



AGENDA INFORMATION

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Xavier Garcia

Vice Mayor Bob Best

Councilman Dan Espino

Councilman George V. Lob

Councilwoman Jennifer Ator

City Manager James R. Borgmann

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Decorum: "Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council, shall be barred from further audience before the City Council by the Mayor, unless permission to continue or again address the City Council is granted by the majority vote of the City Council members present. In accordance with the foregoing, the City Council has determined that racial or ethnic slurs, personal attacks and comments unrelated to City matters or issues constitute prohibited comments from the podium".

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Invocation:** Councilwoman Ator

Salute to the Flag: Audience participation
- 3. Awards & Presentations:** None
- 4. Open Forum:** Persons wishing to speak on items of general city business, please sign the register located on the speaker's stand before the meeting begins
- 5. Approval of Council Minutes:**
 - A) 03-28-2011 – Regular Meeting

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

- A) 03-22-2011 – Ecology Board – Minutes
- B) 03-23-2011 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes
- C) 04-04-2011 – Memorial Committee – Minutes
- D) 04-04-2011 – Zoning and Planning Board – Minutes
- E) 04-05-2011 – Code Enforcement Board – Cancellation Notice
- F) 04-04-2011 – Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of April 4, 2011, Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

7. Public Hearings:

- A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1014-2011 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-002, Definitions; By Adding Thereto a Definition for “Revitalization Specialist”; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 3-28-11 – Advertised: 3-30-11)

8. Consent Agenda:

- A) Approval of the City Attorney’s Invoice for March 2011 in the Amount of \$12,710.25
- B) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Sunshine Trucking Corp., Utilizing Miami Dade Bid # 5986-4/11-4, in an Amount of \$15,000.00, on an “As Needed” Basis, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to Continue Alley and Swale Repairs Using Ballast and Lime Rock

9. Old Business:

- A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members
- B) Site Plan Review – Case # 04-ZP-11 – Enrique Aguerrevere – 4299 N. W. 36th Street – Zoning: AHMBD; Airport, Highway, Marine Business District – Lot size: Approx. 272 ft. x 474 ft. – Minor Revisions to Previously Approved Phase II Site Plan (Case # 01-ZP-10, Approved on January 25, 2010) for Ongoing Renovations of an Existing Bank Building to a Hotel
- C) Council Review for Consideration of Adoption of Optional Amendments One, Two and Seven to Miami-Dade County’s Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, as Recommended by the City of Miami Springs Education Advisory Board; per Florida Statutes Chapter 163.31777

9. Old Business: (Continued)

- D) Agreement with Scott Jones to Provide Golf Instruction at the Miami Springs Golf Course
- E) Report Regarding Basin 35
- F) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Sports System Inc., the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$4,095.00, for the Repair of the Batting Cage at Stafford Park, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (C) (2) of the City Code
- G) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Superior Park Systems, Inc., the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$7,747.50, for the Repair of the Batting Cage at Prince Field, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (C) (2) of the City Code

10. New Business:

- A) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1015-2011 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-028, Architectural and Design Regulations; by Amending Subsection (F), Architectural and Design Guidelines, to Provide for a New Color Palette for the City; Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date
- B) Resolution No. 2011-3510 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Adopting a Color Palette for All Commercial Development, Redevelopment, Renovation and Restoration Projects in the City; Authorizing the Maintenance of the Color Palette for Reference and Review; Establishing the Longevity of the Color Palette; Effective Date
- C) Discussion Regarding the Recommendations of the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee and the Photographs Depicting Bad Code Violations on Westward Drive
- D) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure for \$144,000, Over Five Years, to Comcast, for Fiber Optic Data Communication, as Sole Source Provider, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (c) of the City Code
- E) Recommendation that Council Award City Bid # 02-10/11 to Chi Alarms, Inc., the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$27,774.00 for City Hall Fire Alarm System Upgrade, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (1) of the City Code

11. **Other Business:** None

12. **Reports & Recommendations:**

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager
- C) City Council

13. **Adjourn**

If any person decides to appeal any decision of this Board with respect to any matter considered, s/he will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made (F. S. 286.0105), all of which the City does not provide.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida 33166. Telephone: (305) 805-5006, no later than (7) days prior to the proceeding.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-11.1 (S) of the Miami-Dade County Code and Miami Springs Code of Ordinances Chapter 33 - §33-20, all persons, firms or corporations employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of (1) ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the City Council; (2) any action, decision, recommendation of any City Board or Committee; or (3) any action, decision or recommendation of City personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation which will be heard or reviewed by the City Council, or a City Board or Committee shall register with the City before engaging in any lobbying activities on forms prepared for this purpose and shall state under oath his or her name, business address, the name and business address of each person or entity which has employed said registrant to lobby, and the specific issue on which he or she has been employed to lobby. A copy of the lobbyist registration form is available from the Office of the City Clerk.



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor Billy Bain
Vice Mayor Jennifer Ator
Councilman Bob Best
Councilman Dan Espino*
Councilman George V. Lob

Arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
Finance Director William Alonso
Comptroller Alicia E. González
Public Works Director Robert T. Williams
Recreation Director Omar L. Luna
City Planner Richard E. Ventura
City Clerk Magalí Valls

2. Invocation: Mayor Bain offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Presentation of Distinguished Budget Award to Finance Director William Alonso

Mayor Bain presented Finance Director William Alonso with the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Financial Officials Association for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2010. He congratulated Mr. Alonso and his Staff for this great accomplishment.

3B) Proclamation of Recognition to Melanie Mann-Odin, Recipient of The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award

Mayor Bain presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Melanie Mann-Odin, Recipient of The 2011 Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award.

Ms. Mann-Odin thanked the Mayor and Council for acknowledging her achievement. She said that teaching was her passion from the time she was very young and she always wanted to work with the youth of our nation.

***Councilman Espino arrived at this time.**

3C) Presentation by Scott Jones Regarding Junior Golf

Scott Jones of 5714 S.W. 139 Court, Miami, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him time to make his presentation. He stated that he has been a PGA Class "A" golf professional for the last twenty years at public courses in Miami-Dade County. His expertise is in teaching the game of golf, specifically tournament ready junior golfers and for those skills he received the 2001 PGA Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Jones explained that he was teaching at Calusa County Club until they recently closed the course. The owner is trying to develop the land and break a 99-year covenant and that leaves him in search of another golf course to which he can bring his clientele. He has a large and loyal following that will travel to take lessons with him and with Council's blessing he would like to bring his customers to the Miami Springs Golf Course.

Mr. Jones explained that his normal week includes 30 to 40-½ hour lessons and he estimates that his business will increase total revenue by approximately \$14,000; driving range revenue will increase by roughly \$10,000 based on a minimum average of thirty lessons per week. Students will typically purchase a bucket of driving range balls before or after the lesson and at the average price per bucket at \$7.00, he estimates an increase in sales per week of \$200.00.

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Mr. Jones said that the added traffic in the restaurant and Pro Shop will help to increase sales in those areas as well. It is also a typical business practice to pay the host course a percentage of lesson income to cover range ball expenses during a lesson and this percentage is typically 10%, which averages \$300.00 to \$350.00 per month or \$3,642 annually. In total, the host club would realize an increase in revenue of approximately \$14,000 to \$14,600. The number will increase due to the fact that Miami Springs has lights on the driving range.

Mr. Jones understands that currently there are no junior golf programs in Miami Springs and he would like to start an after school program as well as a weekend junior clinic or even a summer camp. He has had the pleasure of working with many junior golfers during his twenty years of service to the game. Katlin Safreed, a resident of Miami Springs, received a scholarship to play for a college in Tennessee and he is also working with her younger brother Kyle in hopes that he can do the same. His most famous achievement is Cristie Kerr who became the number one ranked player on the LPGA Tour. Currently he is working with Carolina Garrett who as an eight grader was elected to the first team All Dade High School Golf Team, an honor that no other eight grader has ever achieved.

Mr. Jones would like the opportunity to continue working with junior golfers at the Miami Springs Golf Course and to see who else he can turn into a champion.

Mayor Bain explained that he was contacted by Mr. Jones and thought that his proposal could be handled administratively. He wanted Mr. Jones' reputation as a teacher of junior golf to be known and brought to Council's attention as it could be an asset to the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club.

By consensus, Council **directed** the City Manager to meet with Mr. Jones and bring back a proposal for the next Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Ator knows that the City previously had a junior golf program and she would like to know when that ended.

4. Open Forum:

Zavier Garcia Event

Helen Gannon of 219 Miami Springs Avenue asked if Xavier Garcia's Family Fun Fest event will require closing of the Circle and if he is going to pay for police services.

City Manager Borgmann responded that Mr. Garcia rented the Circle, he has insurance and he is hiring a minimum of three off-duty police officers.

Election Letters

Helen Gannon asked Mayor Bain not to send her any letters asking her to vote for anyone

Zavier Garcia Campaign Fund

Ms. Gannon referred to the funds collected by Xavier Garcia explaining that 80% of the \$42,000 he has collected is from outside the City of Miami Springs, including one \$500.00 donation from a person in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was of the opinion that raising this amount of funds undermines the “Small Town U.S.A.” image that Miami Springs has always had. She alleged that his contributions could funnel federal funds into the City in some form or fashion.

Veteran’s War Memorial

Ms. Gannon spoke with Howard Miner about the Veteran’s War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway that seems to be unfinished and does not reflect the honor that the veterans are entitled to. She offered to take a photograph of the memorial and subsequently Mr. Miner became ill, was hospitalized and passed away.

Values

Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale referred to the state of the union in Miami Springs. She said that the large Community Center overshadows the entire neighborhood; the City has a short-term hotel/motel; there is a tattoo parlor Downtown; restaurants must have a liquor license to survive and she was told that there are more cases of alcoholism in this City. She wonders what has happened to everyone’s values. She wants to go back to the basics and good values.

Aladdin Motel

Helen Lawrence went to a luncheon and speaker Susan Purcell, Director of the Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami, made it clear that both Cuba and Venezuela are buying up firearms and bringing them into the Country. Ms. Lawrence was of the opinion that because the Aladdin motel is not paying taxes the money must be used to purchase firearms.

Praise

Joe Buonassi of 1131 Swan Avenue commented that this is Mayor Bain’s last meeting, he feels that he has been a fine Mayor and he really loves him. He praised the Mayor, City Manager James R. Borgmann and City Attorney Jan K. Seiden for the jobs they have done.

Golf Operation

Mr. Buonassi feels that Council overstepped their bounds when they criticized the Golf Director at the Miami Springs Golf Course instead of offering ideas to improve the operation. Councilman Lob at least brought up the idea of funding an additional \$50,000 to promote the Golf Course.

Mr. Buonassi said that he never hears about the cost of the trees that were damaged during the hurricanes and if it was not for FEMA this City would be in a big hole. The City Manager does a fine job, but Council always seems to pick on the Golf Course. He feels that Golf Director Aldridge is a good manager and he is afraid that Council will force him to leave.

Revitalization

Mr. Buonassi asked what Council had done to promote new businesses in the City. He said that it must be determined what types of businesses would attract residents and people from outside the City. He is in favor of everything that has been done so far for N. W. 36th Street, but Westward Drive is a different situation and the building owners should have some responsibility for maintaining their properties.

Mayor Bain

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive stated that this is Mayor Bain's last official meeting and she is a little sad after eight long years. She will personally miss him and critiquing anything that she feels is not acceptable. She looks forward to a new Mayor at the Council meetings while Mayor Bain is home watching Monday night football. She joked that if Grace Bain is elected that she might come home late after the meetings because she may be speaking with her constituents and she hopes that he will be as understanding with her as she has been with him.

Springs River Clean-Up

Carl Malek of 171 Curtiss Parkway mentioned that the Springs River Festival is only two weeks away. He announced that the Springs River Clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 2nd and anyone who is able to participate is invited to help them.

5. Approval of Council Minutes: (Agenda Items 5A and 5B were simultaneously approved)

5A) 03-09-2011 – Special Meeting

Minutes of the March 9, 2011 Special Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

5B) 03-14-2011 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 02-03-2011 – General Employees Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2011 General Employees Retirement System were received for information.

Councilman Lob commented that the minutes were not clear about the swearing in of one or two members since only one person's name was mentioned.

