

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: March 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor, subject to the Board's approval, to amend the County's citizen participation plan, which is part of the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, to reincorporate the input of the Model City Community Advisory Committee (Model City CAC) as to the administration of Community Development Block Grant funding in the area formerly known as the Model City neighborhood revitalization strategy area (Model City); directing the County Mayor to designate adequate staff to provide certain assistance to the reconstituted Model City CAC; directing the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust to provide oversight of the Model City CAC and advocacy for the black community in Model City; and requiring reports

Resolution No. R-221-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Keon Hardemon.


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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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)
Override	_____		3-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-221-22

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, SUBJECT TO THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, TO AMEND THE COUNTY'S CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, WHICH IS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, TO REINCORPORATE THE INPUT OF THE MODEL CITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MODEL CITY CAC) AS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING IN THE AREA FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MODEL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (MODEL CITY); DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DESIGNATE ADEQUATE STAFF TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO THE RECONSTITUTED MODEL CITY CAC; DIRECTING THE MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE MODEL CITY CAC AND ADVOCACY FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN MODEL CITY; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County ("County") files with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a single five-year consolidated plan for the planning and use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding ("consolidated plan"); and

WHEREAS, the consolidated plan assesses the County's housing and community development needs, analyzes local housing and economic market conditions and resources, and describes the County's community development priorities and multiyear goals; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated plan includes a citizen participation plan that sets forth the County's policies and procedures for citizen participation relating to CDBG, HOME and ESG funding; and

WHEREAS, the citizen participation plan sets forth policies and procedures for County residents to participate in the development of the consolidated plan, substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, and the performance report; and

WHEREAS, the citizen participation plan must encourage participation of all County residents, including, but not limited to, low- and moderate-income persons; residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income areas; residents of areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used; residents of areas designated by the County as slum, blighted, or revitalization areas; minorities; non-English speakers; and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, historically, the County used local community advisory committees to gather resident and stakeholder input as to CDBG funding to be used in neighborhood revitalization strategy areas (NRSAs), geographic areas designated by the County and approved by HUD for targeted, coordinated revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the members of the community advisory committees were democratically elected by stakeholders in the area in elections conducted by County staff using the procedures set forth in the citizen participation plan; and

WHEREAS, most of the community advisory committees were assisted by the County's Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) staff as part of that department's administration of federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding and to provide members for the associated tripartite board; and

WHEREAS, these CAHSD-supported community advisory committees were mostly located within the NRSAs created by the County; therefore, the committees were also used to gather input regarding the use of CDBG funding in NRSAs; and

WHEREAS, by 2020, all but two of the community advisory committees – Model City Community Advisory Committee (“Model City CAC”) and West Little River Community Advisory Committee – served this dual-purpose of providing input as to CSBG and CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Model City and West Little River community advisory committees were assisted by staff of the County’s Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) using the procedures set forth in the citizen participation plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-371-20 amending the County’s citizen participation plan within the fiscal year (FY) 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan, as extended through FY 2019, eliminating the requirement that the County consult with the Model City CAC on matters related to the consolidated plan for CDBG funding and the Model City NRSA; and

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of Resolution No. R-1118-20, this Board adopted the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan which included a new citizen participation plan that eliminated the NRSA designations throughout the County, and instead declared a regional approach to community development, eliminated the requirement that the County consult with or assist any of the community advisory committees as to CDBG funding, and approved the bifurcation of the citizen participation plans of CAHSD for CSBG funding and PHCD for CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, this Board subsequently adopted Resolution No. R-447-21, approving the bifurcated and revised Miami-Dade County Citizen Participation Plan and Guidelines created by the CAHSD for CSBG funding; and

WHEREAS, when making substantial amendments to the consolidated plan or adopting annual action plans, the new citizen participation plan requires a written public comment period

of at least 30 days and a public hearing for citizen comments to be held before this Board or one of this Board's committees, with newspaper advertisements at least 15 days prior to said public hearing in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole publications; and

WHEREAS, when considering the adoption of a new consolidated plan, the new citizen participation plan requires the same public notice and comment processes described above as to making substantial amendments to the consolidated plan or adopting annual action plans, but additionally requires at least two neighborhood meetings/workshops for the purpose of gathering citizen input, with the first meeting to be held at the beginning of the development of the consolidated plan and the second to be held prior to completion of the consolidated plan draft; and

WHEREAS, while the new citizen participation plan meets minimum requirements for public participation, this Board desires to go beyond those minimum public participation requirements in the development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, and any substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, specifically as to the administration of CDBG funding in the area formerly known as the Model City NRSA ("Model City"); and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to reincorporate the input of the Model City CAC into the County's process for development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, and substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, relating to the use of CDBG funding in Model City; and

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of Resolution No. R-371-20, which eliminated the requirement that the County consult with the Model City CAC, that committee had only two members because many years had passed since an election for members had been successfully run to fill empty seats; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to ensure proper staff support and oversight of the Model City CAC once it is reconstituted, which includes ensuring that elections are timely completed so that the committee can operate with the participation of full membership; and

WHEREAS, this Board further desires to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to designate proper and sufficient staff to support the Model City CAC; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) is “to ensure the equitable participation of Blacks in Miami-Dade County's economic growth through advocacy and monitoring of economic conditions and economic development initiatives in Miami-Dade County”; and

WHEREAS, MDEAT’s broad purpose of advocacy within the black community includes advocacy within the Model City area; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that MDEAT provide oversight of the reconstituted Model City CAC and work with the department(s) designated as staff support by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee; and

WHEREAS, this Board also desires to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to revise the citizen participation plan to reincorporate the input of the Model City CAC with staff support as designated by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee and oversight by MDEAT, and to return to this Board with a revised citizen participation plan for this Board’s approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, subject to this Board’s approval, to amend the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to revise the citizen participation plan to reincorporate the input of the Model City CAC as to the administration of CDBG funding in Model City, following all required public participation processes. The revised citizen participation plan shall, at a minimum: (a) establish a plan for County staff to assist the Model City CAC in reconstituting and maintaining its membership through regular elections, establishing

eligibility rules for committee membership, adopting bylaws for its governance, and setting a schedule for and advertising meetings; (b) set forth a plan for staff to work with MDEAT, which will provide oversight of the Model City CAC and advocacy for the black community in Model City; (c) establish a process for the Model City CAC to provide input to this Board as to priorities, problems, conditions, needed improvements and projects in the Model City area; and (d) establish a process for compiling comments, recommendations and other input from the Model City CAC to this Board prior to the adoption of any consolidated plan or annual action plan, and prior to the adoption of any substantial amendment to a consolidated or annual plan involving the use of CDBG funding in Model City.

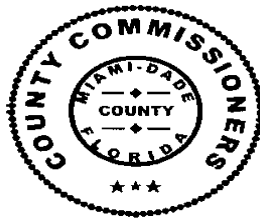
Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to designate adequate staff to assist the Model City CAC in providing input to this Board on the use of CDBG funds in Model City, as described in section 1 of this resolution. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to return to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, and quarterly thereafter, describing administration's efforts and progress as to the legislation described in section 1, above.

Section 3. Directs MDEAT to monitor the progress of the Model City CAC and advocacy for the black community in Model City. This Board directs MDEAT to report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution the progress of elections, the adoption of bylaws, the scheduling of meetings for the upcoming year, and an update as to the coordination between staff, the Model City CAC, and MDEAT. Thereafter, this Board directs MDEAT to provide quarterly progress reports on the activities, progress, problems, and needs of the Model City CAC and the black community in Model City. The completed reports required by this resolution shall be placed on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BKN", is written over a horizontal line.

Brenda Kuhns Neuman