



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 22, 2009

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AGREEMENTS GOVERNING USE OF SPACE IN THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Refer the item.

BACKGROUND

For over a decade, the South Shore Community Center (Center), located at 833 6th Street, has housed four not-for-profit community service organizations which have been operating five community service programs.

During the City's recently completed 2.7 million dollar renovation of the Center, all the occupants vacated the premises. The occupants have since returned to the newly renovated Center, and the City is desirous of formalizing its Landlord / Tenant relationship. Currently all the occupants, with the exception of UNIDAD, are on a month-to-month tenancy, at the City's expense.

Existing occupants are:

- 1) Jewish Community Services (JCS) of South Florida, Inc. "senior meals program." This program provides recreational activities and a mid-day meal to residents that are 60 years and older.
- 2) Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. "senior ride program." This program provides door-to-door bus transportation services to residents that are 60 years and older.
- 3) Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers (LHANC) of Dade County, Inc. "Rainbow Intergenerational Childcare Center." This program provides childcare services to approximately 60 children.
- 4) Miami Dade County Community Action Agency (CAA), Inc. "South Beach Community Enrichment Center." This program empowers economically disadvantaged individuals, families and communities to achieve self-sufficiency through resource mobilization, service delivery, education and advocacy.
- 5) UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc. UNIDAD occupies space pursuant to a Lease Agreement, providing counseling, education, and employment training to the community.

The Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) is being asked to review and provide input with regard to new agreements for use of the space and proposed terms with existing occupants. The terms have been discussed with the agencies. After the FCWPC's discussion, it is anticipated that the proposed agreements will be returned to the full City Commission for approval on first reading in May, 2009.

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