning and Zoning staff supported the application and recommend approval. See enclosed staff recommendation dated September 6, 2011, attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

The requested re-zoning to AU and companion requests are all consistent with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan and compatible with the surrounding agricultural uses.

¹A true and correct copy of our needs analysis is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

C. No Adverse Impacts

Our professional team of experts confirmed to a certainty that there are no adverse impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically,

- Dr. Jay Radke, a pathologist and medical examiner, prepared a report that conclusively demonstrates **no riskto drinking water**; *see Exhibit "E*;"
- Mr. Ed Swakon, an environmental engineer, provided**double confirmation** of this fact based on a water quality analysis of the conditions at an 80-year old cemetery surrounded by residential wells; *see Exhibit "F;"*
- Ms. Cathy Sweetapple, a transportation expert, confirmed that there is no traffic or traffic safety issue presented by this application; see Exhibit "G;"
- Mr. Andrew Dolkart, an economist, confirmed that there is no impact on property values or crime; see Exhibit "H."

Miami-Dade County's professional staff likewise opined that:

- Our application is consistent with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan ("CDMP");
- Our application is compatible with the surrounding area;
- There is a need for new cemetery interment spaces and this is the **best** available land to satisfy that need;

When viewed through the correct and objective lens that governs the consideration of our zoning application (and our appeal), it is clear – based on the facts – that our application should have been approved by the CZAB and it was error for them to deny it. The CZAB's decision should be reversed and our application should be approved.

II. The CZAB Proceedings

The intimidating actions of the Objectors influenced members of the CZAB to commit reversible error. The group and its leaders threatened board-members; falsely accused board members of taking bribes; spread injurious falsehoods about our burial practices; and fabricated "science" and "statistics" to support their objections. The Objectors directed much invective towards us prejudicing the CZAB's ability to fairly consider the evidence.

Some examples highlight the point.

- Ms. Ileana Petisco an Objector falsely told the local television crews that we "bought" the zoning board members. A true and correct copy of this statement by Ms. Petisco is attached hereto as Exhibit "I" and a CD-ROM containing the corresponding video of these comments is attached as Exhibit "J;"
- Ms. Ileana Petisco further accused us of contaminating the groundwater with "bacteria." The video of these comments is included on the CD-ROM attached hereto as Exhibit "J."We asked Ms. Petisco's counsel for the source of this information but received no response. A copy of our letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "K."
- The crowd was so boisterous and out-of-control that the hearing had to be relocated to a larger meeting area with police protection.²

In sum, the CZAB did not support its decision with competent substantial evidence. Compounding the error, the CZAB denied procedural due process when it allowed its proceeding to devolve into a popularity contest dominated by the those objectors who opposed the application

Pursuant to Section 33-313, we seek a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners. Although we intend to supplement the file and will do so in due course, at the outset we ask that all of the evidence previously entered into the record before the CZAB, including all transcripts, expert reports, expert testimony, and the like, be entered into the record of this appeal before the County Commission. In this regard, this correspondence does not contain an exclusive or exhaustive explanation of all of the reasons that merit reversal and we expressly reserve the right – consistent with your codes and ordinances – to provide supplemental arguments and evidence in connection with our public hearing presentation.

We have enclosed checks in the amount of \$1,188.88 to cover the appeal fee, and in the amount of \$43.36 to cover half the radius fee. Kindly forward a receipt for said fees at your earliest convenience.

² Notwithstanding the Objectors' antics, we repeatedly reached out to the neighbors to try and meet with these objectors. Copies of our letters are attached hereto as Exhibit "L." Unfortunately, we did not receive a response.

Because this matter has been exhaustively reviewed by staff and has a fairly lengthy history of hearings, we trust that this matter will be scheduled immediately for hearing before the Board of County Commissioners in December.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

X

Tony Recio

TR/ms 1298010 Enclosure

cc: Lori Spilde, Esq. Steve Webster Rene Iglesias Jeff Bass, Esq.

> Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

RESOLUTION NO. CZAB11-11-11

WHEREAS, KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC. applied for the following:

- (1) GU to AU.
- (2) SPECIAL EXCEPTION to permit a proposed cemetery and associated mausoleums.
- (3) UNUSUAL USE to permit a Lake Excavation and lake filling.
- (4) Applicant is requesting to permit two (2) detached signs, one with an area of 81 square feet and the other with an area of 164 square feet (two 32 square feet sign permitted).

Plans are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning and Zoning entitled "West Kendall Memorial Park," as prepared by DCG Development Consulting Group, consisting of twenty one (21) sheets dated stamped received 5/27/11. Plans may be modified at public hearing.

SUBJECT PROPERTY: A portion of east 1,210.00 feet of the north 1,800.00 feet of the northeast ¼ of section 24, township 55 south, range 38 east, Miami-Dade County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said northeast ¼; thence S02°03'27" east on the east line of said northeast ¼ for 40.02 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue S02°03'27" east on said east line 519.06 feet; thence \$87°56'33' west 15.00 feet to the intersection with the west line of the east 15.00 feet of said northeast 1/4; thence \$02°03'27" east on said west line 760.69 feet to the intersection with the north line of the southeast ¼ of said northeast ¼; thence \$89°31'02" west on said north line 85.03 feet to the intersection with the west line of the east 100.00 feet of said northeast 1/4; thence \$02°03'27" east on said west line 330.04 feet to the intersection with the south line of the north ½ of the northeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of said northeast ¼; thence N89°31'03" east on said south line 96.00 feet to the intersection with the west right-of-way line of southwest 177th Avenue; thence S01º11'34" east on said rightof-way line 150.41 feet to the intersection with the south line of the north 1,800.00 feet of said northeast ¼; thence \$89°30'58" west on said south line 1,204.15 feet to the intersection with the west line of the east 1,210.00 feet of said northeast ¼; thence N02°03'27" west on said west line 1,760.66 feet to the intersection with the south line of the north 40.00 feet of said northeast ¼; thence N89°30'58" east on said south line 1,210.46 feet to the Point of beginning.

LOCATION: The Southwest Corner of SW 136 Street & SW 177 Avenue, Miami-Dade County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing of the Miami-Dade County Community Zoning Appeals

Board 11 was advertised and held, as required by law, and all interested parties concerned

in the matter were given an opportunity to be heard, and at which time the applicant

proffered a Declaration of Restrictions which among other things provided:

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- 1. That said Property shall be developed substantially in accordance with the plans previously submitted for hearing entitled 'West Kendall Memorial Park", as prepared by DCG Development Consulting Group, sheets SP1, SP4, SP5, SP10 and SP11, dated stamped received May 27, 2011, sheet LP9, dated stamped received August 22, 2011 and the remaining 15 sheets dated stamped received August 10, 2011, for a total of twenty-one (21) sheets, said plans being on file with the Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, and by reference made a part of this agreement.
- 2. That in the event that the Property is developed in accordance with (1) above, all fill excavated from the temporary lake on the southern portion of the property will only be used to raise the elevation of the Property for interment and site improvements, and no portion of such fill will be sold or otherwise distributed to any other property.

WHEREAS, upon due and proper consideration having been given to the matter, it is the opinion of this Board that a district boundary change from GU to AU as the district boundary change relates to cemetery uses (Item #1) would not be compatible with the neighborhood and area concerned and would be in conflict with the principle and intent of the plan for the development of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and should be denied without prejudice, and that the requested special exception to permit a proposed cemetery and associated mausoleums (Item #2), the requested unusual use to permit a Lake Excavation and lake filling (Item #3), and the request to permit two (2) detached signs, one with an area of 81 square feet and the other with an area of 164 square feet (Item #4) would not be compatible with the area and its development and would not conform with the requirements and intent of the Zoning Procedure Ordinance, and that the requested special exception (Item #2) and the requested unusual use (Item #3) would have an adverse impact upon the public interest and should be denied without prejudice, and the requested unusual use (Item #3) would have an adverse impact upon the public interest and should be denied without prejudice, and be denied without prejudice, and

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WHEREAS, a motion to deny Items #1 through #4 without prejudice was offered by Lleana R. Vazquez, seconded by Beatrice Suarez, and upon a poll of the members present the vote was as follows:

Jeffery Wander aye

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Miami-Dade County Community Zoning Appeals Board 11, that the requested district boundary change to AU (Item #1) be and the same is hereby denied without prejudice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Items #2, 3, and 4 be and the same are hereby denied without prejudice.

The Director is hereby authorized to make the necessary notations upon the records of the Miami-Dade County Department of Permitting, Environment and Regulatory Affairs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of October, 2011.

Hearing No. 11-4-CZ11-1 ej

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

I, Earl Jones, as Deputy Clerk for the Miami-Dade County Department of Permitting, Environment and Regulatory Affairs as designated by the Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Permitting, Environment and Regulatory Affairs and Ex-Officio Secretary of the Miami-Dade County Community Zoning Appeals Board 11, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. CZAB11-11-11 adopted by said Community Zoning Appeals Board at its meeting held on the 4th day of October, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this the 13th day of October, 2011.

Earl Jones, Deputy Clerk (3230) Miami-Dade County Department of Permitting, **Environment and Regulatory Affairs**

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October 13, 2011

KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC. c/o Anthony Recio 2525 Ponce De Leon Blvd, 700 Miami, Florida 33133

Re: Hearing No. 11-4-CZ11-1 Location: The Southwest Corner of SW 136 Street & SW 177 Avenue, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed herewith is Resolution No. CZAB - -11, adopted by the Miami-Dade County Community Zoning Appeals Board 11, which denied your application with(out) prejudice.

Information regarding options and methods for challenging a decision of a Community Zoning Appeals Board may be obtained from sources that include, but are not limited to, the following: Sections 33-312, 33-313, 33-314, 33-316, and 33-317 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida; the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure; and the Municode website (<u>www.municode.com</u>). Miami-Dade County does not provide legal advice regarding potential avenues and methods for appealing or otherwise challenging CZAB decisions; however, a licensed attorney may be able to provide assistance and legal advice regarding any potential challenge or appeal.

Copies of any court filings concerning this matter should be served upon both my office and:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney 111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 2810 Miami, Florida 33128-1993

The County Attorney is not permitted to accept official service of process.

Sincerely,

Earl Jones Deputy Clerk

Enclosure

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| | | 1 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Okay, Ladies and | |
| | 1 COMMUNITY ZONING APPEALS BOARD 11 | 2 | G. htlemen, we're ready. It's October 4th | |
| | 2 ARVIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL 10900 SW 127 Avenue, Miami | 3 | meeting of Community Zoning Appeals Board | |
| | 3 October 4, 2011 0 7 p.m. 4 | 4 | 11, Arvida Middle School. | |
| | 4 5 | 5 | The County reporter and the County | |
| | 6 | 6 | attorney are present? County reporter? | |
| | 7 ITEM | 7 | MR. ROBERTSON: Down there. | |
| | 8 KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC | 8 | CHAİRMAN WANDER: Sorry. | |
| | 9 (10-51) | 9 | At this time, we'll stand for the | |
| | 10 | 10 | Pledge of Allegiance. Is there a flag. | |
| | 11 <u>MEMBERS OF THE BOARD</u> (Present) | 11 | Someone to lead it? Any veterans? | |
| | 12 | 12 | (Pledge of Allegiance). | |
| | 13 Jeffrey C. Wander, Chairman Ileana Vazquez, Vice Chairwoman | 13 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Staff, please call | |
| | 14 Patricia G. Davis Joseph E. Delaney 15 Miquel A. Diaz | 14 | the roll. | |
| | 15 Miguel A. Diaz´ Beatriz Suarez 16 | 15 | MR. JONES: Councilman Delaney? | |
| | 17 | 16 | COUNCILMAN DELANEY: Present. | |
| | 18 COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | 17 | MR. JONES: Councilwoman Davis? | |
| | 19 Thomas Robertson | 18 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Present. | |
| | Assistant County Attorney | 19 | | |
| | 21 | 20 | MR. JONES: Councilman Diaz? | |
| | 22 <u>STAFF</u> | 20 | COUNCILMAN DIAZ: Present. | |
| | 23 Earl Jones Jorge Vital | 21 | MR. JONES: Councilwoman Suarez? | |
| | 24 | | COUNCILWOMAN SUAREZ: Present. | |
| | 25 | 23 | MR. JONES: Vice Chair Vazquez? | |
| | | 24 | Chairman Wander? | |
| | HIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Present. | |
| <u>.</u> | | | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | |
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| 1 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: 3-4, 6-7, 9-11 16 24-25 | | | 4 |
| 2 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 16, 24-25, 27, 45, 74, 76-78, 81-82, 84-86, 88, 91-93, 95-100, 102, 104, 107, 109-110, 112, 114 | 1 | MR. JONES: We have a quorum. | 4 |
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| 2 | will be called up to be heard by agenda | 2 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: The previously |
| 3 | number and name of applicant. | 3 | deferred item. |
| 5 | The record of the hearing on each | 4 | MR. VITAL: Item A, Krome Agronomics |
| T | application will include the records of | 5 | LLC, Application No. 1051; 10 objectors, |
| 6 | the Department of Planning & Zoning. | 6 | 14 waivers. |
| 8 | (Thereupon, Vice Chairwoman Suarez joined the other members at the dais). | 7 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Through the |
| 9 | MR. JONES: All these items are | 8 | Chair, I think we need to say something |
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| 11 | to all interested parties and available to | 10 | meeting, we said we would take up where we |
| 12 | the Members of the Board, who examine | 11 | left off last time. |
| 13 | items from the record during the hearing. | 12 | MR. ROBERTSON: The last meeting did |
| 14 | Parties have the right of | 13 | not result in a deferral. It resulted in |
| 15 | cross-examination. | 14 | a continuance. The Board will pick-up |
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| 17 | This statement, along with the fact that all witnesses have been sworn, should | 16 | would be the opponent's attorney was in |
| 18 | be included in any transcript of all or | 17 | the process of presenting his position, |
| 19 | any part of these proceedings. | 18 | and that is where we should pick-up right |
| 20 | In addition, the following | 19 | |
| 21 | departments have representatives present | 20 | VICE CHAIRWOMAN VAZQUEZ: Okay. |
| 22 | here at the meeting to address any | 21 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Sir, name and |
| 23 | questions: The Department of Public | 22 | address, for the record. |
| 24 | Works, the Department of Planning & | 23 24 | MR. KELSKY: Brad Kelsky, 11 10189 |
| 25 | Zoning, the County Attorney's Office. | | Cleary Boulevard, Suite 102, Plantation, |
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| 1 | | 1 | going to need the microphone. |
| 2 | Board to have in front of it for purposes | 2 | MR. KELSKY: I can be loud. |
| 4 | of completeness of this application. | 3 | MR. ROBERTSON: It needs to picked |
| 5 | MR. BASS: Same objection. And this | 4 | up. |
| 6 | Board has no jurisdiction to be applying | 5 | MR. KELSKY: Thank you. |
| 7 | the rules and regulations of the Federal | 6 | DIRECT EXAMINATION . |
| 8 | Trade Commission. We're here on the | 7 | BY MR. KELSKY: |
| 9 | zoning matter. You apply the Zoning Code. | 8 | Q. Mr. Vega, tell us a little bit about |
| 10 | MR. ROBERTSON: He is correct, that | 9 | your background. |
| 11 | you apply the Zoning Code. However, it's | 10 | A. I've been I'm a resident of the |
| 12 | perfectly acceptable for them to offer it | 11 | community. I've been in real estate business |
| 13 | as an exhibit. Then you will take into | 12 | for the last 23 years. I consult to large |
| 1 | account whether or not to weigh it or give | 13 | companies and also just regular buyers and |
| 14 | it any weight at all. | 14 | sellers of lands and homes. |
| 15 16 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Objection | 15 | Q. Do you own a cemetery? |
| 16 | overruled. | 16 | A. Yes, sir. I own the only independent |
| 17 18 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Yeah, the objection | 17 | cemetery in the south part of Miami-Dade |
| 19 | is overruled. Just give it to staff. | 18 | County. I will be opening it soon, by the |
| 20 | MR. BASS: Can I have a copy? | 19 | second quarter of 2012. |
| 21 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Okay. That | 20 | Q. How many acres is that cemetery? |
| | objection was overruled and it's been | 21 | A. The cemetery is 25 acres. I have |
| 22 23 | accepted by staff. | 22 | space in the cemetery in the ground for excess |
| 24 | Go ahead. | 23 | of 50,000. And with planned mausoleums in and |
| 24 | MR. KELSKY: Okay. Thank you. | 24 | cremation niches, that land could exceed |
| 25 | The only thing I want to do next is, | 25 | 150,000 just in my property. |
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| 2 | I have a hearing transcript specific to | 1 | Q. How many burials per acre does that |
| 3 | the Krome Agronomics hearing. I don't | 2 | amount to? |
| | know if it's already in the file, but if | 3 | A. Well, the industry standard now here |
| - 5 | it isn't, I just want to put it in anyway. | 4 | in Dade County, what we're using in the |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: That's a transcript of a previous hearing? | 5 | surrounding cemeteries, the one that I've |
| 7 | MR. KELSKY: Yes, sir, the last | 6 | physically been to for experience, is double |
| 8 | hearing. | 7 | depth. They are anywhere between 2400 and 2600 |
| 9 | 5 | 8 | per acre. That's only if you're going to use |
| 10 | MR. BASS: No objection. | 9 | the land. |
| 11 | MR. KELSKY: At this point in time, | 10 | Most of the cemeteries now are going |
| 12 | I'd like to call a witness. Name is David Vega. | 11 | to cremation niches, because of the market, and |
| 13 | - | 12 | also mausoleums. So it goes up, you know. |
| 14 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Mr. Vega. Have you been sworn, Mr. Vega? | 13 | There's eight levels per floor and usually two |
| 15 | MR. VEGA: I'm sorry? | 14 | to three floors in height. So that number |
| 16 | | 15 | multiplies the capacity in the cemeteries |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Have you been sworn? | 16 | existing in mine. |
| 17 | MR. VEGA: Yes. | 17 | Q. I'm going to show you what is known |
| 10 | | 18 | as Table 2 that was produced by the economist |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Name and address | 19 | for the applicant in connection with their |
| 19 20 | | | needs analysis. I'm going to ask you to take a |
| 20 | for the record. | 20 | |
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| A. There could be more or there is | 1 2 | seen from all the what's been installed now. Hicks Industries is the largest builder of |
| more, because mine's not on here. They should | 2 | Hicks Industries is the largest builder of |
| have known that mine is an existing cemetery. | 4 | cremation I mean, I'm sorry, mausoleums, and |
| 5 It's been licensed since 1955. And all the | 5 | crypts, lawn crypts and they install them. I have a document here from them, from their |
| large cemeteries in the County know about my | 6 | brochure, showing that, yes, you could put in |
| cemetery, know about the opening of my | 7 | their numbers are much higher than mine. |
| B cemetery. | 8 | They put you can put in up to where am I? |
| Q. And you said that your cemetery alone | 9 | Let me go through it. I'm sorry. Here. They |
| has the capacity for 150,000 bodies? | 10 | state here you can put up to 4,000 burials per |
| A. Yes, including cremation niches and | 11 | acre. So that number I mean, just using |
| planned mausoleums. Yes, eventually we'll have | 12 | that number, with 25 acres, you're looking at, |
| in excess of 150,000 just, on my 25 acres. | 13 | you know, 100,000. I'm a little more |
| Q. Do you have any idea why your | 14 | conservative, but, you know, we'll have |
| cemetery is not listed here? | 15 | mausoleums and cremation niches. |
| A. I don't know. I was never contacted | 16 | The market has gone a lot to |
| by these people. I don't know them in | 17 | cremation, because of the economy, and a lot of |
| specific, but the large cemetery companies, | 18 | people just favored that, so it saves a lot of |
| Memorial Plan and Woodlawn, not only do they | 19 | space. And that's why, you know, what we have |
| know about my cemetery, they've been with me | 20 | in space now, there wouldn't be a need for |
| there at the cemetery physically. So all the | 21 | another cemetery for at least 20 years here, |
| 2 large cemeteries, Vista Memorial, I know him. | 22 | considering mine coming in, another 120 acres |
| I'm a member of the Board also, the state | 23 | that are approved on Krome Avenue and all the |
| association. So the owners and operators of | 24 | spaces that are all the space that's |
| these cemeteries know who I am, including the | 25 | available in the local cemeteries here in the |
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| mentioned that the industry standard was about 2400 to 2600? | 3 | don't have any other questions for you. |
| A. Yes. | 4 | MR. BASS: I have some questions. |
| Q. Is that based upon your experience? | 5 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Could I ask |
| A. Yes. As I mentioned, I physically | 6 | something? I missed it before. What is |
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| | | the address, location of your cemetery? |
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| 2 Q. The applicant. | 2 | Have you ever offered to sell your cemetery to |
| A. Well, I don't know. I wouldn't say | 3 | another cemetery operator here in Miami-Dade |
| I'm a competitor. | 4 | County? |
| 5 Q. What would you say you are? | 5 | A. I've never offered it to them. I |
| A. I'd say I'm somebody else coming in | 6 | don't know them. |
| the industry. | 7 | - |
| 8 Q. And you operate a cemetery? | 8 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| A. I'm gonna operate a cemetery. | 9 | A. I haven't offered it formally to anybody. |
| Q. Oh, you're going to operate a | 1 | |
| <u>1</u> cemetery? | 10 | Q. You have not asked Memorial Plan to |
| A. Yes. | | buy your cemetery? |
| Q. Are you operating a cemetery now? | 12 | A. Memorial Plan has been to my cemetery |
| A. Well, I have | 13 | and they wanted to do some type of joint |
| Q. Yes or no, right now, are you | 14 | venture. And I said when it's needed, we'll do |
| operating a cemetery? | 15 | it. They actually told me that there's no need |
| · - · | 16 | at that point and it was a luncheon with the |
| four question of | 17 | president of Memorial Plan. |
| · • | 18 | Q. Okay. So you're against competition? |
| , , , | 19 | A. I'm not against competition. I |
| a stream and a mare the right to bury | 20 | haven't said that. |
| somebody right now. As I explained, 137th 2 Avenue is going to be built through my comptone | 21 | Q. Okay. So would you like to see our |
| 2 and it will be around at the set | 22 | cemetery succeed and your cemetery succeed? |
| | 23 | A. Well, I don't think there's a need |
| | 24 | for a cemetery. If we're here on this |
| | 25 | application based on a need, there's no need |
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| 1 | And if it's their neighboring I | 1 | A. I'm operating mine. I'm maintaining |
| 2 | don't have neighbors around me. I'm in an | 2 | it. And I have |
| 3 | industrial area and I'm off right off U.S.1. | 3 | Q. Okay. |
| 4 | I have good access. I'm right by the Turnpike. | 4 | Let's talk about the maintenance. |
| 5 | I'm going to be on a six-lane highway, which is | 5 | What are you doing to maintain it, you mowing |
| 6 | 137th Avenue. So as far as access-wise, I | 6 | the grass? |
| 7 | think I'm in a location that merits something | 7 | A. I mow the grass. |
| 8 | that is going to have a lot of cars coming in | 8 | Q. Okay. |
| 9 | and out. | 9 | So you know a lot about lawn |
| 10 | Q. So you think your location is better | 10 | maintenance, correct? |
| 11 | than our location? | 11 | A. Yes, I have cremation niches I |
| 12 | A. Well, I think that my location is not | 12 | mean, lawn crypt sections that I'm installing |
| 13 | intrusive into the community. I think my | 13 | right now. I have lawn crypts that I've |
| 14 | location well, I've been there for a long | 14 | already bought, and I'm going to start |
| 15 | time. The cemetery has been there since the | 15 | installing them and I know how to do that. You |
| 16 | 30's. So, around me, like I say, is all | 16 | don't, do you? |
| 17 | commercial/industrial space. | 17 | Q. So right now you think right now |
| 18 | Q. Okay. Now, I just want to understand | 18 | you're ready to start operating a cemetery? |
| 19 | your testimony. You say you bought this place | 19 | A. Absolutely. |
| 20 | five years ago? | 20 | MR. BASS: Okay. This witness has no |
| 21 | A. Yes. | 21 | personal knowledge. He was offered up as |
| 22 | Q. And you haven't buried a single | 22 | a fact witness. He's never operated a |
| 23 | person in five years, correct? | 23 | cemetery. He owns a big piece of land, |
| 24 | A. Right, because of the access. | 24 | which he hopes to start a cemetery on, but |
| 25 | Q. Okay. | 25 | I move to strike his testimony |
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| 1 | Have you operated another cemetery, | 1 | MR. ROBERTSON: Mr. Bass. |
| 2 | other than this one? | 2 | MR. BASS: as incompetent. |
| 3 | A. No. | 3 | MR. ROBERTSON: Mr. Bass, okay, if |
| 4 | Q. Okay. | 4 | you have an objection, make it please. |
| 5 | So basically you have no experience | 5 | MR. BASS: I would object to this |
| 6 | operating a cemetery, correct? | 6 | witness's testimony. It is outside the |
| 7 | A. Well, I haven't operated my cemetery. | 7 | scope of being a fact witness. He's been |
| 8 | I've worked on putting my plan together. I | 8 | offered as an expert witness to give |
| 9 | visited most of the cemeteries in the State of | 9 | opinions about burial rates and burials |
| 10 | Florida, and I've been working with operators | 10 | per acreage, yet he has no experience |
| 11 | of cemeteries and I've gone to all these | 11 | doing so. So I've preserved my objection. |
| 12 | cemeteries when they were working on there. | 12 | I would move to strike his testimony as |
| 13 | That's why I know about the cremation, you | 13 | incompetent, lay opinion on an expert |
| 14 | know, the double depth cremation, and how they | 14 | subject. Thank you. |
| 15 | install these crypts, and the amount, the | 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: The objection is |
| 16 | volume, and the amount that's allowed at these. | 16 | overruled. |
| 17 | Q. I have a very simple question for | 17 | MR. BASS: That's fine. |
| 18 | you. You have never operated a cemetery, | 18 | MR. VEGA: One thing. Besides |
| 19 | correct? | 19 | myself, I have a letter here that was |
| 20 | A. I haven't operated my cemetery yet. | 20 | submitted earlier today. This is a |
| 21 | Q. You haven't operated another | 21 | gentleman that's owned two cemeteries in |
| 22 | cemetery, correct? | 22 | this market for over 50 years and he |
| 23 | A. I can bury somebody tomorrow. | 23 | states |
| 24 | Q. You have not operated a cemetery, | 24 | MR. BASS: Objection, hearsay. |
| 25 | have you, Mr. Vega? | 25 | MR. VEGA: He states that there's no |
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| need, that there's no need for a cemetery. | 1 | what does that mean? |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: It's going to have | 2 | A. Hmm. Economist is someone who has |
| to be introduced as evidence through the | 3 | studied seven years of graduate work in the |
| Counsel. | 4 | field of economics. I specialize in |
| MR. BASS: And I object to it as | 5 | development economics and urban economics. And |
| hearsay. The author of the letter is not | 6 | more recently in Florida, I've gotten involved |
| here. We don't know who he is. We have | 7 | in the economics of the region, that is, the |
| no way to authenticate | 8 | Everglades region and the 17 counties of the |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Do we know who he | 9 | South Florida Water Management District. I've |
| is? | 10 | worked on a lot of projects involving economics |
| MR. BASS: what this letter means | 11 | of our area. |
| or what it says. | 12 | Q. Let me just step over here for a |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Do we know? | 13 | second and grab something. |
| MR. KELSKY: The author is a guy | 14 | I'm handing you a document that says |
| named Philip Coleman, former cemetery | 15 | Richard Weiskopf, PhD. Is that your curriculum |
| operator in Miami-Dade County. I'm not | 16 | vitae? |
| offering it as any expert opinion | 17 | A. Yes. |
| whatsoever, but a letter that would be | 18 | Q. Is it accurate and up-to-date? |
| submitted into the record as anybody else | 19 | A. Yes. |
| could write and submit a letter into the | 20 | MR. KELSKY: It was contained within |
| record. | 21 | the our expert disclosure. I'd like to |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: It will be accepted | 22 | move his CV separately into the record. |
| as that. | 23 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Yes. |
| MR. KELSKY: Thank you, Mr. Vega. | 24 | MR. KELSKY: At this point in time, |
| MR. VEGA: Thank you. | 25 | I'd like to tender Dr. Weiskopf as an |
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| MR. KELSKY: At this point in time, | 1 | expert economist. |
| I'm going to call Dr. Richard Weiskopf. | 2 | MR. ROBERTSON: There is no necessity |
| DIRECT EXAMINATION | 3 | for tendering in front of a body such as |
| BY MR. KELSKY: | 4 | this. |
| Q. Dr. Weiskopf, please state your name | 5 | BY MR. KELSKY: |
| and professional address. | 6 | Q. Okay. |
| A. I am Richard Weiskopf. And my | 7 | Dr. Weiskopf, did you have an |
| address? | 8 | opportunity to review the need study that was |
| Q. Professional address. | 9 | prepared by the applicant? |
| A. Professional address, I work at the | 10 | A. Yes. |
| University of Miami in I teach economics in | 11 | Q. Did you, in turn, do your own |
| the Department of International Studies. | 12 | research? |
| Q. Tell us about your educational | 13 | A. Yes. |
| background, please. | 14 | Q. Did you create any documents, . |
| A. I went to Harvard College. Then | 15 | spreadsheets for purposes of your analysis? |
| Harvard graduate school in economics. And then | 16 | Did you answer the question? |
| I taught at Yale University for five years, and | 17 | A. Yes, I did do my own analysis and I |
| Iowa State University for seven years and in | 18 | did study their analysis. |
| Israel for four years. I moved to Miami 20 | 19 | Q. Okay. |
| years ago, and I started all over again | 20 | Based upon the documents that you |
| teaching here and now I'm a full professor in | 21 | reviewed and the research that you did, do you |
| University of Miami. | 22 | have an opinion whether a cemetery is a |
| Q. Are you tenured? | 23 | necessity or in the public interest in |
| A. Yes. | 24 | Miami-Dade County? |
| Q. And you said you're an economist, | 25 | A. Yes, I have an opinion. |
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| 29 Q. What is that opinion? | | 31 |
| | 1 | doing some background and then we'll get |
| A. My opinion is that, according to the | 2 | into the spreadsheet directly. |
| numbers, there's no need. It doesn't add up. | 3 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Okay. Thank |
| There's absolutely it's irrelevant. Q. Okay. | 4 | you. |
| | 5 | BY MR. KELSKY: |
| And let's go through your | 6 | Q. The applicant provided a death rate |
| spreadsheets, if we can. These are a portion of the documents that were submitted and the | 7 | in Miami-Dade County that increased over time |
| | 8 | in terms of numbers, correct? |
| expert disclosures required by the ordinance. | 9 | A. Yeah. They said there's no rate |
| There are six separate pages. If I could hand | 10 | in their numbers. It was just the number of |
| you each one, so that you could follow along. | 11 | depths that would occur from 2011 to 2025, an |
| MR. KELSKY: I'll give one to the clerk. | 12 | increasing number of dying people. |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Give them to the | 13 | Q. Okay. |
| clerk. He'll distribute them. | 14 | So, for example, in year 2015, they |
| | 15 | had 21,967, correct? |
| MR. KELSKY: Thank you. BY MR. KELSKY: | 16 | A. Right. |
| | 17 | Q. And in 2016, what did they have? |
| Q. In the documents that you provided, one of them is called New Table 1. Is that | 18 | A. 2016, it's 22,110, an increasing |
| correct? | 19 | number. |
| A. Yes. | 20 | Q. So there were according to the |
| | 21 | applicant, there were more people that were |
| Am I allowed to say anything before? Q. Yeah. Go ahead. | 22 | going to die in 2016 than there were in 2015, |
| | 23 | correct? |
| A. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me preface one thing. I was when I studied the need's | 24 | A. Yes. |
| | 25 | Q. All right. What did your research |
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| old numbers when there was an increasing death | 2 | Q. Okay. And what is and how what |
| rate and you don't revise that, then you think | 3 | is that trend? |
| that the increasing deaths are going to | 4 | A. Well, the percent that are buried or |
| continue into the future, but in the last five | 5 | entombed used to be almost 60% and that's |
| years, if you go up from 2010, right, back | 6 | fallen to aimost 50%. So that's gone down 10 |
| 2009, eight, seven, six, the number of people | 7 | percentage points. So the rate of the rate |
| in Miami-Dade that are dying are fewer in | 8 | of death has fallen. And of those people |
| number. It's called resident deaths. That is, | 9 | dying, the numbers that the percent that |
| Miami-Dade residents who have died, whether | 10 | want to be buried has fallen, the difference |
| it's here or outside the County, so that number | 11 | being cremated. |
| is decreasing. | 12 | Q. Okay. |
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| Now, the applicant had a my | 14 | provided by the applicant, do they, in fact, |
| recollection was that the applicant had a | 15 | comport with the vital statistics numbers that |
| static 37% cremation rate in their calculations | 16 | you actually obtained from the State of |
| of cremations. Is that your understanding? | 17 | Florida? |
| A. They don't give that number, but we | 18 | A. Well, I mean, the vital statistics |
| calculated it and they had a fixed cremation | 19 | rates tell me what I'm going to calculate |
| rate, that's correct. | 20 | the death rates from that. I don't think they |
| Q. And what was that rate? | 21 | used those vital statistics in their |
| A. Oh, I don't I don't have that. | 22 | calculations. All I have is the burials |
| Q. Well, if it's fixed, what are the | 23 | projected. I don't know how they got those. |
| numbers that you found show? | 24 | That's why I started this research. There's |
| A. Okay. What I have it's very | 25 | one fact that you missed. |
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| know what the population is and then I apply a | 1 | So here's the tricky part. We have |
| rate to say how many people will die. | 2 | their Table 2 in the need's study presents |
| Where do you get population | 3 | those 14 cemeteries that we have talked about |
| projections through 2025? Because Miami-Dade | 4 | in the previous person, the previous witness. |
| hasn't made them. And the applicant got his | 5 | I took their numbers on face value. |
| death rate and all his statistics from a source | 6 | I asked the question, let's believe |
| that's on the web that was printed, it was made | 7 | those numbers for a minute. And how many |
| up, it was computed in 2007, before the two | 8 | people per acre are being buried on the |
| before the 2010 census. In other words, | 9 | developed land and the undeveloped land? When |
| they're using pre-census data for their need's | 10 | you do that division, you come out with very |
| study. | 11 | funny numbers. Because of those 14 cemeteries |
| Okay. Well, there was a census in | 12 | that are there, the number of people per acre |
| 2010, and Miami-Dade isn't yet updated its | 13 | ranges from 30 to 150 per acre. We were |
| projections. Who has? Well, Gainesville | 14 | talking 1500 before or 2000 before. Now we're |
| bureau of economic and business research, | 15 | that's developed? How could that be |
| that's a state bureau, and they do the | 16 | |
| population estimates for all the counties of | 17 | developed? I think developed means that there's a road there and there's land, but it's |
| Florida. And they have made and I submitted | 18 | not filled up, I think, but I don't know yet. |
| that document. They made projections for the | 19 | • |
| next for every five years through the next | | Then there's another on their |
| 40 years based on the 2010 census. And they | 20 | Table 2, they say undeveloped. On the |
| had it revised also the estimates backwards, | 21 | undeveloped land, they list they list the |
| because when the 2000 census came out, that | | number of acres for each cemetery and then the |
| meant all the projections that had been made | 23 | number of burial spaces. And it's funny, they |
| were incorrect and they had to revise them | 24 | all turn out to be about 1,120 burial spaces |
| MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | per acre. Now, maybe that was a rule of thumb, |
| | | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 |
| 38 backward and revise the projections forward. | | 40 |
| You follow? So that's the way it works. | 1 | but that's the number they applied and that way |
| So now we have correct, correct | 2 | they got a total number of acres and a total |
| population estimates, I mean, corrected by the | 3 | number of spaces. |
| authorities, whereas Miami-Dade wasn't willing | 4 | And in my view, they underestimated |
| to provide us with those, because they haven't | 5 | the spaces available, because they were putting |
| done them yet. They said they'll be out | 6 | 30 people per acre on these developed lands. |
| another three or four months. | 7 | So there they overestimated the number of dying |
| | 8 | people and they underestimated the amount of |
| So now we have population. We have | 9 | space that was there for those people. |
| death rates that are falling. We have burial | 10 | And when you do the correct |
| rates that are falling, because people can't | 11 | calculation on the number of acres that are |
| afford it or they prefer to this other way of yeah. | 12 | existing on these 14 known cemeteries, |
| _ | 13 | excluding the ones that aren't on the list, I |
| // ··· / · ··· · · · · · / | 14 | looked I did a Google search. I found 39 |
| there is no need for a cemetery? A. Okay. Everything I just said has to | 15 | cemeteries listed in Miami-Dade. Now, some of |
| | 16 | those might be little I hate to use the word |
| do with the need for space, to put bodies, | 17 | niche cemeteries. They could be historical |
| right? So that's the demand for cemeteries. | 18 | cemeteries or little places, but there were 39 |
| Now, what's the supply of cemeteries? | 19 | listed. And I didn't have the time to check |
| So that's a second half of this, you know, the | 20 | out each one of those, but I know a full need |
| other part of the scissors. | 21 | study should do that. Before asking for more |
| This is demand, demand for space, | 22 | space, you should check out each cemetery and |
| which I find is very low, and the numbers are | 23 | ask what's the real space available. |
| in front of us. We could look at the numbers | 24 | Now, basically, if you take the |
| actually. And then there's the sumply | | , , , , |

Now, basically, if you take the
 acreage that they have estimated, which is 676
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actually. And then there's the supply.