The City Clerk offered to ask the pension administrator to correct the minutes as appropriate.

6B) 02-03-2011 – Police and Firefighters Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2011 Police and Firefighters Retirement System were received for information without comment.

6C) 03-10-2011 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information.

Vice Mayor Ator referred to the issues raised by the Board members in regard to painting the exterior wall of the racquetball court before the Library grand opening and the addition of 75 trees to ones that were already purchased. They also requested, and she would like to encourage, that a Public Works employee attend their meetings

6D) 03-15-2011 – Recreation Commission – Minutes

Minutes of the March 15, 2011 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.

6E) 03-17-2011 – Historic Preservation Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the March 17, 2011 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 03-21-2011 – Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee – Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2011 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting were received for information.

Councilman Espino said that the Ad-Hoc Committee made a motion to support and encourage Council to approve the District Boundary Regulations for N. W. 36th Street on second reading. He noted that three of the Committee members were present in the audience and he appreciates their support.

Councilman Espino found the Committee's discussion about code enforcement on Westward Drive very interesting. Their recommendation was to shift some of the onus onto the property owners so that they would maintain their buildings. The Committee reviewed photographs of bad code violations. He respectfully requests that the next City Council consider a frank discussion on this recommendation because it would go a long way toward making some improvements.

Councilman Lob agreed with Councilman Espino that he would also like the matter to be placed on the next Council agenda.

6G) 03-24-2011 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the March 24, 2011 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6H) 04-12-2011 – Recreation Commission – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 12, 2011 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

7. **Public Hearings:**

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1013-2011 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Deleting all References to the 36th Street Sub-District of the Airport, Marine and Highway Business District Contained in Article XV and in Code of Ordinance Sections 150-154, 150-155, 150-157, 150-158, 150-160 and 150-161; Establishing Code of Ordinance Section 150-164, Northwest 36th Street District; Providing Purpose; Permitted Uses; Permissible Principal Uses and Structures – Limitations as to Location; Accessory Uses and Structures; Permissible Accessory Uses and Structures - Limitations as to Location; Prohibited Uses; Setbacks, Lot Coverage and Floor Area; Height Limitations; Off-Street Parking and Loading; Specific Architectural Design Standards; Revitalization Specialist (RS); Development Review Procedures; Pre-Application Meeting; Development Review; Exemptions; Fees; Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Directions to Codifiers; Effective Date (First Reading: 3/14/2011 – Advertised: 3/16/2011)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the second reading and public hearing. There are significant changes that were made to parts of the ordinance highlighted in yellow. He and the Consultant have one or two things to discuss as Council reviews the ordinance beginning on page twelve.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that the original language in 150-154, is misleading and people should understand that the business district essentially subsections A, B, and C were taken out of the N. W. 36th part and made into a new section.

City Attorney Seiden stated that eventually there will be three separate districts replacing the Airport Marine, and Highway Business District. The intention is to move forward to the Abraham Tract and the Golf Section.

City Attorney Seiden noted the change to the dry cleaning and/or laundry permitted use that is for customer pickup/drop off only on page 13. Under setbacks on page 14, he said that the front setback in subsection (f) would only be five-feet and if the term “front setback” was replaced with “build-to-line” there would be ten-feet, but the porte-cochere would only be five feet. The Consultant felt that it was better to leave the term “front setback” as originally proposed.

Lorraine Tappen, Senior Planner with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. recommended removing “driveway or” in the second sentence under D (2) (a) – Minimum setbacks so that it would read “No off-street parking shall be allowed between the property line and the buildings.”

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City Attorney Seiden pointed out major changes that were made on page 25. The first change clarifies that the City Planner and City Building Official shall review permit applications. He noted that under the Development Review Procedures, (2) (a) through (g) should allow a developer to follow the chart and understand how the procedure works. There is an optional meeting, a mandatory meeting, the Architectural Review Board review, applications for variances (if any), the Zoning and Planning Board infrastructure review, the Board of Adjustment and Zoning and Planning recommendations go to Council for review and the Council will authorize the preparation and issuance of a development order for each project.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Section J clarifies that City Staff and the Revitalization Specialist (RS) will conduct one optional informational and pre-application meeting. It was clarified that the applicant shall submit the listed documents and a summary report of the meeting would be prepared by Staff or the RS that is attached as an exhibit to the actual application.

The City Attorney stated that under Section K, numbers 1-20 are highlighted because they were numbered instead of lettered. He explained that the Eurobuilding project is only one case, but there is a provision to allow Council the authority to exempt that project.

Ms. Tappen referred to a change on page 20 under Section G (2). She recommended removing "City of Miami Springs" from the fourth line and replacing it with "District".

Vice Mayor Ator asked to display the Streamline Moderne style as shown on the City's website.

City Attorney Seiden said that examples of the design types are available in the Office of the City Planner and it could also be on the website.

Mayor Bain opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak.

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive stated that Section G (2) states that all new projects shall be in the Streamline Moderne construction and she has a serious problem with that because people should be given the option of Pueblo/Mission in recognition of the City's history and Glenn Curtiss. She suggested giving more bonus incentives for Pueblo/Mission and not to restrict new projects to Streamline Moderne.

Mayor Bain closed the public hearing.

Councilman Espino moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading, as amended. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.

Councilman Lob asked if there was any discussion about the comments made by Ms. Owens.

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Mayor Bain stated that Architectural Review Board member Plasencia felt that it would be easier to make new development Streamline Moderne instead of allowing the option for Pueblo/Mission. He said that it would not be a problem to apply for a variance to build a different style.

Councilman Espino explained that Mr. Plasencia's comments were based on a vision for uniformity in the District.

Councilman Best said that he has heard various opinions from architects and while the Pueblo style should remain an option it would be better served within the town.

Ms. Owens said that her comments were not related to retrofitting existing buildings, the part of the ordinance she quoted says that "all new projects will be in the Streamline Moderne."

Councilman Espino explained that there is a desire to see existing buildings improved and certainly some buildings will not take to either design but it should be a broader stroke to allow a more uniform and improved district.

Ms. Owens continued to express her opinion about the architectural style for new buildings.

City Attorney Seiden explained that there is a design review process and if a new project would be more appropriate in the Pueblo style it could be addressed by the variance process.

The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Councilman Espino mentioned that the color palette is missing from the equation and it should be addressed soon.

Mayor Bain requested an agenda item for the next meeting to consider the color palette.

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure of \$48.75 per Hour Regular Time and \$56.00 per Hour to Computer Electric for Electrical Services, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Pursuant to the Contract Renewal Option Provided by the City's Existing Contract Bid # 04-08/09 for an Additional One Year Period, on an "As Needed" Basis, for City-wide Electrical Repairs

City Manager Borgmann read the titles of the awards.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to adopt the consent agenda. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

8B) Approval of Budget Transfers within Departments

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to adopt the consent agenda. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

8C) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure in the Amount of \$8,000.00, on an "As Needed" Basis, to Titleist for Purchase of Driving Range Supplies Items for Resale, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code

City Manager Borgmann explained that Council already approved a purchase order over \$10,000 and this is an additional request that also requires approval.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to adopt the consent agenda. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members

Councilman Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Clark Rinehart to the Recreation Commission for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2012.

9B) Consideration of a Merit Increase for the City Clerk

City Manager Borgmann stated that Mayor Bain had asked him to place this item on the agenda and Human Resources provided the following information: the last raise was March 10, 2008; the current salary is \$96,387.00; the salary range is \$71,850 to \$99,014. An increase of 2.73% would bring the salary to the top of the range.

Mayor Bain explained that he placed this subject on the agenda for discussion.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator's question, City Attorney Seiden clarified that the salary range did not change; the City Clerk had not yet reached the top of the range.

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Councilman Espino expressed his love for the City Clerk but said that he could not support an increase because times are tough and every penny counts. He was also against merit increases for City employees this year and if there is an opportunity he would bring up the City Clerk's salary for consideration again.

City Clerk Magalí Valls stated that she loves her job, she is happy where she is, she appreciates the comments that were made about her and she does not need the salary increase.

Councilman Best echoed the sentiments of Councilman Espino. He appreciates the Mayor placing the item on the agenda and the City Clerk certainly is worth it relative to the job she does. He does not feel that a 2.73% increase is appropriate at this time.

No action was taken on the item.

9C) Approval of Letter of Agreement with the American Red Cross

City Manager Borgmann stated that this item is an approval of a Letter of Agreement with the American Red Cross to assist in operating the new Community Center as an after action disaster shelter. The City secured funding for the building that spoke to this very purpose. The American Red Cross is the lead agency when it comes to disaster relief, setting up shelters and delivering the services needed in those times of crisis.

City Manager Borgmann recommended approval of the agreement that would make Miami Springs the second city in Miami-Dade County who has entered into this kind of agreement. The other city is Miami Lakes. He would like to have the best people to serve the needs of the community at the new Community Center.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that the American Red Cross would be invited to come into the City; they would be informed of what the needs are and given space in the facility based on the needs. They will not be dictating to the City Staff and it will be a give and take relationship.

Jessica Davis of the American Red Cross, South Florida Region, thanked Council for the opportunity and commended them for planning ahead. Since the City has the facility, planning ahead for an emergency avoids having a crisis and allows support to the community much faster. The American Red Cross is always looking for partners and she is glad that the City of Miami Springs is coming aboard.

Ms. Davis stated that City Manager Borgmann and Assistant City Manager Gorland are very supportive and have a vision to support the community in a time of need. The quick response starts by having the facilities to accommodate the people so that they receive immediate assistance for food and shelter.

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Ms. Davis confirmed that as a partner the Red Cross would be a guest of the City and the Recreation Director will designate the areas in the facility that will be used depending on the type of emergency. All services are free based on donations from the community.

City Manager Borgmann said that the American Red Cross can provide other services and training for the residents at the Community Center.

Ms. Davis explained that part of the organization's mission is to prevent, prepare and respond to a disaster through education. They provide training at no charge to anyone in the community relative to hurricane and emergency preparedness, fire prevention, first aid, CPR, swimming, etc. Communities are encouraged to support their citizens by becoming volunteers of the Red Cross and to receive training prior to a disaster.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the American Red Cross had touched many individuals and they might not realize it. Their reach and grasp is very wide and he is thankful for the City to enter into this agreement.

Councilman Best suggested that the American Red Cross could coordinate with the Director of the Senior Center relative to training sessions for the senior citizens.

Ms. Davis explained that there is a specific presentation for senior citizens to educate them on prevention and preparedness and they would be more than happy to schedule it.

Mayor Bain asked why more cities had not entered into an agreement with the Red Cross.

Ms. Davis responded that unfortunately most people do not plan ahead and they wait until the last minute and precious time is lost. The elected officials understand the need and each city has its own process. Hopefully, three or four more cities will be signing up within the next few weeks. The City of Miami is in the process of entering into an agreement for several facilities to become emergency shelters and there are many private organizations that offer their facilities as emergency shelters.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

9D) Recommendation that Council Approve a Marketing Plan for the Golf Course

City Manager Borgmann stated that this recommendation is a precursor to a complete marketing plan. It was mentioned at the last Council meeting that two vendors were found and both were liked very much. When deciding which vendor to bring in, the Administration decided that both could be hired. One proposal was for a 3-day review for \$2,500 and the other was a 2-day review for \$5,000.

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City Manager Borgmann felt that two different sets of eyes looking at the operations would give a better understanding of the findings that are the same and those that are different. The findings could be used to develop the next step with one of the two companies by entering into a contract for a complete marketing and operation study, if necessary.

The Administration already is looking at the Golf Course operation as far as trying to cut expenses and maintenance staff, according to Mr. Borgmann. He explained that he could approve both companies under his authority, but Council asked for the plan and the Administration wanted to report on what has been done, what they are doing and their recommendation to approve both companies.

Mayor Bain expressed his wish to wait until budget time since the Administration had already begun to look at the operation and the staff. He sees the Administration moving forward to spend money without a good standard. He does not like the idea of cutting the maintenance staff if they are needed to keep the Golf Course in good playing condition. At the end of the summer, there could be another evaluation to see how the operation stands before considering the additional expense of hiring the companies.

