



# City of Miami Marked Agenda

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## OMNI Community Redevelopment Agencies

*Marc David Sarnoff, Chairman*  
*Francis Suarez, Vice-Chairman*  
*Wifredo (Willy) Gort, Commissioner*  
*Frank Carollo, Commissioner*  
*Richard P. Dunn II, Commissioner*

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Thursday, March 11, 2010

5:00 PM

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**Present:** Commissioner Dunn II, Chair Sarnoff, Vice Chair Suarez and  
Commissioner Gort

**Absent:** Commissioner Carollo

On the 11th day of March 2010, the Board of Commissioners of the Omni  
Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Miami met in  
regular session at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida. The  
meeting was called to order by Chair Sarnoff at 7:34 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
James Villacorta, Interim Executive Director, CRA  
Gail A. Dotson, Assistant General Counsel, CRA  
Priscilla A. Thompson, Clerk of the Board

### FINANCIALS

1. 10-00299 CRA REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

File # 10-00299 Financial Report 3-11-2010.pdf

**PRESENTED**

Chair Sarnoff: (INAUDIBLE) Omni CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) meeting of  
March 11, 2009 [sic]. Do we need to do the pledge or --?

Priscilla A. Thompson (Clerk of the Board): No, sir.

Chair Sarnoff: Just teasing.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item  
number 1 is a report from the CRA's financial officer regarding the financial summary  
through the month ending February 28, 2010.

Miguel Valentin (Financial Officer, Community Redevelopment Agency): Good evening,  
Chairman and Commissioners. On page 1, you have the combined statement of  
financial position as of February 28, 2010. The first item, cash unrestricted, you have  
\$100,000. For the second item, cash reserved for projects and operations, you have a  
total of 43,018,866. These two items added up to 43,118,866. I just handed out a  
spreadsheet explaining all the allocations that we have made in the amount of

\$43,018,866. For the month of February, there is no reportable condition that we should be made aware to the Commissioners.

Chair Sarnoff: Thank you very much. Any questions from any of the board members?  
All right.

2. 10-00300 CRA REPORT

PRESENTATION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

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PRESENTED

Chair Sarnoff: Moving on, item number 2.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item number 2 is a presentation of the external audit report for fiscal year 2009. Again, the Omni CRA's (Community Redevelopment Agency's) external auditor is Sanson, Kline, Jacomino, and Mr. Richie Tandoc is here to report.

Riche Tandoc: Good evening again, Chair and board members. You should have a copy of the Omni presentation. It's exactly the same presentation as Midtown. If you'd like, I could go over it again. If you don't have any questions, I -- if you have any questions, I could take them instead of going through the whole spiel again.

Chair Sarnoff: Six straight years of a clean record.

Mr. Tandoc: Six straight years. And the first year that I was there, I made some recommendations to clean up their internal controls. They implemented it, and so far so good.

Chair Sarnoff: Jim, how long have you been the director?

Mr. Villacorta: Since 2007.

Chair Sarnoff: All right, so that would make it --

Mr. Villacorta: Three.

Commissioner Dunn: Two and a half.

Chair Sarnoff: Two and a half, three years. Congratulations, Jim. You're half of a perfect record.

Mr. Villacorta: Thanks.

Chair Sarnoff: Thank you very much. Any questions by any of the chair [sic] members?  
Okay, thank you very much.

Mr. Tandoc: Thank you.

RESOLUTIONS

3. 10-00302 CRA RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA"), WITH ATTACHMENTS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CRA'S AMENDED TAX INCREMENT FUND AND GENERAL OPERATING

BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE AMENDED BUDGETS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

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**CRA-R-10-0009**

**MOVED:** Richard Dunn II

**SECONDED:** Francis Suarez

Motion that this matter be **ADOPTED PASSED** by the following vote.