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| 1 | 41 total acres and you multiply it by 1,100 burial | | 43 |
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| 2 | spots per acre, you come out to be almost 700 | 1 | line, the bottom two lines, the next to the |
| 3 | the number is 760,000. It was only 100 | 2 | bottom line says the sum 2011 to 2025. And |
| 4 | only 110,000 people dying over the next 25 | 3 | then the number of cremations is column five. |
| 5 | years. So you have a 100 nope, sorry, over | 4 | See, the way it works are the years |
| 6 | 15 the next 15 years. So there's 110,000 | 5 | down the left side and the total. Now, that |
| 7 | people that need to be buried and there's spots | 6 | solid black line that goes through the middle |
| 8 | of 700,000. | 7 | of the table, that just indicates below it are |
| 9 | Now, if you do a more conservative | 8 | projections and above it are actual data that I |
| 10 | number of spots, the cemetery operator I spoke | 9 | found in different sources and the sources are |
| 11 | to said suggested a number of 700 burials | 10 | all noted below. |
| 12 | spots per acre. Even at 700, we have a total | 11 | Q. Okay. |
| 13 | area that is available. 470,000 burial spots | 12 | And the numbers that you were just |
| 14 | available. So whatever it is, we have enough | 13 | talking about with respect to the 115,000 |
| 15 | land, according to these numbers. As an | 14 | versus the 500,000, where are those calculated? |
| 16 | economist, that's what the numbers show. | 15 | A. Okay, that's Table 2B. So the Table |
| 17 | Q. And then how many deaths are | 16 | 1 is the demand for spaces. The supply is |
| 18 | projected over the next 15 years? | 17 | Table 2B called Processed Available Cemetery |
| 19 | A. The total deaths, the people dying, | 18 19 | Space, which is following their Table 2, all right? This is Table 2B. |
| 20 | resident deaths, is 250,000 256,000. | 20 | - |
| 21 | 256,000 people dying over the next 15 years. | 20 | On the left side are the 14, poorly |
| 22 | Q. And how many spots were available? | 21 | typed, but they're the names of the cemeteries. |
| 23 | A. Wait a minute. Of those deaths, how | 22 | And the very Line 15, the bottom |
| 24 | many want to be buried as opposed to cremated? | 23 | line is the total. If you follow it all |
| 25 | Q. Uh-hum. | 24 | across, all across the page, the very next to last column says 759,864 total spots, at a |
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| | 42 | | |
| 1 | A. So if you apply the burial rate, | 1 | 44 burial date the next number is 1,124 burial |
| 2 | there's 110,000 burial spots needed over the | 2 | spots per acre. That's what that means. |
| 3 | 15. | 3 | Q. And if the burial rate was actually |
| 4 | Q. And how many are available? | 4 | 2400 per acre, what would that how would the |
| 5 | A. Anywhere from 400 500,000 to | 5 | math work there? |
| 6 | 750,000 on my calculations. | 6 | A. Well, 2400 per acre would mean there |
| 7 | Q. All right. Now, let's talk about | 7 | would be double the 760,000, so that's, you |
| 8 | cremation niches. | 8 | know, 1,500 a million and a half spots. A |
| 9 | A. Okay. | 9 | million and a half spots for 110,000 people. |
| 10 | Q. Did you have an opportunity to | 10 | That's almost 100 spots per person. Wow! |
| 11 | consider those in your analysis? | 11 | Q. Any other reasons that we haven't |
| 12 | A. Well, since I was dealing with | 12 | talked about that support your opinion that the |
| 13 | cemetery space, I just have the rate of being | 13 | cemetery is not a public necessity and is not |
| 14 | cremated, but I didn't look at the space needs. | 14 | needed in Miami-Dade County? |
| 15 | Q. The cremation the total number of | 15 | A. Yes. |
| 16 | cremation is going to go up. Is that correct? | 16 | Q. Go ahead. |
| 17 | A. Yes. | 17 | A. Well, I've worked on other studies in |
| 18 | Q. And the cremation niche requires much | 18 | this area. One was the South Miami watershed |
| 19 | less space than a burial, correct? | 19 | study. And there there are two priorities |
| 20 | A. Yes. | 20 | in this land: One is agriculture and the other |
| 21 | Q. Is there anything in your New Table | 21 | is parks. I had done a study on parkland in |
| 22 | 1, which the Board has here, that you can | 22 | Miami and there's a shortage of parks, parks |
| 23 | pinpoint for them to be able to see your | 23 | for people, for living people. And it's also |
| 24 | numbers in action? | 24 | world prices of food are going up and high and |
| 25 | A. Yes, on New Table 1, at the bottom | 25 | rising. So food production in |
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| MR. BASS: I need to object. This is | 1 | particular plot was considered fallow. Am |
| 2 well beyond the scope of the disclosure of | 2 | I correct or incorrect on that? Would you |
| this expert. | 3 | know? |
| DR. WEISKOPF: Wait a minute. That's | 4 | MR. KELSKY: It is zoned agriculture. |
| inot true. | 5 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: No, I know it's |
| MR. KELSKY: Hold on. | 6 | zoned agriculture, but my understanding |
| The disclosure was that he was going | 7 | was it wasn't able to be used at this |
| to give an opinion as to whether or not | 8 | time. |
| the needs whether or not there was a | 9 | |
| need for this cemetery, and that's clearly | 10 | No, no, no, you I'm asking him. |
| L in the disclosure. | 11 | You guys get your turn later. Hang on. |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: But he's going to | 12 | DR. WEISKOPF: My understanding, the |
| watershed now. | 13 | word fallow doesn't mean I mean, that's |
| MR. KELSKY: He's talking about how | 14 | an agricultural term. Fallow generally |
| that relates to why there is no need for a | 14 | means regenerating. And in my |
| cemetery. | 16 | understanding of the land in that area and |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: All right, | | that land, that if it's not this year |
| continue. | 17 | used, it could be used next year or the |
| DR. WEISKOPF: I think there is a | 18 | year after. And the fact that we have a |
| need for parks and there is a need for | 19 | 10-month growing season means you could |
| agriculture and that land should be kept | 20 | get two or three crops out of that land. |
| in one of those two uses, especially | 21 | So it's just not land in New York or land |
| especially agriculture. So if you're | 22 | in Minnesota. So it could be very |
| taking land out of agriculture for | 23 | productive land. And if it's not used |
| something that's not needed in the next 15 | 24 | now, it could be used in agriculture and |
| MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | zoned agriculture. And we have a way of |
| | | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 |
| 46 1 years, when we're facing a crisis in that | | 48 |
| field the land is being used for now, it | 1 | making land productive as opposed taking |
| doesn't make any sense. | 2 | it out irrevocably taking it out of |
| 4 BY MR. KELSKY: | 3 | production. |
| Q. Have we covered your opinions? | 4 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Thank you. |
| A. Yes. | 5 | CROSS-EXAMINATION |
| MR. KELSKY: Thank you, sir. I don't | 6 | BY MR. BASS: |
| have any other questions. | 7 | Q. Sir, if I may, Dr. Weiskopf, good |
| COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: When do are | 8 | evening. Nice to see you. |
| we allowed to through the Chair, sorry. | 9 | А. ні. |
| When we get to our period, can we question | 10 | Q. You just referenced the South Dade |
| the witnesses or can we question before, | 11 | watershed study, correct? |
| during or after procedurally? | 12 | A. Yes. |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Procedurally, if you | 13 | Q. Are you familiar with that study? |
| have a question that you would like to ask | 14 | A. Yes. |
| a witness once they have completed their | 15 | Q. Could you tell the Board whether it |
| questioning, there's no reason why you | 16 | was adopted by the County Commission or |
| | | rejected by the County Commission? |
| | 17 | |
| can't ask. | 18 | A. No, I couldn't. I had a hand in |
| can't ask. COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Thank you. | 18 19 | making in getting the contract for that |
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| 1 | accepted the watershed study or rejected the | 1 | A. I don't understand the question. |
| 2 | watershed. Yes or no, please, Dr. Weiskopf? | 2 | Q. You relied on no source, other than |
| 3 | A. I don't know. | 3 | BEBR, for your population projections, correct? |
| 4 | Q. Dr. Weiskopf, you will agree with me | 4 | A. No, there are three other sources, |
| 5 | that the population of Miami-Dade County will | 5 | all right? You want me to go over those with |
| 6 | increase between now and 2020, correct? | 6 | you now? |
| 7 | Why don't you tell the Board what | 7 | Q. I just want to direct your attention |
| 8 | you're reading from when you're answering my | 8 | |
| 9 | question. | 9 | A. Wait, let me tell you something. |
| 10 | A. You're asking me if the population | 10 | Q. I want to direct your attention to |
| 11 | will increase between 2010 | 11 | your chart, Dr. Weiskopf. |
| 12 | Q. Uh-hum. | 12 | A. My chart BEBR is consistent with |
| 43 | A and 2020. I'm looking at the | 13 | the legislative branch also makes |
| 14 | numbers for the census of 2010 and the BEBR | 14 | projections and the County makes projections. |
| 15 | projections to 2020. I find the answer to your | 15 | The County has not made its projections yet. |
| 16 | question is, yes, it will increase. | 16 | Usually they're very it's very interesting, |
| 17 | Q. And can you tell this Board, with any | 17 | 'cause they do a study at the end of every five |
| 18 | degree of precision, how many people will be | 18 | years. |
| 19 | living in Miami-Dade County in 2030? | 19 | Q. Dr. Weiskopf. |
| 20 | A. No. | 20 | A. No, no, no. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. | 21 | Q. This is cross-examination, Dr. |
| 22 | If you had reference to the BEBR | 22 | Weiskopf. I get to ask the questions. You get |
| 23 | projections, would you be able to answer that | 23 | to answer the questions. |
| 24 25 | question? | 24 | A. Okay, got it. |
| 25 | A. Yes. | 25 | Q. You had plenty of time to answer |
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| 1 | Q. Okay. | . | 52 |
| 2 | And how would you answer that | 1 | Mr. Kelsky's questions |
| 3 | question? | 2 | MR. ROBERTSON: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bass. |
| 4 | A. Well, we'd have to look at I have | 3 | MR. BASS: Yes. |
| 5 | the tables to 2030, so but I was following | 4 | MR. ROBERTSON: You asked him a |
| 6 | the guidelines of going to 2025 and I stopped | 5 | question. He was trying to answer it. |
| 7 | there. So I don't have the exact numbers. | 6 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Yeah. |
| 8 | Q. Okay. | 7 | BY MR. BASS: |
| 9 | Now, you handed the Board a chart | 8 | Q. Okay, fine. Go ahead. Finish the |
| 10 | where you contained population projections from | 9 | answer. |
| 11 | BEBR, correct? | 10 | A. Wait a minute. The question was, if |
| 12 | A. Yes. | 11 12 | BEBR is wrong, then I'm wrong. Now which is |
| 13 | Q. Okay. | 12 | a set-up question. It's ridiculous, because |
| 14 | Now, Dr. Weiskopf, your opinion is | 13 | BEBR is known as very conservative. The |
| 15 | only as good as the data upon which you relied, | 14 | legislative districting is done on the basis of BEBR's numbers. The money given to the |
| 16 | correct? | 16 | counties is based on BEBR's numbers. So, yeah, |
| 17 | A. Better. It could be better. | 17 | everything could be wrong, yeah, sure, but, you |
| 18 | Q. It could be better? | 18 | know, you got to start somewhere. |
| 19 | A. It could be better. | 19 | Q. You disagree with Mr. Dolkart's |
| 20 | Q. But in this case, Dr. Weiskopf, for | 20 | numbers, correct? |
| 21 | your population projections, you relied on | 20 | A. Is he the author of these tables, one |
| 22 | BEBR, correct? | 22 | and two? |
| 23 | A. Yes. | 22 | Q. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. And if BEBR is wrong, then you | 24 | A. Yeah, I do. |
| | | | |
| 25 | are wrong, correct? | 1 | |
| 25 | | 25 | Q. Okay. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 |

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| 1 | dian ava a . | And, in fact, Dr. Weiskopf, you | 1 | But that and this is the reverse, it's |
| 2 | - | with BEBR's numbers, correct? | 2 | jumping down with the 2010 census. |
| 3 | A. | No, I what do you mean? | 3 | Q. But I want to focus on your book now |
| 4 | Q. | You, yourself, discredit the BEBR | 4 | and we'll get back to that. |
| 5 | numbers, | | 5 | Did you say in your book that for |
| 6 | Α. | No. | 6 | decades BEBR has consistently under forecasted |
| 7 | Q. | Okay. | 7 | populations? |
| 8 | | Did you write a book, Dr. Weiskopf? | 8 | A. Yeah, that was true during the boom |
| 9 | Α. | Wait did you say did you | 9 | period, that's right. |
| 10 | understa | ind my answer? | 10 | Q. And when did you write your book? |
| 11 | Q. | Yeah, you said no. | 11 | A. I wrote it between 2002 and 2004. |
| 12 | | Did you write a book, Dr. Weiskopf? | 12 | Q. And when was it published? |
| 13 | Α. | Two books. | 13 | A. 2005. |
| 14 | Q. | Is this a copy of the book that you | 14 | Q. Okay. |
| 15 | wrote? | | 15 | |
| 16 | Α. | Yes. | 15 | So is your book no longer current? |
| 17 | Q. | Okay. | 1 | A. No, it's the greatest book that |
| 18 | | When did you write that book, Dr. | 17 | exist, really, but in terms of projections, |
| 19 | Weiskopf? | | 18 | they have to be updated. |
| 20 | | | 19 | Q. Okay. Well, let's focus on your |
| 21 | A. | You're missing the cover of the book, | 20 | words here. Let's look at if we can zoom |
| | | more attractive than the one that's up | 21 | this up. |
| 22 | there. | | 22 | Do you recall making a statement in |
| 23 | Q. | Okay. Thank you. I hope you can get | 23 | your book that the forecast for all of Florida |
| 24 | | azon sales from that. I had to check it | 24 | fail equally to win our confidence. Do you |
| 25 | out of the | - | 25 | recall making that statement? |
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| 1 | | But that's the book that you wrote, | 1 | A. Yeah, but look at the next sentence. |
| 2 | correct? | | 2 | It says the statement statewide medium forecast |
| 3 | Α. | Yes. | 3 | for '82 in 1982 for 2020. In other words, |
| 4 | Q. | Okay. | 4 | when you go look, I hope I'm going to |
| 5 | | Do you remember what you wrote about | 5 | explain. Give me one minute. Please don't |
| 6 | in your bo | ook with respect to the accuracy of | 6 | interrupt. |
| 7 | BEBR? | | 7 | Q. Sure. Take all the time you want. |
| 8 | Α. | Not exactly. | 8 | A. This is tricky. |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. Well, let's see if I can | 9 | Q. Evidently. |
| 10 | refresh yo | our recollection for a moment, please. | 10 | Were you trying to be tricky? |
| 11 | | Do you recall making the statement | 11 | A. No, not at all. |
| 12 | that BEBR | consistently under forecasts our | 12 | Q. Okay. |
| 13 | | a. Do you recall saying that? | 13 | A. But what we had before was the case |
| 14 | A . | Right, that was true of the boom | 14 | |
| 15 | period. | | 14 | that we all lived through. When the estimates |
| 16 | Q. | Okay. | | that were made for our future were |
| 17 | | But do you recall making that | 16 | underestimated and so we ended up needing more |
| 18 | statement | | 17 | fire stations, and more water and more schools, |
| 19 | A. | | 18 | cause more people came in than they expected. |
| 20 | | Yeah, but it was special. We | 19 | And the reason they came in was because we had |
| £V | | to the boom, which is what I said to I earlier, that as long as the | 20 | good like favorable tax rates, and lots of |
| 24 | the Deer | rearrier, that as iong as the | 21 | incentives to get people to move here, and |
| 21 | | | 1 | |
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| | The last three years has been the | 1 | statistics as a mirage, because against the |
| 2 | reverse. The last three years has been we | 2 | backdrop of the statistic, the under the |
| | still think we're in a boom. And so we have a | 3 | population is itself growing. Do you recall |
| - | lot of construction going on, we had, that kept | 4 | making that statement in your book? |
| 5 | on going even though they knew there was a crash. | 5 | A. You'd have to give me the citation of |
| | | 6 | it. |
| 8 | And now you're holding me for the | 7 | Q. Okay, I will in a moment. |
| | boom responsible, criticizing the BEBR, because | 8 | Do you recall whether or not BEBR, |
| | it was superconservative on underestimating the | | the document that you just filed, said that we |
| 1 | boom, but now in the decline, I'm saying that the BEBR statistics are the best are much | 10 | expect growth to increase after a year or |
| | | 11 | two of low growth, we expect growth to increase |
| | are better, because they might be, because | 12 | thereafter, reaching levels more in line with |
| 4 | it's the only things we have right now. Q. Okay. Well, I'm not criticizing | 13 | historical patterns by the middle of the |
| ē | anything, Doctor. I'm trying to focus in on | 14 | decade? |
| | your criticism. | 15 | A. Right. |
| 7 | • | 16 | Q. You agree with that? |
| É | So if I could, you made the statement that there have been several decades of | 17 | A. Well, that's what they said, but they |
| | consistently underestimating future | 18 | said they'd have to look at that, because |
| 0 | populations. | 19 | wait a minute. |
| Ě | | 20 | I said in economic terms, some people |
| ļ | Do you agree with that statement? A. Right, during the boom period. | 21 | say that the recession is not going to go away |
| 3 | A. Right, during the boom period. Q. Okay. | 22 | in two years. If that's true, then this BEBR |
| Ĭ | · · · · · | 23 | statement you just read might also be very |
| Į | A. In 2003, everything was going up, up, up. In 2007, it all crashed and it's not going | 24 | optimistic, if construction stays low and |
| .5 | | 25 | immigration stays low. |
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| Ţ | ⁵⁸ to go up, up, up. | | 60 |
| 2 | Q. Okay. | 1 | Q. Let's pull up the chart that you gave |
| | And you would agree with the | 2 | to the Board members, your Table 1. Let's |
| 4 | statement that our growth has consistently | 3 | focus on your chart. |
| 5 | exceeded all statistical and demographic | 4 | A. Okay. |
| | expectations? | 5 | Q. As you indicated before, the black |
| 7 | A. Up until 2005. That's six years ago. | 6 | line are all your projections, correct? A. Below the black line. |
| <u>.</u> | Q. Or up until you were hired to give | | |
| | the testimony today, correct? | 8 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| ō | A. No, no, this is a good record, this | | projections? |
| 4 | is a historical record, but I wouldn't want to | 10 | A. No, they're projections, not |
| | apply projections made in 2007, which is what | 12 | Q. They're BEBR projections, correct? |
| 3 | your side is doing, to the projections for | 13 | Q. They're BEBR projections, correct? A. No. |
| | 2025. | 13 | _ |
| | See, you're still in the optimistic | 15 | Q. But what are those population projections below the line? |
| 6 | phase. And I'm saying there's been a decline | 16 | |
| | and the leveling off of population and a | 17 | A. Right. The population are BEBR projections. The resident deaths is my the |
| | falling death rate. You have an increasing | 18 | only thing that's BEBR are the population |
| 9 | death rate and an increasing in a booming | 19 | projections, column one. |
| | population. I'm saying it's not realistic. | 20 | Q. Okay. |
| | Q. Okay. | 21 | So all of your below the line column |
| !2 | But I'm talking about absolute | 22 | 1 projections are from BEBR, correct? And in |
| | deaths, not the death rate, right? | 23 | 2009, you report that 17,814 people died, |
| | A. Uh-hum. | 24 | correct? |
| 25 | Q. Do you recall describing certain | 25 | A. That's from vital statistics. |
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| Q. | 61 And you based your model in part on | | 63 |
| | hat in 2009, and you've told this | 1 | called resident deaths. |
| | • | 2 | By this the second table that I'm |
| | at 17,814 people died, correct? Yes. | 3 | working with, not this one, that's the rough |
| | Okay. | 4 | draft, I'm using |
| હ્ય. | • | 5 | Q. Oh, this is a rough draft? |
| report th | But this isn't the only page of the at you've prepared, correct? You've | 6 | A. The one yeah, the 1-A, yeah. |
| | other charts, correct? | 7 | Q. So we shouldn't pay attention to 1-A? |
| A. | | 8 | A. Oh, you could pay attention. It's a |
| Q. | They were rough drafts. Okay. | 9 | historical document. |
| ۲. | , | 10 | Q. Okay. |
| that you! | Well, let me show you another chart ve prepared. This is your chart as | 11 | But you're not relying on 1-A? |
| | Weiskopf, on the board, is it not? | 12 | A. Yeah, I'm just explaining the |
| | prepare this chart? | 13 | difference. I'm explaining that there's these |
| | Yes. | 14 | concepts that I think that you also used in |
| Q. | Okay. | 15 | deaths. And that the relevant idea, the |
| હ્ય. | | 16 | relevant concept is resident deaths as opposed |
| Board no | Now, in 2009, you're telling this t that 17,000 people died, but rather | 17 | to that other idea of deaths, so that accounts |
| | 37 people died, correct? | 18 | for the thousand. |
| _ | Yes. | 19 | Q. Have you compared your you've done |
| | Okay. | 20 | your own population predictions, correct? |
| . હ. | · . | 21 | A. No. |
| vou dicar | So your own numbers disagreed with | 22 | Q. You never have? |
| you uisag | gree with your own numbers, correct? | 23 | A. Oh, you mean in this exercise or |
| Q. | • | 24 | elsewhere? |
| _ | So how do you have in 2009 | 25 | Q . Elsewhere. |
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| A. Q. | 62 Right, 17,000. 17,000 and 18,000 people died? | 2 | 64 A. I have used other authorities to calculate Miami-Dade well, all of South |
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| 2 | you contrasted your predictions against BEBR | 2 | |
| 4 | predictions? A. (The witness nods his head in the | 3 | |
| | A. (The witness nods his head in the affirmative.) | 4 | |
| | | 5 | cemetery space on a pre-need basis? |
| 7 | Q. Correct? And is that a copy of the graph? | 6 | |
| 8 | | 7 | |
| 9 | A. Well, I made a large economic model, which population is the result of wage | 8 | 2013, how many people will buy a cemetery space |
| 10 | differences, where people move in due to | 9 | on a pre-need basis? |
| 11 | population. So if there's a boom, the | 10 | |
| 12 | population is going to grow faster than the | 11 | |
| 13 | rate of births and deaths is going to indicate. | 12 | • |
| 14 | Q. Does your graph, your chart, Dr. | 13 | |
| 15 | Weiskopf, show a swing in population | 14 | year near to know how many people |
| 16 | projections between what you predict we'll be | 15 | |
| 17 | looking at in 2030 and what BEBR predicts we'll | 16 | |
| 18 | be looking at? | 17 | |
| 19 | A. Yeah, let's see. If you go out I | 18 | cemetery space? Your answer was you don't |
| | can't see that far, you know. I have to get my | 19 | know? |
| 21 | glasses. | 20 | A. I don't know. |
| 22 | Q. Well, it's in your book. | 21 | Q. How many people in 2010, bought a |
| 23 | A. Yeah, tell me the page. Tell me the | 22 | cemetery space? A. I don't know. |
| 24 | table. Let me answer you conceptually. | 23 | |
| 25 | Q. Page 41. Sure. | 25 | |
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| ⊺ 1 | A. Okay, so | 1 | space? |
| 2 | Q. You need a microphone. | 2 | A. Usually not. |
| 3 | A. Does that work? | 3 | Q. Okay. |
| 4 | So, I mean, this is six years ago, | 4 | So your entire exercise here |
| 5 | this work. B is BEBR low, BEBR medium and BEBR | 5 | attempted to lead this Board to believe that |
| 6 | high. So Weiskopf low again, this would | 6 | demand for cemetery space was caused purely by |
| 7 | have been if you take that boom and BEBR | 7 | deaths, but that is not the entirety of the |
| 8 | has always been low. So even the BEBR high is | 8 | demand side, correct, Dr. Weiskopf? |
| 9 | lower and Weiskopf medium is a little bit | 9 | A. No, that's not right, what you just |
| 10 | higher and Weiskopf high. That's right. So | 10 | said. I disagree with you. |
| 11 | yeah, the forecast then that BEBR would have | 11 | Q. Okay. |
| 12 | underestimated the future, given the boom. I | 12 | You will agree with me that you have |
| 13 | haven't answered you. | 13 | no idea what the ratio is between people dying |
| 14 | Q. You've answered the question that was | 14 | and the selling of cemetery spaces on a |
| 15 | pending. | 15 | pre-need planning basis. Yes or no, do you |
| 16 | A. Okay. | 16 | know what the number is? |
| 17 | Q. Let's pull up your demand chart, | 17 | A. Let me think. Let me think. |
| 18 | Demand 1, the first chart. Let's zoom below | 18 | Ask me again. That was a complicated |
| 19 | the line 2011 to 2000 and we're almost done | 19 | question. |
| 20 21 | with you, Dr. Weiskopf. You there? | 20 | Q. Do you know the ratio between deaths |
| 21 | A. No. Just a second. Okay. | 21 | and the purchase of cemetery space on a |
| 22 | Q. Okay. | 22 | pre-need or planning basis, yes or no? |
| 23 24 | You show in 2009 17,814 people died, | 23 | A. No. And let me explain. |
| 24 25 | correct? A. 17,814, ves. | 24 | Q. Sure. |
| 23 | | 25 | A. Okay. That the nature of a demand |
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| | analysis for cemetery space is not how many | 1 | An economist can calculate the real |
| 2 | when they buy it. So I may buy one for my | 2 | need as opposed to the market. You could |
| | children and my grandchildren now in 2011 and | 3 | there's a demand for product, like water, and |
| 5 | my great grandchildren, right? I can do that, | 4 | air, and automobiles and then there's the sales |
| 5 | right? | 5 | and the financing of it. You're asking me |
| | But we're asking the Board to | 6 | about the financing of a plan. |
| - | consider whether we have to make physical | 7 | Q. Well, I'm asking you about the sales. |
| 8 | provision for people that want to be buried in | 8 | My question was about the sales, because you're |
| | the County based on their dying, not on whether | 9 | looking at statistics of death, right? |
| | they're buying in speculation or buying for | 10 | A. Right. |
| 1 | their great, great grandchildren. | 11 | Q. And you've conceded that living |
| | Q. Okay. | 12 | people buy cemetery spaces as well as dead |
| . | You will agree with me that you can't | 13 | people, correct? |
| 4 | be buried in a site that I've paid for, | 14 | A. Well, I thought living people have to |
| | correct? | 15 | buy spaces. I mean, when you're dead, you |
| र र | A. Site. I don't understand the | 16 | don't really buy it. |
| 7 | question. | 17 | Q. The decision to make the decision |
| | Q. Well, let me ask you this way. When | 18 | can be made to buy a cemetery space before you |
| 9 | a site, a burial site is sold on a preplanning | 19 | die, correct? And you did not factor that in |
| 0 | basis, when a husband and wife come in, and | 20 | in your demand? |
| | they reach that age where they want to make | 21 | A. That's interesting. Let me answer |
| 2 2 | arrangements and they buy sites, maybe one for | 22 | that. |
| 3 | each of them or to use your example, maybe | 23 | Q . Uh-hum. |
| | they buy for their grand kids, and if it's a | 24 | A. Because I just came from three |
| 5 | big family, maybe they buy it for the kids and | 25 | cemeteries in this area and I wanted to see |
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| 2 Q. Okay. | 2 | of their securing of arrangements for their |
| Is a burial a purely economic | 3 | death? |
| decision? | 4 | A. Okay. It's a good question. |
| 5 A. Burial is a purely spiritual | 5 | I asked the BEBR demographers exactly |
| | 6 | that question. I asked them, when you gave me |
| decision. Q. Okay. | 7 | projections over the next 20 years, could you |
| And how do the laws of economics | 8 | give it to me by age cohort for each county. |
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| apply on the spiritual side? A. Right. I don't know. I don't know | 10 | And they said we haven't that's coming out in a few months. |
| 1 how what those factors are. I know that | 11 | |
| I think there are economic treatises written on | 1 | Q. Is the baby boomer's age, would you |
| this, but I have not studied how a family, | 12 | expect them to be making funeral arrangements, |
| 4 especially in times of economic difficulty, | 13 | burial arrangements? |
| make that decision to go from hurial to | 14 | A. I'm not an expert on this. |
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| | 17 | a spiritual decision? |
| Q. So you're just looking at statistics. | 18 | A. You asked me as an economist, if I |
| You are not focusing on the noneconomic | 19 | had an opinion about this, and I told you I had |
| decision-making that goes into the decision to be buried or to be cremated? | 20 | none. |
| | 21 | Q. You're just simply looking at trends, |
| A. That's correct. I just looked at the | 22 | correct? |
| trends. And since I saw that in your analysis, | 23 | A. I looked at the trends on cremation |
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| 5 when, in fact, the last five years have shown a | 25 | they seem to contradict the reality. |
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| for him. 1 MR. KELSKY: Okay. | |
| COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: No, we I have 2 DR. WEISKOPF: Anybody? | |
| to take a five-minute break. Thank you. 3 VICE CHAIRWOMAN VAZQUEZ: No, (Thereupon, at 8:26 p.m., a recess 4 Thank you | sir. |
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| was taken until 8:36 p.m., after which the5MR. KELSKY: Since it's the close ofhearing continued as follows:)6our case. I just wanted to address a few | |
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| Session. Please take your seats.9were cherry picked from SCI. SCI is theMR. KELSKY: May I? Thank you.10company here that's is trying to | |
| Sorry about trying to hold up the break. 11 ultimately get an application approved. | |
| REDIRECT-EXAMINATION 12 Their data is based on faulty projections | |
| BY MR. KELSKY: 13 as far as death population, cremation rate | |
| Q. Dr. Weiskopf, in the applicant's 14 and burial rate. The numbers that we've | |
| economic analysis that has been provided to 15 actually provided are hard economic | |
| you, did you see any data on pre-need purchases 16 numbers, taken directly from BEBR, the | |
| and how that would affect supply or demand? 17 Department of Vital Statistics in the | |
| A. I don't recall it being discussed in 18 State of Florida, and have been accurately | |
| here. 19 analyzed and portrayed to this Board to | |
| Q. We're talking about BEBR, which they 20 show that the numbers are so grossly und | er |
| spent a long time trying to impeach you on. 21 inflated so as to create an artificial | |
| Let's talk about that. Your book was published 22 demand with a diminishing supply that are | 2 |
| when? 23 completely out of whack to reality and the | |
| A. It came out in 2005. 24 numbers that are presented before you. | |
| Q. And your criticism was related to a 25 Obviously, the applicant has an | |
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| boom? 78 | 80 |
| A. Boom, yeah, which 'cause my data 1 economic interest in making that window shorter, so that they can prove that | |
| goes up to 2001, 2002, so it's really right 3 there's a need or a public necessity. | |
| after the 2000 census. And that's the period. 4 Clearly that's not the case here and it's | |
| Q.We're talking about two different5not based upon any competent substantial | |
| periods of accuracy, then and now? 6 evidence, whereas the hard data relied | |
| A. Accuracy of one was this 7 upon by Dr. Weiskopf is clearly competent | |
| unprecedented boom that we thought would go on 8 substantial evidence. | |
| forever and now we're into a major, major, 9 When we look at the overall picture | |
| major recession that's not going to go away in 10 here, you got to look at who the ultimate | |
| one or two years. So it's like the flip side 11 benefactor is. The ultimate benefactor is | |
| of it. 12 SCI. And I would point your attention to | |
| MR. KELSKY: Those are all the 13 the Table 2, which is the reliance of the | |
| questions I have. 14 data that was submitted by the applicant. | |
| Thank you, Dr. Weiskopf.15And if you look at the lower left-handCHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you.16corner, the data comes from SCI and the | |
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| we dealt be | t |
| hut Thursdall the tast of the | |
| CHAIRMAN WANTER: Did you have any 20 ago, I spent a lot of time on | |
| questions? 21 cross-examination with Mr. Dolkart going | |
| MR. KELSKY: Did you want to ask him 22 over the data that he relied upon. And | |
| any questions? 23 although he said he relied upon data from | |
| COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Not at this 24 the department of vital statistics, his | |
| time. 25 numbers don't anywhere approach the | |
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| 1 | accurate numbers. And the reason that I'm | 1 | unfortunately. | |
| 2 | going over this and kind of harping on | 2 | My reason for being here tonight is, | |
| 3 | this is the fact that SCI numbers are the | 3 | it is such an important thing to be able | |
| 4 | numbers they're numbers for a reason, | 4 | to know that your loved one is cared for. | |
| 5 | and that is try to create need where one | 5 | They're watched over. And in some places, | |
| 6 | doesn't exist. | 6 | the living consider that a hallowed spot. | |
| 8 | All you have to do is listen to | 7 | I've been in a lot of different | |
| 9 | Dr. Weiskopf's testimony showing accurate | 8 | cemeteries. I am familiar with the | |
| 10 | statistics from the State of Florida and | 9 | cemetery that is being discussed this | |
| 11 | you will see, not only is there no need, | 10 | evening. | |
| 12 | the request of the applicant is absurd | 11 | My personal experiences have been | |
| 13 | based upon the actual numbers that are provided. | 12 | incredible. Two years ago, I did a | |
| 14 | • | 13 | service for a man's wife. It happened to | |
| 15 | That's really the focus of what I want to talk about. We'll hear a lot in | 14 | be with the cemetery that we're speaking | |
| 16 | | 15 | of this evening. As I walked in that | |
| 17 | public comment from the people that I | 16 | evening, her husband was the only one | |
| 18 | represent about this particular application. | 17 | seated there by the casket. I sat. I | |
| 19 | Thank you. | 18 | waited. I asked the staff there, are | |
| 20 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 19 | there anybody coming? And they told me he | |
| 21 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. Rebuttal. | 20 | is the only one. And I saw something that | |
| 22 | MR. BASS: Mr. Chair, what I would | 21 | night that went beyond a job. It went | |
| 23 | like to do is, I may have to rebut many of | 22 | beyond being paid for something. I saw | |
| 24 | the comments made by the public, so I'd | 23 | the staff that were working at that | |
| 25 | like to have the public here, who are to | 24 | funeral home that evening gather around | |
| | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | that man as his family could have, if they | |
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| 1 | 82 speak against it and in favor of it speak | 1 | 84 | |
| 2 | and then I'll wrap up with a rebuttal | 2 | were there, and they escorted him, did not | |
| 3 | after I hear every issue raised by each of | 3 | have to, but escorted him to the cemetery, where his beloved wife was laid to rest. | |
| 4 | the speakers. | 4 | That is my experience. | |
| 5 | Thank you. | 5 | I think that there are so many | |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: All right, thank | 6 | different pros and cons that people can | |
| 7 | you. | 7 | bring up, but I do know one thing. A | |
| 8 | All right we're going to open the | 8 | cemetery is not a nuisance. A cemetery is | |
| 9 | public hearing. | 9 | not something to be afraid of. It's a | |
| 10 | Those who support the application, | 10 | holy place. It's a place where we go | |
| 11 | please speak first. Anybody in favor of | 11 | sometimes to think, sometimes to visit our | |
| 12 | the application, state your name and | 12 | loved ones and other times just to | |
| 13 | address for the record. | 13 | meditate. So that is my feeling, that is | |
| 14 | PASTOR FOWLER: Good evening, my name | 14 | my opinion. And I would like to close | |
| 15 | is Robert Fowler. I'm a pastor. I live | 15 | with those remarks. | |
| 16 | at 13300 Southwest 17 Court, in Miramar, | 16 | Thank you. | |
| 17 | Florida. | 17 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | |
| 18 | I would like to state that I'm not | 18 | Something I forgot to mention, we're | |
| 19 | employed by any funeral homes, nor am I | 19 | going to try and keep public comment down | |
| 20 | employed by any cemeteries, but I am one | 20 | to two minutes per person. That was | |
| 21 | of those few pastors that do a lot of | 21 | within two minutes. | |
| 22 | funerals, unfortunately. Many faiths, | 22 | PASTOR FOWLER: Thank you. | |
| 23 | many types of people. And I spend | 23 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Anybody else in | |
| 24 | probably more time in a cemetery than most | 24 | favor of the application? Name and | |
| 25 | of these that are here tonight, | 25 | address for the record. Keep it to two | |
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| minutes. | 1 | South Dade area and conducted services in |
| MR. GUZMAN: Good evening, David | 2 | churches as well as funerals from Pembroke |
| Carcacha Guzman. And for my protection, | 3 | Pines all the way to Key West. So I've |
| my office address is 1172 South Dixie | 4 | had quite an experience in the past few |
| Highway, Suite 388, Coral Gables, Florida | 5 | years. |
| 33146. Why do I state that? Because last | 6 | What I have found is that there are |
| time when we were here, as I was walking | 7 | many people, unbeknown to the general |
| to my car, I was attacked by several of | 8 | public, who go to cemeteries simply to be |
| these people. | 9 | with their loved ones and to have an |
| Let me state this, that the first | 10 | opportunity to enjoy the quiet, the |
| time that this item was heard before this | 11 | serenity, and, yes, even speak to them. |
| Council, we were in the Kendall Village, | 12 | This happens more often than you think. |
| and only nine people, neighbors, came to | 13 | One little story I would tell you. I |
| speak against it, which they have the | 14 | had a service in one of our large Miami |
| right to do so, okay? But the fact is | 15 | downtown cemeteries. Following the |
| that this is not neighbors that are | 16 | 5 |
| against it. This is a church, an | 17 | services, I was going to the car. This |
| organized church that's against it. Why | 18 | little boy, maybe eight or nine years old, |
| do I say this? Because I know some of the | 10 | came up to me, because I wear the clerical |
| people that attend this church that are | 20 | collar. He said, "Would you pray for my |
| here present that do not live in Community | | grandfather?" And I said, "Well, sure. |
| Council 11, okay? So but having said | 21 | Where is your grandfather?" "Oh, he's |
| that, County ordinance allows any | 22 | over here." |
| residents of Miami-Dade County to speak at | 23 | So we walked over a little ways and |
| any public hearing, whether in favor or | 24 | there was a burial spot. I don't know how |
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| against. | | 88 |
| I stand before you, Chairman, | 1 | had a prayer. And the little boy said, |
| Councilwoman, Chairman Councilman, as a | 2 | "Thank you so much. This is such a |
| taxpayer, as a voter, as a constituent, as | 3 | beautiful place. And I feel so good and I |
| a citizen. | 4 | know my grandfather feels good, too." |
| In April of this year, the United | 5 | That is one of the examples that I |
| States census released the information. | 6 | would show you as to why perhaps more |
| And that's why Miami-Dade County has been | 7 | spaces are necessary, for people to go and |
| having public hearings on the | 8 | enjoy the green, which is the big thing |
| redistricting. | 9 | now in all kinds of politics and |
| And I would like to submit this for | 10 | everything else, we got to go green, but |
| the record. This is public information, | 11 | also to find an opportunity for serenity, |
| that there's been an increase of citizens | 12 | for spiritual help and for doing |
| Countywide. Just in District 11, there's | 13 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. |
| been an increase of 36,263 more people. | 14 | PASTOR HENDRIX: a person's |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 15 | grieving. |
| MR. GUZMAN: Thank you. | 16 | Thank you very much. |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 17 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you, sir. |
| | 18 | Anyone else speaking in favor of the |
| Next. Name and address, for the record, sir. | 19 | application? |
| | 20 | MR. PERCIVAL: Good evening, Mr. |
| PASTOR HENDRIX: John Hendrix, 21875 | 21 | Chair, Councilwoman, Council Members, |
| Southwest 212 Avenue, Miami, 33170-1006. | 22 | Lawrence Percival, 11945 Southwest 127 |
| I've been a pastor down in the South Florida area since 1956. Been in | 23 | Court. |
| | 24 | All of you know me, because I've been |
| practically every funeral home in the | 25 | to more than 90% of your Community Council |
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| 1 | meetings. I'm probably a figure in this | 1 | |
| 2 | audience more than anyone else and | 2 | buried there. So I think that's |
| 3 | empirically I have a lot of knowledge from | 3 | important, too. |
| 4 | the things that I've learned coming here | 4 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Mr. Percival. |
| 5 | as many times as I have. | 5 | MR. PERCIVAL: If you will allow me, |
| 6 | This is a process where you rely on | 6 | (, |
| 7 | factual information, not on gossip, not on | 7 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: If we give you |
| 8 | innuendo, not on emotional elements | 8 | more |
| 10 | regarding any application. Tonight is an | 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: We'll have to give |
| 11 | exceptionally unusual night in terms of the size of the audience that's interested | 10 | everyone. |
| 12 | in this issue. For whatever the reasons, | 11 | MR. PERCIVAL: Thank you. Thank you |
| 13 | they're always welcome here, but you have | 12 | for your consideration. |
| 14 | tried very, very hard, over three | 13 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Anyone else wishing |
| 15 | meetings, to make sure that you could get | 14 | to speak in favor of the application? |
| 16 | the facts out and understand them, so you | 15 | Anyone wishing to speak in opposition |
| 17 | could make an informed decision. | 16 | to the application? |
| 18 | With that being said, I'd like to | 17 18 | In favor? Hang on just a second. In |
| 19 | make this suggestion. I recently became a | 10 | favor or in opposition? |
| 20 | member of the Miami Metro Zoo rotary club, | 20 | MR. CRUZ: Favor, favor. |
| 21 | after 29 years being in Kiwanis. We have | 20 | My name is Carlos Cruz. I live at 10240 Southwest 124 Street. I'm an |
| 22 | a four-way test of things we do, say and | 22 | employer of Florida International Seafood, |
| 23 | think. | 23 | and I have an employee of mine by the name |
| 24 | First, is it the truth? That's what | 24 | of Cardenas, which lost his son two days |
| 25 | you're here to assess. And a lot of this | 25 | before the school started. This young man |
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| 1 | conversation tonight has been about | 1 | was a victim to an accident and his father |
| 2 | whether there really is a need for this | 2 | has to drive approximately an hour just to |
| 3 | cemetery or not. Regarding the testimony | 3 | go to where the young man was buried. |
| 4 | of both sides, my empirical sense of the | 4 | And I think everybody should have an |
| 5 | issue is, there absolutely is a need. We | 5 | opportunity, at least a parent or a family |
| 6 | have more banks. We have more gas | 6 | member, to be able to decide where they |
| 7 | stations. We have more restaurants. We | 7 | can bury a person or even have an option |
| 8 | have more everything. We're growing. And | 8 | to be able to save money if another place |
| 10 | you've also heard testimony that even in this district alone walks many the | 9 | is going to give them a better a better |
| 11 | this district alone, we're more than 36,000 more people than we were | 10 | price or something where they can decide |
| 12 | previously. Empirically, I think we can | 11 | on that. |
| 13 | continue to project that even with the | 12 | And I'm coming on behalf of them. |
| 14 | booms and the ups and the downs, we're | 13 | And they live right by that place. They |
| 15 | going to still see more people wanting to | 14 15 | live right off of 136 Street and roughly |
| 16 | come here and empirically people are going | 16 | 197th Avenue. And if they would have had |
| 17 | to die here and some of them are going to | 17 | that opportunity there, they would be able to be a lot closer to their to their |
| 18 | want to be cremated. | 18 | home and be able to visit their family |
| 19 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 19 | member, which they go two or three times a |
| 20 | MR. PERCIVAL: But, most importantly, | 20 | week just to go see where he's buried now. |
| 21 | they're all going to make a decision of | 21 | Thank you very much. |
| 22 | where they want to be buried. And if we | 22 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 23 | have a choice between being buried in | 23 | Anyone else in favor of the |
| 24 | Homestead or being buried out here, I | 24 | application? |
| 25 | would like to have that choice in having a | 25 | All right, anybody opposed? |
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| ⁹³ Sir, name and address, for the | 1 | ⁹⁵ these people with gloves, they don't want |
| record, please. | 2 | to touch anything. They don't want to |
| MR. DEL VALLE: My name is Norman Del | 3 | touch the body. They don't want to touch |
| Valle. I live at 8001 Southwest 138th | 4 | the liquid. And that's why they use |
| Court. I am a 74-year-old man. I've been | 5 | gloves. Look at the face. Look at the |
| in contact with South Dade since 1957. I | 6 | face. That's the reaction of a person |
| was a farmer. I was a general engineering | 7 | • |
| contractor. I own a real estate | 8 | who's doing a disinterment, the smell, the |
| appraising company. And I have been in | 9 | rotting flesh, the smelly water that |
| touch with this area for over 50 years. | 10 | you're pumping out, all that junk, and |
| I've been in contact also with the | 11 | that's going into the ground. |
| cemetery industry, because I work for | 12 | MR. ROBERTSON: Three minutes. |
| Stewart Enterprises for seven years. And | 12 | MR. DEL VALLE: Thirty inches, 30 inches below. |
| all I want to do in these two minutes that | 13 | |
| I have is to describe what disinterment | | Thank you. |
| is. | 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| When you look in here, when you look | 16 | MR. JONES: Mr. Chair, do you have |
| in here, it's a casket into get it | 17 | reduced copies? Because since you showed |
| right. A casket into one of those into | 18 | that to the Board |
| one of those vaults. The vault has a hole | 19 | MS. PETISCO: Yes, yes. |
| at the bottom. To give you an idea how | 20 | MR. KELSKY: The black and white |
| much damage, what you see down here is | 21 | copies were in our submission. I don't |
| rust and you have a hole there. | 22 | have color copies, but the black and white |
| - | 23 | are in the record. |
| Yesterday, I put my boots on and I | 24 | MS. PETISCO: Yes, we do have. |
| went back to the Redlands and I measured | 25 | MR. KELSKY: They have them. |
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| 94 the water level, 30 inches below ground | | |
| level. I don't care what they do, how | 1 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: All right, next. |
| much they raise their land. When you're | 2 | MS. CANO: Good evening. My name is |
| doing a disinterment, the first thing you | 3 | Yvette Silva Cano. I live at 14805 |
| do, when you have a vault or a crypt full | 4 | Southwest 184 Avenue. I'm a citizen and |
| of water, is bring a water pump and you | 5 | I'm an environmental educator. |
| start pumping water from that place into | 6 | I'm here to tell you that South |
| the grave around you. You don't take it | 7 | Florida is a landscape that floods. It |
| away to other place. You just poo, poo, | 8 | always has and it always will. As a |
| poo, poo, poo, you just dump it there. At | 9 | matter of fact, we pump out 1.5 billion |
| the time you're doing that, that body that | 10 | gallons of water daily into the ocean just |
| was buried there has from one and a half | 11 | to prevent South Florida from flooding. |
| of two gallons of formal (sic). That's | 12 | As a matter of fact, as designated by |
| what they put in you when you die, okay? | 13 | Miami-Dade County, this is an area that is |
| And that thing goes in there and just seep | 14 | that has the potential to flood between |
| down to those 30 inches. And that is the | 15 | one to three feet already as is. |
| water that you're going to be drinking, | 16 | It does not take an expert to realize |
| sooner or later. That's the water that | 17 | that altering and raising 40 acres of land |
| | 18 | will cause all kinds of negative damages |
| we're telling these people who live in that area to be drinking. Scener or | 19 | on all of South Florida. |
| that area to be drinking. Sooner or | 20 | Climate change is real. When would |
| later, that's what's going to happen. | 21 | you have thought that a hurricane would |
| That's what's going to happen. Nothing else. | 22 | have ended up in New York City? For us, |
| | 23 | it means stronger storms, heavier rains, |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 24 | longer droughts, harsher winters, hotter |
| MR. DEL VALLE: You see you see | 25 | summers. The planet is changing. Caskets |
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| 1 | will flood, creating a soup of human | 1 | MR. PETISCO: What about our wells? |
| 2 | remains and chemicals that will go | 2 | What about our wells? The subject site, |
| 3 | directly into our aquifer. | 3 | in particular, is located well outside of |
| 4 | Sprinkler trucks will pull water from | 4 | any well field protection area, and, thus, |
| 5 | the surrounding aquifer and spray your | 5 | is ideally suited for cemetery |
| 6 7 | fruits and vegetables with things like | 6 | development. |
| 8 | formaldehyde, arsenic, ammonia, lead, just to name a few. | 7 | DERM did they tested the water on |
| 9 | | 8 | 16 cemeteries and they found one cemetery |
| 10 | The altering of this land for a | 9 | that had high concentrations of ammonia. |
| 11 | cemetery will contribute to all aspects of | 10 | One cemetery had high concentrations of |
| 12 | pollution. The chemicals from dead bodies | 11 | ammonia. |
| 13 | and caskets, heavy fertilizer for the | 12 | Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on well |
| 14 | beautiful cemetery landscapes, oil, gas | 13 | water. Our wells depend for our children. |
| 15 | and emissions from heavy machinery. As | 14 | My son is asleep. He's five years old. |
| 16 | far as those pollution-catching wells, if | 15 | Ask yourself, would you give a glass of |
| 17 | pollution is discovered, then what? MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 16 | ammonia to your son? Even one drop, one |
| 18 | | 17 | cemetery that has ammonia in it is too |
| 19 | MS. CANO: When, in fact, I can pour | 18 | much. It would be immoral for you to vote |
| 20 | something into the aquifer right here. It's constantly flowing and it will be | 19 | for this cemetery. |
| 21 | | 20 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. |
| 22 | discovered in the aquifer several miles down the road. | 21 | MR. PETISCO: There's 120 acres |
| 23 | | 22 | already designated for cemetery use. It's |
| 24 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Ma'am, if you'd wrap it up. | 23 | already there. |
| 25 | MS. CANO: Yes. The wells will be | 24 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Sir, two minutes. |
| | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | MR. PETISCO: Yeah, but the |
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| 1 | too late, and now it becomes a problem for | 1 | 100 problem |
| 2 | everybody, for all of the water drinkers | 2 | • |
| 3 | of South Florida. | 3 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Could you wrap it up? |
| 4 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | | MR. PETISCO: I'm sorry, I'm going to |
| 5 | MS. CANO: Thank you. | 5 | wrap it up. |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Next. Anyone? | 6 | But the problem is, and I quote Mr. |
| 7 | MR. PETISCO: Jose Petisco, 14590 | 7 | Recio once again, the viability of this |
| 8 | Southwest 179 Avenue. | 8 | site is itself questionable due to the |
| 9 | You know, Mr. Bass here, the attorney | 9 | environmental concerns posed by its close |
| 10 | for them, he pretty much summed it up when | 10 | proximity to a major well field serving |
| 11 | he was telling Dr. Weiskopf about sales, | 11 | Monroe County. Ladies and Gentlemen, you |
| 12 | because that's what it's all about, isn't | 12 | serve Dade County. |
| 13 | it? At the end of the day, it's all about | 13 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Sir, that's two |
| 14 | money. It really is. | 14 | minutes. |
| 15 | Their application completely | 15 | MR. PETISCO: Thank you very much. |
| 16 | contradicts itself. The viability of this | 16 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 17 | site for a cemetery is itself questionable | 17 | MR. ADVINCULA: Good evening. For |
| 18 | due to the environmental concerns posed by | 18 | the record, Eugenio Advincula, 20311 |
| 19 | its close proximity to a major well field | 19 | Southwest 79 Avenue. |
| 20 | serving Monroe County. That's part of | 20 | Mr. Weiskopf gave us some very |
| 21 | this gentleman's application. That's part | 21 | valuable information. Made me think. And |
| 22 | of his application. Are not our wells | 22 | what I thought was that considering the |
| 23 | important to you guys? | 23 | rate of death, the rate of need and the |
| 24 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Speak into the | 24 | rate that the cemetery has proposed at 700 |
| 25 | microphone, sir. | 25 | or some odd spaces that they're going to |
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| have available, I think we're being | 1 | or the production of those approximately |
| overcharged for these spaces, because at | 2 | 50 acres, if you were to have corn, you |
| the rate that we're being charged for | 3 | have 50 acres at about 500 bushels, at 55 |
| these spaces, there is no demand for it. | 4 | pounds, three times a year equals four |
| So why don't they lower the rate? | 5 | million one hundred and twenty-five pounds |
| The Secretary of Agriculture of the | 6 | of corn for the people in Dade County. |
| State of Florida came down to South | 7 | Similar production would be for any of the |
| Florida and visited all the agricultural | 8 | row crops. |
| area in South Florida. They are proposing | 9 | Miami-Dade County's agricultural |
| programs by the state and federal to help | 10 | |
| agriculture come back in South Florida. | 11 | industry is one of the most diverse in |
| We need to grow food for, not only the | 12 | this country. Our tropical climate |
| entire nation, but the world, from South | 12 | provides us year-round growing season, as |
| Florida. | | well as the ability to produce an |
| We need an economic program that | 14 | extremely wide range of crops, employing |
| raises up out of this economic strive that | 15 | more than 20,000 people and producing more |
| we have. We need to jump on that. If we | 16 | than 2.7 billion in economic impact this |
| allow anything to go in the area that's | 17 | year. This industry is valuable resource |
| going to affect our water, our plants, | 18 | for Miami-Dade County, coupled with the |
| that's gonna hinder our possibility come | 19 | economic benefits, are environmental and |
| out of this economic crisis that we have, | 20 | aesthetic advantages. |
| Number 1. | 21 | The farmer's land, in addition to |
| | 22 | producing crops, also acts as an open |
| Number 2, crime. Cemeteries are known to be used by religious | 23 | space, allows for water recharge and |
| | 24 | wildlife habitat, providing benefits to |
| organizations for slaughtering of animals, | 25 | all residents of the County. Everyday |
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| for religious rituals that they use, the crime. | 1 | we're losing more valuable land to |
| | 2 | development, except for the last few |
| The area that this cemetery is being | 3 | years. Over the last dozen years or so, |
| proposed has only two streets, Krome Avenue and 136th. That's a big T. | 4 | we have lost over a thousand acres that |
| | 5 | will never go back to agricultural use. |
| Usually when programs like this or | 6 | If we had a more effective Land Use Plan, |
| projects like this come to the County, | 7 | perhaps the employment and dollar amounts |
| they benefit the County. They either do | 8 | would be significantly higher. The |
| infrastructure, pay revenues and taxes to | 9 | agricultural community, as a whole, is |
| the County. The County just went through | 10 | trying to develop and introduce new ways |
| a budget hearing where they're in the red | 11 | to market our most valuable resource, our |
| again and they're having to cut down on | 12 | lands |
| programs. What does this cemetery benefit | 13 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. |
| the county? Are they offering | 14 | MR. BERNIE ORTEGA: as spoken. |
| infrastructure? Are they offering revenue | 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Sir, wrap it up. |
| to the County? | 16 | MR. BERNIE ORTEGA: Yeah. |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 17 | The approval of this parcel will |
| MR. ADVINCULA: It's really going to | 18 | effectively remove approximately 50 acres |
| be a burden on the County money-wise with | 19 | from our agricultural lands forever, |
| no offering to the County. | 20 | impacting our community, the income and |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 21 | its employment. So please consider the |
| MR. BERNIE ORTEGA: My name is Bernie | 22 | long-term effects of the cemetery's |
| Ortega, 14650 Southwest 177 Avenue, 33196. | 23 | approval |
| In answer to one of the ladies from | 24 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| somebody before, the answer to the revenue | 25 | MR. BERNIE ORTEGA: at this |
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| location. Thank you. | 1 | life and we will always need agriculture |
| MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Manuel Ortega. | 2 | to feed them. |
| No relation to the previous Ortega. | 3 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| Cousin, I guess. 14381 Southwest 182nd Avenue. | 4 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Thank you. |
| | 5 | MR. BASS: I just have a couple of |
| Experts on the side of the cemetery | 6 | quick questions, please. |
| testified that the land value around other | 7 | Thank you. |
| such venues are not affected up or down. | 8 | Good evening. |
| They did not, however, take into account | 9 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Good evening. |
| that those homes had municipal-treated | 10 | MR. BASS: And thank you for coming. |
| water service. | 11 | We may disagree about this, but thank you |
| Our properties use well water. Ask | 12 | for participating. |
| yourselves, if you look to buy a property | 13 | Just a few quick questions. |
| so close to the cemetery knowing that the | 14 | You talked about the fact that you're |
| only source of drinking water was from a | 15 | on well water. |
| well, what would be in the back of your | 16 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Yes, we are. |
| mind and how would that affect your buying | 17 | MR. BASS: Okay. And you talked |
| decision? | 18 | about the fact that you water your crops |
| The testimony on the side of the | 19 | from well water, correct? |
| cemetery would have you to believe that | 20 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: That's correct. |
| only a few neighbors would be impacted, | 21 | MR. BASS: You're not on sewer, are |
| that, in fact, there are no homes to the | 22 | you? |
| north or east of the property in question. | 23 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: No. |
| Agriculture is third only behind | 24 | MR. BASS: You're on septic, correct? |
| tourism and exports in Dade County as an | 25 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: That is correct. |
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| 2 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: That is correct. | 2 | connects to Krome Avenue, okay, to build a |
| 3 | MR. BASS: And you're putting your | 3 | nursery. When we tried to go to zoning, |
| 4 | waste in the ground right underneath your | 4 | to build a little sandwich shop, okay, |
| 5 | own home, correct? | 5 | zoning told us when we went to the |
| 6 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: That is correct. | 6 | pre-zoning meeting, they told us we had |
| 7 | MR. BASS: And have you ever been | 7 | 20% chance, okay, of doing it, because |
| 8 | made sick by drinking water from your well | 8 | they wanted to keep it agriculture, five |
| 9 | or your septic? | 9 | acre per residents, okay? And now we're |
| 10 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Actually, yes. I | 10 | going to have a cemetery right next to our |
| 11 | owe Baptist Hospital over \$11,000 as of | 11 | property, right there. We're going to |
| 12 | two months ago, because I did become sick | 12 | wake up and we're going to see the |
| 13 | from the well water. | 13 | cemetery. |
| 14 | MR. BASS: From your own well water? | 14 | They have to build a berm, okay, to |
| 15 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: From my own well | 15 | keep the water inside. By the way, I'm an |
| T16 | water. | 16 | architect. I worked for David Morton and |
| ⊥17 18 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Without even | 17 | Associates for 14 years. They had to |
| 10 | having a cemetery next to you? | 18 | build a berm that's over our fence, over |
| 20 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Without even | 19 | six feet in order to retain the water. |
| 21 | can you imagine with the cemetery? MR. BASS: I can. | 20 | We don't want it. Whatever they do, |
| 22 | MR. MANUEL ORTEGA: Thank you. | 21 | whatever they say that might, you know, |
| 23 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Anyone else? | 22 | be legal or whatever, we just don't want |
| 24 | Let's try and keep it brief and don't | 23 | it. We don't want a berm. We don't want |
| 25 | repeat what the previous speakers have | 24 | to see a cemetery. Everybody that buries |
| | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | their family there, my father has to see |
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| 1 | spoken, so we can conclude this | 1 | it. And sooner or later, so will I and so |
| 2 | application tonight. | 2 | will my kids. Everybody that has a loved |
| 3 | MR. HERNANDEZ: Good evening. | 3 | one buried there is going to come on a |
| 4 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we know | 4 | Saturday or a Sunday and that's what we're |
| 5 | how much time we have? | 5 | going to see every single weekend. So, |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: We have until about | 6 | no, we don't want it. We just don't want |
| 7 | 9:30. | 7 | the cemetery there. |
| 8 | MR. ROBERTSON: Contract time tonight | 8 | Thank you. |
| 9 | is 10:30. | 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: 10:30? Okay. | 10 | MS. MORALES: Finally. I'm going to |
| 11 | MR. HERNANDEZ: We've got lots of | 11 | read it so I can be faster. |
| 12 | time. Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, | 12 | Last time when we were here |
| 13 | my name is Ken Hernandez. I don't live | 13 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Name and address. |
| 14 | with my dad, but my dad is the one that | 14 | MS. MORALES: Isabel Morales, 14185 |
| 15 | lives right parallel to the property, at | 15 | Southwest 182 Avenue. |
| 16 | 18000 Southwest 136 Street, okay? So | 16 | They want to build their cemetery in |
| 17 | we'll be affected by whatever they do, | 17 | back of my backyard, right there. Last |
| 18 | okay? | 18 | time we were here, Mrs. Davis told us to |
| 19 | My father had to buy this land, | 19 | do our homework. I did. I went to their |
| 20 | because he had to sell the land that he | 20 | cemetery on 117 Street and took pictures |
| 21 | had, the property that he had on 168 | 21 | of their existing cemetery. This is the |
| 22 | Street and 237 Avenue under eminent | 22 | way they keep it. This is what this is |
| 23 | domain, because of the federal government. | 23 | the beautiful park that they want to make |
| 24 | He bought this property because it | 24 | in my backyard. This, all that sand and |
| 25 | was agriculture. When we were building, | 25 | all that land, all that dirt that they |
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| have there is going to be in my pool area, | 1 | people came. That was nine people, |
| my air conditioning, not to mention the | 2 | because only nine people were sent little |
| danger and the hazard that that's going to | 3 | cards, too, because we live in five-acre |
| bring to our kids that run free in | 4 | homes. |
| farmland, which we bought because the | 5 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Right. I |
| Master Plan said agriculture land use. My | 6 | remember. |
| avocado trees, crops are going to go if | 7 | MS. MORALES: And she said do your |
| they get a lot of water, they will damage. | 8 | homework. We're in the 21 century. I |
| It will ruin the whole crop, my whole | 9 | took your advice. I went and did I |
| money that I make. | 10 | don't have attorneys, and all their |
| And not only that, you want me to | 11 | experts, and all their Harvard education |
| trust this company? This is the company | 12 | and all that. I just live there. I'm a |
| that had the legal problem with the Jewish | 13 | farmer. I live of this, and I sell my |
| cemetery that they took out their remains | 14 | avocados to you. |
| and just threw them there. Trust them? | 15 | MR. JONES: Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair. |
| Would you trust them? I ask you not to. | 16 | MS. MORALES: So you can have them, |
| As Board members, how can you trust this | 17 | honey. I don't want them. I don't want |
| company? | 18 | them in a picture. I don't want my kids |
| We have proven and everyone last | 19 | to see them. |
| time he was standing here, he said all | 20 | Thank you. |
| those white T-shirts. All those are | 21 | MS. RODRIGUEZ: Good evening, my name |
| taxpayers, residents, neighbors, that live | 22 | is Adi Rodriguez. I live in 13600 |
| in our area. They can stand up here and | 23 | Southwest 182nd Avenue. I belong to the |
| tell you which there's no church. They | 24 | Suburban Acres Preservation Society. |
| all own property here, where we live. And | 25 | And I want to let you know that you |
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| you can ask each one of them to stand up | 1 | have been misled. DERM did not |
| and give their address, because they own | 2 | administratively approve this application, |
| land. Not only houses, but land. | 3 | because this application did not meet two |
| So I took the pictures and I brought | 4 | sections: 24-43(4) and (6) of the Code of |
| it. This is what they use. This is their | 5 | Miami-Dade County, which deals with the |
| existing cemetery. | 6 | waste management and disposal and water |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 7 | supplied from wells. These are two of the |
| MS. MORALES: This is what they use, | 8 | same concerns that all of us here have |
| barricades for their well water pumps and | 9 | tonight. |
| all that. | 10 | SCI or Memorial, whatever you want to |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Two minutes. Thank | 11 | call them, have been denied initial |
| you. | 12 | approval and they went to plan B, which |
| MR. JONES: You have | 13 | was the Environmental Quality Control |
| COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I need to ask a | 14 | Board. This Board conditioned this |
| question. | 15 | application to maintain water monitoring |
| Because we're not allowed to discuss | 16 | wells, which they call sentinel wells. |
| applications, I just want to be clear, for | 17 | However, these wells don't sample the |
| the record, did I discuss the application | 18 | water for all possible contaminants. |
| with you in any way? | 19 | Since we saw from their own expert |
| MS. MORALES: No, ma'am, but you said | 20 | testimony last hearing, that they would |
| in the first meeting, there was nine | 21 | need for us to give them a list of what |
| people. | 22 | they should look for in the water sample. |
| COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Everybody, | 23 | Shouldn't they know this? Shouldn't they |
| that's everybody. | 24 | have done their due diligence before? |
| MS. MORALES: Yeah, nine people, nine | l | |
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| to detect contaminants already in the | 1 | of horses, of cows, with ropes and things. |
| ground for months. It's not a | 2 | And when that cemetery is going to be |
| preventative plan. | 3 | constructed, the number of ever increasing |
| And, also, when you find | 4 | rituals, animalistic rituals, animal |
| contamination, then what? You know, | 5 | sacrifice grows with the cemetery that's |
| after we're sick, then what's going to | 6 | present. The smell, the plague, the |
| happen? The damage is already done. Our | 7 | bacteria that I have seen in the last six |
| kids are sick. We are sick. We're going | 8 | months has not stopped, but has increased. |
| to have to yeah, we're going to pay | 9 | So there is an effect in that area, with |
| high bills to Baptist Hospital like the | 10 | all of these things are preparing for that |
| other gentleman said. | 11 | cemetery. |
| This is unacceptable. And I appeal | 12 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| to your heart. And, you know, you guys | 13 | MS. MULLEN VARGAS: Good evening. My |
| are here for us. We are taxpayers, we're | 14 | name is Judith Mullen Vargas. I'm going |
| voters and we trust that you are going to | 15 | to read, so I can go fast and I don't |
| make the right decision for our community. | 16 | stumble. My property is located at 13915 |
| You know, one of the previous | 17 | Southwest 182nd Avenue, directly west of |
| hearings the attorney said don't look | 18 | the proposed cemetery. |
| don't look at the white T-shirts. Well, | 19 | I'm a lifelong resident of Dade |
| tonight, you know, don't look at all the | 20 | County and purchased the property with my |
| Memorial Plan buttons either. You know, | 21 | husband almost 10 years ago. We had |
| we are here as concerned citizens, because | 22 | planned to retire there. Right now it |
| we do not want this to affect our health. | 23 | functions as a Paso Fino show horse |
| Thank you. | 24 | breeding operation. |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 25 | It's always been my understanding |
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| 1 2 | beautiful area due to the various problems | 1 | Memorial, which is right around the corner |
| 3 | brought out by my fellow neighbors, will that buyer be out there looking for a home | 2 | from the police station, and she told me |
| 4 | and he tells his agent, hmm, I need a | 3 | that they had up to 700 thefts of all the |
| 5 | five-acre property and please make sure | 4 | vases and name plates from the grave sites |
| 6 | it's near the cemetery. Right. | 5 | over the past few weeks. 700. I guess |
| 7 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 6 | they consider each one of them a single |
| 8 | MS. VARGAS: How many of you folks | 7 | theft. |
| 9 | insisting that the cemetery be approved | 8 | Unfortunately, because of the tough |
| 10 | told your broker when you were looking for | 9 | economic crimes economic times, people |
| 11 | a home | 10 | with addictions are stealing these and |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Two minutes. | 11 | going to metal recycling plants to buy |
| 13 | MS. VARGAS: Thank you. I | 12 | money for drugs. These people are also |
| 14 | respectfully request that you deny this | 13 | known to be involved in armed robberies, |
| 15 | request and protect our property, our | 14 | auto theft, car jacking's, burglaries. So |
| 16 | well-being and our investments. | 15 | now these people are going to travel to a |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 16 | remote area to do the same thefts that |
| 18 | MS. VARGAS: Please vote against this | 17 | they're committing in neighborhoods right |
| 19 | intrusion into our agricultural area. | 18 | around the corner from police stations. |
| 20 | Thank you. | 19 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two and a half. |
| 21 | MR. DERRINGER: Good evening. Joseph | 20 21 | MR. DERRINGER: Thank you. |
| 22 | Derringer, 14901 Southwest 179th Avenue. | 21 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 23 | I've heard a lot of reasons why this | 22 | MS. LY: Hi. Good evening, Ladies |
| 24 | cemetery shouldn't go in out in that area. | | and Gentlemen, my name is Hue Ly, 18100 |
| 25 | One of the things that I'm really | 24 25 | Southwest 136 Street. For the record, I'm |
| | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | the third house next to the cemetery, if |
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| 1 | concerned with, when I started to look in | 1 | 124 |
| 2 | that area for more land, a little quieter | 2 | they build. Anyway, I'm also a real estate agent in the area. |
| 3 | way of life, I started looking to speak to | 3 | I have one listing right on 136 |
| 4 | police officers that worked in the area. | 4 | Street and it make a lot of interesting |
| .5 | And I was a little concerned the first few | 5 | story, the second house next to the |
| 6 | days I was driving around and I didn't see | 6 | proposal cemetery. A lot of people call |
| 7 | any. And, finally, I stumbled upon one | 7 | me almost everyday. And the last sentence |
| 8 | parked at 136 Street and Krome Avenue and | 8 | they say before they hang up the phone is |
| 9 | asked him, you know, how the crime was in | 9 | that they don't view a cemetery there. |
| 10 | the area. He said it's fairly quiet. You | 10 | Okay. So whoever say not going to affect |
| 11 | know, there's a few illegal bars way out | 11 | your value, it does, because I have two |
| 12 | west, probably halfway to Naples, on 136 | 12 | people, like the first one would be Jesus, |
| 13 | Street. And so I purchased, you know, | 13 | I don't know the last name. For the |
| 14 | five acres, and hoped that it was a quiet | 14 | record, phone number 786-287-2424. Jesus |
| 15 | area. | 15 | offered me 240 for a 10-acre house, |
| 16 | And the reason the cemetery concerns | 16 | 10-acre land with avocado, with everything |
| 17 | me, I visited my parents' grave in City of | 17 | ready to make money. With a house 3/2, |
| 18 | Miami a few months ago and I noticed all | 18 | built in 1996, 4100 square foot, 450. Not |
| 19 | the vases were gone from numerous graves. | 19 | a cent more. And the same thing Jesus |
| 20 | And I went into the office, and not only | 20 | told me, you better sell now. Talk to |
| 21 | my grandparents, my aunt, uncle, buried | 21 | your owner, because when the cemetery |
| 22 | out there, my parents, and they said they | 22 | build, you're not going to be able to |
| 23 | were having an extremely bad crime problem | 23 | sell. |
| 24 | with thefts of vases and plaques. And I | 24 | Second person, Maria, the same. I |
| 25 | went to a funeral a few weeks ago at Vista | 25 | don't ask for last name. Maria call me, |
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| the same thing, tell me, honey, you better go up go down on your price, because | 1 | available online. |
| there is a cemetery going to build on 136 | 2 | And as far as the widening of the |
| Street and Krome Avenue. You don't live | 3 | road, there's a from Urban |
| | 4 | Environmental League, you have a copy |
| in that area. You don't know what going | 5 | there, that just widening the road would |
| on. I asked for her name. And I say, | 6 | not resolve the issue of the accidents, if |
| Maria, thank you for your information. | 7 | they don't put some type of barrier in the |
| Actually, I live in the area. I'm the | 8 | center, which is not proposed. |
| third one next to that cemetery they going | 9 | Also, in the study from Department of |
| to build. | 10 | Transportation, it gives you current |
| MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 11 | numbers. Right now there's an average of |
| MS. LY: And that's the reason we | 12 | 17,000 vehicles that travel in this area |
| I am in | 13 | from 88 Street to 184th Street. And it's |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Ma'am, two minutes. | 14 | projected that it will be 40,000 in the |
| MS. LY: Attend every meeting they | 15 | next by 2020. So you're talking |
| have fight for what my right. | 16 | doubling the amount of vehicles that are |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Ma'am, two minutes. | 17 | traveling now. |
| It's up. | 18 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. |
| Ms. LY: Anybody give me two minutes? | 19 | MR. ACOSTA: And according to their |
| Can we ask? Can we ask for somebody | 20 | improvements, the first thing they list on |
| donate me two minutes? Eddie? Eddie, can | 21 | here is roadway safety, traffic mobility, |
| you | 22 | roadway capacity. |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: No, no. | 23 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Sir. |
| MS. LY: No? | 24 | MR. ACOSTA: And these are their |
| MR. ACOSTA: Okay. Good evening. My | 25 | studies that are issued by the Department |
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| name is Carlos Acosta. I live at 15023 | 1 | of Transportation. |
| Southwest 184 Avenue. | 2 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Two minutes are up. |
| And I actually have some information | 3 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I give my two |
| here from Department of Transportation, | 4 | minutes. |
| I'd like to provide you a copy, and from | 5 | MR. ACOSTA: Okay, I just provided |
| the Urban Environmental League. And these | 6 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That doesn't |
| are recent crashes that have occurred on | 7 | mean we're going to stop. |
| Krome. I'm going to be talking about | 8 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: No, your two |
| the | 9 | minutes are up, sir. We understand the |
| MR. JONES: I'm going to need a copy | 10 | point you're making. |
| of that. | 11 | MR. ACOSTA: Okay. |
| MR. ACOSTA: Well, that's a chart. | 12 | MR. RUIZ: Hi, my name is Eddie Ruiz, |
| The other party had made comments | 13 | 14551 Southwest 182nd Avenue. |
| about that actually Krome is safe, that | 14 | I just want to bring something here |
| there's very few accidents. This is a | 15 | that I heard when they were talking about |
| board that DOT has, and there's a copy | 16 | the property values and some party |
| there. You can look at from 1994, they | 17 | mentioned about areas like on 72nd Avenue, |
| had 170 crashes. In 2004, which is 10 | 18 | that there is a cemetery and the houses |
| years later, they had 366 crashes. 60% of | 19 | around that area hasn't diminished. Well, |
| the crashes result in fatalities and | 20 | there's a simple fact. The cemetery was |
| injuries on Krome. 56 crashes from 1998 | 21 | there and the house came afterward. Here |
| | 1 | |
| to 2005. 71 fatalities, 1998 to 2005. | 22 | is completely around: The houses are |
| to 2005. 71 fatalities, 1998 to 2005. This is from the Department of | 22 23 | is completely around: The houses are there and now come the cemetery. Besides |
| | | there and now come the cemetery. Besides |
| This is from the Department of | 23 | there and now come the cemetery. Besides in that area, used to be wells. Not |
| This is from the Department of Transportation. These are not numbers | 23 24 25 | there and now come the cemetery. Besides |