Councilman Best agreed with the recommendation of the City Manager to acquire two different studies since this knowledge has been lacking. He feels that some action must be taken because the deficit will only get worse. He is also worried about cutting back on the maintenance needed to keep the Golf Course in good condition in order to attract golfers.

Councilman Best recommended waiting until the peak season is finished since nothing will be gained from the studies going into the slow season. He would welcome the study at a later time.

Councilman Lob was of the opinion that the knowledge gained from the studies could be helpful and the Administration could begin working before the next season. He would like to allow enough time to implement the recommendations and not necessarily enter into a contract for a marketing plan. Council should acquire the information on what is needed for the Golf Course so that it can be discussed as some of the suggestions might require long-term planning.

Councilman Best said that the information received as a result of five days of consultation could be easily dealt with further down the line rather than immediately.

Councilman Espino wanted to offer a compromise position. He took the Mayor's comments to heart in regard to the standard and the expenditure of additional revenue because there is nothing to compare with what they are producing. Instead of hiring two outside companies, he would like the Golf Department to give Council an assessment of what they are doing for marketing and what should be done. Perhaps, their recommendations could be funded intermediately or in the next budget.

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Councilman Espino emphasized that the Golf Course does not have a marketing plan, the Golf Department Staff is highly paid and it should be their responsibility to present a proposal for Council's consideration.

Councilman Best stated that Council received an assessment from the Golf Director two meetings ago.

Councilman Espino explained that he wants to know what the Golf Department Staff is willing to do, not what they have done based on the available funds. The Golf Director could make a recommendation on how the Golf Course could be marketed effectively and what should be done for maintenance. He would like to hear this first before throwing more money into the operation.

Vice Mayor Ator agreed with Councilman Espino that Council has not really heard what the Golf Course needs from the Director, although she would not want to delay the study because the budget process begins in June. There is only sixty days remaining and it will take time to negotiate and enter into an agreement before the next budget. She further added that she is comfortable with the Golf Director's management and she sees a marketing problem. If the conclusion from the Administration or the independent companies is to develop a marketing campaign she would like to hire someone local instead of an expert from central Florida because the markets are different.

Vice Mayor Ator said that the total fees from the two companies are more than \$7,500.00 because the \$2,500.00 proposal has additional expenses that are not included.

Councilman Espino added that he would hate to pay \$7,500.00 for the companies to come back and tell Council that the Golf Course needs marketing.

Councilman Lob does not want to wait and not do anything to solve the problem.

Mayor Bain was of the opinion that there is plenty of time and there could be a positive effect from another local country club that is closing. He said that the local market is the key; outside marketing is done during the winter season, not the summer. There will be a better idea after the season is over to see what play is generated during that time compared to the previous year.

The Mayor agreed with Councilman Espino's idea to let the Golf Director come up with a recommendation of what should be done to market the Golf Course if the funding is available. As Vice Mayor Ator said, the two proposals total more than \$7,500 and he will not vote in favor of the recommendation.

Councilman Espino would like to ask the Golf Department to begin working immediately on a marketing plan that will evolve over the course of the summer, this budget, the winter and the next budget. He wants to see an effort to actively devise new ways and this is the same thing that other departments do. He said that before he votes to approve more funding, he wants to be assured that they have met their part.

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Councilman Lob wants to assure the Golf Department that because Council is considering an outside study it does not mean that they are not doing their job. The Golf Course needs more marketing and it is okay for the Golf Director to say that it is not his forte. He does not want Golf Director Mike Aldridge to be upset by the comments that are made and if he is not comfortable with marketing, that is fine. He feels that the study should be done at some point.

Councilman Best stated that Mr. Aldridge explained that the Canadian tourism that the Golf Course greatly relies on for revenue was down 75%.

Councilman Lob said that Mr. Aldridge suggested marketing the Canadian tourism.

Councilman Espino was advised by a resident who is a member of the Golf Course that the membership renewal letter had not been received. He was advised that letters had gone out in the past and not recently. It is disingenuous to say that memberships are down when the renewal letters had not been sent.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the renewal letters were handed out at the Golf Course as the members came in to play.

Vice Mayor Ator explained that Mr. Aldridge is a golf professional with certain skills and if those skills do not include marketing the answer might be for him to present his ideas and request marketing assistance.

Mayor Bain agreed that the Golf Course Staff should be given the opportunity to develop a marketing plan with an associated cost and he would rather spend \$8,000 based on their recommendations before hiring an outside company.

Councilman Espino stated that Councilman Lob's point is well taken in that the Golf Director should come back with a fair assessment of what he can and cannot do.

Council **directed** the Golf Director to come back with his marketing recommendations with an estimated cost.

9E) Wall of Fame at Community Center

City Manager Borgmann stated that Mayor Bain had requested and Council supported the recommendation for creating a Wall of Fame at the Community Center and the Recreation Commission was assigned to come up with some ideas. It appears that their recommendation is for a mural type situation instead of a simple plaque that is placed on the wall and they also recommended some language that could be codified.

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Mayor Bain said that he likes the ideas presented by the Recreation Commission although they were a little extravagant in regard to the cost. His idea was for placing plaques on the wall but he is open to other ideas.

Mayor Bain explained that he appreciates the recommendation from the Commission. He would like to propose that Council appoint a special board that would meet in January for a few months for the purpose of recommending individuals for the Wall of Fame and they would be recognized during the Springs River Festival. He would recommend that no more than five individuals be recognized each year, although there could be more than five the first year.

Councilman Espino clarified that every year five individuals are showcased and they will remain in the Wall of Fame.

Councilman Best agreed with the Mayor's idea to limit the number each year.

Mayor Bain stated that history is not honored in all areas, except for what the historians are interested in. He offered his help to continue working on the ideas since it cannot be finalized at this meeting.

Vice Mayor Ator said that she visualized the Wall of Fame being a wall with photographs.

Mayor Bain reiterated that his original idea was for a wall of plaques and the Recreation Commission came up with a better idea except that they were taken back by the cost of their proposal. He wants to honor those individuals who gave their time, effort and service to the community for many years in the recreation field. He added that compared to other cities Miami Springs is far behind in giving the proper public recognition.

Councilman Best asked if the Mayor thought that the Recreation Commission should give further consideration to the Wall of Fame.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the Recreation Commission followed the standards set by the Memorial Committee. He does not feel that the language should be codified; it could be set as a rule or policy of the City. The Mayor brought up a good point about limiting the number of individuals who are recognized.

Mayor Bain was concerned about not having enough time since this is his last official meeting and he wants to be sure the Wall of Fame is done in the right way.

City Attorney Seiden said that as a citizen, the Mayor could provide a suggested format for the program.

By consensus, Council approved the Wall of Fame in concept.

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Mayor Bain suggested that Council could discuss the thoughts that were presented tonight at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Ator would like to have feedback from the Community Center Staff in regard to their vision of where the Wall of Fame should be and how it should be since she and the Mayor originally had two different visions.

The City Clerk clarified that the Recreation Commission canceled their meeting of Tuesday, April 12th when they learned that Council was meeting on that night.

Mayor Bain reminded Council that the Memorial Committee would meet on Monday, April 4th to consider a memorial for Amanda Haworth. He said that they will also consider a memorial request for Thelma Butler for the location on the Circle at Bluebird and Lenape.

The City Clerk will revise the Memorial Committee agenda per the Mayor's instruction and call Suzie Funderburk to obtain the information for Thelma Butler.

9F) Consideration of New/Upgraded Communications Network (Tabled: 2/28/11)

The item was tabled.

10. New Business:

10A) Approval of GOB Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County – Project Number 293-76634/Historic Preservation Fund – Curtiss Mansion Restoration

Resolution No. 2011-3508 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Authorizing the Proper Officers and Officials of the City to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Miami Springs and Miami-Dade County for the City to Receive Funding for GOB Project Number 293-76634/Historic Preservation Fund-Curtiss Mansion Restoration; Directions to City Clerk; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

City Attorney Seiden stated that whenever an Interlocal Agreement is signed with the County a resolution is required. At least two agreements were signed for CMI; one for the initial funding of \$350,000; subsequent funding of \$650,000 and this one is for the full \$1MM.

Councilman Espino moved to approve the resolution for the Curtiss Mansion. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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10B) Resolution No. 2011-3507 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Approving the Exemption of the Eurobuilding Hotel and Suites (Formerly the Wachovia Bank Building) from the Provisions and Procedures Contained in the District Boundary Regulations for the “Northwest 36th Street District”; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden referred to a memorandum he sent to Council regarding the Eurobuilding Hotel. He read the resolution by title.

Councilman Lob moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-3507. Councilman Best seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

10C) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1014-2011 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-002, Definitions; By Adding Thereto a Definition for “Revitalization Specialist”; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the definition for Revitalization Specialist is listed as number 61 within the list of Code definitions.

Councilman Espino moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

11. Other Business:

None.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Mayor Bain stated that he has had the pleasure of serving during the terms of many Mayors over the years. He can say without equivocation that during his tenure with the City, no person who was an elected official, especially the Mayor, has ever grown into the job as fine as Mayor Bain has, without limitation.

12B) City Manager

Basin 35

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council would receive a full report on Basin 35 at the next meeting. The project is at a crossroad while it is being determined whether or not the benefit is worth the cost.

Candidate's Forum

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Candidate's Forum is now on the home page of the City's website. He asked the City Clerk if she had contacted Comcast to find out why the tape is not being shown on Channel 77.

City Clerk Magalí Valls reported that she called the Comcast representative who told her that there were some difficulties that they were trying to resolve.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the forum was taped in VHS format. He copied it to a DVD and it was sent it to Comcast on Monday, March 21st.

Civics Week

City Manager Borgmann announced that Civics Week is coming up on April 25-29, 2011. The schedule is as follows: All Angels on the 25th; Miami Springs Elementary on the 26th; Miami Springs Middle the 27th; Miami Springs Senior High on the 28th and Springview Elementary on the 29th. An e-mail was received from Education Advisory Board member John Salomon outlining the planned activities and use of the City's bus. He asked Council to contact him with any additional questions or comments.

Dedication Ceremony

City Manager Borgmann reported that a ceremony would take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29th in front of Miami Springs Pharmacy to dedicate the plaque in memory of Tony Bray.

Library Grand Opening

City Manager Borgmann said that a great crowd turned out for the grand opening of the Library.

Summer Camp Sign-ups

City Manager Borgmann announced that first day for Summer Camp sign-ups is on Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to sign up their kids should be there.

Adult Flag Football

City Manager Borgmann reported that adult flag football is also taking sign-ups.

Springs River Festival 5-K Run

City Manager Borgmann said that the Springs River Festival 5-K Run will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the Community Center.

North Royal Poinciana Guardrail

City Manager Borgmann reported that there are two new cut-outs in the guardrails along North Royal Poinciana Boulevard in order to allow more access to the bike path.

General Election

City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone that early voting will take place at City Hall on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at the Miami Springs Country Club from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Amanda Haworth

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council should have received a copy of a letter from the family of fallen Police Officer Amanda Haworth.

Council

City Manager Borgmann said that he had enjoyed working with this Council and hopes that those running are re-elected. He acknowledged that there had been “ups and downs” and great things had been accomplished as a team. It has been his pleasure to work with Council and he looks forward to continuing to work with Council in the future.

12C) City Council

Mayor Bain

Vice Mayor Ator stated that this is Mayor Bain’s last meeting and she would reserve most of her comments until the Special Meeting on April 11th. She commented that he was a great Mayor. When entering into discussions she was always confident about his position and did not have to worry about outside influences.

Mayor Bain

Councilman Lob never thought that he would have the pleasure of serving with Mayor Bain. He has enjoyed it and hopes that the Mayor is able to return to office at some point in the future.

Relay for Life

Councilman Espino stated that the American Cancer Relay for Life was an excellent eighteen hour event that lasted all night. There was a wonderful community turnout with no incidents; the event raised almost \$90,000 and they will continue to fundraise until August.

Councilman Espino is proud that his wife Christina is the Relay Committee Chairwoman and she was asked to accept a position with the Relay Operations Committee that is comprised of a few select individuals that train event Chairs throughout the state. This achievement is a result of her work ethics and the work ethics of everyone who works on the Relay Committee.