**AYES:** Commissioner Dunn II, Commissioner Gort, Chair Sarnoff and Vice Chair Suarez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carollo

Chair Sarnoff: All right, Jim, number 3.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item number 3 is a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency, with attachments, approving and adopting the CRA's (Community Redevelopment Agency's) amended tax increment fund and general operating budgets for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010; directing the executive director to transmit a copy of the amended budgets to the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

Chair Sarnoff: All right.

Mr. Villacorta: Again, because we prepare our budgets in June, we need to amend them before we send them on to the County to reflect the TIF (Tax Increment Fund) actually received. In this case, we used -- when estimating, we use the prior year's TIF revenues and the actual TIF revenue was \$1,088,950 less than the prior year.

Chair Sarnoff: And the way that happens, Jim, so that the other board members know is we actually have to pay back the money.

Mr. Villacorta: Yes. If you challenge your taxes, you must pay the assessed value and -- or the assessment. And if you're successful, you are refunded that money by the property appraiser. And this past year there were a number of refunds and we are, in effect, back-charged by the County before the TIF payments are received.

Chair Sarnoff: So what was anticipated to be "X" is now "X" minus a million.

Mr. Villacorta: Right. We anticipated 14,522,000 and we received 13,433,000.

Chair Sarnoff: All right.

Mr. Villacorta: And we've adjusted the budget to reflect those changes.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Dunn: So move.

Vice Chair Suarez: So move.

Chair Sarnoff: Motion by Commissioner Dunn, second by Commissioner Suarez. Any

discussion, gentlemen? All in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

4. 10-00301 **CRA RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WITH ATTACHMENTS, DE-ALLOCATING \$1,016,277 IN REMAINING FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLETED PROJECTS, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN ATTACHMENT "A."

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**CRA-R-10-0010**

**MOVED:** Francis Suarez

**SECONDED:** Richard Dunn II

Motion that this matter be **ADOPTED PASSED** by the following vote.

**AYES:** Commissioner Dunn II, Commissioner Gort, Chair Sarnoff and Vice Chair Suarez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carollo

Chair Sarnoff: Number 4.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Number 4 is a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency, with attachments, deallocating \$1,016,277 in remaining funds associated with completed projects as more specifically set forth in the Attachment A. These are balances that have been left in items that were either completed or are no longer moving forward.

Vice Chair Suarez: So move.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. We have --

Commissioner Dunn: Sec --

Chair Sarnoff: -- a motion. We have -- by Commissioner Suarez, second by Commissioner Dunn. Any discussion, gentlemen? Hearing none, all in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

5. 09-01184 **CRA RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000, TO THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ITS DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT TEAM PROGRAM IN THE MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO DISBURSE THE GRANT ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS OR DIRECTLY TO VENDORS,

UPON PRESENTATION OF INVOICES AND SATISFACTORY DOCUMENTATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID PURPOSE, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO GENERAL COUNSEL; ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM OMNI TAX INCREMENT FUND, "OTHER GRANTS AND AIDS," ACCOUNT CODE NO. 10040.920101.883000.0000.00000.

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**CRA-R-10-0011**

**MOVED:** Richard Dunn II

**SECONDED:** Francis Suarez

Motion that this matter be **ADOPTED PASSED** by the following vote.

**AYES:** Commissioner Dunn II, Commissioner Gort, Chair Sarnoff and Vice Chair Suarez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carollo

Chair Sarnoff: All right, number 5.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item number 5 is a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the issuance of a grant, in an amount not to exceed 55,000 to the Miami Downtown Development Authority for the continuation of its Downtown Enhancement Team program in the Media Entertainment District within the redevelopment area; authorizing the executive director, at his discretion, to disperse the grant on a reimbursement basis or directly to vendors upon presentation of invoices and satisfactory documentation.

Chair Sarnoff: Could you explain to the other board members exactly what it is we do and if you think this is worth it?

Mr. Villacorta: Yes. The Downtown Enhancement Team is a program put together by the City of Miami's Downtown Development Authority and they use residents of Camillus House and they go around and pick up debris and generally maintain the area. We are funding a portion of that around the Performing Arts Center. And we have someone from DDA (Downtown Development Authority), Mr. Mark Spanioli, to give you a more fuller explanation.