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| 1 | you tell those people what they want: | 1 | worried about the water quality of |
| 2 | Well, water or city water. If they will | 2 | somebody who lives in the Redlands or |
| 3 | have a choosing, they will choose the well | 3 | Homestead, who is on a well and they can't |
| 4 | water, a lot less expensive, but they went | 4 | drink the well water. And you guys know |
| 5 | to the city water because of the | 5 | that, because I've been here talking about |
| 6 | situation, they're right next to the | 6 | water and agriculture and job |
| 7 | cemetery. | 7 | preservation. And it seems like now what |
| 8 | Thank you. | 8 | I'm talking about is a lot more relevant |
| 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 9 | than it was five years ago, when we were |
| 10 | Anyone else? | 10 | making a lot of terrible mistakes. |
| 11 | MS. WALKER: Jane Walker, 14250 | 11 | And thank you to the economist, who |
| 12 | Southwest 105 Terrace. And I was not here | 12 | put up fences that were so logical that a |
| 13 | to be sworn in. Do you want to swear me | 13 | very sharp attorney could not get around |
| 14 | | 14 | them. It's about need, Ladies and |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Yes. | 15 | Gentlemen. |
| 16 | (Thereupon, Jane Walker was duly | 16 | Thank you so much. |
| 17 | sworn in). | 17 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 18 | MS. WALKER: Yes. I'll be brief. | 18 | Anyone else? |
| 19 20 | The lady who has the avocado grove, I'd | 19 | MS. THUEMLER: Rosa Thuemler, 14950 |
| 20 24 | like to add a statistic to that. Our | 20 | Southwest 179 Avenue. Looks like I wore |
| 21 | direct sales for avocados in Dade County | 21 | the wrong color, but I drive a long way to |
| 22 | is approximately 700 million dollars a | 22 | get home. |
| 23 | year. | 23 | I made a choice. Me, my family, my |
| 24 25 | I don't know if any of you are | 24 | husband, my parents, we all live in that |
| 25 | watching C-SPAN or anything that's going | 25 | area. There is a very vibrant community |
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| 1 | 130 on, but we have to worry about job | | 132 |
| 2 | protection. And I don't know if you | 1 | west of Krome Avenue. We invested a lot |
| 3 | remember when they put a high school in | 2 | of money in our property, in our trees. |
| 4 | the middle of agriculture and then a | 3 | We live from we do have benefit from |
| 5 | couple of years later we had TV stations | 4 | the leaches that we grow in our homes. |
| 6 | there swabbing the tops of desk for | 5 | And I don't have a speech. I'm not |
| 7 | pesticide residue. Well, excuse me, | 6 | an expert. All I know is that when I take |
| 8 | that's what happens when you have | 7 | my daughter to school everyday and I do |
| 9 | incompatible zoning. | 8 | commute an hour and a half to go to work |
| 10 | So aside from this parcel of land and | 9 | everyday, but that's my choice. My reward |
| 11 | how it is zoned, you have to look at the | 10 | is to come home to the area that I chose |
| 12 | impact of the surrounding areas. That 700 | 11 12 | to live. And I chose to live there, |
| 13 | million dollars trickles down in our | 12 | because that area was designated for |
| 14 | community, the second, and third, and | 13 | agricultural, because I knew I could see |
| 15 | fourth, and fifth and six layer economic | 14 | the sunset everyday and I could enjoy that |
| 16 | engines. I mean, it is an economic | 16 | lifestyle. And that is a sacrifice to me, |
| 17 | engine. | 10 | because, yeah, some people go to the |
| 18 | And to the gentleman who was | 18 | cemetery once a week, once a month, while |
| 19 | complaining that there are people out of | 19 | I commute an hour and a half everyday each way, because that was my choice. |
| 20 | area here, who are talking about this | 20 | And I know that when I stand on 136 |
| 21 | application, I am advocating for people | 20 | and Krome everyday to take my daughter to |
| 22 | who don't live in my area. I live in | 22 | school in my little mini van, I have to |
| 23 | Kendall, and I don't live on the edge of | 23 | stand there for 10 minutes looking both |
| 24 | this and I'm not worried about my | 23 24 | ways, because there's no traffic lights |
| 25 | particular home value, but I absolutely am | 24 | and there is a lot of traffic. I can only |
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| 133 imagine when the people that are going to | | 135 |
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| go visit the cemetery to meditate, to | 1 | the people that have pre-bought, that |
| enjoy, that's even more traffic than they | 2 | means that the other seven or 690,000, |
| have put in their reports, because I think | 3 | those are already sold for us to have a |
| I don't even know what they said at the | 4 | need for it? I don't think so, okay? |
| | 5 | As a mother, I am against this, and I |
| last meeting regarding the traffic. | 6 | ask that you have the wisdom to choose |
| All I know is what I live everyday and the choices that we made based on a | 7 | correctly. |
| | 8 | Thank you very much. |
| commitment from the County as to what the | 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank'you. |
| expectations were for the property, and a | 10 | Anyone else? |
| cemetery wasn't any part of it. It's | 11 | MS. PETISCO: My name is Ileana |
| agriculture, it's at homes and it should | 12 | Petisco, 14590 Southwest 179 Avenue. |
| be respected. And I ask of you to please | 13 | First thing I want to do is enter 698 |
| take that into consideration when you make | 14 | names of a petition. These are all the |
| your decision. | 15 | way from 8 Street, all the way to |
| Thank you so much. | 16 | Homestead. You will see the addresses |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 17 | here. This doesn't belong to any church. |
| Anyone else? | 18 | This doesn't belong to anything. It |
| MS. FLORES: I wasn't sworn in as | 19 | belongs to residents, residents that are |
| well, because I didn't think I was going | 20 | concerned for our safety, concerned for |
| to speak. Do I have to be sworn? | 21 | our community, worried about a Master Plan |
| (Thereupon, Olga Flores was duly | 22 | that was promised, voted on many times by |
| sworn). | 23 | our elected officials that is in danger of |
| CHAIRMAN WANDER: Name and address, | 24 | being broken. The floodgates are going to |
| for the record. | 25 | be open for anything and everything. |
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| 134 MS. FLORES: My name is Olga Flores, | | 136 |
| 290 SE 7th Avenue. My brother lives out | 1 | We have to protect the Master Plan. |
| in this area, in the 202 and 184. I'm a | 2 | You have to protect the Master Plan. The |
| mother of three. I am a citizen of the | 3 | Master Plan can only be broken when there |
| United States. I'm a voter. I'm grateful | 4 | is a need that has been established. That |
| for this opportunity, because if it were | 5 | need has not been established, Ladies and |
| | 6 | Gentlemen. |
| not for this, nine people would have only heard of this. | 7 | Miguel, Patricia, Jeff, Ileana, |
| | 8 | Beatriz, Joseph, you're here to protect |
| I am against this. I'm concerned as | 9 | us. We trust in you. You're up there |
| a mother, when something happens on the | 10 | because we elect you. We have our trust |
| other side of the world or in a very far | 11 | in you. I still have faith in you. I |
| away state and it affects us where we | 12 | don't have faith in this attorney. I |
| can't eat the ground beef or the | 13 | don't have faith in CSI in SCI. SCI is |
| cantaloupes and the illnesses that are out | 14 | here to make money. They're here for the |
| there in the world today. Alzheimer, my | 15 | dollar. |
| father, a man that never smoked, never | 16 | This Federal Trade Commission, the |
| drank and through whatever has Alzheimer. | 17 | Federal Trade Commission of the United |
| The outburst of children that have autism. | 18 | States, has put an order against this |
| Yes, as a mother, I'm concerned that | 19 | company. I am going to read to you from |
| there is no need. And as the lawyer said, | 20 | Page 16 of this order. "For a period of |
| trying to undo what the economist was | 21 | 10 years from this date of this order," |
| saying, that there is the people that | 22 | which is, by the way, 2006, December of |
| have bought the plans, okay, I had a | 23 | 2006, "without providing advance notice, |
| question for myself. If there's only a | 24 | notification to the Commission with |
| need for 110,000, and he's saying about | 25 | respect to any areas listed in appendix |
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| 1 | B," which Miami-Dade happens to be one of | 1 | examiner in the State of Florida? |
| 2 | them, the entire Miami-Dade County | 2 | A. Yes, I have. I worked for the Dade |
| 3 | MR. ROBERTSON: Two minutes. | 3 | County Medical Examiner the previous year, |
| 4 | MS. PETISCO: "they are not | 4 | 2010, 2011, and I'm currently working in Monroe |
| 5 | allowed to acquire directly or indirectly | 5 | County Medical Examiner Office there. |
| 6 | through subsidiaries, or otherwise, any | 6 | Q. Dr. Radtke, do you routinely work |
| 7 | leasehold ownership interest or any other | 7 | with dead bodies? |
| 8 | interest in whole or in part, in any | 8 | A. Yes, I do, on a daily basis. |
| 9 | concern, corporate or noncorporate, or in | 9 | Q. Did you work with one today? |
| 10 | any assets engaged in any provision of | 10 | A. Yes, I performed an autopsy this |
| 11 | funeral services or cemetery services." | 11 | morning. |
| 12 | They're trying to go against this order | 12 | Q. And as part of your professional |
| 13 | and they're telling you to go against the | 13 | training, do you study and work with dead |
| 14 | order. | 14 | bodies in various states of decomposition? |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. | 15 | A. Yes, I do, I study all the states of |
| 16 | Anyone else? | 16 | decomposition as well as work with bodies in |
| 17 | All right, seeing none, you're ready | 17 | multiple states of decomposition. |
| 18 | for rebuttal, Counselor? | 18 | Q. And do you have experience with |
| 19 | MR. BASS: Yes. Would you all need a | 19 | discarded human remains that were not buried. |
| 20 | short break before we do? I'm okay | 20 | and, say, left exposed to the elements? |
| 21 | time-wise. | 21 | A. Yes, I do. |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: No. Go ahead. | 22 | Q. And do you have experience inspecting |
| 23 | MR. BASS: Thank you. | 23 | bodies that were previously buried, in |
| 24 | I'd like to call as a rebuttal | 24 | accordance with modern burial procedures? |
| 25 | witness Dr. Jay Radtke. | 25 | A. Yes, I do. |
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| 1 | 138 DIRECT EXAMINATION | | 140 |
| 2 | BY MR. BASS: | | Q. Is there a science, Dr. Radtke, that |
| 3 | Q. Good evening, Dr. Radtke. | | studies the microbiology and biochemistry of |
| 4 | A. Good evening, Mr. Bass. Good | 3 | what happens to us when our remains are placed |
| 5 | evening, Chairman, Board members. | 4 | in the ground? |
| 6 | | 5 | A. Yes, there is. |
| _ | ,,, | 6 | Q. And could you describe for the Board |
| 7 | introduce yourself to the Board. | 7 | basically what that science is called? |
| 8 | A. My name is Dr. Jay Michael Radtke. I | 8 | A. As a pathologist, we study the normal |
| 9 | live at 7590 Southwest 82nd Street, #F220. | 9 | flora that's usually associated with humans |
| 10 | Q. What do you do for a living, Dr. | 10 | when they die as well as their basic byproducts |
| 11 | Radtke? | 11 | when they break down. |
| 12 | A. I'm a forensic pathologist. | 12 | Q. Now, you've been here all night, Dr. |
| 13 | Q. Did you say forensic pathologist? | 13 | Radtke? |
| 14 | A. Yes, forensic pathologist. | 14 | A. Yes, I have. |
| 15 | Q. Briefly, describe your training as a | 15 | Q. And you've heard a lot of talk about |
| 16 | forensic pathologist. | 16 | bacteria getting into the ground and into the |
| 17 | A. My training undertook four years of | 17 | water table and poisoning people. Did you hear |
| 18 | medical school. I did a four-year residency in | 18 | that testimony? |
| 19 | pathology, as well as a one-year fellowship in | 19 | A. Yes, I did. |
| 20 | forensic pathology. | 20 | Q. Okay. |
| 21 | Q. And are you licensed in the State of | 21 | So let me talk about bacteria, if you |
| 22 | Florida, Dr. Radtke? | 22 | will, since that seems to be so important. |
| 23 | A. Yes, I'm a licensed medical doctor in | 23 | You studied bacteria as part of your |
| 24 | the State of Florida. | 24 | work as a forensic pathologist, correct? |
| 25 | Q. And have you ever worked as a medical | 25 | A. Yes, both as a regular pathologist |
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| 1 | and a for | 141 ensic pathologist, I study | | 143 |
| 2 | microbio | | 1 | A. In modern burial techniques, a body |
| 3 | Q. | Do living bodies contain bacteria? | 2 | is usually embalmed. It's placed in a plastic |
| 4 | α. Α. | Yes, every living body contains | 3 | bag, more or less. It's then dressed. It's |
| 5 | bacteria. | | 4 | placed into either a metal or wood coffin. |
| 6 | Q. | And does dirt contain bacteria? | 5 | Most coffins are metal nowadays. That coffin |
| 7 | Q. A. | Dirt as well contains bacteria. | 6 | is placed into a concrete burial chamber and |
| 8 | Q. | And does air contain bacteria? | 7 | then a lid is put on top of the burial chamber. |
| 9 | α. Α. | Yes. | 8 | Q. Are you familiar, for example, with |
| 10 | Q. | | 9 | the gauge of the metal used in most of these |
| | | And does water contain bacteria? | 10 | coffins? |
| 11 | A. | Yes, it does. | 11 | A. Usually, the gauge is between 18 and |
| 12 | Q. | Now, here's a very important | 12 | 20 gauge, depending on if it's going to be in a |
| 13 | | Dr. Radtke, because we've heard a lot | 13 | mausoleum or in the ground. |
| 14 | | ooth in this hearing and in other | 14 | Q. And are you familiar with the type of |
| 15 | | When a person dies, does the | 15 | concrete from which the burial container is |
| 16 | - | them change? | 16 | comprised? |
| 17 | | No. When someone dies, it's the same | 17 | A. Yes. From the manufacturer's |
| 18 | | is there that was there when they're | 18 | specifications that I've read, it's 2500 P.S.I. |
| 19 | living. | | 19 | concrete. It's about two inches thick. It's |
| 20 | Q. | Okay. | 20 | pretty thick concrete. |
| 21 | | Does a new strain of virulent | 21 | Q. When dead bodies are buried, in |
| 22 | | merge and attach to the body after | 22 | accordance with modern burial practices, do |
| 23 | somebody | · · | 23 | they release harmful bacteria? |
| 24 | Α. | No, there's no super bug. There's no | 24 | A. No, they don't release bacteria. |
| 25 | new bac | eria that comes and attacks bodies once | 25 | It's the same bacteria that's inside you when |
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| 1 | they die. | | 1 | 144 you're alive. It's there when you're dead. |
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| | Q. | Okay. Now, this bacteria that is in humans, | | you're alive. It's there when you're dead. |
| 2 | Q . is in the a | Okay. Now, this bacteria that is in humans, ir, and is in the ground, and is in | 2 | you're alive. It's there when you're dead. And then when you finish, it leaves you and it |
| 2 3 | Q. is in the a the water | Okay. Now, this bacteria that is in humans, ir, and is in the ground, and is in that we drink and would be in the | 2 3 | you're alive. It's there when you're dead. And then when you finish, it leaves you and it dies. |
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| 2 | Most bodies are embalmed, which kills about 99% | 1 | Q. Now, are you familiar with the |
| 3 | of the bacteria that's in a body. And for it | 2 | various basic components of embalming fluid? A. Yes. |
| 4 | to even get into the soil, it's the same | 4 | |
| 5 | bacteria that you find in the soil, that you | | , |
| 6 | find in the water, that you find in the air, | 5 | Board briefly, what is embalming fluid made of? |
| 7 | that you find in everybody. So it's just going | 7 | A. Embalming fluids typically is made of |
| 8 | to be putting more in the same into what's | 8 | about 30, 35% of formaldehyde, and anywhere between 10 to 15 % methanol. |
| 9 | already there. | 9 | Q. Are these harmful chemicals? |
| 10 | Q. Now, assuming that it did break | 10 | |
| 11 | through all those barriers and found its way | 11 | A. Generally, no, they're not that harmful. |
| 12 | into the water table, would it be harmful? | 12 | |
| 13 | A. No, it wouldn't. | 13 | Q. What happens to formaldehyde when it is exposed to water? |
| 14 | Q. Let's transition briefly and talk | 14 | • |
| 15 | about viruses. There's been talk about | 15 | A. When formaldehyde is exposed to water or moisture, it's broken down and biodegraded. |
| 16 | viruses. Do viruses live after we die? | 16 | It becomes formic acid and it's further |
| 17 | A. Viruses need human cells to replicate | 17 | converted onto carbon dioxide and water. |
| 18 | and they need human cells to live. They don't | 18 | Q. And are these harmful to human |
| 19 | have those mechanisms on their own. So once | 19 | beings? |
| 20 | you die, the viruses can't replicate and they | 20 | A. No, carbon dioxide and water are |
| 21 | die off as well. | 21 | necessary for living beings. |
| 22 | Q. Is any risk posed to the water table | 22 | Q. Does formaldehyde exist in cosmetic |
| 23 | by the escape of human viruses that have been | 23 | products? |
| 24 | buried and embalmed and placed in the ground? | 24 | A. Yes, it exist in cosmetic products. |
| 25 | A. No, no risk associated with that. | 25 | It's in food. The human body makes |
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| 2 | briefly. And I'll move this through, Mr. | 2 | prevalent in our atmosphere. |
| -3 | Chair, as briefly as I can, but this is an | 3 | Q. And how long would it take |
| 4 | important issue that was raised repeatedly, so | 4 | formaldehyde to break down? |
| 5 | I just want to really focus to put this one to | 5 | A. In water, formaldehyde breaks down |
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| | rest, no pun intended. | 6 | |
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| | the ground. | 1 | party. |
| 3 | - | 2 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: No, no. |
| 4 | A. An embalmed body is placed in a bag, clothed, placed into a wood or metal coffin, | 3 | MR. BASS: It could be used in any |
| 5 | and then placed into a concrete burial chamber, | 4 | purpose in any proceeding. |
| 6 | • | 5 | MS. PETISCO: No. |
| 7 | which is already in the ground. It has a lid put on and then dirt put on top of that. | 6 | MR. ROBERTSON: Not in this situation |
| 8 | | 7 | like this. |
| 9 | Q. Now, Do you have a professional opinion, Dr. Radtke, as to whether or not the | 8 | MR. BASS: Say again. |
| 10 | | 9 | MR. ROBERTSON: Not in a situation |
| 11 | burial of human remains embalmed or not, in the | 10 | like this. |
| 12 | ground, in a casket, in a concrete burial | 11 | MR. BASS: Why not? |
| 13 | container poses any risk whatsoever to the water table? | 12 | MR. ROBERTSON: He's not a party. |
| 14 | | 13 | MR. BASS: Ms. Petisco is a party. |
| | A. In my professional opinion, it does | 14 | MS. PETISCO: No. |
| 15 | not pose a risk. This is something the | 15 | MR. BASS: The lawyer has stood here |
| 17 | bacteria, first of all, is going to be killed | 16 | saying that he's representing Ms. |
| 18 | by the embalming process. Anything wasn't | 17 | Petisco. |
| 19 | killed, for it to go through all these layers, | 18 | MR. ROBERTSON: He's representing Ms. |
| 1 | to move through the clothes, to move through | 19 | Petisco, but what he has to say is not |
| 20 | the metal coffin, to move through the concrete, | 20 | evidence, just the same as what you say is |
| 21 | to move through the limestone that's underneath | 21 | not evidence. |
| 22 | the ground and get into the water fer, it's | 22 | MR. BASS: Okay. |
| 23 | near impossibility. Even if it did get there, | 23 | BY MR. BASS: |
| 24 | it's not going to pose a risk, because it's | 24 | Q. Are you aware of the statement made |
| 25 | your normal human flora that we get from all | 25 | by Mr. Petisco? |
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| 2 | DR. RADTKE: You're welcome. | 1 | |
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| 4 | BY MR. KELSKY: | 1 | |
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| 6 | A. Good evening. | 5 | |
| 7 | Q. Did I hear you correctly | 6 | |
| 8 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: One moment, one | 7 | |
| 9 | moment. This is rebuttal. He gets to | 8 | |
| 10 | rebut? | 9 | |
| 11 | MR. ROBERTSON: He is entitled to | 10 | |
| 12 | cross-examine any witness. | 11 | |
| 13 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Okay. | 12 | 3 |
| 14 | BY MR. KELSKY: | 13 | 3 Statement (end and babelie |
| 15 | Q. Did I hear you correctly that you've | 14 | |
| 16 | done disinterments? | 15 | |
| 17 | A. Yes, I have. | 16 | 5 |
| 18 | Q. And disinterment is what, when they | 17 | |
| 19 | take a body out of a grave? | 18 | |
| 20 | A. Correct. | 19 | |
| 21 | Q. And you just you don't wear | 20 | |
| 22 | protective gear? You don't wear gloves? You | 21 | (, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |
| 23 | don't wear a coat? You just get in there and | 22 | 3 |
| 24 | touch the body? | 23 | |
| 25 | | 24 | <u> </u> |
| 23 | A. Usually wear gloves, because you MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | |
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| users of wells, which access shallow | 1 | The overwhelming weight of the |
| water-bearing stratum." | 2 | evidence supports this application. And |
| A. I don't know in which terms those | 4 | no competent and substantial evidence has |
| bodies are buried that they studied, so I can't | 4 | been presented to you to deny it. |
| make a comment on that. | 6 | Our objectors have raised a series of |
| Q. Why do you think there are monitoring | 7 | objections. They've tried to pick a way at the perimeter of our application, but |
| wells in cemeteries? | 8 | none of those objections are rooted to |
| A. There's monitoring wells all over. | 9 | science or to fact. |
| Q. Why? Why would you need one in a | 10 | Let's review briefly the trajectory |
| cemetery, if nothing ever, you know, gets into | 11 | of their objections. At the first |
| groundwater from a dead body? | 12 | hearing, they came to you and they said, |
| A. From the studies that I've read that | 13 | well, the rock that we're going to harvest |
| shows that even having those sentinel wells, | 14 | from our borrowed site is not appropriate |
| they show no contamination. | 14 | to be used as fill. |
| Q. But to put it the other way, you | 16 | |
| don't even believe a sentinel well is | 17 | We know, because we filed an expert |
| necessary? | | report, and you heard the expert testimony |
| A. No. No. | 18 19 | of Mr. Ed Swakon, the report previously filed with the record, that all the |
| Q. I'm correct? | | |
| A. (The witness nods his head in the | 20 | statements about the use of the rock are |
| affirmative.) | 21 | categorically untrue. |
| Q. Am I correct, that you don't think | 22 | Let me use this to just further |
| A. Yes. | 23 | eliminate an issue. We will not be |
| Q. And you understand that DERM requires | 24 | blasting and we will accept a condition |
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| | | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 |
| 158 them, though, right? | | 160 |
| A. That's fine. | 1 | lake will be dug without blasting. There |
| Q. But they're irrelevant in your mind? | 3 | was a comment raised about blasting and |
| A. Correct. | 4 | vibration and the wildlife, that's a |
| Q. Do coffins rust? | 5 | nonissue. You can impose that condition |
| A. Yes, they do. | 6 | on us. There was a comment made about the |
| Q. And when there's rust, is there a | 7 | |
| breach in the integrity of the coffin? | 8 | earth being dusty. Well, when it's |
| A. After a while, yes. | 9 | dredged from a lake, it is wet and not dusty. |
| Q. And that also is irrelevant, because | 10 | |
| even if water got into the coffin, nothing | 11 | They complained about traffic. At the first hearing, at the second hearing |
| would come out of the dead body to potentially | 12 | and even tonight they complained about |
| pollute the groundwater? | 13 | traffic. Well, our professional traffic |
| A. By the time that it would rust, | 14 | engineer, Kathy Sweetapple, prepared an |
| everything inside the body would be dead in the | 15 | |
| formaldehyde, and any contact with moisture, by | 16 | exhaustive report, which you have in the |
| the time that could get to the groundwater | 17 | record. She talked to you about the widening of Krome Avenue. She went out |
| would be broken down. | 18 | and counted the trips. She looked at the |
| MR. KELSKY: Thank you. | 19 | volumes. She looked at the flow. And she |
| DR. RADTKE: Thank you. | 20 | rendered her professional opinion, that |
| MR. BASS: Thank you. Thank you. | 20 | although there are accidents on Krome |
| Mr. Chairman, I'm going to wrap up | 22 | Avenue, they're not accidents of a |
| right now and I'll do so as briefly as I | 22 | significant amount at this segment of |
| can, but there's been a lot of things said | 23 | Krome Avenue, but, more importantly, they |
| here, so I just need to focus you. | 24 | don't occur during the off-peak hours that |
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| 1 | our cemetery would be in operation. So to | 1 | |
| 2 | look at a bunch of undifferentiated | 2 | |
| 4 | statistics about crashes on Krome Avenue, | 3 | |
| 1 | throughout the entirety of it, those that | 4 | |
| 5 | happen in the middle of the night or at | 5 | MS. PETISCO: They're ridiculous. |
| 7 | dawn, is to misstate is to misstate the | 6 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Shh. |
| 8 | picture. | 7 | MR. BASS: There was a statement made |
| 9 | They complained about property | 8 | to the press that we have made no effort |
| 10 | values. Well, we have the expert report | 9 | to meet with our neighbors. I just want |
| 11 | of Dr. Andy Dolkart, who did a statistical | 10 | to show you because I think every good |
| 12 | Mr. Andy Dolkart who did a statistic | 11 | zoning lawyer should try the best that |
| 13 | analysis of the impact of the cemetery and | 12 | they can to reach out and meet with their |
| 14 | property values. He looked at a very | 13 | neighbors. We sent letter, after letter, |
| 15 | well-established and stable residential | 14 | after letter, saying |
| | development that grew up around the | 15 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I never got |
| T16 | cemetery. And so to the extent that the | 16 | it. I never got one. |
| ⊥ 17 18 | statement has been made that nobody would | 17 | MS. PETISCO: No, I didn't get a |
| 19 | ever want to live next to a cemetery, Dr. | 18 | letter. |
| 20 | Dolkart's report categorically refutes | 19 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Please, please. |
| 21 | that. Not remotely true. | 20 | MS. PETISCO: Nobody got any letters. |
| 22 | They complained about flooding. | 21 | MR. BASS: These are letters that |
| 22 | There was talk about flooding. Councilman | 22 | have been filed with your department. |
| 23 24 | Delaney asked us to take a look at this | 23 | They're addressed to Mr. Kelsky, the |
| 25 | issue. And at the prior hearing, we told | 24 | lawyer representing them. As an ethical |
| 25 | you, and our engineers have designed a | 25 | matter, I cannot communicate with people |
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| 1 | 162 site that keeps all of our storm water on | | 164 |
| 2 | our property well above Councilman | 1 | who represented by counsel. I have to |
| 3 | Davis, well above the minimum standard. | 2 | speak to their lawyers. |
| 4 | We keep it all on our property during a | 3 | So on August 12th, we sent them a |
| 5 | 100-year storm. So during a 100-year | 4 | letter saying we'd love to meet with you. |
| 6 | storm there could be flooding in that | 5 | In fact, we'll make it as convenient as |
| 7 | area, but our property will not be flooded | 6 | possible. We know you're in Broward |
| 8 | and that flooding will not be caused by | 7 | County. We'll drive up and meet with you. |
| 9 | us, because of the robust use of retention | 8 | Did we get the courtesy of a response? |
| 10 | areas on our property. | 9 | MR. KELSKY: I have an objection. I |
| 11 | Now, at this point in time, I was | 10 | have an objection. Closing arguments are |
| 12 | going to play you a video, but the County | 11 | things that are before the Board, not |
| 13 | attorney has suggested to me that that's | 12 | things that are not before the Board. |
| 14 | not appropriate, so I will share with you | 13 14 | There was no submission of it. |
| 15 | a transcript of statements made by Ms. | | MR. ROBERTSON: These items have been |
| 16 | Petisco following the last hearing, where | 15 | filed with the |
| 17 | she went in front of Channel 23, at the | 16 | MR. KELSKY: I object. |
| 18 | close of this hearing, and she said to | 17 | MR. ROBERTSON: record and the |
| 19 | them that we bribed you. She said that | 18 | record of the zoning department is a |
| 20 | you all were bought by us. | 19 20 | record of this proceeding. |
| 21 | MS. PETISCO: No, I was talking about | 20 21 | MR. BASS: So we sent him three |
| 22 | you specifically. | 21 22 | letters, week after week, "Would you meet |
| 23 | MR. BASS: The reporter asked the | 22 22 | with us, so we can talk to you? So we can |
| 24 | zoning committee. And the translation is | 23 24 | try to address these concerns." |
| 25 | exactly, and I have the video, if you want | 24 | Ms. Petisco, on the video that I was |
| | MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT REPORTERS, INC. (305) 373-5600 | 25 | going to play for you, she quoted |
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| 1 | statistics about data about bacteria. | 1 | have satisfied our burden of proving the |
| 2 | Well, we wanted to learn the source of | 2 | entitlement to this use at this location, |
| 3 | that so we could actually look at it and | 3 | and they have not carried their burden to |
| 4 | be prepared. We didn't get the courtesy | 4 | disprove that. |
| 5 | of a single response to any of our | 5 | We would respectfully request that |
| 6 | letters, not one. | 6 | you move to approve this application in |
| 7 | Now, they complain to you about the | 7 | total. We accept all of staff's |
| 8 | viruses and the bacteria that would be | 8 | conditions. And if you want to add the |
| 9 | contaminating their drinking water. They | 9 | condition that there be no blasting, we |
| 10 | have no evidence to support that. | 10 | would gladly accept that, too. |
| 11 | We had Mr. Swakon's professional | 11 | Thank you for your patience |
| 12 | report. He tested wells. He found | 12 | throughout these proceedings and thank you |
| 13 | nothing. | 13 | for the difficult job that you do. |
| 14 | And, more importantly, Dr. Radtke | 14 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 15 | testified to you, without equivocation, | 15 | Any questions from the Council? |
| 16 | that their fears about viruses and | 16 | Mr. Delaney. |
| 17 | bacteria are not supported by science. | 17 | COUNCILMAN DELANEY: No questions at |
| 18 | They've presented no evidence to | 18 | this time. |
| 19 20 | contradict that. | 19 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Ms. Suarez? |
| 20 | We have satisfied our burden. | 20 | COUNCILWOMAN SUAREZ: No, I don't |
| 21 | I'd like to emphasize that your | 21 | have questions, but I have to say |
| 22 | independent Miami-Dade County professional | 22 | something, you know, very briefly. |
| 23 | staff, your staff, not our team, not their | 23 | I don't want to say anything, because |
| 25 | team, your staff reviewed our application. They conducted their own independent | 24 | everything have said here, the pros and |
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| 1 | analysis and your staff recommended | 1 | 168 But I just want to say something that |
| 2 | approval of our application. | 2 | Ms. Ileana trying to remind us. Yes, when |
| 3 | MR. PETISCO: On ammonia. | 3 | I was elected, the residents put their |
| 4 | MR. BASS: They recommended approval, | 4 | trust in me. I hold this trust sacred. |
| 5 | because they found us to be consistent | 5 | And I will seek for what is the best of |
| 6 | with your comprehensive plan. They found | 6 | our residents. Tonight, and on several |
| 7 | us to be compatible with the surrounding | 7 | other occasions, the residents have voiced |
| 8 | area. And they have recommended approval, | 8 | their strong opposition of having a |
| 9 | because our application satisfies all of | 9 | cemetery in their backyards for numerous |
| 10 | the legal standards for approval. | 10 | reasons. Above all, I am open minded to |
| 11 | And I'm going to say it again, and | 11 | new development. |
| 12 | they might laugh at me, but I'll take it. | 12 | Saying this, my conclusion is that, |
| 13 | The number of white shirts in this | 13 | based on our needs and based on our on |
| 14 | audience is not evidence. It is not | 14 | what is best for the wellbeing of our |
| 15 | something that you should be considering. | 15 | residents, I strongly believe that this is |
| 16 | This is a zoning hearing. It adjudicates | 16 | not the place to build the proposed |
| 17 | property | 17 | cemetery. |
| 18 | MS. PETISCO: It's a public zoning | 18 | Thank you. Thank you. |
| 19 | hearing. | 19 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Ms. Vazquez. |
| 20 | MR. PETISCO: The public's hearing. | 20 | VICE CHAIRWOMAN VAZQUEZ: We have sat |
| 21 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Please. | 21 | and listened, as Ms. Suarez has said, to |
| 22 | MR. BASS: This is about the facts, | 22 | both the pros and the cons. And in good |
| 23 24 | and this is about the law. And when you | 23 | faith of sitting here to listen and make |
| 24 | look at the facts through the lens of the | 24 | an objective decision, not a subjective |
| 23 | law, you will see quite clearly that we | 25 | one, but an objective decision, I listened |
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| 1 | carefully. I read a lot. And based on a | 1 | fear, disease. I do not believe that the |
| 2 | bunch of what I have noted, I don't see | 2 | cemetery poses any threat to the health of |
| 3 | that a need has been established in this | 3 | the community, but I do believe that there |
| 4 | section of our County at this time. | 4 | is since this is a zoning application, |
| 5 | People a gentleman stepped up, and he | 5 | I truly do not trust the figures that tell |
| 6 | indicated that a 25-acre cemetery will | 6 | me that there is a need. I do not believe |
| 7 | open in 2012. That there is unused burial | 7 | that there is a need at this time. And I |
| 8 | spaces, about 100 acres already approved. | 8 | must be very candid about that. |
| 9 | Then there is a contradiction in the | 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 10 11 | need study presented by the applicant and | 10 | Mr. Diaz, any questions or statement? |
| 12 | Dr. Weiskopf, but in terms of the data | 11 | COUNCILMAN DIAZ: I don't have any |
| 13 | that Dr. Weiskopf did present, it appears | 12 | questions, but it's just it's very |
| 14 | that there is burial space to meet the | 13 | simple. My list of cons is a lot longer |
| 15 | needs of this community, of the residents of Florida for the next 15 years. | 14 | than my list of pros for this application. |
| 16 | When this application was first | 15 | That's it. |
| 17 | heard, my main concern was what DERM | 16 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
| 18 | indicated in their letter, and DERM was | 17 | Mr. Attorney, shall we take this |
| 19 | not able to approve the application until | 18 | proposed motion in a positive format |
| 20 | the variances were obtained by the | 19 | rather than a negative? Would that be |
| 21 | Environmental Quality Board. | 20 | better? |
| 22 | Therefore, I do not have any | 21 22 | MR. ROBERTSON: You can take whatever |
| 23 | questions, but it is my opinion that the | 22 | motion you want to bring whoever wants |
| 24 | need for this proposed site has not been | 23 | to make a motion gets to make it. |
| 25 | established. | 24 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Thank you. |
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| 2 | MR. JONES: Councilman Diaz? |
| 3 | COUNCILMAN DIAZ: Yes. |
| 4 | MR. JONES: Councilwoman Suarez? |
| 5 | COUNCILWOMAN SUAREZ: Yes. |
| 6 | MR. JONES: Vice Chair Vazquez? |
| 7 | VICE CHAIRWOMAN VAZQUEZ: Yes. |
| 8 | MR. JONES: Chairman Wander? |
| 9 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Yes. |
| 10 | MR. JONES: The motion for denial has |
| 11 | passed unanimously. So the application |
| 12 | has been denied without prejudice. |
| 13 | MS. PETISCO: Thank you all so, so |
| 14 | very much. |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: Motion to adjourn. |
| 16 | COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Motion to |
| 17 | adjourn. |
| 18 | VICE CHAIRWOMAN VAZQUEZ: Oh, second. |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN WANDER: All in favor? |
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Bear Mr. LaFerner