Scholarship Luncheon

Councilman Espino thanked the Miami Springs Woman's Club for inviting him to their scholarship luncheon. A young lady was awarded a \$1,500 to pursue her Master's Degree in nursing.

Senator Rubio's Office

Councilman Espino reported that he went to Senator Marco Rubio's office opening that is located at 8669 N. W. 36th Street. They have an open door policy and are willing to assist the City.

Trip to Tallahassee

Councilman Espino traveled to Tallahassee on Wednesday, March 23rd to the Governor's Office and met with his Chief of Staff and other legislators. He specifically mentioned the DCA comprehensive plan approval process and requested that they make the expedited process available to all cities that want to participate or that the new requirements should become permanent for all cities with a turnaround date of 65 days.

Councilman Espino asked for the support of two pieces of enterprise zone legislation and there is support from Representative Fresen in the House and Senator Flores in the Senate. He also learned that State Senator Garcia and Representative Núñez are pushing legislation that would create a financing mechanism for redevelopment within enterprise zones utilizing sales tax monies.

Mayor Bain

Councilman Espino said that he has known Mayor Bain since he was eleven years old when he coached his brother's minor league team. He was a public servant then, he has been a public servant as Mayor and he will continue to be a public servant. One of the Mayor's best qualities is that his heart has been 100% in everything he has done and he always has the best interest of Miami Springs in mind.

Howard Miner

Councilman Best appreciated Helen Gannon's comments about Major Howard Miner who will certainly be missed. He always spent extra time speaking with him at the Senior Center.

Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament

Councilman Best announced that the Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, April 1st at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club.

Pelican Playhouse

Councilman Best reported that the Pelican Playhouse production opened on Friday, March 18th with a soft opening on Thursday, March 17th. Tickets were sold out on Friday night and the production will continue at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd, with a final show at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. The play is about Miami Springs and Ralph Wakefield has done a phenomenal job of tailoring the production to the City.

Mayor Bain

Councilman Best said that fifty-two years ago a little boy came to this town with his family and he probably had no idea that he would end up serving as Mayor of a City with close to 15,000 people for eight consecutive years. He has seen a remarkable development take place at the dais under his leadership and it is a pleasure to see a meeting take place where everybody's decision matters. Mayor Bain's representation of people is second to none. There have been differences, although not that many, but the Mayor has always been malleable in his discussions.

Councilman Best thanked Mayor Bain for his service to the City that will be missed at the dais and he wished him Godspeed.

April 11, 2011 Special Meeting

Mayor Bain said that he appreciated all the nice comments from the dais and he is glad to bring back a tradition to hold a Special meeting on April 11th to welcome the new Council and say goodbye to the outgoing Council.

City Clerk

Mayor Bain thanked City Clerk Magali Valls who does her job without any judgment to anyone who asks her for information. She loves her job and the City of Miami Springs and he will miss her reminder telephone calls.

Thank You

Mayor Bain thanked County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for attending the grand opening of the Library.

City Attorney

Mayor Bain said that he did not know what to expect when he was first elected as Mayor. City Attorney Jan K. Seiden is a true professional who is always there for support and advice. He has been truthful with him and always responded to his requests. The Mayor thanked the City Attorney for his help the past eight years.

Assistant City Manager

Mayor Bain called Assistant City Manager Gorland the “shadow” because he is a person that does a lot of work behind the closed doors and nobody really sees what he does. Mr. Gorland does a job that supports the City without any accolades and this is sometimes difficult.

City Manager

Mayor Bain said that most people in the City do not understand the City Manager’s job and that he has to balance at least three Council members and take care of five. He recalled that when Mr. Borgmann was selected as City Manager he received a standing ovation from at least 75 people in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor feels that no matter who is in the City Manager’s position, he has the toughest job in town because he has to oversee everything, receive direction from Council, manage staff and listen to the residents. People might think that everything runs smoothly, but sometimes that is not the case. The Manager has always done what he considered was the best for the City of Miami Springs and has been a great asset in helping him to accomplish his goals, which he appreciates very much.

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13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Billy Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk

Approved during meeting of: ____

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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Ecology Board** met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present: Vice Chair Wendy Anderson-Booher
Board Member Carl Malek
Board Member Dr. Mara Zapata

Absent: Chairman Martin Crossland

Also present: Board Secretary Aly Paz

2) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Dr. Mara Zapata moved to approve the minutes. Board member Carl Malek seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

3) Old Business

A. Visit to Waste Management Recycle Plant

Chair Martin Crossland was unable to attend the meeting tonight, therefore this issue will be held over until he is able to attend and present his report.

B. Commercial Recycling Memo

Board members have still not received any feedback from Council members regarding the suggested commercial recycling memo created by Board member Dr. Mara Zapata.

Discussion followed. Board members again agreed to try to contact their respective Council members for direction regarding this memo and report back at next month's meeting.

C. Trash containers

Board member Zapata was unable to conduct the survey on the number of trash containers along Westward Drive and Curtiss Parkway. She will do so prior to the April meeting.

Vice Chair Wendy Anderson-Booher showed the board members a photo taken at Ft. Lauderdale airport of a recycle and trash container combination. She will email it to the board secretary to have it included with the minutes.

D. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Disposal

Information was passed out to board members regarding the proper disposal of compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. The information was previously printed in the September 23, 2010 River Cities Gazette by Public Information Specialist Carol Foster. There has been no response from Council regarding the suggestion for the City to provide special bins within the City limits for residents to place these types of bulbs for safe disposal or recycling.

4) New Business:

A. Springs River Festival

Vice Chair Anderson-Booher informed board members that Eco Hawks Advisor Ms. Doyle is ready with her group to work on recycling during the Springs River Festival again this year. Board member Malek had also spoken to Ms. Doyle and advised the Board that Miami Springs Middle School Environmentalist Club Advisor Ana Ferrer will also be helping out.

B. Adopt a Month Clean-Up

Board member Malek presented the idea of having an "Adopt a Month Clean-Up" campaign. His suggestion is to recruit schools, churches and civic groups to choose a month and do clean-up in different areas of Miami Springs. The students can accrue time for their community service hours that are required for their graduation.

Discussion followed.

Ana Ferrer, school teacher at Miami Springs Middle School and advisor for the Environmentalist Club, agreed this was a great idea and suggested it be brought up at the Education Advisory Board meeting.

The board members agreed to look further into this item and seek advice from their respective council members.

5) Adjournment

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aly Paz
Board Secretary

Attachments

Approved as _____ during meeting of: _____

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The biggest advantages of our single-stream program are that you no longer have to separate your recyclables and you can now recycle more types of paper products. Recycling has never been easier!

Obtaining additional recycling carts

You can purchase an additional recycling cart or exchange it for a larger cart, as well as request a new cart if it has been damaged during the collection process or stolen.

To switch from a 65-gallon to a 35-gallon or 95-gallon cart, or to order an additional cart for a one-time fee of \$50, please call 3-1-1.

If your recycling cart is damaged in the collection process, the County will repair or replace it free of charge. If it is damaged due to neglect, abuse or modification, you are responsible for purchasing a replacement cart. Stolen carts must be reported by calling the non-emergency number of your local police department. The County will provide a free cart if you provide a police case number.

What materials can I place in the blue recycling cart?

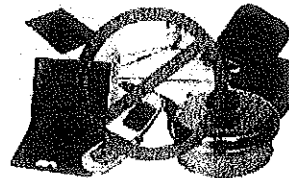
- Paper Products: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, printer paper, copier paper, mail, all other office paper without wax liners
- Cardboard: packing boxes, cereal boxes, gift boxes, corrugated cardboard; flatten all boxes prior to placing them in your cart
- Plastic Containers (narrow necks only): bottles (without caps or lids), milk, water, detergent and shampoo containers (without caps)
- Aseptic Containers: polycoated drink boxes, juice cartons, milk cartons
- Glass: glass food & beverage containers (clear, brown and green)
- Metals: aluminum & steel food and beverage containers.



*Only narrowneck plastic containers with the triangle label symbol #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 can be recycled at this time. You'll find these numbers on the base of the container.

What is not allowed in the cart?

- Garbage or other non-recyclable waste such as gas cylinders, tanks, rocks, dirt, building debris, flammables
- Batteries - dry cell batteries, lead acid batteries
- Certain glass products - window or auto glass, incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, mirrors, glass cookware or bakeware, ceramics
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Home chemicals -- paints, pesticides
- Medical waste and pharmaceuticals
- Electronic waste and accessories- PCs, monitors, televisions, printer cartridges, keyboards, cell phones, CDs and DVDs
- Other non-recyclables - Coat hangers, small appliances, microwave trays
- Empty propane or oxygen tanks



Find out how you can properly dispose of these non-recyclable items and how to properly dispose of sharp medical-related objects.

SPOTLIGHT ON....CFLS

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HOW DO CFLS WORK?

CFLs produce light by driving an electric current through a twisted spiral tube containing argon and a small amount of mercury vapor. This generates invisible ultraviolet light that excites a fluorescent coating (called phosphor) on the inside of the tube, which then emits visible light. CFLs need a little more energy when they are first turned on, but once the electricity starts moving, use about 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs.

TIPS FOR USING CFLs

- **Do the twist.** Screw in your CFL by holding the ballast (the white plastic part), NOT the glass tubing.
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- **Don't dim a non-dimmable.** Only use bulbs labeled as dimmable on dimmer switches.
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- **Protect them outside.** Protect bulbs from the elements by placing them inside enclosed fixtures outdoors.
- **Dispose of them properly.** CFLs contain a small amount of mercury and can't be thrown out in the regular trash or recycling. For disposal, bring them to any Home Depot or the Miami-Dade Home Chemical Collection Center, 8831 NW 58th St., Wednesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Protect them outside. Protect bulbs from the elements by placing them inside enclosed fixtures outdoors.

Dispose of them properly. CFLs contain a small amount of mercury and can't be thrown out in the regular trash or recycling. For disposal, bring them to any Home Depot or the Miami-Dade Home Chemical Collection Center, 8831 NW 58th St., Wednesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present: Chair Mindy McNichols (*departed at 7:41 p.m.)
Rob Gordon
Libby Manning
John Salomon

Also Present: City Planner Richard E. Ventura
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2) Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Manning moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Salomon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

(Agenda Item 5a was considered at this time, followed by Item 5e)

3) School Reports:

Principal Sally Hutchings presented the school report for Miami Springs Elementary School:

- The curriculum teams have been meeting to provide input on the strategies and activities to include in the next School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- Student enrollment is up to 646.

- Activities include the Book Fair, field trips, and P.T.A. Spring Dance.
- Student Council will participate in “Stop Hunger” with a new campaign tied with Civics Week.
- A “Transition to Middle School” Parent Workshop will be held for 5th grade parents.
- Articulation with the Middle School is April 26th.
- Civics Week activities will focus on the biome clean-up, native plants and education and testing on local politics, the City Council and City departments, etc.

Springview Elementary School Principal Mayte Dovale reported on the following:

- Employee of the Year is Head Custodian Vincent Kennedy
- The Diaz-Rodriguez family is “Family of the Year”
- The United Way Campaign generated \$509.00.
- FCAT testing for fourth grade writing is complete and SAT testing will begin April 11th. FCAT chats are on schedule with 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.
- Reading interventions and before and after school tutoring is ongoing.
- Students K-5 received an Anti-bullying presentation with Ronald McDonald.
- The “Conscious Discipline” Parent Workshop will be held on March 30th at 6:30 p.m.
- A Coffee Chat will be held on March 24th with parents; the topic is “How to Get Involved.”
- Twenty-two document cameras were purchased through the Title I and Media Center funds for teachers to use in conjunction with Smart Boards.
- The City paved the swale area, as requested.

Principal Maria Mason from Miami Springs Middle School reported on:

- FCAT testing, Saturday Tutoring with approximately 300 students and the second mock FCAT test on March 30th. FCAT Testing begins on April 11th.
- The Relay for Life team raised \$1,224.00.
- Civics week will involve the Environmental Club and City recycling
- Articulation with Miami Springs Elementary will take place on April 26th.
- The High School articulation has been completed with Miami Springs and Westland High School.

Chair McNichols said that she would like to address the High School articulation at this time since it is on the agenda.

