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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 3, 2010

Agenda Item No. 5(H)

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-589-10

Subject: Significant Modification to *Building Better Communities* Bond Program Projects No. 286 – " Construction of the Westchester Arts Center " and No. 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium"

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopt the attached resolution, approving a significant modification to Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond ("BBC GOB") program Project No. 286 – "Construction of the Westchester Arts Center" and No. 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium" from Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 ("Authorizing Resolution") following a public hearing.

Item	Original BBC Project	Modified BBC Project
Project Name	Construction of the Westchester Arts Center	Construction of the Westchester Community Arts Center
Project Number	286	286
Project Description	"Construction of a studio theater at Tamiami Park."	"Construction of a community arts center to include Hispanic heritage programming space and a studio theater at Tropical Park."
Street Address	11201 SW 24 Street	7900 SW 40 Street
BBC funding allocation	$4.0 Million	$8.0 Million
Project Name	Miami-Dade County Auditorium	No Change
Project Number	292	292
Project Description	"Area-wide park improvements that include Hispanic Heritage Center, black box theater and acoustical upgrades".	"Area-wide park improvements that include acoustical upgrades".
Street Address	2901 W Flagler Street	No Change
BBC funding allocation	$8.0 Million	$4.0 Million

Scope

The Westchester Community Arts Center's current proposed location is at Tamiami Park, 11201 SW 24 Street in Commission District 11, and the proposed location of the Hispanic Heritage Center and the black box theater is at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium ("MDCA"), 2091 W Flagler Street in Commission District 7. The new proposed location for a Westchester Community Arts Center

encompassing a Hispanic Heritage and theater component is at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 Street in Commission District 10.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
There is no fiscal impact on the existing BBC-GOB allocation due to these modifications.

Track Record/Monitor
The agency responsible for implementing the project is the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department ("Parks Department") and the project manager is W. Howard Gregg, Deputy Director.

Background
On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved the eight (8) referendum questions to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix A to Resolution R-919-04 lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC GOB Program by number, name and project description. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects require a majority vote of the Board following a public hearing.

The BBC GOB Program Project Number 286 – "Construction of the Westchester Arts Center" contains an allocation of $4 million for the design and construction of the Westchester Community Arts Center to be located in Tamiami Park. The BBC GOB Program Project Number 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium" contains an allocation of $8 million for the design and construction of a Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Center and a studio "black box" theater directly adjacent to MDCA, along with acoustical, theater, sound, and communications upgrades for MDCA.

In order to provide a more comprehensive, centralized and efficient arts programming facility, it is in the best interest of the County to combine the two smaller arts programming spaces contemplated by BBC GOB Program Project Numbers 286 – "Construction of the Westchester Arts Center" and 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium" into a larger facility. These changes consolidate complimentary BBC-GOB projects (the Westchester Arts Center's studio theater and Miami-Dade County Auditorium's Hispanic Heritage Center and black box theater) into one project (a multidisciplinary arts programming facility) at a single location (Tropical Park) that will better serve the needs of the community.

It is envisioned that the Westchester Community Arts Center will be similar to the County's African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, a multi-purpose facility providing arts programming, instruction, and rehearsal space to both youth and adults. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center classes are offered in the performing, visual and media arts, and seasonal classes offer many types of instruction in dance, music, drama, arts and crafts, graphic arts, and band. The Parks Department's goal is to create a comparable Westchester Community Arts Center at Tropical Park by combining multiple Parks programming functions into one facility with an emphasis on Hispanic heritage. The proposed facility will also combine the Raíces, Community Arts, and Arts in the Parks programs and support staff into one, centrally located facility that will more efficiently serve all County residents.

Due to the provisions of Article 7 of the County code, the construction of the Westchester Community Arts Center required approved by a majority vote of voters in a Countywide referendum. On August 26, 2008, County Question 1: "Referendum Allowing the Construction of a Community Arts Center at Tropical Park" was approved by the voters of Miami-Dade County by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin.

Public workshops will be held for citizen review and input as part of the planning process for the Westchester Community Arts Center, culminating before the Board of County Commissioners in a Governmental Facilities Hearing. There will be three publicly advertised meetings: a community workshop at Tropical Park; a Community Council meeting; and a public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners.

The significant modifications to BBC GOB Program Project Numbers 286 – "Construction of the Westchester Arts Center" and 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium" are supported by the Commissioners of Districts 7, District 11 and District 10.

This recommendation was presented to the BBC-GOB Advisory Committee ("CAC") at its meeting of June 25, 2009, and was forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation. However, at this time funding is not available to support the operating costs for such a facility. Similar to other Parks Department cultural facilities, the Westchester Arts Center likely would be staffed and operated by Parks employees. The additional staffing needed for this project cannot be supported by the County's current budget. The significant modification is being brought to the Board for approval since our hope is that we will be able to develop this project in the future.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 3, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(H)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

✓ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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Approved_____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. **R-589-10**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NOS. 286 – "CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTCHESTER ARTS CENTER" AND 292 – "MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AUDITORIUM" IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION R-919-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the significant modification to Building Better Communities Bond Program Project Nos. 286 – "Construction of the Westchester Arts Center" and 292 – "Miami-Dade County Auditorium" identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Sen. Javier D. Souto , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman aye

Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	nay
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Monica Rizo

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