On April 14, 2011. Community Zoning Appeals Board 11 heard testimony with respect to the proposal by Kendall Agronomics (KA) to develop as new cematery immediately west of Krome Avenue, south of S.W. 136the Street. During the course of that hearing residents of the area in which the proposed cematery would be located expressed opposition to KA's proposal based on concerns about its possible negative impact on the values of their property. They also indicated concern that development of the proposed cematery might increase orime in their area. The purpose of this letter is to provide information that we believe rebuts the concerns expressed.

Impact on Property Values

In discussing the potential impact the proposed cematery might have on property values, the individuals who spoke stated that they did not think that anybody would like to live near to a cematery and that if they could sell their homes in the future, the prices that they would sell for would be lower than their value. In response to this expressed concern, the following points are noted:

• As discussed above the proposed cametery would be located immediately west of Krome Avenue, south of S.W. 136 Street. The proposed frontage will occupy nearly the entirety of the frontage between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street except for the presence of one property located immediately north of S.W. 144th Street. That property and a single property that abuts the proposed cemetery along the entirety of its western boundary will be the only two to be in direct proximity to it. All of the other residential properties west of the proposed cemetery between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 136th Street provide the only two to be indirect proximity to it. All of the other residential properties west of the proposed cemetery between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street are at possed at least a quarter of mile to a third of mile away from it or further.

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Table 1

Comparison of Residential Sales Prices per Square Foot Properties Abutting a Cemetery Relative to Nearby Properties that Do Not

| Ad | dress | Sa. FL | Sal es Price | Price/ Sa. FL |
|--------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------|
| 200 | 2 | | | |
| | T S.W. 63 Terrace | * 7~~ | | |
| 799 | C S.W. 64 Street | 4.785 | \$596,200 | \$124,60 |
| | 5 S.W. 64 Terrace | 5.680 | \$459,900 | S80.97 |
| | | 3.862 | \$779,900 | \$201.94 |
| 200 | | | | |
| * 790 | 3 SW 63 Terrace | 4,429 | 605 6 105 | |
| * 790 | 4 S.W. 64 Terrace | 6,731 | S959,48 5 | \$216.64 |
| * 787 | 5 S.W. 66 Street | 2,310 | \$952,500 | \$141.51 |
| | 5 S.W. 66 Street | | S525,000 | \$227.27 |
| | 1 S.W. 82 Avenue | 1,964 | \$200,000 | \$101.83 |
| | 0 S.W. 64 Terrace | 2,262 | \$480,000 | S212.20 |
| | | 7.250 | \$1,099,079 | \$151.60 |
| 200- | | | | |
| * 601 | S.W. 79 Court | 3,778 | \$750.000 | |
| * 6125 | 5 S.W. 79 Court | 5,105 | \$750,000 | \$198.52 |
| 8130 | S.W. 64 Street | 4,546 | \$1,250,000 | \$244.86 |
| | S.W. 63 Terrace | 6.043 | \$550,000 | S120.99 |
| | S.W. 79 Court | 4,694 | \$550,000 | \$91.01 |
| | S.W. 66 Street | | \$874,200 | \$186,24 |
| | | 5,813 | \$585,000 | \$100.64 |
| 2010 | | | | |
| | S.W. 66 Street | 2,370 | \$425.000 | 6470.00 |
| | S.W. 64 Street | 5,133 | \$500,000 | \$179.32 |
| 6401 | S.W. 82 Avenue | 5,832 | | \$97.41 |
| | | 0,00L | \$430,000 | S82.30 |

Source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

- Cemeteries have historically been an edge use when first developed and then other uses fill in around them over time. A good example of this would be what has occurred in the case of Miami Memorial Park, which is located immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway at 6200 S.W. 77th Avenue. Development of the cemetery began in 1925. Most of the homes in residential neighborhood that abuts it to its west and south of it were initially constructed in the period from approximately 1973 to 2005. A substantial number of homes in that neighborhood have sold in the period since 2001 for values exceeding \$500,000 and in some instances over \$1,000,000 including at least 12 units that are immediately adjacent to the cemetery. The development of this neighborhood and the sales activity that has been occurring in it clearly refutes the argument that nobody wants to live near a cemetery.
- Table 1 is based on MEAI's review of sales in the neighborhood west and south of Miami Memorial Park in which we identified sales of residential properties abutting the cemetery (those designated with asterisks) and then pair them with sales in the same time frame, nence same market environment, of properties in the neighborhood that are not abutting the cemetery. We then calculated the sales price per square foot to determine whether adjacency to the cemetery has an adverse impact value. Review of the table will show that in a number of instances the units located immediately adjacent to cemetery in fact sold at prices higher on a per square foot basis than those not abutting it. Accordingly we do not believe it to be axiomatic that proximity to a cemetery will have an adverse impact on property values.

Impact on Crime

Those who spoke in opposition to the proposed cemetery provided no basis for their concern that its development might result in more crime in their neighborhood. Table 2 compares crime statistics for the square mile of Miami-Dade County immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway between S W. 55 Street and S W. 72nd Street in which Miami Memorial Park is located with those for the square mile of Miami-Dade immediately east of the Palmetto Expressway between the same two streets. Residential is the primary use in both areas except for the presence of the cemetery in the former. Review of the table will show that in the 2-year period analyzed, the rate of crime was approximately the same in the two areas and the nature of the crimes committed was generally the same, with violent crimes directed at people basically negligible in both. Accordingly, MEAI finds no basis for the argument that presence of a cemetery is likely to cause an increase in the rate crime or promote violent crime against people.

Sincerely, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

Andrew Dolkart President

Table 2 Crime Statistic Comparative Study Areas 2009 - 2010

| • | | 2009 | 2010 | Total |
|---------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Soudy Area A * | | | | |
| Larceny | | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| Burglery | | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Robbery | | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Vehicular Burglery | | 7 | 22 | 29 |
| Motor Vehicle Theit | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Van dalis m | | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Fraud | | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| Narcotics | | .3 | 3 | 6 |
| Aggrevated Assault | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Simple Assault | | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | 1 |
| | | 46 | 70 | 116 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Study Area B ** | | | | |
| Larceny | 2 - | 18 | 10 | 28 |
| Burglery | | 13 | 13 | 25 |
| Robbery | | 1 | 0 | t |
| Vehicular Burglery | | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Vandalism | 1 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Fraud | | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Narcotics | | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Aggrevated Assault | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Simple Assault | | 2 | | <u>3</u> |
| | | 65 | 47 | 112 |

* Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, State Road 826, S.W. 72nd Street and S.W. 87th Avenue. Contains Miami Memorial Park and Star of David Cemeteries.

** Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, S.W. 67th Avenue S.W. 72nd Street and State Road 826, Contains no cemeteries.

Source: Miami-Dade County Police Department, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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In discussing the potential impact the proposed cemetery might have on property values, the individuals who spoke stated that they did not think that anybody would like to live near to a cemetery and that if they could sell their homes in the future, the prices that they would sell for would be lower than their value. In response to this expressed concern, the following points are noted:

 As discussed above the proposed cametery would be located immediately west of Krome Avenue, south of S.W. 136 Street. The proposed frontage will occupy nearly the entirety of the frontage between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street except for the presence of one property located immediately north of S.W. 144th Street. That property and a single property that abuts the proposed cemetery along the entirety of its western boundary will be the only two to be in direct proximity to it. All of the other residential properties west of the proposed cemetery between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street are at located at least a quarter of mile to a third of mile away from it or further.

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Table 1 Comparison of Residential Sales Prices per Square Foot Properties Abutting a Cemetery Relative to Nearby Properties that Do Not

| Address | <u>Sq. Ft.</u> | Sales Price | Price/ <u>Sq. Ft</u> |
|--|--|--|--|
| 2002 7901 S.W. 63 Terrace 7990 S.W. 64 Street 7915 S.W. 64 Terrace | 4,785 5,680 3,862 | \$596,200 \$459,900 \$779,900 | \$124.60 \$30.97 \$201.94 |
| 2903 7903 SW 63 Terrace 7904 S.W. 64 Terrace 7875 S.W. 66 Street 7785 S.W. 66 Street 6121 S.W. 82 Avenue 7910 S.W. 64 Terrace | 4,429 6,731 2,310 1,964 2,262 7,250 | \$959,485 \$952,500 \$525,000 \$200,000 \$480,000 \$1,099,079 | \$216.64 \$141.51 \$227.27 \$101.83 \$212.20 \$151.60 |
| 2004 • 6011 S.W. 79 Court • 6125 S.W. 79 Court 8130 S.W. 64 Street 7929 S.W. 63 Terrace 6332 S.W. 79 Court 7848 S.W. 66 Street | 3,778 5,105 4,546 6,043 4,694 5,813 | \$750,000 \$1,250,000 \$550,000 \$550,000 \$874,200 \$585,000 | \$198.52 \$244.86 \$120.99 \$91.01 \$186.24 \$100.64 |
| 2010 * 7855 S.W. 66 Street 8001 S.W. 64 Street 6401 S.W. 82 Avenue | 2,370 5,133 5,832 | \$425,000 \$500,000 \$480,000 | \$179.32 \$97.41 \$82.30 |

Source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

- Cernetaries have historically been an edge use when first developed and then other uses fill in around them over time. A good example of this would be what has occurred in the case of Miami Memorial Park, which is located immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway at 6200 S.W. 77th Avenue. Development of the cernetary began in 1925. Most of the homes in residential neighborhood that abuts it to its west and south of it were initially constructed in the period from approximately 1973 to 2005. A substantial number of homes in that neighborhood have sold in the period since 2001 for values exceeding \$500,000 and in some instances over \$1,000,000, including at least 12 units that are immediately adjacent to the cernetary. The development of this neighborhood and the sales activity that has been occurring in it clearly refutes the argument that nobody wants to live near a cernetary.
- Table 1 is based on MEAI's review of sales in the neighborhood west and south of Miami Memorial Park in which we identified sales of residential properties abutting the cemetery (those designated with asterisks) and then pair them with sales in the same time frame, hence same market environment, of properties in the neighborhood that are not abutting the cemetery. We then calculated the sales price per square foot to determine whether adjacency to the cemetery has an adverse impact value. Review of the table will show that in a number of instances the units located immediately adjacent to cemetery in fact sold at prices higher on a per square foot basis than those not abutting it. Accordingly, we do not believe it to be axiomatic that proximity to a cemetery will have an adverse impact on property values.

Impact on Crime

Those who spoke in opposition to the proposed cemetery provided no basis for their concern that its development might result in more crime in their neighborhood. Table 2 compares crime statistics for the square mile of Miami-Dade County immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway between S W. 56 Street and S.W. 72nd Street in which Miami Memorial Park is located with those for the square mile of Miami-Dade immediately east of the Palmetto Expressway between the same two streets. Residential is the primary use in both areas except for the presence of the cemetery in the former. Review of the table will show that in the 2-year period analyzed, the rate of crime was approximately the same in the two areas and the nature of the crimes committed was generally the same, with violent crimes directed at people basically negligible in both. Accordingly, MEAI finds no basis for the argument that presence of a cemetery is likely to cause an increase in the rate crime or promote violent crime against people.

Sincerely, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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Andrew Dolkart President

Table 2 Crime Statistic Comparative Study Areas 2009 - 2010

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| | 2009 | 2010 | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Study Area A * | . – | | |
| Larceny | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| Burglery | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Vehicular Burglery | 7 | 22 | 29 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | | 2 | 3 |
| Vandalism | 1 5 | 2 | 3 7 |
| Fraud | 4 | 10 | · · · |
| Narcotics | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| Aggrevated Assault | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Simple Assault | | | 2 |
| · | <u>1</u> <u>46</u> | <u>0</u> 70 | 1 |
| | | <u></u> | <u>116</u> |
| Study Area B ** | | | |
| Larceny | 18 | 10 | 28 |
| Burglery | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicular Burglery | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 1 | 3 | .4 |
| Vandalism | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Fraud | 3 | 5 | |
| Narcotics | Ö | 2 | 8 |
| Aggrevated Assault | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Simple Assault | 2 | | 1 |
| | <u></u> <u>65</u> | <u>1</u> <u>47</u> | 3 |
| | <u>22</u> | <u>4/</u> | <u>112</u> |

* Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, State Road 826, S.W. 72nd Street and S.W. 87th Avenue. Contains Miami Memorial Park and Star of David Cemeteries.

** Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, S.W. 67th Avenue S.W. 72nd Street and State Road 826. Contains no cemeteries.

Source: Miami-Dade County Police Department, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

August 18, 2011

Mr. Marc C. LaFerrier, A.I.C.P. Director Department of Planning and Zoning Miami-Dade County Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. LaFerrier.

Miami Economic Associates, Inc. (MEAI) has performed an analysis to evaluate whether an application to develop a new cametery on land located outside Miami-Dade County's Urban Development on southwest corner of the intersection of Krome Avenue and S.W. 136th Street should be approved based on the fact that a need exists for additional burial places that cannot be satisfied within the UDB.

Principal Findings

Based on the analysis we performed, we have concluded the following:

- There is a clear need to develop a new cemetery in Miami-Dade County to accommodate the number of interments and cremations that will occur in the County between 2011 and 2015.
- Development of a new cemetery at the location identified above on land currently designated for agriculture use will not adversely impact the County's agricultural industry.
- There is no alternative site available for the proposed cemetery that is adequately sized and appropriately accessible.

This letter report, which is organized as shown below, summarizes the results of our analysis. It consolidates, with some new information added, two previously submitted on September 28, 2010 and December 8, 2010.

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Need for Additional Cemetary Space

In order to determine whether there is need for additional cemetery spaces, MEAI reviewed data relating to the projected number of deaths within Miami-Dade County during the 2011 through 2025 period and the likely disposition of the remains of the prospective deceased. We also obtained data regarding the number of "uncommitted" cemetery spaces currently available within the active cemeteries in the County inclusive of lots, mausoleum facilities and cremation niches in both the developed portions of those cemeteries and their remaining undeveloped portions. The paragraphs that follow summarize the findings of our research.

- The last approval for a new cemetery in Miami-Dade County was issued approximately 20 years ago when the County had a population of 1,937,000 people. In its recently released draft 2010 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), the Miami-Dade County Planning Department estimates that the population of the County currently approximates 2,563,900 people, an increase of over 32 percent since the approximate date of the last approval.
- In the 2010 EAR, the Miami-Dade County Planning Department estimated, as shown in Table 1, that more than 335,400 County residents will die during the period from 2011 through 2025. Utilizing data compiled by the State of Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics, MEAI estimates that nearly 154,300 of the deceased will be buried in lots and mausoleum facilities while approximately 124,100 will require cremation niches. In total, nearly 280,000 of the expected deceased over the next 15 years will need to be accommodated by the cemeteries in Miami-Dade County. Cemeteries in Miami-Dade County will also need to accommodate many of the more than 500 people who will die in Monroe County annually during the 2011 through 2025 period because of the paucity of facilities within that County.
- As shown in Table 2, the active cemeteries surveyed in Miami-Dade County currently have fewer than 195,000 uncommitted cemetery spaces inclusive of approximately 128,430 burial spaces and 56,085 cremation niches. This means that the current supply of cemetery spaces will be fully depleted in approximately 2021 with the supply of cremation niches being depleted in about 7 years from now, or in 2018. It should be noted that it is highly unlikely that people who would prefer to be cremated or to cremate loved ones would agree to burial instead when cremation niches are not available.¹
- In reviewing Table 2, it should be noted that the list does not include the cemeteries and other burial sites discussed below for the reasons noted. However, to the extent that they have inventory available, it is in very limited quantity.
 - Three older Jewish cemeteries for which information was not available.
 However, given the prohibition at most Jewish cemeteries regarding the burial of non-Jews, which significantly reduces their utility to this analysis, and

Table 1 Demand for Cemetary Spaces Miami-Dade County 2011 - 2025

| | | | Disposition* | |
|-------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Vaar | Estimated | _ / . | _ | Other/ |
| Year | Deaths | Burials | Cremations | Unknown |
| 2011 | 21,369 | 9,830 | 7,907 | 3,632 |
| 2012 | 21,522 | 9,900 | 7,963 | 3,659 |
| 2013 | 21,673 | 9,970 | 8,019 | 3.684 |
| 2014 | 21,822 | 10,038 | 8,074 | 3,710 |
| 2015 | 21,967 | 10,105 | 8,128 | 3,734 |
| 2016 | 22,110 | 10,171 | 8,181 | 3,758 |
| 2017 | 22,250 | 10,235 | 8,233 | 3,782 |
| 2018 | 22,387 | 10,298 | 8,283 | 3,806 |
| 2019 | 22,521 | 10,360 | 8,333 | 3,828 |
| 2020 | 22,653 | 10,420 | 8,382 | 3,851 |
| 2021 | 22,781 | 10,479 | 8,429 | 3,873 |
| 2022 | 22,907 | 10,537 | 8,476 | 3,894 |
| 2023 | 23,030 | 10,594 | 8,521 | 3,915 |
| 2024 | 23,150 | 10,649 | 8,566 | 3,935 |
| 2025 | <u>23.267</u> | <u>10.703</u> | 8,609 | 3.955 |
| Total | 335.409 | 154.288 | 124.101 | 57.020 |

* According to the State of Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics, the remains of 46 percent of deceased persons are buried, 37 percent cremated. The disposition of the other 7 percent either occurs cut-of-state (6 percent) or is unknown.