Board member Manning stated that the Education Advisory Board wants articulation to go smoothly in order to avoid schedule changes that put a hardship on the students and teachers. She has heard that students were only allowed to take home one color paper and one kid asked for the Science, Technology, Math (STM) paper and could not get it.

Principal Mason said that the High School counselors are responsible for articulation and she believes the students only received one paper.

Board member Manning stated that if she was the parent of an 8th grader she would want to see all the courses that are offered in order to help her child make a decision.

Principal Mason continued with her report on the following:

- The Girls Softball team was the runner-up in the County championship.
- Experience Aviation will hold an Open House on April 28th and the elementary school students are invited.
- The P.T.A. fundraiser begins tomorrow.
- Elections were held during Spring Break.
- She thanked the City for installing the radar signs for traffic control.

Assistant Principal Sonia Romero from Miami Springs Senior High School reported the following:

- The Academy for Hospitality and Tourism received the Distinguished Academy award from the National Academy Foundation after an extensive evaluation process.
- Civics Week is being planned by the Social Studies Department.
- The baseball team placed 2nd in the Sunshine Classic held at Pompano Beach.
- Two outstanding athletes were selected to play the All Star Basketball game at Coral Park Senior High.
- The Silver Knight nominees are preparing for their upcoming interviews.
- The Anchor Club was named State Anchor Club of the Year for 2010-2011 and they are competing for the International Club of the Year. Two of the members were selected for State office.
- The Thespians and Golden Players recently performed "Othello".
- The marching band placed in the top ten at the State finals and the symphonic band received an excellent at the district evaluation. The symphonic band and color guard are preparing for the spring concert performances.
- The Medical Hawks will be competing in the State competition next week.
- The Autism Foundation invited one student to New York and they will be interviewed by ABC News in an upcoming local segment.
- Mu Alpha Theta placed fourth overall in a math competition at Sunset Senior High School, winning a total of 17 trophies.

Board member Manning explained that the Education Advisory Board tries to improve the link between the schools and the community and one item that has been discussed is the parents' concerns about articulation because of the schedule changes. She said that the 8th graders should receive all the colored papers and even when they specifically asked they were denied. She would like to straighten this out because some kids are not aware of the STM academy.

Chair McNichols stated that the Education Advisory Board was assured that articulation would not be a problem again and that kids would receive the information and colored papers for all academies.

Board member Manning reiterated that the parents should be involved in the selection.

Chair McNichols added that it is impossible for an 8th grader to pick an academy if they are not presented all the information. She felt that it is wrong for a staff member to decide what a student is interested in.

Board member Manning said that several parents have expressed a concern and the Education Advisory Board tries to advise the school where the glitches are. She cited one example of a student who received computer and math awards and he was told that he needed an art credit and was given the paper for the art class, which is not appropriate.

Chair McNichols emphasized that the student and parent should be able to make the selection.

Ms. Romero stated that the class size amendment had a very big impact on the schedule changes at the beginning of the year because the schedule was based on classes capped at thirty students.

Chair McNichols explained that everyone understands the class size requirements. She added that there were also changes because kids were in the wrong academy.

Board member Gordon said that he would like to hear about the choices that the students have.

Smaller learning communities begin with "No Child Left Behind", which demands that all districts have an education reform, according to Ms. Romero. Miami-Dade County Public Schools responds to the secondary school reform and there has been a big movement toward academies to the point that last year they mandated that every student must select a major area of interest. At the last minute the requirement was removed but they are still trying to develop an academy model.

Ms. Romero explained that she redesigned the subject selection forms for the High School and there are six academies. The required courses are in front of each academy and the back includes all the other academies.

Board member Manning stated that the other courses are listed on the back, but the academies are not explained.

Chair McNichols explained that the problem is that the kids were not able to make the selection and a child should be allowed to take home the information for more than one academy.

Ms. Romero stated that the High School has an open door policy and parents are welcome to present their concerns.

Chair McNichols advised Ms. Romero that the Education Advisory Board members live in the community and they are expressing their concern based on what they have heard. She knows that there is an open door policy, but it seems more systemic because people do not necessarily complain if they feel that nothing is going to change.

Board member Gordon explained that another challenge for parents is that they work and they are not available at the same time the school administrators are available.

Board member Manning emphasized that most parents do not realize there are other choices because the student comes home with one paper.

A student in the audience explained that on the day articulation took place at the Middle School they were told that there was not a lot of time, to get in a line and choose which paper they wanted. They were only allowed to take the information for one academy.

Susan Baan who was in the audience explained a problem she had with the website because the academy ports are listed but they do not work any longer.

Ms. Romero said that one parent came to see her regarding the subject selection process and she was given all the information she asked for. She pointed out that the website had made progress from the time that parent visited her. She offered to take back all the points that were made.

Board member Manning asked if anything could be done to recover this year's articulation process. She said that math teachers had suggested going to the Middle School to explain the honors classes, but articulation happened before they knew about it. She explained that the kids might have questions and want to talk to teachers.

Ms. Romero reiterated that any parents that have concerns should definitely visit the school. She said that every student received two sheets with the option of returning one signed by the parent. They must account for every student coming to the High School and if they do not return the second one signed by the parent they have the first one that was collected during the first meeting with the student.

Board member Manning expressed her concern that the kids were rushed and may have made the wrong selection and there should be something done to correct it.

*Chair McNichols explained that she had to leave at this time and passed the gavel to John Salomon.

Board member Manning suggested that those students who did not understand the process should have the opportunity to attend a special meeting. All the students were denied the choice of taking the information for the other academies and she would not want an eighth grader to make a decision without some discussion with his or her parents.

Ms. Romero explained that all the academies are set up in clusters on the subject selection sheets and there are no courses missing from any of them.

Board member Manning stated that the front of paper has the requirements and they need to see the entire layout.

Ms. Romero said that the instructional leaders decided that laying out a four-year plan for all ninth graders would only be confusing and create a margin of error.

Board member Manning reiterated that the child should go over the selection with their parents and she knows that kids were denied the selection of more than one paper.

Further discussion ensued and there were several comments made from the audience and the Board members expressing the dissatisfaction with the articulation process.

Ms. Baan suggested that there could be an evening open house or curriculum fair for 8th grade parents to go over the articulation process because it is very important in the transition from Middle School to High School.

Ms. Romero agreed that Ms. Baan offered a good suggestion and she offered to take the suggestion back to Principal Ennis.

Board member Gordon added that P.T.S.A. members might be interested in helping; there are several points of contact, including the High School, the Middle School, and the website to help people get the information and make an informed decision.

Ms. Romero knows that the High School wants to take an active part in the community, this is what she is being trained to do and she wants to help.

Board member Manning agreed that Ms. Romero had helped to make positive changes and she is glad she is available.

Board member Manning also mentioned that rules should be enforced more uniformly, especially in regard to school uniforms. Some kids feel that the rules are a joke; they should be taught character education by enforcing the rules and school should be the place where kids learn that there are consequences by not obeying the rules.

4) PTA/PTSA Reports

P.T.A. President Susan Baan reported the following on behalf of Miami Springs Elementary, Miami Springs Middle and Miami Springs Senior High School:

- Miami Springs Elementary participated in the Relay for Life and exceeded their goal of raising \$2,500.
- This year's P.T.A. fundraiser for the elementary is the sale of discount cards with fifteen participating vendors.
- Zavier Garcia donated \$500.00 toward the purchase of promethium boards; Senator Garcia donated \$200.00 and she has been in contact with Representative Erik Fresen.
- The Springs River Festival charges \$75.00 for non-profit corporations to hand out information, but they are charged almost \$300.00 or \$400.00 if they want to sell something. She expressed her concern to Councilman Lob and Councilman Espino because the money funnels back into the community and they offered to contact the Chairperson.
- "Box Tops for Education" raised \$911.00.
- P.T.A. membership at the Middle School is 120 members; the PTA paid for a performance of "Poetry Alive"; they are recommending the purchase of fifteen more benches for the outside patio and they hope the region provides the shade that was promised.
- The Middle School Media Specialist was given funds for accelerated reading rewards; a dessert fundraiser will kick-off tomorrow.
- The P.T.A. gave the Senior High School Anchor Club and the Medical Hawks funding to go to the state championship; membership is 177 members.

Springview Elementary School P.T.A. President Mercedes Diaz-Rodriguez reported the following:

- The P.T.A. Coffee Chat will be held tomorrow to informally meet the parents and encourage participation in school activities.
- Nominations for P.T.A. vacancies are being accepted.
- Fundraisers include a "Valentine Gram" sale, "Dress Down Dollar Day", Foxmoor Spring Picture sale, and Memory Book sale.
- Parents are interested in converting Springview into a K-8 school and they are working hard to investigate what is necessary to begin the process.

Board member Manning informed Ms. Diaz-Rodriguez that she should look at the past history of the proposal to convert Springview Elementary to a K-8 facility. She added that they should research all the pros and cons and make sure that there is community involvement throughout the entire process.

5) **Business/Reports:**

a. Review of Proposed Optional Amendments to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County as Requested by the City Council; with the Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement and the Interlocal Agreement Itself Provided for Reference

City Planner Richard Ventura stated that in 2005, the Legislature mandated that any and all exempt municipalities have to reach school concurrency, meaning that public school facilities have to be in place with new development and by January 1, 2008 the City had to adopt an Interlocal Agreement. The co-signing twenty-seven municipalities agree to have school facilities in place with new residential development.

Chair McNichols commented that there is really no room for new development in Miami Springs.

City Planner Ventura explained that there is room for redevelopment if an older structure is demolished.

City Planner Ventura stated that Amendment No. 1 to the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning was presented to Council at their meeting of February 28, 2011, and nine municipalities rejected it, including Miami Springs. Council directed the Education Advisory Board to review the optional amendments.

In May 2009, the School Board entered into a separate Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, known as the "Bilateral" ILA, according to Mr. Ventura. The School Board is offering the signatory municipalities the same optional amendments that were offered to the County and the municipalities can adopt any, all or none of the amendments.

Chair McNichols explained that the optional amendments are amendments to the Interlocal Agreement. The signatories include the County, the School Board and the twenty-seven municipalities.

Ana Rijo-Conde from Miami-Dade County Public Schools stated that each one of the optional amendments stands on its on merit and there will be separate agreements with the municipalities based on the approved amendments.

To answer Chair McNichols' question, Ms. Rijo-Conde explained that the original agreement with the twenty-seven cities was the consensus Interlocal Agreement. The County started with that same agreement and over the months that ensued they decided to go with a different agreement and the optional amendments are the areas of difference that are being offered to the cities. She said that most of the amendments are non-issues except for amendment five dealing with proportionate share mitigation that would allow the opportunity for a developer to proffer a charter school to the School Board.

Ms. Rijo-Conde clarified for Chair McNichols that the School Board is not advocating any of the optional amendments.

Chair McNichols asked City Planner Ventura if he had a recommendation on the substance of the amendments.

City Planner Ventura said that based on his review, the optional amendments that appealed to him were the ones that were logical and did not seem to have a downside to the City. He would recommend number 1, 2 and 7, as listed on the response form for optional amendments (attached for the record).

Board member Salomon stated that he would oppose 5b if it means adding charter schools as mitigation because it could take away monies from the public schools that are already suffering.

City Planner Ventura agreed with Board member Salomon that he would not recommend 5a, 5b or 5c.

Board member Salomon explained that he would be in favor of optional amendment 7 dealing with taking and vested rights because it basically reinforces the fact that the County or government cannot take away a private citizen's property for public use.

The City Planner explained the reasons why he is a proponent of optional amendments 1, 2 and 7.

Chair McNichols stated that optional amendment 3 is similar to number 2. She asked if there is a difference between the two.

Ms. Rijo-Conde stated that optional amendment 2 deals more with the level of service standard and number 3 deals with amendments to the concurrency service areas that are basically the individual school's attendance boundaries. The 2/3rd vote no longer applies and everything will require a unanimous vote by all the cities, the School Board and the County.

Board member Manning commented that the High School still has all the portables and she asked if the capacity includes those portables.

Ms. Rijo-Conde stated that the goal is to remove the portables that are not necessary by the end of the five-year plan period. The state law provides that for the calculations of the level of service (LOS), as long as the portables are on-site, they must be taken into consideration. She will convey to the School District the importance of removing the portables at the High School as quickly as possible since there is enough capacity with the permanent stations.