Chair Sarnoff: Mr. Spanioli, you're recognized for the record.

Mark Spanioli: Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Mark Spanioli, Miami Downtown Development Authority. Just to give you a brief background, the Downtown Enhancement Team is a program that we have that we actually allocated this year \$400,000 towards. This team is actually a group of previously homeless individuals that we re -- put back into the workforce. And our budget actually covers for more than 20 of them to get jobs. This additional funding allows us to add another four-plus people to the team and it basically covers the areas around the Performing Arts Center and so forth. They do litter cleanup, trash removal, graffiti removal, landscape installations, landscape maintenance, a number of extra services that wouldn't normally be done.

Chair Sarnoff: Can you give us a measurement and any kind of measuring stick to tell

us how they're doing?

Mr. Spanioli: I can, yes. Over the last year in the -- within the Performing Arts Center area or the area that the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) funds cover, they collected over 3,500 bags of litter and trash. They removed over 100 areas where there was graffiti and so forth on signs and traffic control boxes. They go in and remove the graffiti and repaint the boxes. They installed over 5,000 shrubs and flowering plants throughout the district area -- and I'm talking strictly the Performing Arts Center and the Omni area district. And they helped -- in addition to that, they worked on additional weed killing and weed -- grass-cutting maintenance throughout the area. And those are the actual measurable numbers that have come through that program.

Chair Sarnoff: Thank you.

Mr. Spanioli: You're welcome.

Chair Sarnoff: Any questions? Mr. Joseph, would you like to comment?

Fred Joseph: Commissioner, is this in just the Omni area because -- or would you like to change the language any if it's going out? 'Cause he -- I understood our director say the nightclub district and that --

Chair Sarnoff: I didn't hear him say that.

Commissioner Gort: Entertainment District.

Mr. Villacorta: You may have misheard. It's the Entertain -- the Media Entertainment District around the Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thank you.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Dunn: So moved.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. Motion by Commissioner Dunn --

Vice Chair Suarez: Second.

Chair Sarnoff: -- second by Commissioner Suarez. Any discussion, gentlemen? Hearing none, all in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

Chair Sarnoff: All right.

Mr. Spanioli: Thank you.

6. 10-00304

**CRA RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000, TO THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI PARTNERSHIP FOR ITS "WRAP-AROUND BUILDING REHAB PROGRAM," TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID PURPOSE, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO GENERAL COUNSEL; ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM OMNI TAX INCREMENT FUND, "OTHER GRANTS AND AIDS," ACCOUNT CODE NO.

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CRA-R-10-0012

**MOVED:** Richard Dunn II

**SECONDED:** Francis Suarez

Motion that this matter be **ADOPTED PASSED** by the following vote.

**AYES:** Commissioner Dunn II, Commissioner Gort, Chair Sarnoff and Vice Chair Suarez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carollo

Chair Sarnoff: Number 6. Thank you, Mr. Spanioli.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item number 6 is a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the issuance of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 to the Downtown Miami Partnership for its Wrap-Around Building Rehab Program to assist with improvements to residential and commercial properties within the redevelopment area; authorizing the executive director to execute all documents necessary for said purpose in a form acceptable to general counsel. This program helps businesses by providing a three-to-one match. We match three dollars for every one they put up for a rehab of businesses and buildings within the Omni CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) area.

Chair Sarnoff: Was this utilized in the past budget? I mean, did we go --? Has the allocation been used or is this the first time we're doing it?

Mr. Villacorta: No. We had a previous allocation and it is essentially used. There may be a few thousand dollars remaining. We supported such projects as the indoor soccer facility at 1614 North Miami Avenue, Urbanite Bistro at 62 Northeast 14th Street, the Manhattan Café at 253 Northeast 14th Street, and the Aaron Goldstein project at 221 to 235 Northeast 17th Street, which is proposed to become the new home of the Decora [sic] event.