Source: State of Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics; Miami-Dade County Planning Department; Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

Table 2 Available Cemetery Spaces Miami-Dade County 2010

| | Developed Acreage | | | Undeveloped Acreage | | | Total Acreage | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|-------|---------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | Burial | Cremation | Total | | Burlat | Cremation | Total | | Burial | Cremation | Total |
| Facility | Acres | Spaces* | Niches | Spaces | Acres | Spaces* | Niches | Spaces | Асгов | Spaces* | Niches | Spaces |
| Woodlawn South | 49.0 | 2,814 | 1,449 | 4,263 | 7.5 | 8,400 | 4,350 | 12,750 | 56.5 | 11,214 | 5,799 | 17,013 |
| Patms Woodlawn | 50.0 | 2,006 | 1,033 | 3,039 | 15.0 | 16,800 | 8,700 | 25,500 | 65.0 | 18,806 | 9,733 | 28,539 |
| Graceland Park South** | 25.0 | 1,433 | 7.38 | 2,171 | 10.0 | 11,200 | 5,800 | 17,000 | 35.0 | 12,633 | 6,538 | 19,171 |
| Vista Memorial Gardens | 49.0 | 3,744 | 510 | 4,254 | 4.0 | 4,460 | 580 | 5,040 | 53.0 | 8,204 | 1,090 | 9,294 |
| Woodlawn Park North | 59.0 | 4,405 | 717 | 5,122 | 3.0 | 3,600 | 580 | 4,180 | 62.0 | 8,005 | 1,297 | 9,302 |
| Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery | 98,0 | 5,615 | 2,893 | 8,508 | 20,0 | 22,400 | 11,600 | 34,000 | 118.0 | 28,015 | 14,493 | 42,508 |
| Woodlawn West Cemetery | 16.0 | 917 | 472 | 1,389 | 10.0 | 11,200 | 5,800 | 17,000 | 26.0 | 12,117 | 6,272 | 18,389 |
| Dade Memorial Park | 48.0 | 7,526 | 256 | 7,782 | 6,5 | 7,165 | 3,706 | 10,871 | 64.5 | 14,691 | 3,962 | 18,653 |
| Miami Memorial Park | 52.0 | 1,637 | 283 | 1,920 | 3.8 | 4,289 | 2,221 | 6,510 | 55.8 | 5,926 | 2,504 | 8,430 |
| Southern Memorial Park | 55.0 | 1,960 | 227 | 2,187 | 4.4 | 4,939 | 2,558 | 7,497 | 59.4 | 6,899 | 2,785 | 9,684 |
| Mt. Sinai Cemetery | 22.0 | 1,927 | 0 | 1,927 | 0.5 | 600 | 0 | 600 | 22.5 | 2,527 | 0 | 2,527 |
| Graceland North | 11.0 | 912 | 0 | 912 | 0.5 | 1,000 | Q | 1,000 | 11.5 | 1,912 | 0 | 1,912 |
| Flagler Memorial Park | 32.0 | 2,047 | 96 | 2,143 | 0.7 | 580 | 0 | 580 | 32.7 | 2,627 | 96 | 2,723 |
| Dade South Memorial Park | 23.0 | 3.397 | <u>760</u> | 4,157 | 1.3 | 1,456 | 754 | 2,210 | 24.3 | 4,853 | 1.514 | 6.367 |
| Total | 589.0 | 40.340 | <u>9,434</u> | 49.774 | 87.2 | 98,089 | 46,649 | 144,738 | 676.2 | 138,429 | 56.083 | 194.512 |

* Includes lots and mausoleum facilities.

** Pursuant to Resolution No. Z5-11 on June 23, 2011, a portion of this cemetery previosuly site planned for office and a funeral home was re-zoned GU so it could legitimately serve as burial space; however, since interments had already occurred there, no new supply was added. The application also provided for an alternative location for offices (and gave up rights for the funeral home) on land the had been assumed as available burial space in the numbers above Accordingly, this table may overstate the remaining supply of burial space at Graceland Park South.

Source: Service Corp. International; Miaml Economic Associates, Inc.

> the fact that whatever inventory they may have is at most limited, MEAI does not believe that the inclusion of these cameteries would materially affect the conclusion of our analysis.

- o Several other older private cemeteries throughout the County including 1) the City of Miami Cemetery, which is located 1800 N.E. 2nd Avenue in Downtown Miami; 2) the Coconut Grove Cemetery, now known as Charlotte Jane Memorial Park at 3575 Douglas Road; 3) the historic black cemetery located at 285 N.W. 71st Street in the portion of the City of Miami once referred as Lemon City; 4) Evergreen Memorial Park, which is located north of SR 112 between N.W. 22nd and N.W. 27th Avenues; 5) Pinewcod-Cocoplum Cemetery, which is located at 7220 S.W. 47th Court; and 6) Silvergreen Goulds, which is located at 13701 S.W. 240 Street. Of those mentioned above, only the City of Miami Cemetery, which still has approximately 1,000 vacant grave sites, continues to conduct burials on even an occasional basis --- approximately 15 to 20 per year. However, the conditions under which a person can be buried at the City of Miami Cemetery are highly restrictive, owing to the fact that the burial spaces are owned on a deeded basis and only deed holders or people that can affirmatively prove that they are related to a deed holder can qualify to be interred there.
- Two cemeteries administered by the Office of Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner, the Galloway Cemetery on Galloway Road at S.W. 60th Street and the Kendall Cemetery at S.W. 79th Street and S.W. 115th Street. We were unable to obtain any specific information from the Medical Examiner's office regarding the extent to which unused burial space remain at these facilities, which in combination are comprised of 50 total acres. However, it is unlikely that they have a significant number of spaces remaining since they have been in use for a number of years. It is also noted that the County's Public Interment Program, which is only available to the indigent, currently only provides cremation services.
- o The Archdiocese of Miami property located at S.W. 202nd Avenue and S.W. 360th Street, which despite being zoned for cemetery use in 1982 has never been so developed and is still being used for agricultural purposes. It is noted that: 1) at this point no timeline exists for development of the property as a cemetery; 2) it is too remote to draw significant usage; and 3) the site is adjacent to a heavily secluded primate research facility which does not create the type of tranquil ambience families typically want as a permanent resting place. Finally, it is noted that the affiliation of the property with the Catholic Church limits its applicability to the community at large.
- Approximately 2000 burial spaces at St Brendan's Church at 8725 SW 32nd Street. Based on the existence of these spaces, we attempted to determine the extent to which additional inventory of burial spaces may exist in churchyard facilities. Mr. Marc Adel at the Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services confirmed that small, church-related

> cemeteries are not regulated by his division; accordingly, it does not maintain any official records regarding such facilities. However, he indicated that he is not aware of any churches in Miami-Dade County that are currently performing burials on their properties. He further indicated that the extent to which individual churches may keep cremation urns on-site is unknown and could only be determined through facility by facility site visits. However, he doubted that the incidence at which that occurs is significant because of the onus that it would impose on the accepting church to assure their security.

> To further follow up, contact was made with several religious organizations. We found that many of these organizations do not keep records of mauscleum or columbarium property at individual churches or even know whether such property even exists inside them. Further, many of the people with whom spoke were less than forthcoming about providing information. Nonetheless the following information was obtained:

- Catholic Archdiocese: Ms. Mary Jo Frick (VP, Finance Treasurer) stated that they had no space available, except presumably those at St Brendan's enumerated above.
- Episcopal Church: Ms. Cheryl Chapman (Executive Director, Friends of Trinity Church) identified five churches that might have columbarium available but only for church members. To date, St Phillips Episcopal Church in Coral Gables has stated that they have no spaces available while Trinity Cathedral (Miami) has indicated that 23 of its 135 spaces are available. The other three, which are located in Coconut Grove, South Miami and Miami Beach, have not responded to our inquiries.
- Miami Baptist Association: Ms. Florence Wolfs (Office Manager) stated none of the Baptist churches in Miami-Dade County have mausoleum or columbarium in church.
- Lutheran: According to Ms. Jeanne Batridge (President of the Dade Monroe Lutheran Conference) indicated that 3 churches have mausoleum and/or columbarium. One of them has indicated it has no space available at this time and one indicated that it may have some spaces, number unknown, but their use would be limited to church members. The third has not responded to our inquiries.
- Presbyterian: Ms. Mia Nunez (Office Manager at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami) stated that no Presbyterian churches in Miami-Dade County have mausoleum or columbarium.
- MEAI recognizes that a portion of the people who pass away during the 2011 through 2025 period will not actually deplete the current inventory of uncommitted cemetery spaces because they will have already acquired the burial space or

cremation niche in which they will be laid to rest in advance of their death. However, this factor will be offset by the fact that during the 2011 through 2025 period others will be in the process of making arrangements for future disposition of their remains that may not occur until after 2025

Given the fact the population of Miami-Dade County continues to grow, MEAI believes the number of people who are making prior arrangements for the disposition of their remains on average annual basis during the 2011 through 2025 period will likely be greater than the number who did on annual basis in the years preceding 2011. In this regard, the impact of the aging boomer generation also needs to be considered. For example, during the next five years, the number of County residents in the 55 to 64 age group will increase by approximately 50,000 people. People in the 55 to 64 age group represent a prime market for cemetery spaces.

 MEAI also believes that it is important to take into consideration that the aboveestimated depletion dates implicitly assume that the market for cemetery spaces is an efficient one. In fact, it is not. Decisions regarding the disposition of one's own remains or those of love ones are affected by a number of non-quantifiable and/or emotional factors.

The most obvious of these factors is religion. For example, it is unlikely that many people who are not Jewish or Catholic will choose to be laid to rest in facilities designed to cater to people of those faiths, even if allowed to, which may not be the case. Many people when deciding where to acquire a burial space or cremation niche seek space in a place where their entire family can be accommodated together or in a "heritage garden" that will allow them, just as they did when choosing a community in which to live, to be near other relatives, friends or people of similar ethnicity. Others will wish to be buried in areas with people who had similar experiences in life such as other military veterans or will want a place with a specific attribute such as a special tree, view, etc.

In order for cemeteries to be able to the address these highly personal yet important customer preferences, frequently magnified in times of stress or grief, they need to have considerably more capacity than can be determined by a simple mathematical formula that relates projected deaths to available space inventory.

- Finally, MEAI believes that there are a number of practical reasons why it would be imprudent to wait to allow the development of a new cemetery until existing capacity is about to be depleted, which are as follows:
 - o Section 497.270 of the Florida Statutes requires that new cemeteries be developed on properties that contain at least 30 net contiguous acres. As will be discussed below in detail, few such properties or combinations of properties are available and appropriate within the UDB regardless of their current land use designation. Our review of data provided in the County Property Appraisers website shows that due to the way parcelization has occurred outside the UDB, the number of appropriately sized parcels in close

proximity to important infrastructure such as readways is also limited. Further, many of the larger parcels outside the UDB are south of Eureka Drive (S.W. 184th Street) in the County's most productive agricultural area.

- Cemeteries are similar to all other types of development in that they require several processes to occur before they are useable that can take a period of years to complete. Before a cemetery can be placed into service, land needs to be acquired (which may require time-consuming assembly), entitlements need to be obtained (frequently in an environment where there is staunch opposition) and infrastructure as well as a portion of the requisite facilities need to be constructed.
- o The acquisition of cemetery space is a necessity for essentially all people in all economic strata of society. There have been over the years a number of articles and books written about the high costs associated with the disposition of the remains of the deceased. Clearly care should be given to assure that shortages that can cause prices to spike are not created by governmental regulation either with respect to total supply or a particular portion of supply needed to cater a specific set of market preferences.
- As noted above, many people have traditionally acquired cemetery spaces for themselves and their families well in advance of when they may be needed. For the market to continue to function in this manner, which for many allows them to address a necessary acquisition in a more conscientious and budget-friendly manner, the properties that will provide future capacity need to be known well in advance.
- Based on the content of the preceding bulleted paragraphs, MEAI believes that there is a clear need to approve the development of a new cemetery in Miami-Dade County. In the materials that follow, we address the issue of why it is both appropriate to allow a new cemetery to be developed in agriculturallydesignated land located outside the UDB at the intersection of Krome Avenue and S.W. 136th Street.

Use of Agriculturally-Designated Land

Although the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) permits cemeteries to be developed in several categories of land use, Chapter 33 of the Miami-Dade County Code requires that they be developed in land zoned AU or GU. Traditionally those zoning districts are accommodated in CDMP designations of Agriculture or Open Land. Within the UDB, the only area that has land designated Agriculture is in the so-called "Horse Country". MEAI believes that it is highly unlikely that a parcel of 30 net contiguous acres could be assembled in this area. We further believe that any attempt to locate a cemetery in the area would be vehemently opposed by area residents. Accordingly, the CDMP, as implemented by the County's Zoning Code, implicitly assumes that any new cemetery development will occur outside the UDB.

MEAI recognizes that the Board of County Commissioners has historically believed that agriculture is an important industry within the County and that strong efforts should be made to assure its viability, notwithstanding a number of forces that are working counter to that hope such as competition from other nations, insect infestations, etc. However, we are also aware that the County's Department of Planning stated in August, 2009, at a town hall meeting with respect to the 2010 EAR that the County will need 52,000 acres of agriculture land in the future to properly support its agriculture industry, or 5,000 less than it currently has. (A copy of the presentation materials in which the Department stated that are posted on its webpage.) Therefore, MEAI believes that the site of the proposed cemetery can be taken out of production without negative effect.

Availability of Alternative Sites

As discussed previously, the Florida Statutes require that new cemeteries be developed on properties that contain at least 30 net contiguous acres. Based on that requirement, MEAI sought to identify appropriately sized parcels or assemblages of parcels within the UDB that could potentially be used for the development of a new cemetery including properties designated on the County Future Land Use Map for a variety of uses including residential, commercial and industrial. We also looked at the possibility of utilizing property designated as Open Land and for institutional use both within and cutside the UDB.

It should be noted that use of land within the UDB that is designated for residential, commercial or industrial for a cemetery would require that it be re-zoned AU or GU. Rezoning property within the UDB to AU is expressly prohibited by the CDMP. Re-zoning property to GU would be precedent setting for land which is supposedly reserved for urban uses.

The paragraphs that follow summarize the results of our search for alternative sites.

Land Designated for Residential Use

- According to information provided to MEAI by County's Department of Planning approximately a year ago regarding undeveloped residential parcels 1 or more acres in size, there were 59 undeveloped parcels designated for residential use throughout the County that are 30 acres or more in size. It should be noted that some of these may not qualify for use for a cemetery if the net contiguous acreage after provision for setbacks, etc. is less than 30 acres. We also identified 5 potential instances where contiguous parcels of between 10 and 30 acres in size could possibly be assembled efficiently for the purpose of developing a cemetery. A number of them were then eliminated from further consideration for the reasons discussed below, leaving a total of 40 potential parcels.
 - a 15 of the parcels are located in municipalities in which a cemetery is not a permitted use including the Cities of Hialeah and Homestead and the Town of Miami Lakes.

- o 1 of the parcels is an environmentally-sensitive property.
- o 4 of the parcels are located in already developing residential communities.
- 4 of the parcels are located in the busway transit corridor where development of cemetery would be an inappropriate use.
- o 1 of the parcels, the site of the now-stalled Biscayne Landings project, is cwned by the City of North Miami. MEAI anticipates that the City is likely to want to seek a higher return from the property than cemetery development would provide.
- Land Use Policy LU-8F of the Miami-Dade Comprehensive Development Master Plan requires that the county have adequate capacity to accommodate 15 years of projected population growth from the date of the County last Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The 2010 EAR ,which was adopted by the County Commission in the Spring of 2011, shows that the County currently falls short of meeting that requirement by a period of 5 years. Accordingly, it would not be sound policy to re-designate a parcel or assemblage of parcels of 30 acres or more that is currently designated for residential use to Agriculture or General Use to allow a cemetery to built because such action would increase the shortfall, which in turn would likely result in increased pressure to expand the UDB to permit residential use. We believe that DP&Z would rather see a cemetery be developed cutside the UDB than residential units.

Land Designated for Commercial Use

- Based on a review of the County's 2010 Current Existing Land Use Map, we identified only 5 undeveloped commercially-designated parcels or potential assemblages of parcels of 30 acres or more. We do not believe that any of them represent realistic alternatives for cemetery development within the UDB for the following reasons.
 - Two of the 5 identified parcels are located in the West Kendall area on the south side of Kendall Drive. The first of them is the site of the proposed Kendall Town Center project, which is located between S.W. 159th and S.W. 164th Avenues. Future development of this site is subject to an approved Development of Regional Impact that does not currently envision cemetery use and that would need to be amended. A portion of the property is already being developed by Baptist Health System with a new hospital facility. It is unlikely that Baptist would view a cemetery as an appropriate/compatible neighbor. Finally, encouragement of a cemetery on the Kendall Town Center parcel would not in our opinion be sound policy since it is currently the only location available to create a major employment center in the West Kendall area, thereby reducing the need for at least a portion of area residents to commute elsewhere in the county for work.

The other parcel along Kendall Drive, the so-called "Brown Property", is a short distance to the west of Kendall Town Center. This parcel was recently brought into the UDB after three attempts before the County Commission over a period of six years and an extensive proceeding before a DOHA judge. It is highly unlikely that the owner of this property, given his investment in time and money to obtain the right to develop it with commercial uses, would entertain the idea of allowing the property to be used as the site of a cemetery. Further, to the extent that he was willing to sell it, his price would likely preclude development of a cemetery.

c The third undeveloped commercially-designated parcel of 30 acras or more that we identified is a tract approximately 64 acras in size owned by 107th Avenue Gamma that is located west of N.W. 107th between N.W. 12th and 14th Streets. In 2008, when a portion of this tract was re-designated from Industrial and Office to Business and Office, its future development was controlled by a covenant under which residential use would actually become the major use on the site in terms of the amount of land allocated to it. The portion of the site on which commercial use would be developed is less than 30 acres and not all contiguous. Accordingly, use of this site for a cemetery would have the impact of reducing residential capacity, which as discussed above would not be sound policy.

We also note that this property is located in a portion of the County which the County Commission by resolution R-871-09 dated June 30, 2009 directed DP&Z to consider as the site of mega-shopping district. In a report dated May 2010 DP&Z preliminary concluded that concept has viability.

- The fourth parcel, comprised of 37 acres, is located at the intersection of N.W. 32nd Avenue and N.W. 79th Street, directly across the street from the Northside Metrorail Station. Assuming that the Board of County Commission votes to remove a restrictive covenant that precludes residential uses from being developed on the property, it would be an excellent location for a mixed-use project inclusive of residential units and retail space anchored by the kind of national or regional retailers that are currently under-represented in the area. Such a development scenario would be far more supportive of transit use than a cemetery and should be encouraged at this location. It would also be far more supportive of the goals of the Community Redevelopment District that is being proposed for this area.
- The fifth of the commercial parcels is located at the intersection of N.W. 12th Street and N.W. 137th Avenue in the southwest corner of the Beacon Lakes project that has design restrictions that would preclude development of a cemetery on the property.

Land Designated for Industrial Use

- According to information provided to MEAI by County's Department of Planning, there were approximately 1,380 undeveloped industrially-designated parcels in Miami-Dade County approximately 1 year ago. Analysis of those parcels revealed the following regarding their potential for cemetery use:
 - 102 are cwned by governmental entities including the County, the School Board, municipalities, the State of Florida and the U.S. Government.
 - o 44 in fact already developed or in use.
 - 64 are located in transit corridors, notably the busway, where cemetery use would be inconsistent with the County's goal of promoting transit use.
 - 71 are located in special districts within the City of Miami including the Miami River (15), Hospital (38), Design (4) and Fashion (14) Districts where cemetery use would be incompatible with the intent of the districts.
 - 244 are located in designated Enterprise and/or Empowerment zones within the County where development of a cemetery would be inconsistent with the goal of creating significant numbers of jobs for residents of those areas.
 - 322 are located in projects where cemetery use is precluded by privately imposed restrictions
 - 162 are located in municipalities where cemetery use is not a permitted use by zoning regulations including the Cities of Hialeah Gardens and Homestead and the Towns of Medley and Miami Lakes.
 - o 5 are scattered parcels in the City of Coral Gables with a total of 3.73 acres
 - 28 are scattered parcels in the City of Hialeah totaling 47.00 acres with no single parcel or potential assemblage of parcels having at least 30 net contiguous acres.
 - o 22 are scattered parcels in the City of Miami with a total of less than 8 acres.
 - o 1 is a parcel in the City of Miami Beach with a total less than 1 acre.
 - o 5 are scattered parcels in Florida City with a total of 2.25 acres
 - 227 are scattered parcels in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County totaling 298.11 acres with no single parcel or potential assemblage of parcels having at least 30 net contiguous acres.

- 12 are scattered parcels in the City of Miami Gardens with a total of 11.34 acres.
- o 2 are scattered parcels in the City of Opa-Locka with a total 1.11 acres
- o 5 are scattered parcels in the City of South Miami with a total of less than 1 acre.
- 63 are scattered parcels in the City of Doral totaling 154.36 acres with no single parcel or potential assemblage of parcels having at least 30 net contiguous acres.
- Based on the preceding analysis, we identified only 3 undeveloped, industriallydesignated parcels of 30 or more acres. Analysis of these parcels revealed the following about their potential for cemetery use:
 - c Two of the 3 parcels are contiguous tracts comprised of a total of 97.91 acres. They are located in the City of Miami Gardens on the east side of N.W. 47th Avenue immediately south of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT). The City of Miami Gardens requires a special exception to approve cametery development. Perhaps, of greater significance is the fact that these parcels are negatively impacted by the noise of the traffic on the HEFT and the presence of an active County landfill on the west side of N.W. 47th Avenue directly across the street. Given these influences, MEAI does not believe these parcels to be conducive to cemetery use.
 - The third parcel, consisting of approximately 148 acres, is the so-called "Lemmon" tract in the City of Doral. The family that owns this tract has for more than decade refused to entertain offers to sell it and there is no way to anticipate when that posture may change.

Land Designated as Open land and for Institutional Use within and outside the UDB

There are areas throughout Miami-Dade County, all outside that UDB, that are designated Open Land, each of which is discussed below:

Northwest

 The largest area of Open Land in Miami-Dade County is located in the Northwest portion of the County. It is comprised of the so-called Lake Belt, which was established by the Florida Legislature during the 1990's with the intention of balancing limestone mining interests and environmental concerns relating to wetlands protection, water supply protection and water management for Everglades restoration. With respect to water supply protection, it is noted that the County's Northwest Wellfield, which supplies approximately 40 percent of the County's potable water, is located in the portion of the Lake Belt situated between SR 836 on the south and Okeechobee Road on the north. Approximately 50 percent of the land in

the Lake Belt area is owned by rock mining interests while at least 25 percent --- a figure likely to increase --- over time is owned by government. The remainder is owned by private, non-rock mining interests.

Cemeteries are assumed to last and be accessible in perpetuity, objectives which we believe to be in conflict with the long-term objectives of the Lake Belt, which is envisioned as essentially a conservation area after rock mining activities in the area are completed. We further believe that it would be inappropriate, if permitted at all, to place a cemetery in an area designated to potentially support the CERP initiative. This effectively limits the effort to find an alternative site for the proposed Cemetery to the area north of Okeechobee Road. With respect to this area, the following points are noted:

- There are active rock mining operations underway in the area that involve blasting. Hence, the area is not in our opinion conducive to cemetery use
- c Based on current ownership patterns, there are fewer than 5 sites with at least 30 net contiguous acres that are not owned by rock mining interests or government available. All of these are currently occupied or will scon be occupied by other active uses including nursery operations and in the case of one, truck parking. There is no evidence to believe that these sites are available for acquisition. Furthermore, these lands are burdened with jurisdictional wetlands of significant size, which suggests that they are inappropriate for addressing the County's need for new cemetery spaces.

Southwest

- There are two areas of Open Land in the Southwest portion of the County. The first of these is substantially located in the area between S.W. 8th Street and S.W. 56 Street, immediately west of the UDB, which is known as the Bird Drive Recharge Area. The second is the so-called 8.5 Mile Square Mile Area, which is located west of S.W. 187th Avenue between S.W. 104th Street and S.W. 168th Street.
 - The Bird Drive Recharge Area contains two components of the CERP initiative and substantial wetland areas. In our opinion, these factors eliminate it as an appropriate area in which to locate a new cemetery.
 - The 8.5 Square Mile Area would also not be an appropriate location for several reasons including: 1) it has been historically considered by the Army Corps of Engineers and other similar agencies as an ideal location for a flood mitigation project; 2) the area is poorly served by roads, hence relatively inaccessible; and 3) the pattern of land ownership is highly fragmented resulting in the existence of very few parcels or groups of parcels under single ownership that would produce a tract of at least of 30 net contiguous acres.

<u>South</u>

- There are three areas in South Miami-Dade County designated Open Land. For the reasons discussed below, MEAI does not believe any of the three would be an appropriate alternative location for the proposed cemetery.
 - c The first flanks U.S.1 immediately south of S.W. 360th Street. It is adjacent to land designated for conservation use and, in fact, substantial portions of this area are owned by the County's Environmentally Endangered Land Program. None of the privately- owned parcels or groups of parcels in single ownership contain 30 net contiguous acres.
 - c The second Open Land area in South Miami-Dade County is approximately 1 mile south of that just discussed and is bounded by U.S.1 on the west and Card Sound Road on the east. This area also contains parcels owned by the County's Environmentally Endangered Land Program. However, the majority of the area is owned by active rock mining interests.
 - Rock mining activity is also underway in the third Open Land area in South Miami-Dade County, which is located immediately south of S.W. 360th Street, east of U.S. 1. It is also located in an area of consideration for CERP. It should be noted that the rock mining activity that is occurring in South Dade is important to the future development of the southern portion of Miami-Dade County within the UDB because without a relative proximate source of limestone material, the future cost to develop there would rise significantly.

Southeast

 The Open Land Area in Southeast Miami-Dade County is comprised of land that preponderantly lies between Biscayne Bay and S.W. 112th Street. The land is located in a storm surge zone and in an area that could clearly be adversely impacted by rising sea levels. As such, MEAI considers it a poor location for a cemetery facility that is intended to exist in perpetuity.

MEAI analyzed all the parcels or groups of parcels designated for Institutional Use on the County's 2015 - 2025 Future Land Use Map, with the exception of those that will be discussed in the next paragraph, to evaluate their potential to serve as an alternative sites for the proposed cemetery. We also reviewed all the parcels or groups of parcels depicted on the County's existing land use map as being occupied by institutional users including those not designated for Institutional Use on the 2015 - 2025 Land Use Map. Table 3 summarizes the findings of our analysis with respect to the parcels or groups of parcels with at 30 net contiguous acres that are privately-owned while Table 4 does the same for the parcels or groups of parcels that are owned by various agencies of government.

 As indicated above, a number of parcels or groups of parcels were exempted from our analysis because based on our prior knowledge we knew that they would not

> yield a vacant site of 30 net contiguous acres and/or that cemetery use there would not be appropriate due to issues of compatibility, accessibility, etc. The exempted parcels or group of parcels included the following:

- o Government Center in Downtown Miami-
- o Civic Center/Health Center Complex
- South Dade Government Center Complex
- o Homestead Air Reserve Ease
- The Orange Bowl Site where the Florida Marlin's new stadium is currently under construction
- FP&L's sites at 6525 S.W. 152nd Street and Turkey Point
- o Vizcaya
- The campuses of the University of Miami, St. Thomas University, Barry University Florida Memorial College, Florida International University (North and South) and Miami-Dade College (North and South)
- Coast Guard Property northeast of MetroZoo, which is the site of a Countyproposed entertainment complex
- Highly classified Department of Defense facility located immediately west of MetroZoo
- o Baptist Hospital Complexes on N. Kendall Drive and Campbell Drive
- o Mercy Hospital Complex on South Miami Avenue
- State of Florida Correctional Facilities located at 14000 N.W. 41st Street and 19000 S.W. 372 Street
- Miami-Dade County/INS detention facilities located west of Krome Avenue and south of S.W. 8th Street
- Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department Facilities located at 21500 N.W. 47th Avenue, 6990 N.W. 97th Avenue. 8795 N.W. 58th Street (also other County Department office) and south of Silver Palm Drive between S.W. 87th and 97th Avenues
- Miami-Dade County Government/WASA Complex on the west side of Galloway Road, south of Miller Drive
- Miami-Dade WASA facilities and wellfields located at 2575 N.E. 156 Street, 23300 S.W. 88th Avenue, on the north side of Kendall Drive and east of S.W. 127th Avenue, in Miami Springs at the intersection of North Royal Poinciana Drive at Alex Bromir Way/Dove Avenue and west of theoretical S.W. 172 Avenue between Miller Drive and Sunset Drive
- Florida Aqueduct Authority Facility located north of S.W. 360 Street, east of S.W. 200th Avenue
- As shown in Table 3, there was only one privately-owned parcel comprised of at least 30 net acres that required analysis after the campuses of the private colleges and universities enumerated above were exempted as well as the Baptist and Mercy Hospital complexes. The subject property, which is comprised of approximately 120.5 acres, is located at 11925 Old Cutler Road. Owned by a private foundation, the property is being used as a botanical garden and research facility. There is no evidence that all or a portion of this site would be available for acquisition for the proposed cemetery. Further, the site is located in a storm surge zone and could be

Table 3 Institutional Land 30 Acres or More Privately-Owned Miami-Dade County

| Parcel | Folio | |
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| Number | <u>Number</u> | Location |
| 1 | 03-5107-003-0020 | 11925 Old Cutler |

Acres Owner 120.48 Montgomery Foundation

<u>Use</u> Botanical Garden/Research facility

<u>Comment</u> In use

Storm surge area

Source: Miami-Dade County Future Land Use Map 2015 -2025; Miami-Dade Property Appraiser; Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

adversely affected by rising sea levels. Accordingly, MEAI does not consider it an appropriate location for a cemetery facility that is intended to exist in perpetuity.

As shown in Table 4, a total of 11 government-owned parcels or groups of parcels were subjected to analysis once the government-owned parcels and groups of parcels listed above were exempted. Ten of the 11 are located within the UDB. The one located outside the UDB is owned by the federal government, actually the Department of the Navy. Given its location at the intersection of S.W. 360th Street and Card Sound Road, its accessibility is poor. While the site is currently vacant, there is no evidence to indicate that it is available for acquisition. Further, it is located in a CERP area, which in our opinion significantly reduces its viability as the potential site for a cemetery.

With respect to the 10 government-owned parcels or groups of parcels within the UDB, 6 are developed to the point that they would not yield 30 vacant net contiguous acres. A seventh, the U.S. Agriculture Department site located at the intersection of S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 67th Avenue is not intensely developed but is being used. There is no evidence that all or any portion of it is available for acquisition.

With respect to the remaining 3 parcels, 2 are partially developed, 1 is completely vacant. The vacant site, which is located at S.W. 272 Street and S.W. 127th Avenue, is parcel that was conveyed to the County by the U.S. Air Force when the County took control of land that was previously part of the Homestead Air Force Base. According to the County's General Service Administration (GSA), a condition of its conveyance is that it be used for economic development purposes. GSA does not believe that cametery use meets the intent of the deed restriction. The undeveloped portions of the two partially developed parcels are located immediately south of the County landfill at 21500 N.W. 47th Avenue. In MEAI's opinion their proximity to an active landfill makes them poor candidates for cemetery use.

<u>Summary</u>

Based on the information presented above, MEAI does not believe that an alternative site exists within the UDB for cemetery use.

Table 4 Institutional Land 30 Acres or More Government-Owned Mlami-Dade County

| Parcel <u>Numbe</u> 1 | Follo <u>r Number</u> 30-1131-001-0030 | Location 20600 NW 47 Ave | Acres Owner 168.88 Miami-Dade GSA | <u>Use</u> Landmark Center | Comment Developed |
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| 2 | 30-1131-001-0020 | 20660 NW 47 Ave | 54.83 State of Florida HRS | Mental Health Facility | Partially developed |
| 3 | 32-2013-001-0570 | 5890 NW 158 St | 35.3 Miami-Dade Public Schools | School | Partially developed |
| 4 | 04-2132-001-0011 | 900 E. 56 Street | 51.46 City of Hialeah | Municipat facility | Developed |
| 5 | 30-4005-001-0230 | N E corner of W. Flagler/107 Ave | 36.6 FIU | University facility | Developed |
| 6 | 30-4031-000-0170 | SW 117 Ave, S. of Sunset | 164.58 Miami-Dade HRS | Social service facilities | Developed |
| 7 | 30-5924-000-0160 | 14655 SW 122 Ave | 42.53 Florida DOT | Maintenance facility | Developed |
| 8 | 30-5936-000-0040 | 18300 SW 127 Ave | 32.07 Miami-Dade Public Schools | Training facility | Developed |
| 9 | 30-6935-000-0390 30-6935-000-0052 30-6935-000-0410 30-6935-000-0400 30-6935-000-0061 | SW 272St/SW127 Ave | 14,48 Miaml-Dade GSA 24.23 10.15 30.28 46.58 | Vacant | Sile deeded to Miami-Dade County by the federal government with restrictions that require it to be used to promote |
| 10 | 30-7931-001-0040 | S. of SW 360 St./Card Sound Road | 59.49 U.S. Government | Vacant | |
| 11 | 33-5024-000-0010 33-5024-001-0010 | S.W. 136 Street, E. of 67 Ave | 152.53 U.S. Agriculture Department 54.38 | Testing facility | In Use In storm surge zone |
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Source: Miami-Dade County Future Land Use Map 2015 - 2025; Miami-Dade Property Appraiser; Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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Closing

Based on the analysis presented above. MEAI believes that there is a clear need for the development of a new cemetery at the intersection of Krome Avenue and S.W. 136th Street. We do not believe that cemetery development on property at that location designated for agriculture in the CDMP would negatively impact Miami-Dade County's agricultural industry. Finally, we do not believe that an alternative site exists within the UDB.

Sincerely, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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A. KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC (Applicant)

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Property Owner (if different from applicant) Same.

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Is there an option to purchase □/lease □ the property predicated on the approval of the zoning request? Yes ☑ No □

If so, who are the interested parties? Stormy Sky, LLC

Disclosure of interest form attached? Yes ☑ No □

Previous Zoning Hearings on the Property:

Year Applicant Decision No History

Action taken today does not constitute a final development order, and one or more concurrency determinations will subsequently be required. Provisional determinations or listings of needed facilities made in association with this Initial Development Order shall not be binding with regard to future decisions to approve or deny an Intermediate or Final Development Order on any grounds.

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APPLICANT'S NAME: **KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC**

REPRESENTATIVE:

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATION TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL No. 11

 APPLICANT:
 Krome Agronomics, LLC
 PH:
 Z10-51 (11-4-CZ11-1)

 SECTION:
 24-55-38
 DATE:
 September 6, 2011

 COMMISSION DISTRICT:
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A. INTRODUCTION

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• SUMMARY OF REQUESTS:

The applicant is requesting a special exception to permit a proposed cemetery and associated mausoleums, an Unusual Use to permit a lake excavation and lake fill. Additional requests are being sought to permit 2 signs, larger than permitted by the the Zoning Code.

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REQUESTS:

- (1) DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE from GU to AU.
- (2) SPECIAL EXCEPTION to permit a proposed cemetery and associated mausoleums.
- (3) UNUSUAL USE to permit a Lake Excavation and Lake Filling.
- (4) Applicant is requesting to permit two additional detached signs, one with an area of 81 sq. ft. and one with an area of 164 sq. ft. (two 32 sq. ft. sign permitted).

Plans are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning and Zoning entitled "West Kendall Memorial Park", as prepared by DCG Development Consulting Group, consisting of twenty-one (21) sheets, dated stamped received May 27, 2011. Plans may be modified at public hearing.

LOCATION:

The southwest corner of S.W. 136 Street & S.W. 177 Avenue, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

- o <u>SIZE:</u> 48.6 Acres
- B. ZONING HEARINGS HISTORY: None.

C. <u>COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN (CDMP) OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND</u> INTERPRETATIVE TEXT:

1. The Adopted 2015 and 2025 Land Use Plan designates the subject property as being **1.4 miles** west of and **outside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB)** for **Agriculture** use. The area designated as "Agriculture" contains the best agricultural land remaining in MiamiDade County. As stated in the Miami-Dade County Strategic Plan, approved in 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners, protection of viable agriculture is a priority. The principal uses in this area should be agriculture, uses ancillary to and directly supportive of agriculture such as packing houses, and farm residences. Uses ancillary to, and necessary to support the rural residential community of the agricultural area may also be approved, including houses of worship; however, schools shall not be approved in Agriculture areas but should be located inside the UDB in accordance with Policy EDU-2.A.

- 2. In order to protect the agricultural industry, uses incompatible with agriculture, and uses and facilities that support or encourage urban development are not allowed in this area. Residential development that occurs in this area is allowed at a density of no more than one unit per five acres. Creation of new parcels smaller than five acres for residential use may be approved in the Agriculture area only if the immediate area surrounding the subject parcel on three or more contiguous sides is predominately and lawfully parcelized in a similar manner, and if a division of the subject parcel would not precipitate additional land division in the area. No business or industrial use should be approved in the area designated Agriculture unless the use is directly supportive of local agricultural production, and is located on an existing arterial roadway, and has adequate water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with Chapter 24 of the County Code, and the development order specifies the approved use(s); however, packing houses for produce grown in Florida are not restricted to locating on an arterial roadway. Other uses compatible with agriculture and with the rural residential character may be approved in the Agriculture area only if deemed to be a public necessity, or if deemed to be in the public interest and the applicant demonstrates that no suitable site for the use exists outside the Agriculture area. Existing quarrying and ancillary uses in the Agriculture area may continue operation and be considered for approval of expansion.
- 3. Water. This category includes all natural waters such as coastal waters and navigable rivers or waters. Water-dependent uses and water-related uses along coastal shorelines as discussed under Objective CM-5 as well as ancillary structures or uses may be permitted for flood control or recreational purposes. Man-made water bodies are permitted in any land use category subject to applicable environmental regulations.
- 4. **Urban Development Boundary.** The Urban Development Boundary (UDB) is included on the LUP map to distinguish the area where urban development may occur through the year 2015 from areas where it should not occur. Development orders permitting urban development will generally be approved within the UDB at some time through the year 2015 provided that level-of-service standards for necessary public facilities will be met. Adequate countywide development capacity will be maintained within the UDB by increasing development densities or intensities inside the UDB, or by expanding the UDB, when the need for such change is determined to be necessary through the Plan review and amendment process.
- 5. Other Land Uses not Addressed. Certain uses are not authorized under any LUP map category, including many of the uses listed as "unusual uses" in the Zoning Code. Uses not authorized in any LUP map category may be requested and approved in any LUP category that authorizes uses substantially similar to the requested use. Such approval may be granted only if the requested use is consistent with the objectives and policies of this Plan, and provided that the use would be compatible and would not have an unfavorable effect on the surrounding area: by causing an undue burden on transportation facilities including

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Dade County. As stated in the Miami-Dade County Strategic Plan, approved in 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners, protection of viable agriculture is a priority. The principal uses in this area should be agriculture, uses ancillary to and directly supportive of agriculture such as packing houses, and farm residences. Uses ancillary to, and necessary to support the rural residential community of the agricultural area may also be approved, including houses of worship; however, schools shall not be approved in Agriculture areas but should be located inside the UDB in accordance with Policy EDU-2.A.

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roadways and mass transit or other utilities and services including water, sewer, drainage, fire, rescue, police and schools; by providing inadequate off-street parking, service or loading areas; by maintaining operating hours, outdoor lighting or signage out of character with the neighborhood; by creating traffic, noise, odor, dust or glare out of character with the neighborhood; by posing a threat to the natural environment including air, water and living resources; or where the character of the buildings, including height, bulk, scale, floor area ratio or design would detrimentally impact the surrounding area. However, this provision does not authorize such uses in Environmental Protection Areas designated in this Element.

- 6. **Policy LU-10**. Miami-Dade County shall seek to prevent discontinuous, scattered development at the urban fringe particularly in the Agriculture Areas, through its CDMP amendment process, regulatory and capital improvements programs and intergovernmental coordination activities.
- 7. LU-3F. Super Majority Vote: Any zoning action or amendment to the CDMP that would approve any use other than direct production and permitted residential uses of property, in an area designated as Agriculture, whether as a primary use or as an accessory or subordinated use to an agricultural use, or action that would liberalize standards or allowances governing such other uses on land that is, a) outside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB), and b) within one mile of the right-of-way line of any portions of Krome Avenue designated in this Plan for improvement to 4-lanes, shall require an affirmative vote of not less than five members of the affected Community Zoning Appeals Board and two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners then in office, where such Community Zoning Appeals Board or Board of County Commissioners issues a decision. The term "direct agricultural production" includes crops, livestock, nurseries, groves, packing houses, and barns but not uses such as houses of worship, schools, sale of produce and other items, and outdoor storage vehicles. This policy is not intended to permit any use not otherwise permitted by the CDMP. Any modification to this section to allow additional uses within the one mile distance from Krome Avenue shall require an affirmative vote of not less than twothirds of the Board of County Commissioners then in office.
- 8. **Policy LU-9B vii** of the Land Use Element states that Miami-Dade County shall continue to maintain and enhance, as necessary, regulations consistent with the CDMP which govern the use and development of land and which, as a minimum, regulate signage.

D. NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS:

ZONINGLAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONSubject Property:GU (with an agricultural trend); row cropsAgricultureSurrounding Properties:NORTH: GU (with an agricultural trend); row cropsAgriculture

SOUTH: GU (with an agricultural trend); row crops and Single-family residence

Agriculture

- EAST: GU (with an agricultural trend); row crops Agriculture
- WEST: GU (with an agricultural trend); row crops Agriculture and Single-family residence

F. PERTINENT ZONING REQUIREMENTS/STANDARDS:

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- (1) The development permitted by the application, if granted, conforms to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan for Miami-Dade County, Florida; is consistent with applicable area or neighborhood studies or plans, and would serve a public benefit warranting the granting of the application at the time it is considered;
- (2) The development permitted by the application, if granted, will have a favorable or unfavorable impact on the environmental and natural resources of Miami-Dade County, including consideration of the means and estimated cost necessary to minimize the adverse impacts; the extent to which alternatives to alleviate adverse impacts may have a substantial impact on the natural and human environment; and whether any irreversible or irretrievable commitment of natural resources will occur as a result of the proposed development;
- (3) The development permitted by the application, if granted, will have a favorable or unfavorable impact on the economy of Miami-Dade County, Florida;
- (4) The development permitted by the application, if granted, will efficiently use or unduly burden or affect public transportation facilities, including mass transit, roads, streets and highways which have been constructed or planned and budgeted for construction, and if the development is or will be accessible by public or private roads, streets or highways.
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Section 33-311(A)(4)(b) Non-Use Variances From Other Than Airport Regulations. Upon appeal or direct application in specific cases, the Board shall hear and grant applications for nonuse variances from the terms of the zoning and subdivision regulations and may grant a non-use variance upon a showing by the applicant that the non-use variance maintains the basic intent and purpose of the zoning, subdivision and other land use regulations, which is to protect the general welfare of the public, particularly as it affects the stability and appearance of the community and provided that the non-use variance will be otherwise compatible with the surrounding land uses and would not be detrimental to the community. No showing of unnecessary hardship to the land is required.

G. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES PROVIDER COMMENTS:

DERM Public Works Parks MDT Fire Rescue Police Schools

No objection* No objection* No objection No comment Objects No objection No objection

*Subject to conditions indicated in their memoranda.

H. PLANNING AND ZONING ANALYSIS:

This application was deferred from the April 14, 2011 meeting due to a tie vote and from the May 17, 2011 with leave to amend in order to submit revised plans. Subsequently, this application was deferred from the July 19, 2011 meeting to allow for a re-advertisement of the amended application and plans. The applicant has submitted revised plans which indicate a relocation of the monument structures on the site which resulted in the removal of a majority of the variances that were previously requested.

The Land Use Plan (LUP) Map of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) designates the subject property for **Agriculture** use. The CDMP indicates *that uses compatible* with agriculture and with the rural residential character may be approved in the Agricultural designated areas only if deemed to be a **public necessity**, or if deemed to be **"in the public interest"** and the applicant demonstrates that no suitable site for the use exists outside the Agriculture area.

Furthermore, **Policy LU-10** of the CDMP states that the County shall seek to prevent discontinuous, scattered development at the urban fringe particularly in the Agriculture Areas, through its CDMP amendment process, regulatory and capital improvements programs and intergovernmental coordination activities. In addition staff notes that **Policy LU-1R** of the CDMP states that the County shall take steps to reserve the amount of available land necessary to maintain an economically viable agricultural industry. Staff notes that if approved, this application would eliminate approximately 48.6 acres of viable agricultural land.

The applicant has identified 194,512 burial and cremation uncommitted spaces available in Miami-Dade County and states in their need study that the supply of cemetery spaces will be depleted by 2021 and the supply of cremation spaces will be depleted by 2017. As such, staff

opines that although there currently is a significant capacity of cemetery and cremation spaces available, according to state licensing regulations for cemeteries, it typically takes approximately 5-7 years to establish and develop a cemetery use from the time of zoning approval, which shows that there would be a public necessity for this particular use in the near future.

In addition, the CDMP states that other uses compatible with agriculture may be approved if the use is deemed to be in the public interest and the applicant demonstrates that no suitable site for the use exists outside the Agriculture area. Staff agrees that while the creation of burial sites is in the public interest, there are 7 vacant parcels of 30 acres or more in the unincorporated area and inside the UDB which are zoned GU and AU where this use is permitted after approval at a public hearing. Staff acknowledges however that due to the location and configuration of these parcels they may not be suitable for this particular use and may pose an incompatibility issue with the surrounding land uses.

Based on the aforementioned staff opines that the proposed cemetery use is a public necessity due to the finite number of years left of burial and cremation spaces and because there are not enough suitable alternative parcels of land inside the UDB where this use is allowed as a special exception. In addition, outside the UDB within the unincorporated area there are no suitable sites in land that is designated Open Land on the Land Use Plan map and there are no sites in land designated Environmental Protection, where such a use is prohibited. As such the proposed use is **consistent** with the agriculture designation on the property and would be compatible with the surrounding agricultural uses in the area.

However, Policy 9B vii of the Land Use Element of the CDMP indicates that *Miami-Dade County shall continue to maintain, and enhance as necessary, regulations consistent with the CDMP, which govern the use and development of land and which, as a minimum, regulate signage.* Staff has consistently recommended denial of applications seeking deviations from the Zoning Code signage regulations and is of the opinion that the Zoning Code provides adequate signage allowances. Staff is of the opinion that the proposed signage is excessive and therefore should be denied.

Additionally, Policy LU-3F of the interpretative text of the CDMP requires that any zoning action or amendment to the CDMP that would approve any use other than direct production and permitted residential uses of property, in an area designated as Agriculture, whether as a primary use or as an accessory or subordinated use to an agricultural use, or action that would liberalize standards or allowances governing such other uses on land that is, a) outside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB), and b) within one mile of the right-of-way line of any portions of Krome Avenue designated in this Plan for improvement to 4-lanes, shall require an affirmative vote of not less than five members of the affected Community Zoning Appeals Board then in office, where such Community Zoning Appeals Board (CZAB) issues a decision. The subject property is located approximately 1.4 miles west of and outside the UDB in an area designated Agriculture and abuts a portion of Krome Avenue that is designated in the Master Plan for improvement to 4-lanes. Staff is of the opinion that approval of requests #1 and #2, a Special Exception to permit a proposed cemetery with associated mausoleums and an Unusual Use to permit a lake excavation and lake filling, will require an affirmative vote by five (5) members of the CZAB 11 since said uses do not involve the direct production of agriculture, are not permitted residential uses in an agriculturally designated land, and approval of said requests would liberalize the standards or allowances governing such uses.

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The applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property from GU, Interim District, to AU, Agricultural District (request #1). Staff notes that the GU zoned parcel is 1.4 miles west of and outside the UDB and as such is trended for agricultural uses and is designated for Agriculture use on the LUP map of the CDMP. As such, staff opines that the rezoning of the property from GU to AU would bring the property into conformity with and would be **consistent** with the LUP map designation and would be **compatible** with the majority of the surrounding properties that are also zoned AU. Staff is supportive of this requested zone change which based on memoranda from DERM, and the Public Works among others, would not unduly burden the natural resources in this area or the planned or constructed transportation facilities. Therefore, staff recommends approval of request #1, under Section 33-311.

The applicant is also seeking a special exception to permit a proposed cemetery and associated mausoleums and an unusual use to permit a lake excavation and subsequent lake fill on the subject (requests #2 and #3). The Master Plan specifies that certain uses are not authorized under any LUP map category, including many of the uses listed as **"unusual uses"** in the Zoning Code. Uses not authorized in any LUP map category may be requested and approved in any LUP category that authorizes uses substantially similar to the requested use: Such approval may be granted only if the requested use is consistent with the objectives and policies of the Master Plan, and provided that the use would be compatible with and would not have an unfavorable effect on the surrounding area by any of the following: by causing an undue burden on transportation facilities including roadways and mass transit or other utilities and services; by providing inadequate off-street parking, service or loading areas; by maintaining operating hours, outdoor lighting or signage out of character with the neighborhood; by creating traffic, noise, odor, dust or glare out of character with the neighborhood; by posing a threat to the natural environment including air, water and living resources; or where the character of the buildings, including height, bulk, scale, floor area ratio or design would detrimentally impact the surrounding area.

Staff acknowledges that the interpretative text of the CDMP states that Man-made water bodies are permitted in any land use category subject to applicable environmental regulations and that the applicant has proffered a covenant restricting the development of the site to the submitted plans; requiring that the fill excavated from the temporary lake will only be used to raise the elevation of the Property for interment and site improvements; providing that no such fill will be sold or distributed to any other property; and providing that in the event the property is not developed in accordance with the approved site plan, the property owner will not remove any fill from the property. Staff notes that the requested lake excavation and fill requests are an integral part of the applicant's request for the proposed cemetery which, as previously mentioned, is consistent with the CDMP. Therefore, staff opines that, along with the proffered covenant, approval of the proposed cemetery use, lake excavation and lake fill are consistent with the interpretative text of the CDMP.

When requests #2 and #3 are analyzed under Section 33-311(A)(3), Standards For Special Exceptions, Unusual Uses and New Uses, staff is of the opinion that the proposed cemetery with associated mausoleums, lake excavation and fill, and proposed entrance feature would not have an unfavorable effect on the agricultural economy of Miami-Dade County. In addition, staff notes that the proposed facility is surrounded by predominately vacant parcels used for agriculture and therefore, in staff's opinion, the proposed cemetery will not have a negative aural or visual impact on the surrounding agriculture properties and is compatible with same. Further, staff notes that DERM and the Public Works Department do not object to this application.

In addition, based on the applicant's Letter of Intent, the proposed lake excavation and subsequent lake fill is necessary to raise the elevation of the site for the proposed cemetery use

and provides a cost effective means of raising said elevation. When considering the necessity for and reasonableness of such applied for exception and use in relation to the present and future development of the area concerned and the compatibility of the applied for exception and use with the area and its development, staff opines that the requested cemetery, lake excavation and fill are compatible with same and would not have an unfavorable effect on the surrounding area in relation to the present and future development of the area. Therefore, staff recommends approval with conditions of requests #2 and #3 under Section 33-311(A)(3).

When analyzed under Section 33-311(A)(4)(b), the Non-Use Variance (NUV) Standard, staff is of the opinion that the approval of request #4 would be **incompatible** with the surrounding area, would negatively affect the stability and appearance of the rural agricultural community, and would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Staff opines that approval of the applicant's request to permit two (2) proposed signs which are approximately 2.5 and 5.1 times larger in size than permitted by the Zoning Code is excessive and will be visually intrusive. It should also be noted that staff's research reveals that no similar approvals of sign variances have been sought in the surrounding area. Therefore, staff recommends denial without prejudice of request #4 under Section 33-311(A)(4)(b).

Based on the aforementioned, staff opines that approval of the proposed cemetery use, lake excavation and lake fill are consistent with the CDMP and would be compatible with the surrounding agriculture uses in the area. However, staff is of the opinion that the approval of request #4 would be incompatible with the surrounding rural agricultural and rural residential community. As such, staff recommends approval of request #1, and approval with conditions of requests #2 and #3 subject to the Boards acceptance of the proffered covenant, under Section 33-311(A)(3); and denial without prejudice of request #4 under Section 33-311(A)(4)(b).

- I. <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Approval with conditions of request # 1 and approval of requests #2 and #3 with conditions, subject to the Boards acceptance of the proffered covenant; Denial without prejudice of Request #4.
- J. <u>CONDITIONS:</u> (For requests #2 and #3 only)
 - 1. That a site plan be submitted to and meet with the approval of the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning upon the submittal of an application for a building permit and/or Certificate of Use; said plan to include, but not limited to, location of structure or structures, exits and entrances, drainage, walls, fences, landscaping, and other requirements.
 - 2. That in the approval of the plan, the same be substantially in accordance with that submitted for the hearing entitled "West Kendall Memorial Park", as prepared by DCG Development Consulting Group, consisting of twenty-one (21) sheets, dated stamped received May 27, 2011, except as herein modified to show the removal of the proposed signage.
 - 3. That the use be established and maintained in accordance with the approved plan.
 - 4. That the applicant submit to the Department for its review and approval a landscaping plan which indicates the type and size of plant material prior to the issuance of a building permit and to be installed prior to final zoning inspection.

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Date: November 15, 2010 To: Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP, Director Department of Planning and Zoning 6. Caral From: Jose Gonzalez, P.E., Assistant Director **Environmental Resources Management** C-11 #Z201000051-3rd Revision Subject: Krome Agronomics, LLC Southwest corner of S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 177th Avenue Special Exception to Permit a Cemetery (AU) (48.6 Acres) 24-55-38

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) has reviewed the subject application and has determined that it meets the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the Code). Accordingly, DERM may approve the application, and the same may be scheduled for public hearing.

Potable Water and Wastewater Disposal

Public water and public sanitary sewer systems are not available in the general area; furthermore, since the site is located outside the Urban Development Boundary, neither public water nor public sanitary sewers can be extended to serve the site. Consequently, any proposed development would have to be served by an on-site drinking water supply well as a source of potable water and by a septic tank and drainfield system as a means for the disposal of domestic liquid waste.

In accordance with Section 24-43.2 of the Miami-Dade County Environmental Code, you are required to demonstrate that the groundwater at the site does not require treatment in order to meet the primary drinking water quality standards specified in Chapter 62-55, Florida Administrative Code, as same may be amended from time to time, and that the groundwater at the site does not contain more than two hundred fifty (250) milligrams per liter (mg/l) of chlorides at a depth of thirty (30) feet from ground elevation.

Additionally, DERM has received a property executed covenants running with the land in favor of Miami-Dade County as required by Sections 24-43.1(4) (a) of the Code, which provides that the only liquid waste, less and except the exclusions contained therein, which shall be generated, disposed of, discharged or stored on the property shall be domestic sewage discharged into a septic tank. Consequently, DERM may approve the subject application and the same may be scheduled for public hearing.

Section 24-43.1 (6) of the Code prohibits the approval of any building permit, certificate of use and occupancy, municipal occupational license, platting action or zoning action for any nonresidential land use served or to be served by any liquid waste storage, disposal or treatment method other than public sanitary sewers or any source of potable water supply other than a public water main. The same Code

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Section also provides that nonresidential land uses served by a septic tank and on-site potable water supply may only be approved, if among other requirements, the proposed land use does not generate liquid waste other than domestic sewage and complies with all the requirements of Section 24-43.1 (4) of the Code.

The available information indicates that the proposed facility entails the operation of a maintenance facility as part of the proposed cemetery. Therefore the facility will be in violation of the above-mentioned Code Section.

Additionally, the proposed development shall not exceed the maximum sewage loading allowed by Section 24-43.1(4) (b) of the Code. The available information indicates that the subject property contains a gross area of approximately 2,085,208 square feet. The maximum sewage loading rate allowed by the Code is 750 gallons per day per acre (GPD/Ac). Based upon said gross area, the maximum wastewater flow that can be permitted is 35902 gallons per day; and the proposed wastewater flow would result in 827.5 gallons per day, which translates into 17.28 GPD/Ac, which would not exceed the above-mentioned Code Section.

Inasmuch as the above-noted request does not comply with any of the noted Code Sections, DERM was not able to administratively approve this application. Accordingly, the applicant applied for variances from the aforesaid Code Sections before the Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB). Based upon the evidence and available information the Board approved the applicant's petition.

Stormwater Management

The subject property is located outside of the Urban Development Boundary where the primary canal system has been found to have insufficient storage capacity to provide flood protection for land use other than agriculture.

A Surface Water Management individual Permit from the South Florida Water Management District shall be required for the construction and operation of the required surface water management system. This permit shall be obtained prior to site development, final plat or public works approval of paving and drainage plans.

All stormwater shall be retained on site utilizing properly designed seepage or infiltration drainage structures. Drainage must be provided for the 5-year/1-day storm event with full on-site retention of the 100-year/3 day storm. Pollution Control devices shall be required at all drainage inlet structures.

Site grading and development plans shall comply with the requirements of Section 11C of the Code, as well as with all state and federal criteria, and shall not cause flooding of adjacent properties.

Any proposed development shall comply with county and federal flood criteria requirements. The proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards for flood protection set forth in the CDMP subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

<u>Wetlands</u>

An on site inspection performed by DERM staff on May 19, 2010 revealed that the subject property does not contain wetlands as defined by Section 24-5 of the Code. Therefore, a Class IV Wetland Permit will not be required.

The applicant is advised that permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (305-526-7181), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (561-681-6600) and the South Florida Water Management District (1-800-432-2045) may also be required for the proposed project. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact these agencies.

Tree Preservation

There are no tree resources issues on the subject property.

Enforcement History

DERM has found no open or closed enforcement records for the subject property.

Concurrency Review Summary

DERM has conducted a concurrency review for this application and has determined that the same meets all applicable LOS standards for an initial development order, as specified in the adopted CDMP for potable water supply, wastewater disposal, and flood protection. Therefore, the application has been approved for concurrency subject to the comments and conditions contained herein.

This concurrency approval does not constitute a final concurrency statement and is valid only for this initial development order, as provided for in the adopted methodology for concurrency review. Additionally, this approval does not constitute any assurance that the LOS standards would be met by any subsequent development order applications concerning the subject property.

This memorandum shall constitute DERM's written approval, as required by the Code.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Applicant's Names: KROME AGRONOMICS, LLC

This Department has no objections to this application.

Driveway to SW 177 Avenue must meet current F.D.O.T. access management requirements; contact the district office at 305-470-5367 for driveway and drainage permits.

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Additional improvements may be required at time of permitting/platting.

This land requires platting in accordance with Chapter 28 of the Miami-Dade County Code. Any road dedications and improvements required will be accomplished thru the recording of a plat.

This application does meet the traffic concurrency criteria for an Initial Development Order. It will generate 20 PM daily peak hour vehicle trips. The traffic distribution of these trips to the adjacent roadways reveal that the addition of these new trips does not exceed the acceptable level of service of the following roadways:

| Sta.# | | LOS present | T 00 |
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| F-682 | SW 177 Ave. s/o SW 88 St. | TOP Present | LOS w/project |
| 9208 | SW 177 Ave. s/o SW 184 St. | | C C |
| 9880 | FW = 104 $Ch = 10$ $FW = 104$ BC . | | C |
| 2000 | SW 184 St. e/o SW 177 Ave. | B | В |

The request herein, constitutes an Initial Development Order only, and one or more traffic concurrency determinations will subsequently be required before development will be permitted.

Raul A Pino, P.L.S.

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REVISION 1

| Date: | 10-MAR-11 | Memorandum | COUNTY |
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| From: | Herminio Lorenzo, Fire Chief Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department | | |
| Subject: | Z2010000051 | | |
| Fire Preventi | on Unit: | | |
| OBJECTIONS: | rsedes MDFR memorandum date June 1, 2010. k box applicant must provide a Knox pad lock or Kno | ox key switch for gates within Fire | e Department access |
| Service Impa | ct/Demand: | | |

Development for the above Z2010000051 located at THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF S.W. 136 STREET & S.W. 177 AVENUE, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. in Police Grid 2010 is proposed as the following: square feet N/A dwelling units N/A residential industrial square feet square feet 8,475 N/A institutional Office N/A square feet N/A square feet Retail nursing home/hospitals

Based on this development information, estimated service impact is: 12.5 alarms-annually. The estimated average travel time is: 6:40 minutes

Existing services

The Fire station responding to an alarm in the proposed development will be:

Station 43 - Richmond - 13390 152 Street Rescue, ALS 50' Squrt (TRT)

Planned Service Expansions:

The following stations/units are planned in the vicinity of this development: None.

Fire Planning Additional Comments

Current service impact calculated based on site plan.

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Expert Pathology Report ↓ Krome Agronomics, LLC PH 10-51

Prepared by Dr. Jay M. Radtke, M.D. September 23, 2011

Received by Zoning Agenda Coordinator

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I. Introduction

During and after a recent public hearing regarding the proposal for a new cemetery on the southwest corner of SW 177th ave. and SW 136th st. certain objectors voiced their concerns about the cemetery's potential effect on the surrounding environment; namely contamination of the ground water by the bacteria involved in decomposition as well as contamination caused by the products used in the embalming process. This report serves to respond to those voiced concerns.

I am a professional pathologist and licensed medical doctor. I have served as a medical examiner. I routinely work with dead bodies and examine them for multiple purposes including autopsy. While working as a medical examiner, I've worked with bodies buried in graves as well as those crime scenes involving the discarding of human remains in clandestine graves or on the surface of the ground. As a pathologist, I have been trained in microbiology and the study of human decomposition. As such, working with microorganisms is a routine part of my profession.

II. Bacteria is Vital to Human Life.

The term "normal human flora" refers to the living organisms (bacteria, fungi, and protozoa) that naturally reside in human bodies. Human beings could not live without bacteria in our bodies. The process of building our normal flora begins at the time when we are first born when bacteria from the mother's birth canal and the surrounding environment colonize our intestines. Immediately after this time infants are exposed to bacteria transferred from the environment and the normal flora of their mothers by suckling, kissing, and hugging.

Bacteria perform a host of important functions in the human body. Our flora helps us digest carbohydrates, produce vitamins (B and K), and increase the intestines absorption of water. The normal intestinal flora also repress the growth of pathogenic bacteria (bad bacteria) by a process termed the "barrier effect." This process prevents harmful bacteria from growing excessively due to competition from helpful normal flora.

Bacteria also aid with the bodies natural immune system. Specifically, our natural bacteria stimulates lymphoid tissue to produce antibodies to pathogens. It is this process that enables the immune system to recognize and fight off the bad bacteria. In this process, the good bacteria suppresses the growth of potentially bad bacteria. Research also demonstrates that our normal flora excretes antibodies and substances such as fatty acids that additionally fight off pathogenic bacteria that could potentially make us sick.

Each human being contains on average 10¹⁴ bacterial cells. This number is ten times greater than the number of human cells that make up our bodies. Our normal flora weighs between 2 to 4 pounds. These bacteria are not only found in our intestines they

cover our skin and eyes and line our mouths and urogenital tracts. Put simply, every person reading this report has about 4 pounds of bacteria in them.

All this essential bacteria in our bodies is referred to as non-pathogenic which means it is not only harmless but also helpful. If one was to compare a list of the bacteria in our bodies one would find many of the same types of bacteria in food that we routinely consume. These bacteria are in milk, cheese, yogurt, sour cream, sauerkraut, pickles, olives, and sausage. Good bacteria is even necessary to make chocolate and coffee.

III. Death and Burial Does Not Cause Harmful Bacteria

After we die the bacteria within us dies as well. There is an interval of time after we die that the bacteria in us lives on, but it is the same bacteria that exists within every reader of this report at this very moment. No new "superbug" emerges upon death; to the contrary, the good bacteria that helps us to digest food as we are alive also helps to digest us when we die. This is the most natural of processes.

Any virus that were to exist within us would likewise die when we die. Viruses need living cells to function and replicate as they have no manner to replicate themselves. Without living human cells the viruses are faced with a hostile environment and they die out. When we die our cells die, and when our cells die the viruses that need them to survive die off as well.

IV. Burial Poses no Risk of Contamination to the Subsurface Water Resource

Our normal bacterial flora stays in place when we die, we decompose from the inside out. It does not roam; it does not look for a new life source separate and apart from our body; it does not grow legs and walk, leap or crawl; it does not grow wings and fly. Our bacteria has no means to spread on its own.

My review of the burial practices confirms my opinion that no threat of contamination of the aquifer exists from the bacteria (or viruses) associated with the burial of the dead. There are several reasons to support this conclusion.

First and foremost, the bacteria that would be present during burial are nonpathogenic, therefore it would pose no risk even if it were to enter the water system. It is the same bacteria that is already in us all; it is already in the air, the ground, and the water because this is where we first acquired it shortly after birth. If more of the same bacteria were to enter the water table it would just mix with what is already there, it would be an event without consequence. Next, there is no remote likelihood that the bacteria could even enter the water table; this is due to the modern burial practices that will be used at this location. Specifically, in current burial practices between 90 to 95% of bodies are buried in metal caskets. The metal is usually composed of either 18 or 20 gauge steel or steel alloy. A minority of the bodies are buried in wood but that is a distinction without a difference. The sealed coffin is then placed in a concrete burial container. The burial container is comprised of approximately 2-3 inch thick high quality concrete, reenforced with steel rods and wire mesh, and has a PSI rating of 2500 lbs. That burial concrete container is covered by a concrete lid and then placed in the ground. It is my professional opinion that no virus or bacteria could live long enough to: exit from the body; escape from the metal casket or wooden coffin; penetrate the concrete burial container, bore or filter through the limestone beneath the ground; and enter the water table. Even if this were to occur (and it could not), this would be a non-event given that the bacteria is comprised of the non-pathogenic human flora that is inside all of us.

Compounding the strength of my conclusion is that the majority of those buried are embalmed. Not all bodies are embalmed before they are buried, but most are. The embalming and surface disinfectant process kills 99% of the postmortem microbial population after 2 hours of contact. Where a body is buried without embalming (the skin is still disinfected) no risk is posed for all the reasons previously stated.

V. Embalming Causes No Risk of Contamination to the Subsurface Water Resource.

I have reviewed the chemicals used in the embalming process; I have personally witnessed embalming; and I am familiar with the chemical properties of embalming fluid. No risk is posed to the groundwater resources by the embalming process.

When a body is embalmed the fluid is pumped through the arterial system and absorbed by the tissues of the body. As stated above, when the body is buried it is first placed within a casket and the casket is placed within a concrete burial container. There is no real risk that the embalming fluid could escape the body, penetrate through the deceased clothes, escape the coffin, and then escape the concrete burial container. Furthermore, for cosmetic purposes, embalmed bodies are wrapped in plastic before being clothed and placed in the casket; a step which provides an additional layer of protection against the escape of these fluids.

Even if the embalming fluid were to escape, due to the amount used and its chemical composition, no risk is posed to the underground water resource. Embalming fluid is comprised of either 33% formaldehyde and 15% methanol by weight or 20.5% formaldehyde, 24% methanol and 0.2% methyl salicylate by weight. These chemicals break down in the following ways;

Formaldehyde: In air it breaks down into formic acid, CO, and CO2. In the body it is either metabolized into a non-toxic chemical called formate which is excreted in the

urine or it can be converted to CO2 by the lungs and exhaled. In water it will bicdegrade to low levels in a short period of time.

Methanol: Evaporates from water and soil when exposed to air and is oxidized by sunlight into CO2 and H2O. There are also microorganisms that live in water and soil that can break down methanol. Methanol is a naturally occurring substance produced by many bacteria and is ubiquitous in the environment.

Methyl Salicylate: It is soluble in water but readily biodegradable; it will not persist for any significant amount of time. It has a very low potential for bioaccumulation and a low potential for adsorption into soil and sediment. It is also known as wintergreen oil and used in many products ranging from Ben-gay, to cosmetics, to food flavorings.

It is interesting to note that while there is much talk about formaldehyde, it is a naturally occurring substance made by natural processes in the upper atmosphere. These processes contribute to up to 90% of the total formaldehyde in the environment.

VI. Conclusion

It is my professional opinion that no health risk is posed to the adjacent neighbors as a result of the burial of human remains on the property at issue here. The bacteria that exist in death are the same bacteria that exist during life. It is nonpathogenic, helpful bacteria that is essential to human life. It exists in all the readers of this report, as well as in the author, at this very moment. I have reviewed the comments made to WSVN channel 7 by Ms. Ileana Petisco. To the extent that Ms. Petisco claims that the burial of bodies will result in the harmful contamination of the neighborhood or the underground water supply with bacteria, that statement is false and misleading.

Jay M Radtke M.D.

Krome Agronomics, LLC

Scientific responses to environmental concerns raised during public hearing

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Report Date:

August 25, 2011

I. Background

A new cemetery is proposed to be constructed at the SW corner of SW 177 Ave. and SW 136 Street. The site (Figure 1) is currently being farmed. During the course of the public hearing, several members of the public raised issues regarding the quality of the rock fill on the property, the water table, storm water management and the impact of burials on the groundwater. Several members of the Community Zoning Appeals board raised certain questions as well. The purpose of this report is to address and respond to these comments and concerns with facts, accepted science and evidence.

Figure 1 Location of Proposed Cemetery



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II. Environmental Issues

A number of environmental issues were raised at recent public hearings regarding this proposed cemetery, including:

- A. Suitability of on-site aggregate for fill
- B. Storm water retention
- C. Groundwater flow
- D. Groundwater contamination

A. Suitability of on-site aggregate for fill

The aggregate excavated on the site is perfectly suitable for use as fill material for earthwork, grading and ground elevation on the site. A statement made during the public hearing by a member of the public suggested that rock excavated from the proposed borrow lake would not be suitable for use as fill material. This statement is false and wholly unsupported by generally accepted engineering and geological principles. The material proposed to be excavated from the borrow site will be clean lime rock, similar to the limestone that is excavated from rock quarries in Miami-Dade County (Figure 2). No evidence exists to suggest that this rock is unsuitable for the intended project purpose.



Figure 2 Miami limestone aggregate

Aggregate is composed of rock particles that range in size from 0.03-inch to 3.0-inches in diameter and depending on the engineering application they are mixed and blended so the smaller sizes fit in the space between larger particles.

B. Storm Water Retention

The proposed cemetery is designed to include vast amounts of grassy open space together with engineered retention areas. From a storm water retention perspective, the proposed cemetery will far more efficiently and effectively capture and treat storm water than the existing agricultural field. Unlike the existing field, the proposed cemetery will be designed to meet the current storm water

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management regulations. From an engineering perspective, this means that all storm water will be captured and retained on the property. The site, when developed, will include retention areas as part of the storm water management system. These areas are designed to capture rapidly falling water and keep it on site.

Furthermore, pre-treatment, in accordance with generally accepted engineering principles, will occur with respect to all stormwater before it is discharged back into the ground. The treatment occurs through the rich use of sod planted on the site. This is a generally accepted method for pre-treating storm water from an engineering perspective in this region. It is noteworthy that this high level of storm water treatment is far more beneficial than the current farm fields, which provide no such retention or treatment of storm water.

C. Groundwater Flow

Groundwater in this part of Miami-Dade County flows from the northwest toward the southeast. Figures 3 and 4 show groundwater flow direction in May (end of the dry season) and in October (end of the rainy season), respectively. Ground water flows from higher to lower elevation contours in a direction perpendicular to the contours. Groundwater from the subject property therefore flows away from the existing homes west of Krome Avenue and toward the open farm fields east of Krome.
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May Groundwater Contours - USGS



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October Groundwater Contours - USGS

Figure 4 October Groundwater Flow Direction

D. Clear and convincing evidence demonstrates no contamination

At a recent public hearing, speakers raised a concern about potential groundwater contamination from the long-term operation of the proposed cemetery. We specifically investigated this concern by conducting a ground water analysis in the area surrounding Miami Memorial Gardens. We chose this location because it is close to the proposed site, surrounded by an established residential neighborhood, and, importantly, it has been in operation since 1925. As such, it provided a perfect study example. Moreover, the Miami Memorial site has a capacity of 58,268 ground spaces, and has had 54,497 August 25, 2011 Page - 6 -

interments and inurnments to date, many of which date back to earlier times when embalming techniques were not nearly as sophisticated as they are today. The site also has a number of existing, open hole irrigation wells from which ground water could be sampled for formaldehyde analysis.

On May 2, 2011 Five (5) of wells were selected for sampling. Formaldehyde has been and continues to be the primary constituent used in the embalming process. Formaldehyde was selected as the parameter to sample from the five (5) wells at the site.

The Miami Memorial Gardens site and well sampling locations are shown on Figure 5 below.

Figure 5 – Miami Memorial Gardens Site and Sampling locations



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1. Methods

Two different sampling procedures were used to collect data from the five (5) wells. These two (2) procedures consisted of:

- Profiling using a CTD (Conductivity, Temperature, Pressure) probe.
- Low flow sample using a peristaltic pump (< 500 ml per minute)

Upon arrival at each sampling well site the total well depth and distance to water were measured. The total well depth determined the sampling depth.

Table 1: Well characteristics and sampling depth

| Sample ID | Distance to Water (ft.) | Total Well Depth(ft.) | Sample Depth (ft.) (below TOC) |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NE | 9.28 | 56.3 | 35 |
| NW | 8.88 | 28 | 24 |
| SE | 10.48 | 43.25 | 35 |
| SW | 7.38 | 50.627 | 35 |
| Middle | 13.3 | 57.5 | 35 |

2. Profiling

A profile of the well water column was collected using a Schlumberger Conductivity, Temperature and Depth sensor. Profiles were collected before any water quality sampling was conducted to look for any vertical stratification in the well. The sensors were set to collect data at one (1) second intervals, and lowered down the well at a rate of approximately one (1) foot per second. The well profiles from 4 of the 5 wells are presented in Figures 6-9

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Figure 6: CTD - Profile - Middle







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Figure 8: CTD – Profile - SE



Figure 9: CTD - Profile - SW



No vertical stratification was observed in any of the wells.

3. Low Flow Sampling

After the CTD profiling, each well was sampled by inserting ¼ inch tubing to the depth indicated in Table 1, as referenced to the TOC (top of cap). A variable speed peristaltic pump was used to withdraw a sample. The discharge from the peristaltic pump was sent into a 250 ml flow cell to which a YSI multi probe sonde was connected. The YSI is capable of recording data at any time interval. For this sampling data was collected every 15 seconds and stored. In addition, a field log sheet was prepared, and data recorded every 5 minutes until it could be determined that the discharge had stabilized. At that time a sample was collected for laboratory analysis. Parameters recorded by the YSI include DO, TDS, pH, Temperature, Conductivity and barometric pressure. The YSI also records calculated data consisting of Specific Conductivity, Salinity, & Resistivity. A turbidity sample was taken every 5 minutes and analyzed with a Hach Field Turbidity meter.

The field setup is shown in figures 10 and 11.



Figure 10: Peristaltic Pump

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Figure 11 Well, sample tubing, and flow cell

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Data from the YSI was exported to an Excel spreadsheet. Graphs of the recorded data are presented in Figures 12-16.









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Figure 14: YSI data from SW





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Figure 16: YSI data from Middle

All of the collected samples were sent to Xenco Labs for analysis for formaldehyde.

4. Results

All of the field collected conductivity results were less than 1100 μ S/cm (estimated to be equivalent to 250 ppm Chloride – the drinking water standard). The laboratory analysis reported that no formaldehyde was detected in any of the five (5) samples.

Nothing of significance was observed in data from the field or laboratory data.

Professional Conclusion - no evidence of ground water contamination

No formaldehyde was found in any of the five samples collected from a well-established cemetery. It is not expected the proposed cemetery will cause groundwater impacts. To the contrary, based on the evidence collected from Miami Memorial, no evidence exists to support the groundwater fears expressed by certain residents during the public hearing. Simply put, these fears are misplaced and not supported by evidence. In fact, these fears are refuted by the water samples we collected and studied.

Furthermore, the burial containers will be elevated above the ground water table and the entire site will be designed to retain and treat all storm water runoff from up to a 100 year, 3-day storm event. Ground water flows toward the southeast in the project vicinity, away from the residential areas west of Krome Avenue.

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| Stab. C | riteria: pH: | +/-0.2 units; T | emp: +/- 0.2de | C: SC | +/- 5%; D | O: all read | lings < 20 | 0% Saturatio | n; (or opt | ionally | | |
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| Material | Codes: AG | Amber Giass, (| G=Clear Glass | PE=Polye | thylene S= | Silicone: T | =Tefloor | O=Other (see | | | | |
| Campin | ig eq i aigini | g codes. APP | Aner Pen pump; | Papen pun | np: RFPP=Re | werse flow P | en Pump: \ | VT = Vacuum To | ap. 0 = Oth | lef | | |
| Instrum | | | ogger# | | | | | urbidimeter# | | | | |
| | Depth to | Water Meter (| DTWM)# | Pump. Per | istaltic Envi | ronmental | Sampler # | * | | | | |
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| GROUNDWATER SAMPLING LOG | |
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| Time: Arrival: Departure: MIDUNINIEWLONION | |
| Program/Event Station ID: YSI# EAS-YSI Sample ID: M. Add D. Date: C | 12/12- |
| Date. | XIV |
| PURGING DATA Well Dia:_2 Tubing ID. Well Screen Interval Depth Static Depth Purge Purge | |
| Construction Mat: (inches):FL or To Water (ft) I Type: Period | statitic pump |
| PVC 0.170" toFt Open Hole 13.3 | |
| Well Volume = Total Well Depth - Depth to Water* x Well Cap per foot. Purge: =()ft - ()ft x (.606 L/ft) = (See Volume table) | a ganta |
| Equipment Volume: Tubing Length:ft (Use well depth +20 ft) 1 EqVol Purge = (Tube Capacity x Tube Length)+ Flow Cell Volume =L (See Volume table) | |
| Purge Method: Low Flow D Purge Purge Total Vol Ended at: Total Vol Purge (L): | |
| Time Purge Vol CumVol Depth Temp DO SCond pH Salinity TDS Rate Purged Purged to (°C) (mg/l) (uM TDS ml/min (L) (L) Water* TDS Image: Cond cond cond cond cond cond cond cond c | Turb Color/ NTU Oder |
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| 1615 7 4 27.4 27 691 794 33 448.5 | 2061 |
| 1620 2 6.0 22 23 693 792 34 448. | |
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| Well Cap.: (Gal/ft) 1"=0.04; 1.25"=0.06; 1.5"=0.092; 2"=0.16; 3"=0.37; 4"=0.65; 5"=1.02; 6"=1.47; 8= 2.6; 12"=5.88 (see Tubing Inside Diameter Capacity:(Gal/ft) 1/8"=0.0006; 3/16=0.0014; ½=0.0026; 5/16=0.004; 3/8=0.006; ½=0.01; 5/8= Flow Cell Data: YSI quad = 0.25L Graduated Cylinder = 1L One liter = 0.2645 gal 1 gal = 3.7854 L Stab. Criteria: pH: +/-0.2 units; Temp: +/- 0.2deg C; SC: +/- 5%; DO: all readings < 20% Saturation; (or optionally +/- 0.2mg/l or +/-10% (whichever is greater) | above) 0.016 |
| *DTW is decimalized in DTW column SAMPLING DATA | |
| Sampled by: Ed Swakon Sampler Signature/s | |
| (Affiliation) EAS Engineering Inc. | |
| Sampling Method/s or Surface Water ½" polyethylene tubing Grab sample Sampling began at: & Peristaltic pump (6)(| ided at: |
| Tubing depth Sample pump Flow rate: Tubing Material Code | =7 |
| Field Decon?: Field Filtered?: Dun Sample? Y / N Field Epg V / N | N (M |
| Y / N ID: ID: ID: | 1719 |
| Sample Container Sample Preservation Intended Analysis or Method | Sampling |
| Code Preservative used Total Vot Final pH (Parameters are listed in the intended o added in field sampling.) | rder of Eq Code |
| 1 PE 250mi ice None - Chioride (R.) | APP |
| Material Codes: AG=Amber Glass, CG=Clear Glass, PE=Polyethylene, S=Silicone; T=Teflon; O=Other (specify) Sampling eq Purging codes: APP = After Peri pump; PP=Peri pump; RFPP=Reverse flow Peri Pump; VT = Vacuum Trap; O = Other | |
| Instrumentation lised: VSI Equip: Laggert | |
| Instrumentation Used: YSI Equip: Logger# Sonde# MillQ Jug # Turbidimeter# | |
| Depth to Water Meter (DTWM)# Pump: Peristaltic Environmental Sampler # | |

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for

EAS Engineering, Inc.

Project Manager: Ed Swakon

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Reference: XENCO Report No: 415358 SCI Project Address:

Ed Swakon:

We are reporting to you the results of the analyses performed on the samples received under the project name referenced above and identified with the XENCO Report Number 415358. All results being reported under this Report Number apply to the samples analyzed and properly identified with a Laboratory ID number. Subcontracted analyses are identified in this report with either the NELAC certification number of the subcontract lab in the analyst ID field, or the complete subcontracted report attached to this report.

Unless otherwise noted in a Case Narrative, all data reported in this Analytical Report are in compliance with NELAC standards. Estimation of data uncertainty for this report is found in the quality control section of this report unless otherwise noted. Should insufficient sample be provided to the laboratory to meet the method and NELAC Matrix Duplicate and Matrix Spike requirements, then the data will be analyzed, evaluated and reported using all other available quality control measures.