To answer Board member Gordon's question, Ms. Rijo-Conde clarified that the portables at Miami Springs Middle School are needed to meet capacity.

Board member Gordon asked the City Planner to expand on the implications of optional amendment 5b as it would affect the student populations and funding.

City Planner Ventura responded that his objection to 5b is because it would leave out the municipalities in the decision making process since charter schools could be added at the sole option of the School Board.

Board member Manning recalled the past issue with the proposal to make Springview Elementary School an ele-middle (K-8) school. She explained that some people were in favor and others disagreed, but the truth was that it would have affected the City. She would not want the City to be excluded from the decision making process for charter schools.

To answer Chair McNichols' question, Ms. Rijo-Conde was of the opinion that the municipalities would not be excluded from the process; the City would be at the table with the developer and the School Board in regard to charter schools. She explained that the charter school lobbying was very strong when the agreement was negotiated for the County. The County has a lot of undeveloped land and they wanted to make sure that charter schools would be allowed in areas that require additional student seats, instead of mitigating with the School District.

Ms. Rijo-Conde said that the School Board and the charter school entity are not on the same level playing field because the School Board has to meet more restrictive requirements than a charter school as it relates to the building, space and facilities; it would be a more economical option for a developer.

Board member Manning asked to consider optional amendment 6 related to updates to public school concurrency.

Board member Gordon stated that his interpretation of number 6 is that it would create some boundaries within which there could be a conversation, but it seems too restrictive.

Board member Manning moved to recommend to the City Council that they adopt options one, two and seven. Board member Salomon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

b. High School Articulation (from Middle School)

This item was discussed under school reports.

c. Civics Week (April 25th) (discussed after P.T.A. reports)

Miami Springs Middle School Teacher Ana Ferrer stated that she attended the Ecology Board meeting and the idea was presented for holding a clean-up for all the schools to participated by cleaning up certain areas in the City once a month or every three months. She thought that this activity would relate to Civics Week. She was hoping that a member of the Ecology Board would speak to the Education Advisory Board so that it would be a joint effort in making the recommendation to the City Council.

Ms. Ferrer explained that the clean-up is an opportunity for the children to become more involved in their environment and the City and it would be a good idea for it to tie in with Civics Week.

Ms. Ferrer reported that the Environmental Club will have a booth at the Springs River Festival to inform the community about recycling, water conservation, native plants, etc.

Board member Salomon stated that it was a monumental challenge to get approval from the Region and the District for the use of the City buses for Civics Week. He called Risk Management and spoke with Michael Fox who was very helpful and worked out an agreement with the City Manager to use the large buses.

Board member Salomon said that the use of the buses by the schools would be in alphabetical order as follows: All Angels on Monday April 25th; Miami Springs Elementary on Tuesday, April 26th; Miami Springs Middle on Wednesday, April 27th; Miami Springs Senior on Thursday, April 28th and Springview Elementary on Friday, April 29th.

Board member Salomon advised the school Principals to contact the City Manager to work out the schedule for use of bus. He hopes that the schools will take advantage of the bus to transport the kids to the various City facilities since the City has been very helpful and it was a lot of work to acquire approval.

Board member Salomon explained that the Miami Springs Historical Society has a limit on the number of students that can go to the museum and the President informed him that no one had contacted her to be a guest speaker at the schools. He urged the Principals to take ownership based on the ideas that were presented, to contact the City officials and he offered to send additional information via e-mail.

Board member Salomon thanked City Manager Borgmann and Michael Fox for their cooperation. He wished everyone the best of luck and offered to assist in any way he could.

d. Enhanced Academic Committee

Board member Rob Gordon reported that most of his effort has been toward promoting the Experience Aviation STEM Academy at the Curtiss Mansion. He is still working with the High School on their website and that should be part of the articulation process. He will continue to network with the High School to make sure that the articulation process is smoothed out.

Board member Gordon asked if there were any numbers yet to show what academies the students are interested in based on articulation.

Board member Manning responded that she had not received any information and she is worried because the teachers that are needed are based on the results of articulation. She explained that if the process is not done right it could affect teacher layoffs and the plan for AP classes.

e. Youth Advisory Council

Chair McNichols understood that the concept of a Youth Advisory Council was approved and she was surprised that the Council minutes of March 14th referred the matter back to the Board. She thought that the City Manager and City Attorney would work something out based on the criteria and sample ordinances from other cities that were provided by the Education Advisory Board.

Board member Salomon explained that the Education Advisory Board minutes of November 16, 2010 recommended the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council consisting of five members appointed by Council for a one-year term who would meet quarterly to advise Council on significant and pertinent matters relating to young people, with the support of the Recreation Department.

Chair McNichols stated that she would have attended the March 14th Council meeting to explain the Board's recommendation, but she was not aware that the subject was on the agenda.

Board member Manning explained that there was some concern because the schools service more cities than just Miami Springs.

Chair McNichols felt it would be fine to restrict the members to kids who live in the City; the idea is to get kids involved in civics. She said that the Board members do not want a sub-committee of the Education Advisory Board; the intent is for a Youth Advisory Council who would be involved in all areas, not just education. She suggested that the Board could draft an ordinance or possibly someone could meet with the City Manager to explain the details.

Chair McNichols explained that the Education Advisory Board set the basic requirements and she thought that the City Manager and City Attorney would use the material to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration.

Board member Manning offered to meet with the City Manager and present the criteria, including the City of Hialeah and Village of Pinecrest ordinances.

f. Legislative Issues/Rally to Tally

Board member Salomon stated that a group of individuals attended the "Rally to Tally", the dreaded amendment did pass and the results of the legislative session look very grim.

Board member Manning stated that teachers are scared for their kids and their jobs and the UTD is sponsoring a walk-in rally at schools on March 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to conduct a peaceful, positive demonstration to support the schools.

6. Other: None

7. Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Hitaffer
Clerk of the Board

Approved as written at meeting of:

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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Memorial Committee** met at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present: Chair Eric Richey
Mary Ann Goodlett-Taylor
Manuel Pérez-Vichot
John Shapiro

Absent: Pastor Van Lahmeyer

Also Present: City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Board Secretary Lina Bryon

2) Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2009 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Committee member Shapiro moved to approve the minutes as written and Committee member Pérez-Vichot seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

3) Selection of Vice Chairman

The selection of a Vice Chairman was tabled.

4) **Consideration of Memorial for Police Officer Amanda Haworth**

Miami-Dade County Police Sergeant Lynn Brooks of 520 Falcon Avenue asked the Committee to consider dedicating a park or a street in honor of fallen Police Officer Amanda Haworth.

Ms. Brooks explained that even though Officer Haworth worked for Miami-Dade County Police Department, her actions affected everyone in the City of Miami Springs. Her father has lived in the City for many years, he is a prominent citizen in the community and she assisted him in many softball and church events. Also, her thirteen year old son was baptized and received his communion at Grace Lutheran Church in Miami Springs.

Officer Haworth's father has served on the executive board of the Grace Lutheran Church since 1992, and was the Executive Director twice, according to Ms. Brooks. He also coached several community youth teams and has been involved in the Church softball league for fifteen years.

Committee member Pérez-Vichot was of the opinion that Officer Haworth is worthy of recognition as she paid the ultimate price for giving up her life. He suggested that there should be a special category for people that give up their life either in the armed forces or the Police Department. He felt that Thelma Butler would fall into the general category for residents of the City that are memorialized.

Committee member Shapiro agreed with Mr. Pérez-Vichot, but wondered if the committee by-law in regard to being a resident would need to be revised.

Committee member Pérez-Vichot commented that a person who is memorialized does not have to satisfy all the criteria in the Code.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the only requirement is that the person must be deceased and the remaining criteria can be overcome by Council.

Chair Richey stated that the community is unique in the difficulty of its charge, which is to consider something that is so fragile and emotional; it is a very difficult chair to take in making a decision like this. The guidelines are set and they are continually addressed so that all subjectivity is eliminated, if possible. He thinks that the people who have been memorialized set the precedent for making future decisions for nominations and there should be a comparison between the two.

City Attorney Seiden commented that the Memorial Committee handled the memorials for Jack Odin and Alice von Suskil very well and created a memorial basically for those types of dedications and contributions to the City. That memorial is clearly for those types of people. He knows that the City has its own War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway because there was discussion about it not being maintained.

Committee member Goodlett-Taylor explained that the Marine Memorial is located at Deer Run. The one off the Circle is specifically for the City's people who have passed away.

City Attorney Seiden added that the City dedicated Stafford Park to Miami Springs Police Officer Charles B. Stafford who was killed in the line of duty. Council would like an idea from the Committee for what they would recommend under the circumstances for Officer Haworth as they are in favor of doing something. He agreed that Mr. Pérez-Vichot had a good idea; in a perfect world a memorial would be built and it would never be used.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Officer Haworth's family had requested a memorial involving the baseball field because of her involvement with the baseball programs. Council wants a recommendation for either a standard memorial or to consider something more grandiose like the dedication of a field.

Chair Richey would not want to diminish the heroism of Officer Haworth and how horrible her death was and yet the Committee is charged with protecting the integrity of the particular City memorials. He recalls making difficult decisions in the past, particularly with a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

Committee member Goodlett-Taylor explained that the memorial at the Circle honoring those persons who were lost in the war is very special. She clarified that the memorial honors all veterans lost in any of the wars.

Attorney Seiden reiterated that the memorial stand honoring Jack Odin and Alice von Suskil is more community service oriented and that Mr. Pérez-Vichot had made a good point.

Chair Richey asked the Committee members to think about the creation of a memorial for fallen police or fire department personnel.

Committee member Shapiro stated that he lost a dear friend who served as a police officer in the line of duty and it is very traumatic. He felt that people who have a relationship with the City who serve in the Police or Fire Departments could have a separate memorial close to the War Memorial.

Committee member Goodlett-Taylor agreed that fallen Fire or Police Officers from the City deserve recognition with a special memorial where their names could be placed. She was of the opinion that Officer Haworth would qualify since her family resides in Miami Springs.

City Attorney Seiden asked to consider if there is enough space on Curtiss Parkway to place another memorial close to the existing memorials.

Chair Richey responded that there is probably enough space on Curtiss Parkway, but he is wondering if another possible location would be Stafford Park.

Committee member Pérez-Vichot agreed that Stafford Park is relative to Officer Haworth since it is an athletic field and she was very active with her son in baseball.

Committee member Shapiro said the problem is that the City does not own the property and it could be taken back by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He recalls a rumor circulating years ago that the County wanted to build a football stadium at that location.

Ms. Brooks pointed out that the good thing is that Stafford Park is owned by Miami-Dade County and that could be part of the recommendation since Officer Haworth was a Miami-Dade Police Officer that was connected to the community.

To answer Chair Richey's question, City Attorney Seiden clarified that the City's Fire Department was turned over to the County years ago.

Chair Richey asked the Committee members if they were comfortable with making a recommendation or if they needed more time for consideration.

Committee member Shapiro said that he would like more time to go look at Stafford Park.

Committee member Goodlett-Taylor felt that Stafford Park would be an appropriate location.

City Attorney Seiden suggested delaying a recommendation until next month after looking at the various locations and considering tonight's discussion. The next meeting would be scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Richey clarified that the Committee would meet next month on May 2nd to reconsider the recommendation to Council for a memorial for Officer Amanda Haworth and the specific location for a memorial specific to Police Officers and defenders of the public.

City Attorney Seiden invited Ms. Brooks to attend the next meeting of the Memorial Committee.

5) Consideration of Memorial for Thelma Butler

Chair Richey stated that he could not make a decision based on the information that was presented and would like more specifics.

Larry Butler explained that he was not sure how much verbiage to include in the information he provided. He said that Suzie Funderburk was very good friends with his mother and when she passed away she wanted to recommend a memorial. He prepared the language based on other memorial plaques he had seen and the verbiage was limited.

Mr. Butler stated that his mother was very active in Miami Springs after his family moved here in 1950. In 1960, the Recreation Department was very understaffed and did not have a lot of funding. As a mother of three sons she volunteered to raise money with a group of people, including Jim Caudle and they formed a non-profit organization called "Youth Activities" that raised funds for the recreation programs. She was also very active in the Woman's Club, Pilots Club and the Historical Society.