Chair Sarnoff: The Casa Décor?

Mr. Villacorta: Yeah, Casa Décor, excuse me.

Chair Sarnoff: Of the four things you've mentioned, are they all still operational?

Mr. Villacorta: Yes.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. Is there a motion for --?

Commissioner Gort: I have a question.

Chair Sarnoff: Go ahead.

Commissioner Gort: This is beyond the façade --?

Mr. Villacorta: Yes. This goes -- they -- normally they -- DMP (Downtown Miami Partnership) was doing façade programs, but we found that some businesses, once we put in hurricane glass and got them to remove the shutters, you were looking at the

back of somebody's head at a cashier's counter. And so we've -- this program allows them to come in and make some of those adjustments.

Commissioner Gort: And this program's different from the qualify [sic] of life where you have another \$310,000 to Downtown Enhancement Team Ambassador Program?

Mr. Villacorta: The Ambassador Program isn't on this agenda, but we've funded that through DDA (Downtown Development Authority) last year for approximately \$100,000, and we funded the DET (Downtown Enhancement Team) team last year for \$55,000. And I didn't hear the third project that you were speaking of.

Commissioner Gort: I'm looking at the page 6 where you have Ambassador Program, \$100,000, Downtown Enhancement Team, Entertainment and Media, 55,000. Ambassador Program, Entertainment and Media District, \$100,000; Downtown Enhancement Team, Entertainment, another 55,000. It's right here.

Mr. Villacorta: Yeah. These are -- this is available. Not all of those items have been funded this year. Those were in the budget.

Commissioner Gort: This is from last year?

Mr. Villacorta: Yeah. Some of them are for last year.

Miguel Valentin (Financial Officer, Community Redevelopment Agency): What happened is I allocated 100,000 toward the Ambassador Program because we're foreseeing that they're going to be requesting more funding this year. Still they haven't done it.

Commissioner Gort: Okay.

Mr. Valentin: But still there is a remaining balance that they haven't exhausted from the previous grant.

Commissioner Gort: I'd like to get some information how many people are working and what are the job performance is and so on.

Mr. Villacorta: Okay. Well, we have someone here from DDA that can -- I've got to say. I've seen them -- we see them everyday. We're out on the streets. We see the DET team out there working. The Ambassador Program is in the CRA area, is around the PAC (Performing Arts Center), and that's more in the evenings so, you know, I've seen them once or twice. But I'm not out there at every event at the PAC.

Mark Spanioli: Hi. Mark Spanioli, Downtown Development Authority. The Downtown Enhancement Team, the yellow shirts that clean -- that do the cleanup, the litter pickup and so forth, they are dedicated, four personnel, at all times. The ambassadors is a fluctuating number. A lot of it's based on the performances that are happening at the Performing Arts Center. There might be some nights that obviously there wasn't a performance so we don't have ambassadors there. Primarily, they're helping coordinate folks that are coming from the parking lots, telling them where they need to go. They're doing kind of like the outside service that nobody's really there to do. In -- the number fluctuates during the performances from three to six ambassadors whenever there's a performance. I don't know if that answers your question. I didn't know -- I stepped out a minute when you guys weretalking about it.

Mr. Villacorta: Again, we haven't come -- we haven't brought a resolution to fund them this year. Any remaining balance is left over from last year. And when they submit those bills, they submit the hourly timesheets and what was done and we review it very carefully.

Chair Sarnoff: I'm in a tenuous position here, Mark. I'm the chairman of the CRA. I'm the chairman of the DDA. I'm curious why one didn't charge the other and -- Why the hold up? Or you just didn't need the money?

Mr. Spanioli: What do you mean by didn't charge? We --

Chair Sarnoff: He's allocated a certain amount of money, and I'm either taking that to mean you either didn't bill him or you didn't do the service, in which case, that can get put -- I mean, the way I speak accounting -- and I speak rudimentary accounting -- to me that just simply means he could put the money back in an unallocated basis or he's waiting for a bill from you.