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We thank you for selecting XENCO Laboratories to serve your analytical needs. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully

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| Matrix | Date Collected | Sample Depth | Lab Sample Id |
|--------|------------------|---|---|
| W | May-03-11 13:02 | | 415358-001 |
| W | | | 415358-002 |
| W | May-03-11 14:58 | | 415358-003 |
| W | May-03-11 15:36 | | 415358-004 |
| W | May-03-11 16:21 | | 415358-005 |
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CASE NARRATIVE

Client Name: EAS Engineering, Inc. Project Name: SCI



Project ID: Work Order Number: 415358

Report Date: 10-MAY-11 Date Received: 05/04/2011

Sample receipt non conformances and Comments: None

Sample receipt Non Conformances and Comments per Sample:

None





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| Sample Id: NE Lab Sample Id: 41535 | 3-001 | D | Matriz Date Collected | t: Ground V d: May-03- | | D | Date Received: May-04-11 14:50 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Analytical Method: | Formaldehyde by | EPA 8315A | | | | 1 | Prep Method: SW | 3510C | |
| Tech: | Tech: SUB | | | | | | % Moisture: | | |
| Analyst: | SUB | | Dat | e Prep: M | ay-06-11 10: | 02 | | | |
| Seq Number: | 855279 | | | | | | NO_CERT# | | |
| Parameter | Cas N | Number | Result | PQL | MDL | Units | Analysis Date | Flag | Dil |
| Formaldehyde | maldehyde 50-00-0 | | | 50.0 | 5.00 | ug/L | 05/06/11 12:35 | U | i |

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| Sample Id: SE Lab Sample Id: 41535 | Matri Date Collecte | ix: Ground V ed: May-03- | D | Date Received: May-04-11 | | |) | | |
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| Analytical Method: | Formaldehyde by EPA 8315 | 5A | | | | Prep Method: SW | 3510C | 1 | _ |
| Tech: | SUB | | | | | % Moisture: | | | |
| Analyst: | SUB | Da | te Pren: M | ay-06-11 10: | 02 | | | | |
| Seq Number: | 855279 | - | | _, | 02 | NO_CERT# | | ŧ | |
| Parameter | Cas Number | Result | PQL | MDL | Units | Analysis Date | Flag | | Dil |
| Formaldehyde | 50-00-0 | Ü | 50.0 | 5.00 | ug/L | 05/06/11 12:35 | U | 1 | 1 |





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| Sample Id: SW Lab Sample Id: 41535 | Matrix Date Collecter | : Ground V I: May-03- | | D | Date Received: May-04-11 14:50 | | | | |
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| Analytical Method: | Formaldehyde by EPA 8 | 315A | | | 1 | Prep Method: SW | 3510C | Ŧ | - |
| Tech: | SUB | | | | | % Moisture: | | | |
| Analyst: | SUB | Dat | Date Prep: May-06-11 10:02 | | | | | | |
| Seq Number: | 855279 | | | -, | | NO_CERT# | | - | |
| Parameter | Cas Number | Result | PQL | MDL | Units | Analysis Date | Flag | i. | Dil |
| Formaldehyde | 50-00-0 | U | 50.0 | 5.00 | ug/L | 05/06/11 12:35 | U | 1 | 1 |

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| Sample Id: NW Lab Sample Id: 41535 | 3-004 | Matr Date Collecte | ix: Ground V ed: May-03- | | D | Date Received: May-04-11 14:50 | | | - |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Analytical Method: | Formaldehyde by EPA 831 | 5A | | | | Prep Method: SW | 3510C | ł | _ |
| Tech: | SUB | | | | | % Moisture: | | | |
| Analyst: | SUB | Date Prep: May-06-11 10:02 | | | | | | | |
| Seq Number: | 855279 | | | · · | | NO_CERT# | | | |
| Parameter | Cas Number | Result | PQL | MDL | Units | Analysis Date | Flag | Di | đ |
| Formaldehyde | 50-00-0 | Ŭ | 50.0 | 5.00 | ug/L | 05/06/11 12:35 | U | 1 | 1 |





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| Sample Id: Middle Lab Sample Id: 41535 | | Da | Matri: te Collecter | x: Ground V d: May-03- | | D | Date Received: May-04-11 14:5 | | |
|---|--|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Analytical Method: | Analytical Method: Formaldehyde by EPA 8315A | | | | | | Prep Method: SW | 3510C | |
| Tech: | | | | | | % Moisture: | | | |
| Analyst: | SUB | | Date Prep: May-06-11 10:02 | | | | | | |
| Seq Number: | Seq Number: 855279 | | | | -, | | NO_CERT# | | |
| Parameter | | Cas Number | Result | PQL | MDL | Units | Analysis Date | Flag | Dil |
| Formaldehyde | | 50-00-0 | U | 50.0 | 5.00 | ug/L | 05/06/11 12:35 | U | 1 |



XENCO Laboratories CHRONOLOGY OF HOLDING TIMES



Analytical Method : Formaldehyde by EPA 8315A

Client : EAS Engineering, Inc.

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Project ID:

| Field Sample ID | Date Collected | Date Received | Date Extracted | Max Holding Time Extracted (Days) | Extracte | Date Analyzed | Max Holding Time Analyzed (Days) | Time Held Analyzed (Days) | Q |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|----------|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Middle | May. 3, 2011 | May. 4, 2011 | May. 6, 2011 | 7 | 3 | May.6, 2011 | 3 | 0 | P |
| NW | May. 3, 2011 | May. 4, 2011 | May. 6, 2011 | 7 | 3 | May.6, 2011 | 3 | 0 | P |
| SW | May. 3, 2011 | May. 4, 2011 | May. 6, 2011 | 7 | 3 | May.6, 2011 | 3 | 0 | P |
| NE | | May. 4, 2011 | | | . 3 | May.6, 2011 | 3 | 0 | P |
| SE | | May. 4, 2011 | | | 3 | May.6, 2011 | - | 0 | P |

F = These samples were analyzed outside the recommended holding time. P = Samples analyzed within the recommended holding time.



FLORIDA Flagging Criteria

- Value reported is the mean (average) of two or more determinations. This code shall be used if the A reported value is the average of results for two or more discrete and separate samples. These samples shall have been processed and analyzed independently. Do not use this code if the data are the result of replicate analysis on the same sample aliquot, extract or digestate.
- B Results based upon colony counts outside the acceptable range. This code applies to microbiological tests and specifically to membrane filter colony counts. The code is to be used if the colony count is generated from a plate in which the total number of coliform colonies is outside the method indicated ideal range. This code is not to be used if a 100 mL sample has been filtered and the colony count is less than the lower value of the ideal range.
- When reporting species: F indicates the female sex. Otherwise it indicates RPD value is outside the F acceptable range.
- Value based on field kit determination; results may not be accurate. This code shall be used if a H field screening test (i.e., field gas chromatograph data, immunoassay, vendor-supplied field kit, etc.) was used to generate the value and the field kit or method has not been recognized by the Department as equivalent to laboratory methods.
- The reported value is between the laboratory method detection limit and the laboratory practical I quantitation limit.
- Estimated value. A "J" value shall be accompanied by a narrative justification for its use. Where J possible, the organization shall report whether the actual value is less than or greater than the reported value. A "J" value shall not be used as a substitute for K, L, M, T, V, or Y, however, if additional reasons exist for identifying the value as estimate (e.g., matrix spiked failed to meet acceptance criteria), the "J" code may be added to a K, L, M, T, V, or Y. The following are some examples of narrative descriptions that may accompany a "J" code: .
 - J1: No known quality control criteria exist for the component;
 - J2: The reported value failed to meet the established quality control criteria for either precision or accuracy (the specific failure must be identified);
 - J3: The sample matrix interfered with the ability to make any accurate determination;
 - J4: The data are questionable because of improper laboratory or field protocols

(e.g., composite sample was collected instead of a grab sample).

- J5: The field calibration verification did not meet calibration acceptance criteria.
- J6: QC protocol not followed.

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J7: B/A results for Chlorophyll does not meet 1 - 1.7 ratio.

- K Off-scale low. Actual value is known to be less than the value given. This code shall be used if:
- 1. The value is less than the lowest calibration standard and the calibration curve is known to be nonlinear; or
- 2. The value is known to be less than the reported value based on sample size, dilution. This code shall not be used to report values that are less than the laboratory practical quantitation limit or laboratory method detection limit.
- L Off-scale high. Actual value is known to be greater than value given. To be used when the concentration of the analyte is above the acceptable level for quantitation (exceeds the linear range or highest calibration standard) and the calibration curve is known to exhibit a negative deflection.
- M When reporting chemical analyses: presence of material is verified but not quantified; the actual value is less than the value given. The reported value shall be the laboratory practical quantitation limit. This code shall be used if the level is too low to permit accurate quantification, but the estimated concentration is greater than the method detection limit. If the value is less than the method detection limit use "T" below.
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- 1. The component has been tentatively identified based on mass spectral library search; or
- 2. There is an indication that the analyte is present, but quality control requirements for confirmation were not met (i.e., presence of analyte was not confirmed by alternative procedures).
- O Sampled, but analysis lost or not performed.
- Q Sample held beyond the accepted holding time. This code shall be used if the value is derived from a sample that was prepared or analyzed after the approved holding time restrictions for sample preparation or analysis.
- T Value reported is less than the laboratory method detection limit. The value is reported for informational purposes, only and shall not be used in statistical analysis.
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Abbreviations:

Gal GA = One gallon amber 32oz N/M GA = 32 oz Amberglass VOA = 40mL vials 32oz W/M GA = 32 oz Wide Mouth Amberglass

IL HDPE = IL (1000mL) Plastic Bottle 500mL HDPE = 500mL Plastic Bottle 250mL HPDE = 250mL Plastic Bottle 8oz GC = 8oz Soil Jar 4oz GC = 4oz Soil Jar 2oz GC = 2oz soil jar

120mL Plastic w. Pill = BacT Zip = Ziplock Bag 4oz Plastic = 4oz Plastic Bottle HCl = Hydrochloric Acid H2SO4 = Sulfuric Acid NaOH = Sodium Hydroxide MeOH = Methanol HNO3 = Nitric Acid ZnAC = Zinc Acetate Na2S2O3 = Sodium Thiosulfate NH4Cl2 = Ammonium Chloride DI H2O = DI Water MCAA = Monochloroacetic Acid

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Prelogin/Nonconformance Report- Sample Log-In

| Client: EAS Engineering, Inc. | Acceptable Temperature Range: 0 - 6 degC | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date/ Time Received: 05/04/2011 02:50:00 PM | Temperature Measuring device used : | | | | | | | |
| Work Order #: 415358 | remperature measuring device used : | | | | | | | |
| Sample F | Receipt Checklist Comments | | | | | | | |
| #1 *Temperature of cooler(s)? | 4 | | | | | | | |
| #2 *Shipping container in good condition? | Yes | | | | | | | |
| #3 *Samples received on ice? | Yes | | | | | | | |
| #4 *Custody Seals intact on shipping container/ cooler | ? Yes | | | | | | | |
| #5 Custody Seals intact on sample bottles/ container? | Yes | | | | | | | |
| #6 *Custody Seals Signed and dated for Containers/co | oolers Yes | | | | | | | |
| #7 *Chain of Custody present? | Yes | | | | | | | |
| #8 Sample instructions complete on Chain of Custody | ? Yes | | | | | | | |
| #Q Any missing/autra complex? | | | | | | | | |

| | #9 Any missing/extra samples? | Yes |
|---|--|-----|
| | #10 Chain of Custody signed when relinquished/ received? | Yes |
| | #11 Chain of Custody agrees with sample label(s)? | Yes |
| | #12 Container label(s) legible and intact? | Yes |
| | #13 Sample matrix/ properties agree with Chain of Custody? | Yes |
| | #14 Samples in proper container/ bottle? | Yes |
| | #15 Samples properly preserved? | Yes |
| | #16 Sample container(s) intact? | Yes |
| | #17 Sufficient sample amount for indicated test(s)? | Yes |
| | #18 All samples received within hold time? | Yes |
| | #19 Subcontract of sample(s)? | Yes |
|) | #20 VOC samples have zero headspace (less than 1/4 inch bubble)? | Yes |
| | #21 <2 for all samples preserved with HNO3,HCL, H2SO4? | Yes |
| | #22 >10 for all samples preserved with NaAsO2+NaOH, ZnAc+NaOH? | Yes |
| | | |

* Must be completed for after-hours delivery of samples prior to placing in the refrigerator

Analyst: PH Device/Lot#

NonConformance:

Contact:

Corrective Action Taken:

Nonconformance Documentation

Contacted by :

DateTime :

Checklist completed by:

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TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Krome Agronomics, LLC West Kendall Memorial Park Public Hearing # Z10-51

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West Kendall Memorial Park Traffic Impact Analysis

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West Kendall Memorial Park Traffic Impact Analysis

Introduction

Krome Agronomics, LLC is seeking site plan and zoning approval from Miami-Dade County through the Community Zoning Appeals Board (CZAB) 11 to locate a cemetery on 48.6 gross acres situated in the southwest corner of SW 136 Street and Krome Avenue pursuant to Public Hearing Application # Z10-51. The site is bounded by SW 136 Street on the north and Krome Avenue on the east, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida. See attached Figures 1A, 1B and 1C which illustrate the location of the subject site on a regional, local and neighborhood scale.

Transportation Issues

In response to transportation issues, questions and concerns raised during the April 14, 2011 CZAB 11 Hearing for Application #Z10-51, a Traffic Impact Analysis has been prepared to address the following transportation issues which are evaluated in detail in the sections which follow.

- Project Access and Circulation for the proposed Site Plan
- Burial History and Characteristics for Similar Cemetery Sites
- Programmed and Planned Improvements to Krome Avenue
- Trip Generation for the Cemetery Use
- Updated Traffic Concurrency Analyses (Peak Hour Period and Peak of the Generator)
- Traffic Impacts to Krome Avenue on Weekdays and Weekends
- Traffic Conditions on SW 136 Street
- Accident History for Krome Avenue and impacts by Burial Processions

Proposed Development Plan

The Applicant has prepared a site plan and a phased development plan in coordination with Miami-Dade County and FDOT to locate project access, access improvements, setbacks and right-of-way dedication as part of the proposed site plan for Public Hearing Application # Z10-51 (see attached Figures 2A and 2B). The proposed site plan identifies the dedication of the remaining zoned right-of-way along the west side of Krome Avenue for the limits of the property frontage equating to ± 3.2 acres of land extending ± 1330 linear feet along the length of the right-of-way for a strip of land ± 106 feet wide. This right-of-way dedication is needed by FDOT to implement the roadway widening of Krome Avenue, therefore the approval of the proposed site plan will result in the added benefit of gaining much needed right-of-way along Krome Avenue without the need to go through costly (additional) ROW acquisition procedures. The site plan features one major access location off of Krome Avenue for burial patrons, with secondary access to SW 136 Street in later buildout phases of site development.







Figure 1B Site Location - Aerial View West Kendall Memorial Park





Figure 1C Enlarged Aerial View West Kendall Memorial Park

Project Access

Based upon the project's location in the southwest corner of Krome Avenue and SW 136 Street, the site plan features one major vehicular access off of Krome Avenue for burial patrons, with secondary access to SW 136 Street to serve patrons in later phases of site development. Each of the access locations are described below.

- Krome Avenue Access The site plan features one major access location off of Krome Avenue (with a ±210 foot setback) located ±1225 feet south of SW 136 Street, and this access location will be supported by an exclusive southbound right turn lane to be built by the Applicant, along with an exclusive acceleration lane along Krome Avenue to assist southbound vehicles who depart the site to merge back into southbound traffic.
- Phase 1 Conceptual Plan Under the Phase 1 Conceptual Development Plan as illustrated on Figure 28, the Krome Avenue Access will serve as the only means of ingress and egress for cemetery patrons, providing access to and from the north and to and from the south. The driveway has been designed to accommodate this function with adequate turn lanes and adequate setback from the right-of-way, and thus will sustain cemetery operations over the next 10 years.
- Maintenance Building Access in the Phase 1 Conceptual Plan As part of the Phase 1 Conceptual Plan, a driveway connection to SW 136 Street is provided for the maintenance building only. Therefore, public access by Cemetery patrons will not utilize SW 136 Street until the project moves beyond Phase 1 and begins developing additional lands on site for burials. It is anticipated that the Phase 1 Conceptual Plan will remain in effect for a period of approximately 10 years, at which time site development will begin to extend to other portions of the cemetery site. This 10 year timeframe will tie well into the roadway improvement schedule for Krome Avenue (as discussed in the next section of this report), where the segment of Krome Avenue from SW 136 Street to SW 184 Street is estimated by FDOT to be under construction for the 4 lane widening by the year 2020.
- SW 136 Street Access Once the cemetery site moves beyond Phase 1, additional access locations
 are proposed onto SW 136 Street to provide departing patrons with access alternatives to Krome
 Avenue. The site plan features two driveway locations connecting to SW 136 Street, one located
 ±425 feet west of Krome Avenue and one located ±1100 feet west of Krome Avenue. With the
 development of the remaining cemetery lands, these driveway locations will offer departing patrons
 with access alternatives to Krome Avenue.
- Coordination with the Krome Avenue Improvements Once FDOT is underway with Preliminary Engineering Plans for the widening of Krome Avenue adjacent to the cemetery site (preliminary engineering funded in FY 2014-2015), the Applicant will work with FDOT to understand access alternatives which may include directional northbound access across a new median or frontage road access as part of the Krome Avenue widening plan.
- Parking on Site during Burials The Applicant has evaluated the capacity of the drive isles to
 accommdate parking on site during burials. Using only one side of the drive isle, attached Figure 2C
 demonstrates that 91 vehicles can be accommodated on site during Phase 1, and an additional 220
 vehicles can be accommodated with the development of the remainder of the site. Ample parking
 capacity is provided to support the anticipated patrons per burial and the number of burials per day.



Legend



Site Location

Figure 2A Proposed Site Plan West Kendall Memorial Park





Burial History and Characteristics

To gain perspective on the cemetery use and the frequencies of burials per day, burials per month or burials per year, data has been provided by *Dade South Memorial Park* for the first 13 years they were in business. Table 1A below provides actual burials per year from 1983 to 1995, with calculations provided on the average number of burials per day based upon 312 business days of burials per year operating from Monday through Saturday. The data reveals the following:

- The average number of burials/day after 5 years in operation = an average of 0.77 burials per day.
- The average number of burials/day after 10 years in operation = an average of 1.98 burials per day.
- The average number of burials/day after 13 years in operation = an average of 2.11 burials per day.

| Year in | Calendar | Total | Burials per Day (Mon - Sat) |
|----------|----------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Business | Year | Burials | 312 days/year |
| 1 | 1983 | 95 | 0.30 |
| 2 | 1984 | 122 | 0.39 |
| 3 | 1985 | 181 | 0.58 |
| 4 | 1986 | 208 | 0.67 |
| 5 | 1987 | 239 | 0.77 |
| 6 | 1988 | 316 | 1.01 |
| 7 | 1989 | 359 | 1.15 |
| 8 | 1990 | 425 | 1.36 |
| 9 | 1991 | 554 | 1.78 |
| 10 | 1992 | 619 | 1.98 |
| 11 | 1993 | 638 | 2.04 |
| 12 | 1994 | 603 | 1.93 |
| 13 | 1995 | 657 | 2.11 |

Table 1A – Dade South Memorial Park Burial History – 1983 to 1995

Note: Dade South Memorial Park is located at 14200 SW 117 Avenue.

Data has also been provided in attached **Table 1B** on the number of burials per day, the number of burials per month and the number of burials on different days of the week for March 2011. The data reveals:

- 57 burials were performed in March 2011 from Monday through Saturday = 27 calendar days.
- The average number of burials/day for March 2011 = 57/27 = an average of 2.11 burials per day.
- 7 days in the month had 0 burials per day.
- 8 days in the month had 1 burial per day.
- 3 days in the month had 2 burials per day.
- 9 days in the month had 3 burials per day.
- 4 days in the month had 4 burials per day (3 Saturdays and 1 Friday).

For weekdays, the data indicated that most burials were held between at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. On Saturdays, the data indicated that most burials were held between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

TABLE 1B DADE SOUTH MEMORIAL PARK - DAILY BURIALS MARCH 2011

| Burials Per Day | Number of Days per Month | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Total | Percent |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| 0 per Day | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 1 | 7 | 23% |
| 1 per Day | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 25% |
| 2 per Day | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10% |
| 3 per Day | 9 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 29% |
| 4 per Day | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13% |
| Totai | 31 | 4 | 4 1.0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 100% |
| Percent | | 13% | 13% | 16% | 16% | 16% | 13% | 13% | 100% | 100/0 |
| Total Burials by | Day for the Month | 0 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 57 | |
| % of Burials by D | Day for the Month | 0% | 14% | 14% | 9% | 23% | 19% | 21% | 100% | |
| Average Burials | per Day | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 1.9 | |
| Note: Dade South N | Memorial Park is located a | t 14200 SW 117 Av | enue. | 1 | | | 2.0 | 5.0 | 1.3 | |

| March 2011 | March 2011 | March 2011 |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Calendar Day | Day of Week | Burials per Day |
| 1 | Tuesday | 1 |
| 2 | Wednesday | 1 |
| 3 | Thursday | 3 |
| 4 | Friday | 1 |
| 5 | Saturday | 4 |
| 6 | Sunday | 0 |
| 7 | Monday | 3 |
| 8 | Tuesday | 3 |
| 9 | Wednesday | 0 |
| 10 | Thursday | 2 |
| 11 | Friday | 3 |
| 12 | Saturday | 4 |
| 13 | Sunday | 0 |
| 14 | Monday | 1 |
| 15 | Tuesday | 1 |
| 16 | Wednesday | 0 |
| 17 | Thursday | 3 |
| 18 | Friday | 4 |
| 19 | Saturday | 4 |
| 20 | Sunday | 0 |
| 21 | Monday | 3 |
| 22 | Tuesday | 1 |
| 23 | Wednesday | 1 |
| 24 | Thursday | 3 |
| 25 | Friday | 3 |
| 26 | Saturday | 0 |
| 27 | Sunday | 0 |
| 28 | Monday | 1 |
| 29 | Tuesday | 2 |
| 30 | Wednesday | 3 |
| 31 | Thursday | 2 |
| | Total | 57 |
| | Per Day | 2.11 |

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Programmed and Planned Improvements to Krome Avenue

Over the next five years, substantial corridor widening improvements will become a reality for portions of Krome Avenue which are programmed (i.e. funded) for transportation improvements pursuant to TIP 2012 which was adopted by the MPO Board on June 23, 2011. Within the next 5 years (from 2011 to 2016), the following improvements will be initiated based upon funding commitments as illustrated on attached Figure 3 and as itemized on attached Table 2 highlighting Krome Avenue improvements from SW 8 Street on the north to south of SW 184 Street on the south. Detailed funding program sheets from TIP 2012 and from the FDOT Five Year Work Program are provided in Attachment 1 of this analysis.

- <u>FDOT Project 249614-3 The 5.9 mile stretch of Krome Avenue from north of SW 8th Street to Kendall Drive</u> will begin construction for lane widening, expanding the roadway from a 2 lane undivided roadway segement, to a four lane divided roadway separated by a generous median. Construction is funded from FY 2014-2015 with a letting date anticipated by FDOT in July 2014.
- <u>FDOT Project 249614-7 The 3.5 mile stretch of Krome Avenue from Kendall Drive to SW 136</u> <u>Street</u> is funded for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2011-2012 and ROW Acquisition in FY 2012-2013 to add lanes and reconstruct from a 2 lane undivided roadway to a 4 lane roadway separated by a generous median. Pursuant to the FDOT Five Year Work Program, construction for the 4 lane widening <u>is estimated</u> to begin as early July 2016.
- <u>FDOT Project 427369-3 The 3.1 mile stretch of Krome Avenue from SW 136 Street to SW 184</u> <u>Street</u> is funded for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2014-2015 for design plans to add lanes and reconstruct from a 2 lane undivided roadway to a 4 lane roadway separated by a generous median. Pursuant to the FDOT Five Year Work Program, ROW acquisition may take place beween FY 2015-2017, and construction may take place by January 2020.
- <u>FDOT Project 427369-2 The 3.0 mile stretch of Krome Avenue from SW 184 Street to SW 232</u> <u>Street</u> is funded for ROW Aquisition in FY 2015-2016 to add lanes and reconstruct from a 2 lane undivided roadway to a 4 lane roadway separated by a generous median. Pursuant to the FDOT Five Year Work Program, construction may take place by January 2019.

Over the next 5 years, approximately 10 miles of Krome Avenue will be underway with substantial corridor widening improvements that will enhance corridor safety and accessibility. See attached two alternative corridor cross sections for Krome Avenue (Alt. 3 and Alt. 4) that were provided by FDOT, and which are under review for final consideration for the Krome Avenue widening.

The phased development program for the cemetery site will mature in a timeframe consistent with the corridor improvements to Krome Avenue. In the pages which follow however, please note that traffic concurrency analyses have been provided which demonstrate that adopted level of service standards will continue to be maintained under the existing 2 lane undivided roadway geometry that is in place today.



TABLE 2 ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR KROME AVENUE TIP 2012 AND FDOT WORK PROGRAM DETAILS

| TIP/FDOT Project | | 和可以 | 学习发展的 | | | Estimated Timeframe | TIP 2012 Approved | | Estimated Construction | TIP 2012 Approved |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Number | TIP Page No. | Roadway | Limits - From | Limits - To | Task | for ROW | Costs | skielder Task verbieder | Letting Date | Costs |
| 249615-9 | Section A1 - page 103 | Krome Avenue | Okeechobee Rd | SW 8 Street | ROW | n/a | | Flex Pavement Resurfacing | 2011-2013 | \$4,172,000 |
| 249614-3 | Section A1 - page 101 | Krome Avenue | N. of SW 8 Street | SW 88 Street | ROW | 2012-2013 | \$6,247,000 | Add Lanes and Reconstruct | 2014-2015 | \$22,959,000 |
| 249614-7 | Section A1 - page 102 | Krome Avenue | SW 88 Street | SW 136 Street | ROW | 2012-2013 | \$3,831,000 | Add Lanes and Reconstruct | 7/27/2016 | FDOT Estimate |
| 427369-3 | Section A1 - page 105 | Krome Avenue | SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | PE | 2014-2015 | \$280,000 | Add Lanes and Reconstruct | 1/29/2020 | FDOT Estimate |
| 427369-2 | Section A1 - page 105 | Krome Avenue | SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | ROW | 2015-2016 | \$2,084,000 | Add Lanes and Reconstruct | 1/30/2019 | FDOT Estimate |
| 427369-1 | Section A1 - page 104 | Krome Avenue | SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | PE | 2013-2015 | \$280,000 | Add Lanes and Reconstruct | 3/25/2020 | FDOT Estimate |

Note: TIP 2012 was adopted by the MPO Board on June 23, 2011.



4- Lane Divided Roadway - Typical Section



Trip Generation

A trip generation analysis has been prepared to determine the trip making characteristics of the proposed cemetery use pursuant to the trip generation rates for Land Use Code 566 from *Trip Generation*, 8th Edition as published in 2008 by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). A trip generation analysis has been provided in Table 3 below for the 48.6 gross acre site evaluated by Miami-Dade County under Public Hearing Application # Z10-51. Nine trip generation timeframes have been analyzed herein based upon the atypical peaking characteristics of the proposed use which generates most of its traffic outside of the typical morning and afternoon rush hours. The proposed cemetery use typically operates between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, during which time burial services are typically scheduled between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM – Monday through Saturday, outside of the traditional AM and PM peak hours. At the proposed cemetery site under Public Hearing Application # Z10-51 - no burial services will be held on Sundays. See below a summary of the inbound, outbound and total trips for each analysis timeframe, along with the trip generation details provided in Table 3 below.

- Daily 230 total trips, 115 inbound and 115 outbound
- AM Peak Hour 8 total trips, 6 inbound and 2 outbound
- PM Peak Hour 41 total trips, 13 inbound and 28 outbound
- AM Peak Hour of the Generator 37 total trips, 18 inbound and 19 outbound
- PM Peak Hour of the Generator 80 total trips, 60 inbound and 20 outbound
- Saturday 289 total trips 144 inbound and 145 outbound
- Saturday Peak Hour of the Generator 150 total trips, 77 inbound and 73 outbound
- Sunday 370 total trips, 185 inbound and 185 outbound
- Sunday Peak Hour of the Generator 302 total trips, 145 inbound and 157 outbound

| PROPOSED USE | TIMEFRAME | SCALE | UNITS | TELUC | TRIP RATE | TOTAL | % IN | | % OUT | |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| CEMETERY | DAILY | 48.6 | ACRES | 566 | T = 4.73 (X) | 230 | 50% | 115 | 50% | 115 |
| CEMETERY | AM PEAK HOUR | 48.5 | ACRES | 566 | T = 0.17 (X) | 8 | 70% | 6 | 30% | |
| CEMETERY | PM PEAK HOUR | 48.6 | ACRES | 566 | T = 0.84 (X) | 41 | 33% | 13 | 67% | 28 |
| CEMETERY | AM PEAK HOUR OF GENERATOR | 48.5 | ACRES | 566 | T = 0.76 (X) | 37 | 48% | 18 | 52% | 19 |
| CEMETERY | PM PEAK HOUR OF GENERATOR | 48.6 | ACRES | 566 | T = 1.64 (X) | 80 | 75% | 60 | 25% | 20 |
| CEMETERY | SATURDAY | 48.6 | ACRES | 566 | T = 5.94 (X) | 289 | 50% | 144 | 50% | 145 |
| CEMETERY | SATURDAY PK OF GENERATOR | 48.6 | ACRES | 566 | T = 3.09 (X) | 150 | 51% | 77 | 49% | 73 |
| CEMETERY | SUNDAY | 48.5 | ACRES | 566 | T = 7.62 (X) | 370 | 50% | 185 | 50% | 185 |
| CEMETERY | SUNDAY PEAK OF GENERATOR | 48.5 | ACRES | 566 | T = 6.21 (X) | 302 | 48% | 145 | 52% | 157 |

| Table 3 – Tri | Generation for | the Proposed Use |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|
|---------------|----------------|------------------|

The trip generation analysis prepared for the cemetery use goes beyond the typical daily, AM Peak hour and PM Peak Hour analyses based upon the more atypical peaking characteristics of the proposed use which falls outside of the typical morning and afternoon rush hours. Information is provided for the PM peak hour of the generator and the Saturday and Sunday peak hours of the generator to ensure that traffic concurrency can be evaluated with these additional (atypical) timeframes and that acceptable levels of service can be maintained after incorporating the impact of the proposed cemetery use.

Traffic Concurrency Analysis

A traffic concurrency infrastructure analysis has been prepared to examine the concurrency status of the surrounding roadways consistent with the Miami-Dade County traffic concurrency criteria and guidelines. Pursuant to the analyses performed herein, adequate capacity has been found to exist at the first directly accessed traffic count stations (and at the secondary traffic count stations) located adjacent to and surrounding the project site. Each traffic count station has been found to maintain adequate available capacity to accommodate the traffic impacts from the proposed development site pursuant to the standards and guidelines used by Miami-Dade County to evaluate the adequacy of the surrounding roadway network. The addition of the proposed development trips does not exceed the available roadway capacity assigned to the surrounding traffic count stations consistent with the applicable Miami-Dade County Public Works Department Traffic Concurrency databases last updated on July 14, 2011.

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Concurrency Management System, all study area traffic count stations on roadways adjacent to the development Site have been found to operate at acceptable levels of service during the peak hour period, accounting for existing traffic, previously approved committed development traffic plus the PM peak hour traffic from the proposed development site. Available capacity and acceptable levels of service are maintained for the adjacent count stations and the study area roadway segments, meeting the traffic concurrency standards from the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan. Based upon these findings, adequate existing and funded transportation infrastructure is maintained to support the development program proposed by the Applicant.

The traffic concurrency infrastructure analysis is presented in Tables 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D and reflects the analyses and information outlined below for the Peak Hour Period (consistent with the CDMP), along with other more conservative analyses based upon the peaking characteristics of the proposed use which fall outside of the typical morning and afternoon rush hours. Traffic Concurrency Analyses have been provided for the peak hour period (as required), but then also for the PM peak hour of the generator, the Saturday peak hour and the Sunday peak hour. These other timeframes are analyzed to demonstrate that adopted levels of service are still met even when the trip generation during the other timeframes reflect higher project trips when compared to the traditional PM peak hour.

- Table 4A Peak Hour Period Concurrency Analysis as required 41 project trips PHP
- Table 4B PM Peak Hour of the Generator Concurrency Analysis 80 project trips 3:00 PM
- Table 4C Saturday Peak Hour Concurrency Analysis 150 project trips 1:00 PM
- Table 4D Sunday Peak Hour Traffic Concurrency Analysis 302 project trips 1:30 PM

Traffic Count Data

Updated traffic counts for all roadways under both County and State jurisdiction reflect traffic count data from the year 2010 using the most recent data available from FDOT and Miami-Dade County. The following count stations have been included in the analysis:

- Miami-Dade County traffic count stations 9208 and 9880 and
- FDOT traffic count stations 0004, 0010, 0682, 1080 and 2529.

The Applicant collected traffic count data on Krome Avenue in May of 2011, and this data has been utilized to provide information for the Saturday and Sunday traffic conditions as analyzed in Tables 4C and 4D. The traffic data collected by the Applicant and the year 2010 traffic data for the State Count Stations are provided in Attachment 2 of this study.

Adopted LOS Standards and the Maximum Service Volumes

The adopted level of service standards used for each count station are provided by Miami-Dade County in their traffic concurrency database. The maximum service volumes for the County stations have been obtained from the updated ArtPlan calculations from the July 14, 2011 Traffic Concurrency Count Station Database. The maximum service volumes for the State count stations are based upon Table 4 for the Two-Way Peak Hour from the FDOT 2009 Quality/LOS Handbook last updated on 10/4/2010.

Development Order Trips

The development order trips for each count station has been obtained from the Miami-Dade County and FDOT Traffic Concurrency Count Station database last updated on July 14, 2011.

Project Assignment

The project traffic assignment to the surrounding study area roadways has been established using the Miami-Dade County Cardinal Distribution for Project Zone 1253 as obtained through interpolation for the Year 2015 using the Year 2005 and Year 2035 Cardinal Directions from the updated Directional Trip Distributions Report from the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) adopted by the MPO in October of 2009. The assignment and distribution of project traffic to the surrounding roadway network and to the cardinal directions from the LRTP are provided using the figures listed below.

- Figure 4A Location of Project Zone 1253
- Figure 4B Year 2005 Cardinal Directions for Project Zone 1253
- Figure 4C Year 2035 Cardinal Directions for Project Zone 1253
- Figure 4D Cardinal Distribution and Assignment for Zone 1253 from the 2035 LRTP
- Figure 4E Project Distribution at Study Area Count Stations

Total Traffic Conditions

The concurrency analyses identify the total traffic at each of the first directly accessed and secondary traffic count stations and the remaining capacity still available after the addition of project traffic. For each of the analyses studied, the adopted LOS standards from the CDMP continue to be met on the adjacent roadway network after incorporating the traffic from proposed development site. The following roadway segments have been analyzed where data was available:

- SW 177 Avenue SW 8 Street to SW 88 Street
- SW 177 Avenue SW 88 Street to SW 184 Street
- SW 177 Avenue SW 184 Street to SW 216 Street
- SW 152 Street SW 177 Avenue to SW 167 Avenue
- SW 152 Street SW 167 Avenue to SW 157 Avenue
- SW 152 Street SW 157 Avenue to SW 147 Avenue
- SW 184 Street SW 177 Avenue to SW 157 Avenue

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Concurrency Management System, all study area traffic count stations on roadways adjacent to and surrounding the project site were found to operate at acceptable levels of service during the peak hour period, PM peak hour of the generator and the Saturday and Sunday Peak Hour, accounting for existing traffic, previously approved committed development traffic, plus the project traffic for the proposed development site. Based upon these findings, adequate existing and funded transportation infrastructure is maintained to support the proposed development of the cemetery use at the southwest corner of SW 136 Street and Krome Avenue pursuant to Public Hearing Application # Z10-51.

| | | | | emorial Park Capacity An | | | | 51 | | | | | - |
|-------------------|--|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Station Number | First Directly Accessed Count Stations | Laneage | [1] Capacity | Count Date | [2] PHP VOL | [3] D.O.'s as of 7/14/11 | Zone 1253 Distribution | PM Pk Hr Project Trips 41 | Total with Project | Capacity Available after Project | Max LOS | LOS with Project | Meets LOS Standard Yes or No |
| 0682 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 88 St | A 2 | 1,420 | 1/05-07/2010 | 1,333 | 10 | 56.98% | 23 | 1,366 | 54 | С | С | YES |
| 9208 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 184 St to SW 216 St | A 2 | 1,570 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 1,462 | 12 | 9.49% | 4 | 1,478 | 92 | С | С | YES |
| 9880 | SW 184 St east of SW 177 Ave to SW 157 Ave | 2 | 1,150 | 5/25-27/2010 | 741 | 11 | 33.53% | 14 | 766 | 384 | С | В | YES |
| | Secondary Accessed Count Stations | | | | | | 100.00% | 41 | | | | | |
| 1080 | SW 88 St east of SW 157 Ave to SW 147 Ave | A 6 | 6,180 | 1/12-14/2010 | 3,136 | 492 | 54.66% | 22 | 3,650 | 2,530 | EE | С | YES |
| 2529 | SW 88 St east of SW 167 Ave to SW 157 Ave | A 6 | 4,080 | 1/12-14/2010 | 2,034 | 981 | 54.66% | 22 | 3,037 | 1,043 | EE | D | YES |
| 0010 | SW 88 St east of SW 177 Ave to SW 167 Ave | A4 | 3,560 | 1/12-14/2010 | 1,224 | 94 | 54.66% | 22 | 1,340 | 2,220 | D | В | YES |
| 0004 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 8 St | A 2 | 1,420 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 1,228 | 0 | 2.32% | 1 | 1,229 | 191 | С | С | YES |
| 0004 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 8 St - with Funded Improvements | A 4 [4] | 2,370 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 1,228 | 0 | 2.32% | 1 | 1,229 | 1,141 | Β. | В | YES |

| | Table 4 | B - West K | endall Me | emorial Park | - Public I | Hearing N | lumber Z10- | 51 | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------|------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Additional Tr | affic Concu | urrency Ca | apacity Anal | ysis - PM | Peak of t | he Generato | or - 3PM | | | | | |
| Station Number | First Directly Accessed Count Stations | Laneage | [1] [1] Capacity | Count Date | [2] PM Pk of Generator 3PM VOL | [3] D.O.'s as of 7/14/11 | Zone 1253 Distribution | PM Pk of Gen Trips 80 | Total with Project | Capacity Available after Project | Max LOS | LOS with Project | Meets LOS Standard Yes or No |
| 0682 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 88 St | A 2 | 1,420 | 1/05-07/2010 | 1,201 | 10 | 56.98% | 46 | 1,257 | 163 | С | С | YES |
| 9208 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 184 St to SW 216 St | A 2 | 1,570 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 1,282 | 12 | 9.49% | 8 | 1,302 | 268 | С | С | YES |
| 9880 | SW 184 St east of SW 177 Ave to SW 157 Ave | 2 | 1,150 | 5/25-27/2010 | 674 | 11 | 33.53% | 27 | 712 | 438 | С | в | YES |
| | Secondary Accessed Count Stations | · · · | | | | | 100.00% | 80 | | | | | |
| 1080 | SW 88 St east of SW 157 Ave to SW 147 Ave | A 6 | 6,180 | 1/12-14/2010 | 3,223 | 492 | 54.66% | 44 | 3,759 | 2,421 | EE | С | YES |
| 2529 | SW 88 St east of SW 167 Ave to SW 157 Ave | A 6 | 4,080 | 1/12-14/2010 | 2,064 | 981 | 54.66% | 44 | 3,089 | 991 | EE | D | YES |
| 0010 | SW 88 St east of SW 177 Ave to SW 167 Ave | A4 | 3,560 | 1/12-14/2010 | 976 | 94 | 54.66% | 44 | 1,114 | 2,446 | D | В | YES |
| 0004 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 8 St | A2 | 1,420 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 897 | 0 | 2.32% | 2 | 899 | 521 | С | C | YES |
| 0004 | SW 177 Ave south of SW 8 St - with Funded Improvements | A 4 [4] | 2,370 | 8/31-9/2/2010 | 897 | 0 | 2.32% | 2 | 899 | 1,471 | В | В | YES |

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Notes:

Maximum service volumes for the State Count Stations are obtained from the 2009 FDOT Quality/LOS Handbook, updated on 10/4/2010.
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Reflects 2010 counts for the County Count Stations as obtained from Miami-Dade County Public Works Department.

[3] The Approved D.O.'s are obtained from the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department Concurrency Database dated July 14, 2011.

[4] Reflects the improved 4 lane divided roadway geometry for Krome Avenue funded for Construction in TIP 2012 during FY 2014-2015 pursuant to Project Number 2496143.

| | | | | | | - | Number Z10 | | | | | | |
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| | Add | tional Traff | ic Concur | rency Capac | ity Analys | sis - Satur | day Peak Ho | ur | | | | | |
| Station | | | [1] | Count | [2] Saturday Peak Hr | [3] D.O.'s as of | Zone 1253 | Saturday Peak Hour | Total with | Capacity Available after | Max | LOS with | Meets LOS Standar |
| Number | First Directly Accessed Count Stations | Laneage | Capacity | Date | 1:00 Vol | 7/14/11 | Distribution | 150 | Project | Project | LOS | Project | Yes or N |
| n/a | SW 177 Avenue north of SW 120 Street | A2 | 1,420 | 05/07/2011 | 1,231 | 10 | 56.98% | 85 | 1,326 | 94 | С | С | YES |
| | Tabl | | KandallA | amorial Day | L Dublie | Heering | | F.1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | - | Number Z10 lay Peak Hou | | | | | | |
| Station | | | | | | - | Number Z10 Jay Peak Hou Zone 1253 | | Total with | Capacity Available after | Max | LOS with | LOS |
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[1] Maximum service volumes for the State Count Stations are obtained from the 2009 FDOT Quality/LOS Handbook, updated on 10/4/2010.

Maximum service volumes for the County Count Stations are obtained from the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department Concurrency Database dated July 14, 2011.

[2] Reflects 2011 counts collected by the Applicant on Saturday and Sunday 5/7-8/2011.

[3] The Approved D.O.'s are obtained from the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department Concurrency Database dated July 14, 2011.