Mr. Butler explained that Suzie Funderburk thought it would be a nice idea if Council approved a memorial plaque for the round-a-bout at Bluebird and Lenape and she talked to Mayor Bain. He said that Suzie had prepared the paperwork for the recommendation, but it was lost and he was asked to provide the information for the Memorial Committee.

Mr. Butler reiterated that his mother was very active in the community, she started a real estate Company in 1965 that grew into Butler Realty and they are Springs Pioneers.

City Attorney Seiden asked why the round-a-bout on Bluebird was suggested for the location because it seems that the memorial on Curtiss Parkway would be perfect.

Chair Richey explained one of the reasons for the memorial on Curtiss Parkway by the Circle was because it seemed too many different memorials were being placed throughout the City and they recommended a centralized location.

Mr. Butler was of the opinion that the round-a-bout would be an awkward location and secondly the County has control of that circle. He would prefer the location to be on the Curtiss Parkway walkway at the entrance by the Circle. He added that his mother knew Jack Odin and Alice von Suskil very well.

Committee member Pérez-Vichot appreciated Mr. Butler's detailed description of his mother. He asked how long she was involved in raising funds for youth activities.

Mr. Butler responded that his mother must have been involved for eight or nine years beginning in 1954. He remembers playing Little League Baseball and Optimist Football and the organization worked to supply uniforms and it allowed more kids to participate in the programs.

To answer Mr. Pérez-Vichot's question, Mr. Butler estimated that the funds raised by the organization supplemented the uniform purchases by at least 50 or 60% before the Optimist Club began assisting years later. His mother was one of three residents who formed the youth activity group in order to help keep their kids active in sports.

Discussion ensued as to whether or not the youth activity organization still existed today.

Committee member Shapiro explained that the Little League does their own fundraising and the Optimist Club takes care of football, basketball and soccer programs in conjunction with the City.

Committee member Pérez-Vichot agreed that memorials should be centralized and not scattered around the City.

In response to Chair Richey's question, Ms. Goodlett-Taylor explained that she knew Mrs. Butler and she considers her a City Pioneer.

Further discussion ensued about the youth organization, how they raised the funds and Mrs. Butler's involvement with community organizations.

Committee member Shapiro said that if Ms. Goodlett-Taylor said Mrs. Butler was a Pioneer that is good enough for him.

Committee member Goodlett-Taylor recommended placing Thelma Butler's name on the memorial at the Circle.

Chair Richey commented that considering everything that Thelma Butler did for the community for so long her name should be on the Curtiss Parkway memorial at the Circle because that was what it was intended for.

Committee member Shapiro moved to recommend a memorial for Thelma Butler on the stone monument at the Circle. Committee member Goodlett-Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden mentioned that language was included on the memorial for Jack Odin and Alice von Suskil. He suggested "Pioneer and Contributor to Recreation".

Committee member Shapiro moved to recommend that the language for the plaque should include the words "Pioneer to the City of Miami Springs". Committee member Pérez-Vichot seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the minutes will be provided to Council for their consideration. In the interim, the Committee members can look at Prince Field, Stafford and Dove Avenue Park in regard to a memorial for Officer Haworth.

6) Establish Date for Next Board Meeting, If Necessary

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

7) **Adjourn**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lina Bryon
Secretary to the Board

Transcribed by S. Hitaffer

Approved as written at meeting of:

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ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD

The regular meeting of the Miami Springs Zoning and Planning Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall following the Board of Adjustment meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Present were: Chairman Manuel Pérez-Vichot
Vice Chairman Francisco Fernández
Ernie Aloma
Kevin Berounsky
Ariana Fajardo
Alternate Bill Tallman

Also Present: City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
City Planner Richard E. Ventura
Secretary to the Board Lina Bryon

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: AUGUST 2, 2010

Board member Berounsky moved to approve the minutes as written. Board member Fajardo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote.

Note: Board member Aloma did not vote because he was absent at the meeting of August 2, 2010.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pérez-Vichot recused himself from the following case and turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Fernández.

- A) **Case # 03-ZP-10**
Enrique Aguerrevere
4299 N. W. 36th Street
Zoning: AHMBD; Airport, Highway, Marine Business District
Lot size: 43,355 sq. ft.

Applicant is requesting approval of a final site plan for a bank to a hotel conversion.

City Planner Ventura explained that the Wachovia Bank building, located at 4299 N. W. 36th Street, is in the final stages of converting to a Eurobuilding Hotel and Suites. This latest site plan involves minor changes to a previously-approved site plan (Case # 01-ZP-10). The proposed changes include the following:

- Relocation of the existing bank to the west side of the building, with the hotel restaurant, kitchen and bar area adjacent.
- The pool, deck and dining area on the east side, adjacent to Coolidge Drive.
- Regarding the parking garage at the ground floor level, similar facilities to the previously approved site plan are being proposed, with a larger portion of the alley being occupied. Adjacent to this area will be a spa and gym facilities, as well as elevator and stair access to the ballroom/banquet halls on the second level.
- Regarding the parking garage second level, it will have a ballroom banquet hall addition at the roof deck.

City Planner Ventura further noticed that the proposed provision of parking has changed as a result of these modifications and reiterated that it is important to note the following:

- The proposed changes are within the setback requirements on Coolidge Drive as in the previously-approved site plan.
- Additional renovations to the parking garage on the second level are within the existing structure.

City Planner Ventura explained that he has gone over these revisions with the project architect and is in agreement that these are minor changes to the previously-approved site plan for Phase II approved at the Zoning and Planning Board of January 4, 2010. The first step in this project was the review of a proposed site plan for a sign at the January 5, 2009 Zoning and Planning Board, which at that time read "Grand Opening, Winter 2009." Therefore, the City has been aware of and involved in this hotel conversion for at least the past two years. As a matter of fact, this would be the last major project to be completed along the 36th Street corridor under the former district boundary regulations.

Staff supports and encourages the Applicant to take the last steps necessary to finally complete this project and provide a desirable addition to N. W. 36th Street. Staff therefore recommends approval of this proposed site plan for the Eurobuilding Hotel at 4299 N. W. 36th Street.

City Attorney Seiden explained that when this step is done, based on the site project plan, there is no need to send this back to Post Buckley.

Vice Chair Fernández asked for any questions from the Board or the audience and there were no comments.

Board member Berounsky moved to approve the requested site plan. Board member Aloma seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden said that this has to go to Council for the final approval.

4. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Bryon
Board Secretary

Approved as _____ on _____

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**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
FLORIDA**

**CANCELLATION NOTICE
CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

The regular meeting of the Code Enforcement Board scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2011 has been canceled in advance due to the City Council General election scheduled on that date.

Tex Ziadie

Tex Ziadie
Building and Code Compliance Department Supervisor
Code Compliance Officer

cc: City Council
City Manager
Code Enforcement Board Members by E-Mail
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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Board of Adjustment** met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The following were present: Chairman Manuel Pérez-Vichot
Vice Chairman Francisco Fernández
Ernie Aloma
Kevin Berounsky
Ariana Fajardo
Alternate Bill Tallman

Also present: City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
City Planner Richard E. Ventura
Board Secretary Lina Bryon

2) Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the regular meeting of March 7, 2011 were **approved as written** upon motion by Board member Fajardo seconded by board member Berounsky and carried **unanimously** by voice vote.

Note: Vice Chair Fernández did not vote because he was absent at the last meeting.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- A) Case # 25-V-10
C. Robert Wojciechowski
830 Plover Ave.
Zoning: R-1C; Single-Family Residential
Lot Size: 75 ft. x 124 ft.

Applicant is seeking a variance from Code Section 150-011 Utility shed (B) to increase the size of an existing shed from 80 sq. ft. to 160 sq. ft.

Note: This case was tabled at the December 6, 2010 Board of Adjustment meeting. During that meeting, a motion to table this case was made and unanimously approved, request pending a review of the existing shed ordinance by the City Council. As of this date, the review has not taken place, and the Applicant, Mr. Wojciechowski, wishes to pursue his original variance request.

City Planner Ventura read the applicant's statement:

"I need more storage area for tools (table saw, planer). Large ladders that are deteriorating from being stored outdoors which will render them unsafe. The yard tractor, shredder and other yard equipment stored outdoors is being deteriorated even though being covered. Hurricane shutters could also be stored indoors. By allowing the properly sized utility building will enhance the appearance of the premises and save equipment from the South Florida elements helping save dollars for replacement of equipment. The construction of a garage is cost prohibitive as I am not employed".

City Planner Ventura stated that Code Section 150-011- Utility shed (B) limits the size of a utility shed to no more than 100 square feet. This proposal is to expand an existing 8'x 10' (80 square feet) shed in the back yard of 830 Plover Avenue, to 10'x 16' (160 square feet). The City Planner said that a search of the Building Department file for 830 Plover Avenue did not produce a permit for the existing shed.

The City Planner explained that 830 Plover Avenue is a legal-size lot and in addition to the 8'x 10' shed, there is a smaller, shed-type structure adjacent to the shed as depicted in the photo that "has a view toward front of shed with back property line fence to the right". He noted that the existing larger shed meets setback requirements but this secondary structure does not.

Staff has still not identified a valid hardship that would support this variance request and that is the reason Staff recommends denial of Mr. Wojciechowski's variance request to expand his existing shed.

City Planner Ventura further explained that the only alternative available is that Mr. Wojciechowski should utilize the provisions of Code Section 150-041 (2) for accessory structures and build a second, separate detached structure for his needs, subject to the restrictions in Code Section 150-041 (A) (2). This second structure will be larger and should match the materials in his existing home, with stucco finish and a tiled roof. Mr. Ventura recognized that the Applicant should have to spend some money on this.

Mr. Ventura stated that the advantage to Mr. Wojciechowski and the City with this alternative would be that the relocation of all existing tools and equipment visible in the case photos will be inside a new single detached structure which would result in this specific site being less of an eyesore.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot asked if there was any correspondence received regarding the proposed variance.

The City Planner responded that the 27 courtesy notices generated no response.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot asked the City Planner if he proposed that the Applicant should get rid of the two existing structures and replace them with a larger structure.

The City Planner answered affirmatively.

Mr. Wojciechowski explained that two of his neighbors sent the courtesy notices back to the City approving the Applicant's request for the variance.

Mr. Ventura replied that the City did not receive any response to the correspondence sent out.

The applicant noted that his hardship is valid, because he has all his tools and equipment in the back yard, subject to thieves and he reiterated that a larger shed will help him to protect his belongings and keep them inside being less of an eyesore to his neighbors.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot replied that the size that the Applicant is requesting is considered twice the amount allowed. The Chairman reiterated that he recognizes the Applicant's hardship, but the Board needs to abide by the Code unless there is an exceptional circumstance for a unique site.

Mr. Wojciechowski asked the Board if they have any suggestions for his case. The Applicant said that he wants the size of the shed to be 160 square feet, but he is flexible and he is willing to reduce the size to 140 square feet if the Board recommends that.

City Attorney Seiden pointed out that there are a number of things that the Council should revise regarding Code Enforcement and other Codes. He was of the opinion that in three or four months the new Council should take two items to Code Review and schedule special meetings.

The City Attorney explained that the first time that the Board looked at this case they concluded that the applicant should wait for a decision of the City Council about increasing the size of the sheds permitted, but the Council never did that. Mr. Seiden reiterated that maybe the new Council should take care of that.

Vice Chairman Fernández stated that if the Applicant has a concrete block structure, like a detached garage, he can cover up to 15% of the back yard, which is allowed by the Code.

The Applicant replied that he does not have the \$30,000 or \$40,000 necessary to do that.

Board member Fajardo asked if the Board of Adjustment has done a case like this before, because she has been there for many years and the Board of Adjustment has never allowed an oversize shed.

Vice Chair Fernández noted that it is ironic because two sheds are allowed.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot replied that only one shed of less than 100 square feet is allowed by Code.

The Applicant insisted that if the Board recommends decreasing the size of the shed he could make it 114 square feet by 10.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot asked for any comments from the Board or audience.

