

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(E)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: (Second Reading: 2-1-22)
November 16, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance creating the
Ronald Reagan Equestrian
Center Advisory Board; creating
article LXXII of chapter 2 of the
Code; providing for purpose,
composition and duties of the
board and other related matters

Ordinance No. 22-15

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniella Levine Cava".

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to District 10 Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center District Board

The implementation of this ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County. Staff support will be provided by District 10 Commission Office.

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Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer

Memorandum



Date: February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Social Equity Statement - Ordinance Creating the Ronald Reagan Equestrian
Center Advisory Board

The proposed ordinance sponsored by Senator Souto creates the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Advisory Board (Equestrian Center Board). As per the ordinance, the Equestrian Center Board shall provide the Commissioner with information and recommendations pertaining to the best uses of and desirable programming at the Equestrian Center, located in Tropical Park, within Commission District 10, represented by Senator Javier D. Souto. Tropical Park is a significant asset for District 10 and the County as a whole, and the Equestrian Center Board will allow for more citizen participation and input.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer

Date: February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Advisory Board Report, Pursuant to Section 2-11.37(b) of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances

In accordance with Section 2-11.37(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County pertaining to the creation of new boards, the following information is provided regarding the proposed Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Advisory Board (Equestrian Center Board).

Per the ordinance proposed by Senator Souto, the purpose of the Equestrian Center Board is to advise the sitting County Commissioner (“Commissioner”) of the district where the Equestrian Center is located, in County Commission District 10, regarding the best uses of and desirable programming at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center located at 7900 SW 40 Street in Tropical Park. The Equestrian Center Board shall provide the Commissioner with information and recommendations pertaining to the best uses of and desirable programming at the Equestrian Center.

The Equestrian Center Board shall not be authorized to expend funds or accept or solicit gifts of money or services. The Equestrian Center Board will solely advise the sitting County Commissioner of the district where the Equestrian Center is located, such Board is neither a “County board” nor a “district board” as those terms are defined under section 2-11.36.1 of the Code.

Per the proposed ordinance, the Commissioner will provide appropriate support to the Equestrian Center Board to enable it to carry out its duties and responsibilities and will be funded solely by the Commissioner district office funds.

The Equestrian Center Board will not have bonding authority; the power or authority to bind Miami-Dade County to any policies, or to incur any financial obligations; or to create any liability on the part of the County. The Equestrian Center Board will provide guidance regarding the uses and programming of the Equestrian Center, which will help ensure the Equestrian Center’s continued existence and success.

The Equestrian Center Board shall be deemed an “agency” for the purposes of the state’s public records laws and shall be governed by all state and County conflict of interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, as may be amended, including, but not limited to, section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 1, 2022

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(E)

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
- _____ Statement of social equity required
- _____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- _____ No committee review
- _____ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- _____ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-1-22

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15

ORDINANCE CREATING THE RONALD REAGAN
EQUESTRIAN CENTER ADVISORY BOARD; CREATING
ARTICLE LXXII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE,
COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND OTHER
RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,
INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2004, this Board designated the equestrian center located at Tropical Park, a 283-acre park owned by Miami-Dade County and operated by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center (“Equestrian Center”); and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park, located on the grounds of the former Tropical Park Race Track, continues its legacy of equestrian sporting and exhibition, primarily through the full-service Equestrian Center, which has seating for more than 1,000 spectators and hosts more than 36 shows per year; and

WHEREAS, the Equestrian Center includes three acres of covered arenas; and

WHEREAS, the first Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show was held at the Equestrian Center in 2008 and began with the goals of promoting Florida’s agriculture industry, providing cattlemen with international commerce opportunities and improving agricultural education in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park is a park of countywide significance and is enjoyed by over one million visitors every year; and

WHEREAS, the Equestrian Center is located in County Commission District 10; and

WHEREAS, having an advisory board to make recommendations to the sitting County Commissioner of the district where the Equestrian Center is located regarding the uses and programming of the Equestrian Center will help ensure the Equestrian Center's continued existence and success; and

WHEREAS, such board will be staffed by the office of the sitting County Commissioner of the district where the Equestrian Center is located and will not utilize staff from the administration or any administration funds,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Article LXXII of chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby created to read as follows:

ARTICLE LXXII

RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 2-981. Creation and Purpose.

The Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Advisory Board ("Equestrian Center Board") is hereby created. The purpose of the Equestrian Center Board is to advise the sitting County Commissioner of the district where the Equestrian Center (as defined below) is located (the "Commissioner") regarding the best uses of and desirable programming at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center located at 7900 SW 40th Street in Tropical Park (the "Equestrian Center").

Sec. 2-982. Composition; membership and organization.

- (a) *Composition.* The Equestrian Center Board shall be comprised of a total of five members. Each member of the Equestrian Center Board shall be appointed by the Commissioner.
- (b) *Vacancies.* Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner by which original members were appointed.

- (c) *Tenure and Removal.* All Equestrian Center Board members shall serve at the will of the Commissioner. The Commissioner may at any time, with or without cause, remove said board members from the Equestrian Center Board by notifying said member in writing and appointing different persons to fill the position.
- (d) *Staff Support.* The Commissioner shall provide appropriate support to the Equestrian Center Board to enable it to carry out its duties and responsibilities.
- (e) *Compensation.* Equestrian Center Board members shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2-983. Financial Support.

The Equestrian Center Board shall be funded solely by the Commissioner district office funds.

Sec. 2-984. Meetings.

The Equestrian Center Board shall hold meetings as determined by the needs of the Commissioner.

Sec. 2-985. Duties: powers; responsibilities.

The Equestrian Center Board shall provide the Commissioner with information and recommendations pertaining to the best uses of and desirable programming at the Equestrian Center. The Equestrian Center Board shall not be authorized to expend funds or accept or solicit gifts of money or services.

Sec. 2-986. Applicability of State and County rules and procedures.

The Equestrian Center Board shall at all times operate under Florida's open government laws, including but not limited to the Government in the Sunshine Law and the Citizens' Bill of Rights of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. Additionally, the Equestrian Center Board shall be deemed an "agency" for the purposes of the state's public records laws and shall be governed by all state and County conflict of interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, as may be amended, including, but not limited to, section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The Equestrian Center Board shall also provide members of the public a reasonable opportunity to be heard, consistent with section 286.0114, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, rule 6.06 of the Board's Rules of Procedure is incorporated herein.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. As the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Advisory Board will solely advise the sitting County Commissioner of the district where the Equestrian Center is located, such Board is neither a "County board" nor a "district board" as those terms are defined under section 2-11.36.1 of the Code.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

February 1, 2022

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

GKS for GBK

Prepared by:

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Melanie J. Spencer

Prime Sponsor: Senator Javier D. Souto