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| 1238 | 2938 | TRIPS | 294 | 415 | 183 | 222 | 144 | 91 | 55 | 122 | 1.53 |
| - | | PERCENT | 39.25 | 27.24 | 21.98 | 14.54 | 9.43 | 3.96 | 3.6 | 7.99 | |
| 1239 | 3939 | TRIPS | 240 | 413 | 2.55 | 145 | 206 | 70 | 54 | 30 | 1 1.27 |
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| 1240 | 3940 | TRIPS | 435 | 635 | 305 | 478 | 422 | 122 | 53 | 129 | 2.58 |
| | A REAL PROPERTY OF THE OWNER OF T | PERCENT | 15.06 | 24.57 | 11.92 | 18.5 | 16.6 | 4.72 | 2.63 | 4.99 | |
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| | | the state of the s | 303 | 8.83 | 620 | 284 | 303 | 128 | 404 | 304 | 3,47 |
| 12/2 | | PERCENT | 14.66 | 25.78 | 18.14 | 3.31 | 3.37 | 3.51 | 11.82 | 8.9 | - |
| 2243 | 3343 | TRIPS | 1174 | 3539 | 712 | 320 | 73 | 54 | 30 | 155 | 4,11 |
| | | PERCENT | 28.56 | 37:45 | 17.32 | 7.79 | 2.9 | 1.31 | 1.95 | 3.72 | |
| 1244 | A REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF | TRIPS | 229 | 302 | 21.58 | 58.71 | 250 | 209 | 82 | 63 | 3.33 |
| | the second statement of the se | PERCENT | 6.73 | 23.73 | 34.26 | 17.37 | 7.4 | 6.18 | 2.43 | 1.36 | |
| 1245 | 2945 | TRIPS | 259 | 223 | 148 | 117 | 29 | 19 | 9 | 34 | 73 |
| | | PERCENT | 27:54 | 38.22 | 20.05 | 15.85 | 3.93 | 2.5/ | 1.22 | 4.63 | |
| 7246 | 3946 | TRIPS | 1 | 2 | 3 | .3 | . 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | | PERCENT | 35.34 | 10.52 | 15.79 | 15.79 | 5.26 | 5.26 | 5.25 | 5.25 | |
| 1247 | 3947 | HEPS | 545 | 953 | 4/2 | 135 | /5 | 3 | 183 | 60 | 2.47 |
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| | the second se | PERCENT | 20.9 | 41.82 | 25.83 | 14.12 | 6 54 | 0 | 0 | 0.81 | |
| 1252 | 3952 | TRIPS | 0 | 2 | 3 | Û | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.1 |
| | | PERCENT | U. | 201 | 60 | 0 | - 204 | D | Û | 0 | 1. 1 |
| 1253 | 3953 | 11025 | 245 | 3.78 | 157 | 149 | 23 | D | 12 | 5 | 1.02 |
| 10 million 1 | | PERCENT | 23.9/1 | 36 .09 | 75 36 | 74.58 | 5 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 49 | |
| 1254 | 3954 | TRIPS | 0 | 0 | 0 | e | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | | PERCENT | 0 | () | () | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1255 | 3955 | TRUPS | 1091 | 1567 | /61 | 649 | 137 | 45 | 17 | 153 | 4.43 |
| | the state of the s | PERCENT | 24.68 | 35.45 | 17.22 | 14.68 | 3.1 | 1.02 | 0 38 | 3.46 | |
| 1256 | and spectrum description of age of the Print Suffrankly when | TRIPS | 1425 | 1825 | CONTRACTOR OF A | and the second radius of | | | and a state of the | No. of Concession, name | |
| | and the second se | PERCENT | 23.29 | And in case of the local division of | 754 | 431 | 86 | 4 | 131 | 366 | 5,03 |
| 1257 | | TRIPS | and the second se | 36.33 | 15.01 | 8.58 | 1.71 | 0.08 | 2.61 | 7.29 | |
| tan' t | the second data which the second distances of the seco | the second se | 1664 | 2311 | 942 | 412 | 242 | 61 | 323 | 827 | 6.78 |
| 1750 | the second se | PERCENT | 24.54 | 34.08 | 13.89 | 6.07 | 3.57 | 0.9 | 4.76 | 12.19 | |
| 1258 | and the second | TRIPS | 729 | 1066 | 372 | 282 | 113 | 62 | 265 | 276 | 3,16 |
| | A DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER | PERCENT | 22.02 | BE:68 | 11.75 | 8.91 | 3.5/ | 1.96 | 8.37 | 8,72 | A. 12 |
| 1259 | the second se | TRIPS | 362 | 849 | 267 | 282 | 157 | 85 | 247 | 226 | 2.67 |
| | the state of the second s | PERCENT | 21.03 | 31.76 | 9.99 | 10.55 | 5.87 | 3.11 | 9 24 | 8.45 | |
| 1260 | 3960 | TRIPS | 405 | 446 | 243 | 190 | 226 | 36 | 244 | 343 | 2,13 |
| 1. S. | | PERCENT | 18.94 | 20.36 | 11.3/ | 8.89 | 10.57 | 1.68 | the second s | 16.28 | |
| 1251 | 3961 | TRIPS | 675 | 813 | 470 | 271 | 147 | 63 | 235 | 465 | 3.1 |
| | | PERCENT | 21.45 | 25.97 | 14.92 | 2.6 | 4.57 | 2.16 | 7.46 | 14.76 | 3, 1 |
| 1262 | State of the local division of the local base have been as the | TRUPS | 14/9 | 11.56 | 168 | 1/1 | 434 | 19 | 180 | 1/8 | L |
| | | PERCENT. | 25.45 | 20.7 | 13.75 | 13.8 | 1.11 | 0.34 | 3.22 | 18.93 | 5.52 |
| 1268 | | TRIPS | 673 | 694 | 333 | 131 | | 0.54 | and the second se | No. of Concession, name | |
| | Contraction of the local sector of the secto | PERCENT | 29.93 | North Street, or other | COLUMN ADDRESS | and the second se | 42 | | | 203 | 2,01 |
| 1254 | the second se | TRIPS | | 32.45 | 16.05 | 6.31 | 2.02 | 0.14 | 2.31 | 9.78 | |
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| 1255 | | PERCENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1265 | the set of | TRIPS | Û | 0 | 0 | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | D | |
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| | | PERCENT | 0 | Ċ | 0 | Û | 0 | G | 0 | 0 | |
| 1267 | 3967 | TRIPS | 1096 | 1901 | 1151 | 439 | 287 | 26 | 7 | 462 | 5.43 |
| | | PERCENT | 15.98 | 34.82 | 21.08 | 8.96 | 103 | 0.43 | 0.15 | 8.46 | |
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Figure 4B 2005 Cardinal Directions for Zone 1253 West Kendall Memorial Park

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| | PERCENT | 19.33 | 32.48 | 70,3/1 | 32.75 | 1.15 | 1.24 | /153 | 8/7 | AND ADD DOT DO |
| 1325 | S925 TRIPS | 12491 | 1796 | 786 | 124 | 3821 | 184 | +57 | 386 | Statement of the Owner of the O |
| 5 I | PERCENT | 20.67 | 32.31 | 7474 | 9.43 | 6.8/ | 3.37 | 6.33 | 6.94 | Stationary and in case of the |
| 1396 | 3926 TRIPS | 285 | 472 | 766 | 78 | (03) | 55 | (52) | 1.38 | and the second se |
| | PERCENT | 19.72 | 32:55 | 13.45 | 138 | 3.1 | 3.79 | 70.48 | 9.52 | |
| 3227 | 3927 (FIPS | 730 | 7033 | 305 | 396 | 345 | 5121 | 550 | 352 | the state of the s |
| | PERCENT | 37.29 | 24,46 | 1.22 | 938 | 8.17 | 3232 | 13.02 | 834 | the second se |
| 7.228 | 39.281 TRIPS | >48 | 8/8 | 532 | 269 | 183 | 112 | 7-46 | 172 | and the second sec |
| | PERCENT | 28.3 | 30.92 | 78.73 | 9.3/ | 6.141 | 3.94 | 5.14 | 5.06 | |
| 1,29 | 3929 TRIPS | 728 | 398 | 252 | 273 | 212 | 254 | . 350 | 83 | 1.7 |
| | PERCENT | 32.73 | 22.69 | 34371 | 33.45 | 7209 | 9.35 | Roi | 4.73 | |
| 3230 | 3936 LRIPS | 1544 | - 2238 | 7241 | \$75 | 718 | 535 | 401 | 471 | |
| 1231 | PERCENT | 79.44 | 27.52 | 35.62 | 30.26 | . 9.04 | 5.74 | 5.05 | 5.93 | 1.1 |
| 1231 | 3933 TRIPS | 899 | 1913 | 533 | 26-1 | 265 | 2041 | 3/0 | 246 | 3. 3.8 |
| 3232 | 3932 TRIPS | 7.65 | 27.43 | 7244 | 6.94 | h. 7/ | 5.37 | 9.73 | 6.47 | |
| 12.2 | PERCENT | 3679 | 27-13 | 7682 | \$32 | 675 | 726 | 329 | 290 | and shares and statements |
| 1233 | 3923 FEPS | 18 /5 | 30.63 | 18.78 | 9.19 | 1.54 | * 17 | 3.6/ | 3.24 | |
| | PERCENT | 9.53 | 539 | 288 | \$53 | 667 | 326 | 278 | 201 | the second second second |
| 12.34 | 3934 TRIPS | /047 | 12.27 | 8.29 | 241.49 | 79.02 | 9.38 | 8 | 3./8 | and the second division of the second divisio |
| | PERCENT | 70.6 | 23.67 | 9.7 | 70.98 | 1003 | 709 | 923 | 1053 | |
| 1235 | 3935 LEIPS | 1395 | 3923 | 1972 | 399 | 231 | 7.13 | 9.20 | 10.5 | |
| - | PERCENT | 23.84 | 35.76 | 31./9 | 13 | 4.23 | 7./9 | -405 | | |
| 7236 | 3936 LEIPS | 1325 | 2004 | 7249 | 1118 | 99.2 | 622 | 555 | 479 | Contraction of the Party of the |
| | PERCENT | 15/1 | 2483 | 14.83 | 33.26 | 7.7./6 | 1.3/1 | 6.58 | 5.68 | |
| 1267 | 3937 TRIPS | 1328 | 1974 | 1383 | 446 | 307 | 430 | 327 | 190 | the second se |
| | PERCENT | 22.32 | 14.3 | 19.08 | 7:57 | 1.78 | 7.25 | 2.74 | 321 | |
| 1238 | 3938 TRIPS | 391 | 367 | 367 | 283 | 183 | 116 | 119 | 115 | |
| | PERCENI | 78.231 | 26.58 | 76.92 | 13.17 | 8.58 | 5.44 | 3.58 | 5.39 | |
| 1239 | 3939 1 RIPS | 3450 | 621 | 403 | 37.3 | 113 | 73 | 70 | 90 | |
| | PERCENT | 18.91 | 32.52 | 21.12 | 9.12 | 5.93 | 3.83 | 3.68 | 4/3 | |
| 1,240 | 3940 TRIPS | 737 | 923 | -473 | 250 | 169 | 45 | 3208 | 263 | |
| | PERCENT | 23.02 | 78.83 | 1473 | . 8 | 1.78 | 1.41 | 10.56 | 8.21 | |
| 1041 | 3943 152PS | 1634 | 1661 | .895 | 224 | 139 | 3 | 228 | 312 | 4.4 |
| | PERCENT | 23.02 | 36.00 | 19.93 | 4,99 | 23 | 0.07 | 4.97 | 695 | |
| 1242 | 3942 TRIPS | - 534 | 848 | 7097 | 1647 | 233 | 62 | 357 | 24: | 44 |
| 1048 | PERCENT | 32.08 | 19.19 | 24,82 | 23.69 | 5.23 | 1.4 | 8.68 | 5.52 | |
| 1,74:0 | 3943 TRIPS | 1090 | 1801 | 1007 | 527 | 2:07 | 180 | 70 | 300 | 5,1 |
| 1944 | PERCENT 3944 TRIPS | 21.06 | 34.8 | 19.34 | 10.18 | 4 | 3.48 | 1.25 | 5.8 | |
| 1 | PERCENT | 471 | 1050 | 7647 | 868 | 177 | 397 | 10 | 134 | |
| 1245 | 3945 1 RIPS | 30 | 21.88 | 34.86 | 38.44 | 3.76 | 8.43 | 0.21 | 2.42 | |
| | PERCENT | 19.51 | 816 | 275 | 375 | 27 | 23 | 721 | 38 | |
| 1.246 | 3946 TEIPS | 1504 | 30.17 | 26.09 | 76.5 | 2:56 | 2.18 | 7.7-3 | 1/1 | |
| | PERCENT | 23.54 | 22.8/ | 1033 | 1415 | 361 | 31 | 253 | 334 | |
| 1047 | 3947 TRIPS | 770 | 1942 | 76.74 | 22.12 | 3.65 | 0.49 | 3.96 | 523 | |
| | PERCENT | 23.12 | 40.29 | 27.2 | 399 | 88 | 7 | 50 | 29 | 3.3. |
| 1,218 | 19-18 TEIPS | 859 | 2166 | 1302 | 705 | | 0.06 | 15 | 0.87 | |
| | PERCENT | 14.91 | 37.5 | 22.5 | 13.28 | 4.38 | 3.73 | 75/ | 41 | |
| 1249 | 3949 1 FIP5 | 491 | 1303 | 920 | 241 | 36 | 126 | 3 | 0.76 | |
| | PERCENJ | 75.63 | 41.47 | 29,28 | 7.67 | 1.15 | 4.01 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.1 |
| 1250 | 3950 TRIPS | 431 | 1/55 | 8.33 | 3/7 | -13 | 57 | 0 | Contraction in the local science | the second se |
| | PERCENT | 12.29 | >0.03 | 23.69 | 70.75 | 1.7 / | 7.45 | 0 | 0.63 | |
| 1251 | 3951 TRIPS | 781 | 1206 | 70.3 | 233 | /1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | |
| | PERCENT | 7.5 | 50 | 29.15 | 9.65 | 2.94 | 0 | Ū | 0.75 | the second s |
| 1252 | 3952 (RIPS | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 1 | PERCENT | 501 | 251 | 12.5 | 12.5 | Đ. | 01 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1253 | 2953 TRIPS | 7.291 | 237 | 722 | 232 | 981 | 0 | 37 | 75 | |
| 1997 | PERCENT | 9453 | 27.24 | 7-102 | 26.57 | 71.26 | 0 | 425 | 1/2 | and the second second second |
| 1259 | 3954 TRIPS | 8.4 | /0 | 16 | 2 | 34 | 23 | 32 | 1 | the second s |
| | PERCENT | 31 | 25.85 | 5.9 | 1.85 | 12.55 | 8.49 | 11,81 | 2.58 | and the second se |
| 1255 | 3955 TRIPS | 1202 | 1972 | 573 | 659 | 177 | 33 | 208 | 604 | and the second se |
| | PERCENT | 22.4 | 36.75 | 76.64 | 72.28 | 2.78 | 0.61 | 3.88 | 11.26 | |
| 1256 | 3956 1 FIPS | 1515 | 2282 | 685 | 235 | 317 | 162 | 400 | 571 | the second s |
| | PERCENT | 20.53 | 36.95 | 77.09 | 1.81 | 5.73 | 2.52 | 6.62 | 9.35 | and the second se |
| . 125/ | 3957 TRIPS | 21.32 | 3177 | 8.15 | 9.35 | 478 | 234 | 150 | 604 | And the second se |
| | PERCENT | 24.82 | 36.98 | 472 | 5.06 | -4.87 | 272 | 8.8 | 7.03 | |
| 1258 | 3958 J PIP5 | 540 | 1380 | 324 | 225 | 357 | 2031 | 401 | 340 | |

Figure 4C

2035 Cardinal Directions for Zone 1253 West Kendall Memorial Park



CARDINAL DISTRIBUTION

INTERPOLATED CARDINAL DISTRIBUTION TO 2015 FOR YEARS 2005 AND 2035

| Cardinal Direction | 2005 Zone 1253 Cardinal Distribution | 2035 Zone 1253 Cardinal Distribution | 2035-2005 Difference | Rate Per Year 30 Years | 10 Years | 2015 Zone 1253 Cardinal Distribution | Net New PM Peak Hour Project Trips 41 |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---|--|
| NNE | 23.97% | 14.83% | -9.14% | -0.30% | -3.05% | 20.92% | 9 |
| ENE | 36.99% | 27.24% | -9.75% | -0.33% | -3.25% | 33.74% | 14 |
| ESE | 15.36% | 14.02% | -1.34% | -0.04% | -0.45% | 14.91% | 6 |
| SSE | 14.58% | 26.67% | 12.09% | 0.40% | 4.03% | 18.61% | 0 |
| SSW | 8.61% | 11.26% | 2.65% | 0.09% | 0.88% | | 0 |
| WSW | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 9.49% | 4 |
| WNW | 0.00% | 4.25% | 4.25% | 0.14% | | 0.00% | 0 |
| NNW | 0.49% | 1.72% | 1.23% | | 1.42% | 1.42% | 1 |
| | 100.00% | and the state of the | 1.2370 | 0.04% | 0.41% | 0.90% | 0 |
| an Minmi Dada 2020 | | 99.99% | This for Denet Only a | | | 100.00% | 41 |

nge Transportation Plan - Directional Trip Distribution Report, October 2009.

Legend

Figure 4D Cardinal Distribution and Assignment for Zone 1253 from the 2035 LRTP West Kendall Memorial Park



Traffic Conditions on SW 136 Street

A detailed evaluation of the AM peak hour, PM peak hour and Saturday peak hour traffic conditions on SW 136 Street west of Krome Avenue has been provided using existing traffic count data collected by the Applicant. Turning movement traffic count data was collected at the intersection of SW 136 Street and Krome Avenue from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

The turning movement traffic count data collected is presented in attached Table 5 to document existing weekday and Saturday traffic conditions for the AM peak hour, the PM peak hour and the Saturday Peak Hour. The turning movement traffic data collected is recorded hourly on Table 5 to show the traffic patterns to and from SW 136 Street extending throughout an average weekday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on an average Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The analysis utilizes year May 2011 traffic counts collected by the Applicant and all traffic data collected has been adjusted with FDOT seasonal factors where needed. A link analysis has been provided which utilizes the two-way peak hour maximum service volumes at the adopted level of service standard which have been obtained from the 2009 FDOT Quality/Level of Service Handbook last updated on 10/4/2010.

For the AM peak hour, PM peak hour and Saturday peak hour timeframes, under two-way peak hour traffic conditions, the existing traffic on SW 136 Street was found to operate at LOS B which is better than the adopted LOS standard which is LOS C pursuant to the Miami-Dade County CDMP.

| | | | | | Weekd | ay Traffic | Condition | s - 7AM to | 6PM | | | | and the second se | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| ROADWAY SEGMENTS | EXISTING | COUNT | COUNT | FDOT | ADOPTED | Two-Way Peak Hour | From SW 136 St EBR | From SW 136 St EBL | SW 136 St Total EB | From SW 177 Ave SBR | From SW 177 Ave NBL | SW 136 St Total WB | Total SW 136 ST EB + WB | SW 136 ST 5/4/2011 Wed | 5/4/201 Wed |
| | LANES | HOUR | DATE | SF | LOS | MSV | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | LOS | V/C |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 21.0 | 7-8AM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | c | 923 | 38 | 70 | 108 | | 20 | | 103 | | 0.20 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 21.0 | 8-9AM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | c | 923 | 41 | 70 | | 46 | 28 | 74 | 182 | В | 0.20 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 210 | 9-10AM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | c | 923 | | 66 | 107 | 41 | 43 | 84 | 191 | В | 0.21 |
| | 210 | 10-11AM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | - | | 30 | 57 | 87 | 60 | 35 | 95 | 182 | В | 0.20 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 21.0 | 11-12AM | 5/4/2011 | | C | 923 | 32 | 61 | 93 | 42 | 25 | 67 | 160 | В | 0.17 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 210 | 12-1PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | С | 923 | 28 | 44 | 72 | 57 | 40 | 97 | 169 | В | 0.18 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | | | | 1.00 | C | 923 | 40 | 58 | 98 | 52 | 55 | 107 | 205 | В | 0.22 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 1-2PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | C | 923 | 41 | 65 | 106 | 45 | 44 | 89 | 195 | В | 0.21 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 2-3PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | С | 923 | 36 | 54 | 90 | 57 | 31 | 88 | 178 | В | 0.19 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 3-4PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | с | 923 | 34 | 42 | 76 | 57 | 27 | 84 | 160 | В | 0.17 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 4-5PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | С | 923 | 34 | 61 | 95 | 71 | 29 | 100 | 195 | В | 0.21 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 5-6PM | 5/4/2011 | 1.00 | С | 923 | 40 | 61 | 101 | 76 | 43 | 119 | 220 | В | 0.24 |
| Directional Distribution | | | | | | 1 A | 394 | 639 | 1,033 | 604 | 400 | 1,004 | 2,037 | | |
| Directional Distribution | | | | | | | 38% | 62% | 1 | 60% | 40% | | | | |
| | | ~ | | | Saturda | y Traffic | Conditions | s - 9AM to | 4PM | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | From | From | AN COLUMN | From | From | States and the | Total | SW 136 ST | |
| | | | | | 1 | Two-Way | SW 136 St | SW 136 St | SW 136 St | SW 177 Ave | SW 177 Ave | SW 136 St | SW 136 ST | 5/7/2011 | 5/7/2011 |
| ROADWAY SEGMENTS | EXISTING | COUNT | COUNT | FDOT | ADOPTED | Peak Hour | EBR | EBL | Total EB | SBR | NBL | Total WB | EB + WB | Saturday | Saturday |
| | LANES | HOUR | DATE | SF | LOS | MSV | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | VOLUMES | LOS | V/C |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 21.0 | 9-10AM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | с | 923 | 40 | 44 | 84 | 56 | | 100 | 104 | | 0.30 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 21.0 | 10-11AM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | c | 923 | 37 | 65 | | | 44 | 100 | 184 | В | 0.20 |
| | 210 | 11-12AM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | | 923 | | | 102 | 83 | 36 | 119 | 221 | В | 0.24 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 210 | 12-1PM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | C | | 51 | 67 | 118 | 78 | 65 | 143 | 261 | В | 0.28 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 210 | 1-2PM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | C C | 923 | 39 | 71 | 110 | 79 | 49 | 128 | 238 | В | 0.26 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 210 | 2-3PM | 5/7/2011 | | | 923 | 48 | 81 | 129 | 100 | 66 | 166 | 295 | В | 0.32 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | | | | 1.00 | C | 923 | 47 | 55 | 102 | 79 | 79 | 158 | 260 | В | 0.28 |
| SW 136 Street west of SW 177 Ave | 2LU | 3-4PM | 5/7/2011 | 1.00 | С | 923 | 42 | 69 | 111 | 85 | 50 | 135 | 246 | В | 0.27 |
| Directional Distribution | | | - | | | | 304 40% | 452 60% | 756 | 560 59% | 389 41% | 949 | 1,705 | | 2 |

Table 5 - AM Peak Hour - PM Peak Hour - Saturday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - SW 136 Street at Krome Avenue

Accident History and Characteristics

Krome Avenue is well known for its two-lane undivided roadway cross-section and semi-rural roadway characteristics which has made this roadway susceptible to frequent accidents for the last two decades. As part of the state and federal funding process to evaluate corridor improvements for Krome Avenue, FDOT completed a comprehensive Crash Analysis as part of the Preliminary Engineering Report for the *SR 997/Krome South PD&E Study*. The Crash Analysis evaluated accident data from the Years 1999 to 2008 to identify crash data trends and statistics and to identify the type of accidents most frequently occuring in order to recommend roadway design solutions that would seek to reduce the overall crash rate for the corridor. The study was performed for the following segments of Krome Avenue: SW 136 Street to SW 184 Street; SW 184 Street to SW 232 Street; and SW 232 Street to SW 296 Street. The Crash Analysis concluded that rear-end collisions were the leading type of accidents along the corridor, followed by angle collisions.

During the public hearing process for Application #Z10-51, residents indicated that accidents occurred every day on Krome Avenue, and that the burial processions heading to the cemetery site would further exacerbate traffic conditions during accident delays. Based upon the comments provided at the public hearing, the Applicant obtained a copy of the Crash Analysis prepared by FDOT and looked specifically at the information outlined below.

- Accident summary data on each of the three study segments for the following timeframes:
 1999 to 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008; and 1999 to 2008;
- The total number of accidents for each segment for each study timeframe;
- The number of accidents occuring between 9AM and 3PM;
- The percent of accidents occuring between 9AM and 3PM;
- The average number of accidents per year occuring between 9AM and 3PM; and
- The percent of accidents occuring for the rest of the day.

The Applicant focused on the concentration of accidents occuring between 9AM and 3PM, since those are the timeframes that will correspond to the burial processions and burial ceremonies that will be scheduled at the cemetery site. A summary of the accident data findings are provided on attached **Table 6**. The Crash Analysis data from FDOT is provided in **Attachment 3** of this report. The most significant findings identified in **Table 6** are provided below.

- During the 10 years from 1999 to 2008, a total of 45 accidents were found to occur between 9AM and 3PM, between SW 136 Street and SW 184 Street equal to 5 accidents per year.
- The 45 accidents found to occur between 9AM and 3PM are equal to 19% of the 242 total accidents occuring for the entire day.

The Applicant recognizes that the burial processions will occur outside of the morning and afternoon rush hours and will not occur at night or during early morning hours that coincide with truck traffic along the corridor. The Applicant is providing an exclusive southbound right turn lane at the proposed Krome Avenue entrance to the cemetery site, providing additional roadway capacity and lane geometry to accommodate inbound traffic to the site without impacting southbound traffic on Krome Avenue. The Applicant is also providing an exclusive acceleration lane along Krome Avenue to assist southbound vehicles who depart the site to merge back into southbound traffic.

TABLE 6 ACCIDENT SUMMARY ALONG KROME AVENUE 1999 to 2008

| 是的主义是 | 11 A. 51 A | 1999-2005 | 1999-2005 | Percent | Average | Percent |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| · 如何是一个人的问题。 | A REAL PARTY | Total | Accidents | Accidents | Accidents | Accidents |
| Limits - From | Limits - To | Accidents | 9AM-3PM | 9AM-3PM | Per Year | Rest of Day |
| SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | 166 | 25 | 15% | 4 | 85% |
| SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | 248 | 69 | 28% | 10 | 72% |
| SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | 339 | 85 | 25% | 12 | 75% |

| Limits - From | Limits - To | 2006 Total Accidents | 2006 Accidents 9AM-3PM | Percent Accidents 9AM-3PM | Average Accidents Per Year | Percent Accidents Rest of Day |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | 22 | 5 | 23% | 5 | 77% |
| SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | 62 | 22 | 35% | 22 | 65% |
| SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | 44 | 13 | 30% | 13 | 70% |

| Limits - From | Limits - To | 2007 Total Accidents | 2007 Accidents 9AM-3PM | Percent Accidents 9AM-3PM | Average Accidents Per Year | Percent Accidents Rest of Day |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | 25 | 10 | 40% | 10 | 60% |
| SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | 70 | 24 | 34% | 24 | 66% |
| SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | 37 | 10 | 27% | 10 | 73% |

| Limits - From | Limits - To | 2008 Total Accidents | 2008 Accidents 9AM-3PM | Percent Accidents 9AM-3PM | Average Accidents Per Year | Percent Accidents Rest of Day |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | 29 | 5 | 17% | 5 | 83% |
| SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | 58 | 12 | 21% | 12 | 79% |
| SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | 54 | 14 | 26% | 14 | 74% |

| | | 1999-2008 Total | 1999-2008 Accidents | Percent Accidents | Average Accidents | Percent Accidents |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Limits - From | Limits - To | Accidents | 9AM-3PM | 9AM-3PM | Per Year | Rest of Day |
| SW 136 Street | SW 184 Street | 242 | 45 | 19% | 5 | 81% |
| SW 184 Street | SW 232 Street | 438 | 127 | 29% | 13 | 71% |
| SW 232 Street | SW 296 Street | 474 | 122 | 26% | 12 | 74% |
| Summary ov | er 10 Years | 1154 | 294 | 25% | 29 | 75% |

Note: Data obtained from the SR 997/Krome Avenue South PD&E Study - Draft PE Report.

Krome Agronomics, LLC West Kendall Memorial Park

Conclusions

Based upon the information contained in this traffic impact analysis, the Applicant has addressed the transportation related issues raised during the CZAB 11 Hearings for Application #Z10-51. Based upon the project's location in the southwest corner of Krome Avenue and SW 136 Street, the site plan features one major vehicular access off of Krome Avenue for burial patrons, with secondary access to SW 136 Street to serve burial patrons in later phases of site development.

Burial History and Characteristics for Cemetery Sites

To gain perspective on the cemetery use and the frequencies of burials per day, burials per month or burials per year, data was provided by *Dade South Memorial Park* to identify the average number of burials per day based upon 312 business days of burials per year operating from Monday through Saturday. The data revealed that the average number of burials per day after 5 years in operation was 0.77 burials per day and after 13 years in operation was 2.11 burials per day. Data was also provided on the number of burials per month and the number of burials on different days of the week for March 2011. The data revealed that 57 burials were performed in March 2011 from Monday through Saturday over 27 calendar days, and the average number of burials per day was equal to 2.11 burials per day. For weekdays, the data indicated that most burials were held between at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. On Saturdays, the data indicated that most burials were held between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Programmed and Planned Improvements to Krome Avenue

Over the next 5 years, approximately 10 miles of Krome Avenue will be underway with substantial corridor widening improvements that will enhance corridor safety and accessibility. Pursuant to TIP 2012 and the FDOT Five Year Work Program, construction, right-of-way and preliminary engineering improvements will be initiated along Krome Avenue from SW 8 Street on the north to SW 232 Street on the south. The phased development program for the cemetery site will mature in a timeframe consistent with the corridor improvements to Krome Avenue.

Updated Traffic Concurrency Analyses - Peak Hour Period and Peak of the Generator

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Concurrency Management System, all study area traffic count stations on roadways adjacent to and surrounding the project site were found to operate at acceptable levels of service during the peak hour period, the PM peak hour of the generator and the Saturday and Sunday Peak Hour of the Generator, accounting for existing traffic, previously approved committed development traffic, plus the project traffic for the proposed development site. Based upon these findings, adequate existing and funded transportation infrastructure was found to be maintained to support the proposed development of the cemetery use at the southwest corner of SW 136 Street and Krome Avenue.

Accident History and Impacts by Burial Processions

The Applicant recognizes that the burial processions will occur outside of the morning and afternoon rush hours (typically between 9AM and 3PM) and will not occur at night or during early morning hours which coincide with truck traffic along the corridor. The Applicant is providing an exclusive southbound right turn lane at the proposed Krome Avenue entrance to the cemetery site, providing additional roadway capacity and lane geometry to accommodate inbound traffic to the site without impacting southbound traffic on Krome Avenue. The Applicant is also providing an exclusive acceleration lane along Krome Avenue to assist southbound vehicles who depart the site to merge back into southbound traffic.



August 18, 2011

Mr. Marc C. LaFerrier, A.I.C.P. Director Department of Planning and Zoning Miami-Dade County Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. LaFerrier:

On April 14, 2011, Community Zoning Appeals Board 11 heard testimony with respect to the proposal by Kendall Agronomics (KA) to develop as new cemetery immediately west of Krome Avenue, south of S.W. 136the Street. During the course of that hearing residents of the area in which the proposed cemetery would be located expressed opposition to KA's proposal based on concerns about its possible negative impact on the values of their property. They also indicated concern that development of the proposed cemetery might increase crime in their area. The purpose of this letter is to provide information that we believe rebuts the concerns expressed.

Impact on Property Values

In discussing the potential impact the proposed cemetery might have on property values, the individuals who spoke stated that they did not think that anybody would like to live near to a cemetery and that if they could sell their homes in the future, the prices that they would sell for would be lower than their value. In response to this expressed concern, the following points are noted:

• As discussed above the proposed cemetery would be located immediately west of Krome Avenue, south of S.W. 136 Street. The proposed frontage will occupy nearly the entirety of the frontage between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street except for the presence of one property located immediately north of S.W. 144th Street. That property and a single property that abuts the proposed cemetery along the entirety of its western boundary will be the only two to be in direct proximity to it. All of the other residential properties west of the proposed cemetery between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street. That properties west of the proposed cemetery along the entirety of its western boundary will be the only two to be in direct proximity to it. All of the other residential properties west of the proposed cemetery between S.W. 136th Street and S.W. 144th Street are at located at least a quarter of mile to a third of mile away from it or further.

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Table 1Comparison of Residential Sales Prices per Square FootProperties Abutting a CemeteryRelative to Nearby Properties that Do Not

| | Address | <u>Sq. Ft.</u> | Sales <u>Price</u> | Price/ Sq. Ft. |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | 2002 | | | |
| * | 7901 S.W. 63 Terrace | 4,785 | \$500 000 | |
| | 7990 S.W. 64 Street | 5,680 | \$596,200 | \$124.60 |
| | 7915 S.W. 64 Terrace | 3,862 | \$459,900 | \$80.97 |
| | | 3,002 | \$779,900 | \$201.94 |
| | 2003 | | | |
| * | 7903 SW 63 Terrace | 4,429 | \$050 405 | |
| | 7904 S.W. 64 Terrace | 6,731 | \$959,485 | \$216.64 |
| | 7875 S.W. 66 Street | 2,310 | \$952,500 | \$141.51 |
| | 7785 S.W. 66 Street | 1,964 | \$525,000 | \$227.27 |
| | 6121 S.W. 82 Avenue | 2,262 | \$200,000 | \$101.83 |
| | 7910 S.W. 64 Terrace | 7,250 | \$480,000 | \$212.20 |
| | | 1,200 | \$1,099,079 | \$151.60 |
| | 2004 | | | |
| * | 6011 S.W. 79 Court | 3,778 | \$750.000 | |
| * | 6125 S.W. 79 Court | 5,105 | \$750,000 | \$198.52 |
| | 8130 S.W. 64 Street | 4,546 | \$1,250,000 | \$244.86 |
| | 7929 S.W. 63 Terrace | 6,043 | \$550,000 | \$120.99 |
| | 6332 S.W. 79 Court | 4,694 | \$550,000 | \$91.01 |
| | 7848 S.W. 66 Street | 5,813 | \$874,200 | \$186.24 |
| | | 0,010 | \$585,000 | \$100.64 |
| | 2010 | | | |
| * | 7855 S.W. 66 Street | 2,370 | \$425.000 | |
| | 8001 S.W. 64 Street | 5,133 | \$425,000 | \$179.32 |
| | 6401 S.W. 82 Avenue | 5,832 | \$500,000 | \$97.41 |
| | | 0,002 | \$480,000 | \$82.30 |

Source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser; Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

Mr. Mark C. LaFerrier, A.I.C.P. Director, Planning and Zoning Miami-Dade County August 18, 2011 Page 2

- Cemeteries have historically been an edge use when first developed and then other uses fill in around them over time. A good example of this would be what has occurred in the case of Miami Memorial Park, which is located immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway at 6200 S.W. 77th Avenue. Development of the cemetery began in 1925. Most of the homes in residential neighborhood that abuts it to its west and south of it were initially constructed in the period from approximately 1973 to 2005. A substantial number of homes in that neighborhood have sold in the period since 2001 for values exceeding \$500,000 and in some instances over \$1,000,000, including at least 12 units that are immediately adjacent to the cemetery. The development of this neighborhood and the sales activity that has been occurring in it clearly refutes the argument that nobody wants to live near a cemetery.
- Table 1 is based on MEAI's review of sales in the neighborhood west and south of Miami Memorial Park in which we identified sales of residential properties abutting the cemetery (those designated with asterisks) and then pair them with sales in the same time frame, hence same market environment, of properties in the neighborhood that are not abutting the cemetery. We then calculated the sales price per square foot to determine whether adjacency to the cemetery has an adverse impact value. Review of the table will show that in a number of instances the units located immediately adjacent to cemetery in fact sold at prices higher on a per square foot basis than those not abutting it. Accordingly, we do not believe it to be axiomatic that proximity to a cemetery will have an adverse impact on property values.

Impact on Crime

Those who spoke in opposition to the proposed cemetery provided no basis for their concern that its development might result in more crime in their neighborhood. Table 2 compares crime statistics for the square mile of Miami-Dade County immediately west of the Palmetto Expressway between S.W. 56 Street and S.W. 72nd Street in which Miami Memorial Park is located with those for the square mile of Miami-Dade immediately east of the Palmetto Expressway between the same two streets. Residential is the primary use in both areas except for the presence of the cemetery in the former. Review of the table will show that in the 2-year period analyzed, the rate of crime was approximately the same in the two areas and the nature of the crimes committed was generally the same, with violent crimes directed at people basically negligible in both. Accordingly, MEAI finds no basis for the argument that presence of a cemetery is likely to cause an increase in the rate crime or promote violent crime against people.

Sincerely, Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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Andrew Dolkart President

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Table 2 Crime Statistic Comparative Study Areas 2009 - 2010

| | 2009 | 2010 | Total |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|-------|
| Study Area A * | | | |
| Larceny | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| Burglery | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicular Burglery | 7 | 22 | 29 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Vandalism | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Fraud | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| Narcotics | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Aggrevated Assault | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Simple Assault | 1 | <u>0</u> | 1 |
| | 1 <u>46</u> | 70 | 116 |
| Study Area B ** | | | |
| Larceny | 18 | 10 | 28 |
| Burglery | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicular Burglery | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Vandalism | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Fraud | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Narcotics | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Aggrevated Assault | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Simple Assault | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | 65 | 47 | 112 |

* Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, State Road 826, S.W. 72nd Street and S.W. 87th Avenue. Contains Miami Memorial Park and Star of David Cemeteries.

** Comprised of the section of land bounded by S.W. 56th Street, S.W. 67th Avenue S.W. 72nd Street and State Road 826. Contains no cemeteries.

Source: Miami-Dade County Police Department; Miami Economic Associates, Inc.

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Univision 23 Video Report "Sepulcro de la Discordia en Krome" Presented by Mario Vallejo

(Presenter Guillermo Benites):

Thank you Jenny, and hundreds of residents of the Krome Avenue in the southeastern Miami-Dade County area are on the warpath, according to them, to prevent the establishment of a cemetery close to their neighborhoods. Mario Vallejo broadens this news report that you will only see on 23. Mario.

(Reporter Mario Vallejo):

Thank you Guillermo and very good afternoon. At the Residents of the Kendall area meeting with members of the zoning committee became heated on one side hundreds of residents, on the other the representatives of Memorial Plan, who are insisting on putting a cemetery on Krome Avenue and 137th Street.

(....Many People Shouting and Talking....)

(Unidentified Woman 1):

I don't need you to take me out of here. Take them out...out...they want to put a cemetery in a place where we have life!

(In English) There's nothing we can do about it.

They have had plenty of time to show off...

(Zoning Committee Member):

(Unidentified Woman 2):

(Reporter Mario Vallejo Voiceover): The mood became heated when the zoning committee ended the meeting without listening to some of the experts' testimony the residents had brought to prove that a cemetery in the area would affect not only the water but the traffic on the already complicated Krome Avenue.

(Ms. Ileana Petisco)

... they were not allowing us to speak. They were not allowing our attorney that... that he do the points of view that we have.

(Unidentified Reporter):

What's behind all of this?

(Ms. Ileana Petisco):

What's behind this is a lot of money, a lot of power of a company that is the most powerful company worldwide, and in the entire United States and in the world of the cemetery. This company has bought all of these people, who are here.

(Unidentified Reporter):

The zoning committee?

(Ms. Ileana Petisco):

Exactly.

upset.

(Ms. Adis Rodriguez): Very unjust because really, they didn't listen to us. And instead of giving them time, and telling them they couldn't talk more than three minutes, five minutes, they let them talk all they wanted and when it was our turn they didn't let us talk.

(Reporter Mario Vallejo Voiceover): This is the fourth meeting that has been convened, which was postponed due to problems with time.

(Unidentified Male Speaker):

(Dr. Ileana Vasquez):

(Mr. Jose Petisco):

(Reporter Mario Vallejo Voiceover): Meanwhile the representatives of Memorial Plan insist the

reason there isn't enough time.

Something very bad is happening here.

cemetery will not affect the residents at all.

and, and if you put it in the earth, it'll be there.

(Ms. Diana De Armas):

(Mr. Norman Del Valle):

(Reporter Mario Vallejo):

there isn't any difficulty with the water. The liquid used for all that is carcinogenic and corrosive

Our company has conducted scientific experiments that say

It's the fourth time it is postponed the people are very

I understand, and we wish to listen to the people, for that

No more time. How ... how ... how cute! No more time.

The meeting will continue October 6^{th} , the attorneys from Memorial Plan have already presented their arguments, now it will be the residents whom will present experts and witnesses so the committee can decide if they approve the problematic cemetery or not. Of course, we will have all the details. We have been following this since the first

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meeting for you here on NOTICIAS 23. That is all, returning...

End Video Report

CERTIFICATION

I, Sergio Alvarez certify that I am fluent (conversant) in the English and Spanish Languages and the document attached hereto is a translation from Spanish to English made to the best of my ability and understanding of a video file identified as: Univision 23; Report "Sepulcro de la Discordia en Krome" Presented by Mario Vallejo.

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Re: West Kendall Memorial Cemetery; Application Pending Before Community Appeals Board No. 11, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Dear Mr. Kelsky:

Your client Ileana Petisco was quoted as stating that substantiated data suggested that interred human remains results in additional contamination and additional bacteria in the ground. To the extent that you, your client, or any related party intends to rely on such data or make reference to it at the hearing, we would appreciate your sharing that data with us at your earliest convenience, but no later than September 14, 2011. If there is a cost for reproduction we are happy to pay for that.

We reiterate our desire to meet with you and your client in advance of the October 4, 2011 meeting. Please contact my assistant Marilyn Somodevilla at 305-854-0800 to set up a meeting. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Tony Recio

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Re: West Kendall Memorial Cemetery; Application Pending Before Community Appeals Board No. 11, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Dear Mr. Kelsky:

I have heard no response from you regarding my August 12, 2011 letter. I wanted to restate our clients to meet with you and your client to discuss their objections. Again, I am happy to drive up to your office or any other location that is most convenient for you and your clients.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours.

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Dear Mr. Kelsky:

It was a pleasure speaking with you on Monday. I wanted to follow-up with you to see if your clients are amenable to our sitting down and discussing this matter and the nature of their objection. I would like to explore whether there is an accord that can be reached to address their concerns. In the hopes of making this meeting as convenient as possible for you, I am happy to drive up to your office.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

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