Luis Miñosa from 841 Falcon Avenue said that he has been a resident of Miami Springs for 50 years and he lives in the back of the Applicant's house. He is in favor of increasing the size of the shed.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot recognized that the Board has feelings for the Applicant but they have to apply the Code and they do not want to set a precedent.

The Applicant said that this would be a good thing for the Council to decide.

Chairman Pérez Vichot stressed that the Applicant could appeal to the City Council regardless of what the Board of Adjustment said, because they only make recommendations.

Vice Chair Fernández reiterated that the Board does not legislate, just review the hardships and make recommendations. Mr. Fernández further explained that the Board tabled this case before because they were under the impression that the City Council will look at it to make revisions. He had the impression that Mr. Wojciechowski does not want to keep waiting on a decision and the Board cannot speculate when the Council is going to revise this.

Vice Chair Fernández moved to deny the requested variance for an oversize shed. Board member Fajardo seconded the motion and it was carried 4 to 1 by roll call vote with Board member Aloma casting the dissenting vote.

City Attorney Seiden reminded the Applicant of the ten-day appeal period and explained that this Board makes only recommendations. He explained that the Board cannot approve this variance because it will create a precedent. Mr. Seiden recommended the Applicant coming and speaking with the City Planner in 2 days to fill out the paper work and present an appeal before the City Council.

**B) Case # 8-V-11
Faustino J. Capote
969 Pinecrest Drive
Zoning: R-1B; Single-Family Residential
Lot Size: 71 ft. x 148 ft.**

Applicant is seeking a variance from Code Section 150-042 R-1B district (C) Building site area required: To construct a roofed terrace to the back of his home on an undersize lot.

Note: This case was tabled at the March 7, 2011 Board of Adjustment.

City Planner Ventura said that Code Section 150-042 R-1B district (C) requires that a single-family residential lot should have a minimum average width of 75 feet in order to be eligible for a new construction; 969 Pinecrest is 71 feet in width.

City Planner Ventura explained that all existing setbacks are within the Code requirements. There is an existing shed along with pavers and a decorative fountain in the back yard for which there is an existing permit in the Building Department's file and that meets setback requirements.

Mr. Ventura said that the proposal is to construct an open terrace to the back of the home; if constructed as per the site plan, the east side of the terrace will follow the side of the home and the rear yard setback will not change.

Staff therefore recommends approval of this proposed variance request for 969 Pinecrest Drive.

City Planner Ventura pointed out that the City received two courtesy notices supporting this proposal.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot explained that in essence this is an undersize lot and a flat roof, which will not permit the terrace to be enclosed. The Chairman said that Mr. Capote would have to sign a covenant with the City and that the terrace will remain as an open terrace with no walls on it. He specified that the setbacks are fine.

City Attorney Seiden explained that if the variance is approved one condition will be that Mr. Capote will never be able to enclose the space. It has to be open.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot asked for any comments from the Board or the audience, in favor or against it and there was no response.

Board member Fajardo moved to approve the requested variance of constructing an open terrace on an undersize lot with the condition that the owner signs a covenant with the City that it will remain as an open space. Vice Chair Fernández seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden reminded the Applicant of the ten-day appeal period and explained that this Board makes only recommendations.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pérez-Vichot recused himself from the following case and turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Fernández.

- A) Case # 9-V-11**
Suco Investment Group, Inc.
600 Payne Dr.
Zoning: NBD; Neighborhood Business District
Lot Size: 5306 sq. ft.

Applicants are seeking a variance from Code Section 150-005 Alcoholic beverages (A) (6) and (7), (C), (D) and (F): For the placement of a series 4-COP liquor license at an existing restaurant.

City Planner Ventura read the Applicant's statement:

“Woody’s West End Tavern is about to begin expansion which will provide the facility to be able to become a full service sports restaurant. With new restroom facilities which will have multiple stalls for both male and female customers, a new kitchen facility that will be able to provide a larger menu for either eat in or take out customers and capabilities of catering to the local community. With the expansion of a new kitchen and restroom facilities we will be able to expand our bar area and seating area inside and outdoors.”

A study has shown that the business needs to be able to compete on the same level with other similar type restaurants in the area. The physical expansion of the restaurant and the capability of serving full alcohol will add several more employment positions at Woody's West End Tavern for local residents and allow us to better serve the Miami Springs community.

Current customers have requested that we should be able to serve full liquor in order for them to be able to enjoy their experience at our restaurant even further. Many customers who come to eat at our establishment have advised that since they either don't or can't drink beer and wine they tend to eat and then leave and obtain alcoholic beverages at other locations.

Management understands that under our ownership we have become a more family friendly sports oriented restaurant. If we are given the approval to serve full liquor we must continue to remain family friendly by restricting the access of the restaurant to any patrons who may overindulge. We must remain a local, friendly, clean restaurant that always provides good food, good drinks and good times in order to remain in business."

City Planner Ventura said that Code Section 150-005 (A) (7) states that a series 4-COP license is required for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on premises in conjunction with the operation of a *bona fide* restaurant.

City Planner Ventura explained that Code Section 150-005 (C) requires City approval for the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages when operating under a series 4-COP license, within 800 feet of any residential district or within 1,000 feet of any church or public school. He pointed out that Code Section 150-005 (D) requires City approval for the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, when operating under any State of Florida alcoholic beverage license if the premises are located within 1,000 feet of any other licensed premises already in operation; and that Code Section 150-005 (F) requires City approval for the issuance or the transfer of a liquor license.

The City Planner further explained that 600 Payne Drive is the former Woody's Tavern and the new owner, Mr. Fred Suco, previously was granted approval for the transfer of a 2-COP license at the August 2010 Board of Adjustment and is now seeking approval for a series 4-COP license at his business for the reasons given in his statement: Mr. Suco has submitted copies of his proposed menu and articles of incorporation.

Staff therefore recommends approval of this variance request to Code Sections 150-005 (A) (7), (C), (D) and (F) for the granting of a series 4-COP license at 600 Payne Drive.

City Attorney Seiden noted that this proposal is just an increase on size of the intensity of the license, because of the increase in the size of business.

Board member Aloma asked if the correspondence generated any response.

City Planner Ventura replied that the 26 courtesy notices generated only one letter opposing the granting of the variance.

City Planner Ventura explained that Mr. Suco submitted the articles of incorporation and the menu for the restaurant. Staff recommended approval of this variance for the granting of the series 4-COP liquor license at 600 Payne Drive.

Vice Chair Fernández gave an example of how a hotel could operate under the law; he said that in the case of Mr. Suco, he can operate his restaurant under the law because he follows all the procedures necessary to request this variance.

Vice Chair Fernández asked for any comments from the Board or audience in favor or against it.

Board member Aloma moved to approve the variance request. Board member Berounsky seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden said that it is the same covenant as the last time, which could be amended to say 4 COP instead of 2 COP. Mr. Seiden reminded the Applicant of the ten-day appeal period and explained that this Board makes only recommendations.

**B) Case # 10-V-11
Jorge and Ana Fernández
565 East Drive
Zoning: R-1C, Single-Family Residential
Lot Size: 70' x 126.65**

This case was not discussed because the Applicants were absent.

Board member Fajardo moved to table the variance. Board member Aloma seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by voice vote.

Chairman Pérez-Vichot recused himself from the following case and turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Fernández.

**C) Case # 11-V-11
Enrique Aguerrevere
4299 N. W. 36th Street
Zoning: AHMBD; Airport, Highway, Marine Business District
Lot size: 43,355 sq. ft.**

Applicant is requesting a variance from Code Section 150-016 Off-street parking facilities (E) Minimum number of off-street parking spaces: To provide 243 parking spaces at a hotel where 286 spaces would be required - a variance request for 43 parking spaces.

City Planner Ventura read the Applicant's statement:

"The Eurobuilding Hotel will cater mostly to business travelers who travel in groups and will use the hotel's shuttle to transit from and to the hotel.

The mixed-use occupancy parking calculations are somewhat redundant since the same hotel guest could be using more than one function as, for example, the hotel, and dining and banquet facilities. In fact, I understand that the most significant proposed change for the Miami Springs Land Use Code by Calvin, Giordano and Associates is to reduce the parking requirements for mixed-use development to 80% of the sum of all uses.

Additionally, there will be valet parking available for guests and adequate overflow space in the bank's drive-thru facilities in the evening."

City Planner Ventura said that 4299 N. W. 36th Street was the Wachovia Bank building, which is in the final stages of converting to a Eurobuilding Hotel and Suites. This variance request is tied into a new, final proposed site plan for this conversion project, and involves a reduction of 43 parking spaces.

City Planner Ventura explained that the other renovations and additions to the six-story building during this final phase include:

- Relocation of the existing bank to the west side of the building, with the hotel restaurant, kitchen and bar area adjacent.
- The pool, deck and dining area on the east side, adjacent to Coolidge Drive.
- Regarding the parking garage at the ground floor level, similar facilities to the previously-approved site plan are being proposed, with a larger portion of the alley being occupied.
- Regarding the parking garage second level, it will have a ballroom banquet hall addition at the roof deck.

The City Planner pointed out that the Applicant has recognized and is bringing to the City's attention that the amount of available parking has changed as a result of these modifications. He reiterated that the first step in this project was the review of a proposed site plan for a sign at the January 5, 2009 Zoning and Planning Board, which then, read: "Grand Opening, Winter 2009"; therefore, the City has been aware of and involved in this hotel conversion for at least the past two years.

The City Planner further explained that this would be the last major project to be completed along the 36th Street corridor under the former District Boundary Regulations. Staff concurs with the Applicant's conclusion that under the new district boundary regulations, this latest site plan would not require a parking variance.

Staff is also in agreement with the Applicant's statement that the hotel, once opened, will cater mostly to business travelers who travel in groups and typically use a hotel's shuttle to transit to and from the hotel.

Mr. Ventura reminded the Board of a similar case at the June 2, 2008 Board of Adjustment, when the Board voted unanimously to grant a parking variance for the new *Days Inn Hotel* on Minola Drive. He said that due to the proximity of the airport and the fact that most of the clients do not arrive by car, a variance was granted for 133 parking spaces where 157 spaces would be required - a variance for 24 spaces.

Staff therefore recommends approval of this variance request for 4299 N. W. 36th Street for a reduction in the amount of required parking from 286 spaces to 243 spaces – a variance of 43 parking spaces.

City Attorney Seiden said the City accepted this project because they are doing all the work prior to the new Boundary Regulations of 36th Street and recognized that it will be unfair to impose the new regulations because they will have to re-draw all the work.

The City Attorney pointed out that this is beneficial for the hotel and recognized that the detrimental part is that under the new District Boundary Regulations they must have 50 less parking spaces. This variance request is for 43 less parking spaces.

Vice Chair Fernández asked the Applicant to go to the podium to answer questions from the Board or the audience. Mr. Fernández asked the Applicant if they are increasing density or square footage with this request of 43 less parking spaces...

Mr. Enrique Aguerrevere, manager of *Eurobuilding Hotel*, said that on the second floor of the parking garage they are taking some spaces to incorporate several conference rooms.

Vice Chair Fernández asked if the parking area is being converted into a conference area.

Mr. Aguerrevere explained that this is a very important part of the project, especially because the *Eurobuilding Hotel* will appeal to business people.

Vice Chair Fernández asked for any more comments from the Board or the audience.

Alternate member Tallman asked if the *Days Inn* hotel had any problems with the parking.

City Attorney Seiden replied that the hotel has not opened yet.

The City Attorney clarified that there is going to be a shuttle bus from the hotel to the Airport and vice versa.

Vice Chair Fernández asked if with this proposal the *Eurobuilding Hotel* is looking at businesses conference rooms.

Mr. Aguerrevere answered affirmatively and explained that the conference rooms are going to be for the business travelers.

City Attorney Seiden replied that the parking spaces of the Bank could be used at night and Mr. Aguerrevere explained there is an agreement with the Bank.

Board member Aloma moved to approve the variance request of 43 parking spaces. Board member Fajardo seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by voice vote.

City Attorney Seiden reminded the Applicant of the ten-day appeal period and explained that this Board makes only recommendations.

5) Other Business: None

6) Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lina Bryon
Clerk of the Board

Approved as _____ during meeting of: _____

Words ~~-stricken-through-~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes. All other words remain unchanged.

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