Mr. Spanioli: He's waiting from a bill -- for a bill from us.

Chair Sarnoff: There you go. Now as the DDA director -- All right. I understand.

Mr. Villacorta: I think there's a \$30,000 remaining balance from last year's allocation, and I expect we'll receive the bill tomorrow.

Chair Sarnoff: I expect you will too.

Mr. Spanioli: Likely.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. So do we -- any further discussion, or do we have a motion on item number 6?

Commissioner Dunn: So moved.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. We have a motion by Commissioner Dunn, second by Commissioner Suarez.

Vice Chair Suarez: Second.

Chair Sarnoff: Any discussion, gentlemen? Hearing none, all in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

Chair Sarnoff: Unanimous.

7.           10-00303       **CRA RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA") AUTHORIZING THE CRA TO PIGGYBACK ON THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S CONTRACT NO. 071-000-10-1 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000, CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEAST OVERTOWN/PARK WEST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; FURTHER DECLARING THE CRA'S EXISTING 2000 CHEVY TRUCK SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION OR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS; FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FROM GENERAL OPERATING FUND, "MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT," ACCOUNT CODE NO. 10030.920101.664000.0000.00000.

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**CRA-R-10-0013**

**MOVED:**           Francis Suarez

**SECONDED:**       Richard Dunn II

Motion that this matter be ADOPTED PASSED by the following vote.

**AYES:** Commissioner Dunn II, Commissioner Gort, Chair Sarnoff and Vice Chair Suarez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carollo

Chair Sarnoff: Number 7.

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Item number 7 is a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) to piggyback on the State of Florida's contract --

Vice Chair Suarez: So moved.

Mr. Villacorta: -- for the purchase of a --

Commissioner Dunn: Second.

Mr. Villacorta: -- pickup truck.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. We have a motion on number 7 by Commissioner Suarez, second by Commissioner Dunn. Any discussion, gentlemen? Hearing none, all in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. 10-00153

### CRA DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S REQUEST THAT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER SERVE ON EACH CRAS' BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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Chair Sarnoff: Jim, on item number 8, would you mind if we defer that to next meeting?

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): Okay.

9. 10-00305

### CRA DISCUSSION

STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,631,384.

File # 10-00305 Cover Memo 3-11-2010.pdf

DISCUSSED

Chair Sarnoff: And --

James Villacorta (Interim Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency): And item number 9 is just a status report to let the Board know that we're about to make the annual payment to Miami-Dade County in support of the Performing Arts Center, and the check will be in an amount not to exceed \$5,631,384, and this goes towards helping

retire the debt service on the construction of the Performing Arts Center.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. You want to be heard, Mr. Joseph?

Fred Joseph: I would appreciate it very much.

Chair Sarnoff: Go ahead.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Chair, congratulations to yourself for coming on to the Omni Advisory Board as chair; Commissioner Dunn, the same to you. I hope your meeting will be as well received. I'm going to ask this Board if you would take a moment and get onto a discussion item of coming back to the Omni and to Overtown and Park West for your meetings because of two items. The first one being time. As you'll notice, you're about to conclude and it's about ten minutes of 8. When you had 'em in our -- in the district that you serve, they were fairly prompt and they were generally over in one hour. If you might look into the audience, we look like the US (United States) Senate; there's nobody here, which is a very fortunate thing for some people, but it's not for others like -- that want to be present and know this is that district's money. I appreciate it and we are taxed for that. And I'm only speaking today as a stakeholder in that. I pay those taxes. When I first started, a gentleman by the name of Carollo came and was shocked by the area and another one named Suarez came -- relatives of some of your new members -- and was shocked at the area. Now I'd like you to come and be pleased at the area because some visionaries built Margaret Pace Park and Bayshore Drive. And if you would come there's -- tonight -- I just called -- there's over 300 people playing in that park and they're all neighbors and taxpayers for that Omni area. So if you come there, then people will say, well, you recognize what your good work has done. This gentleman is relatively new. He's one of our best and finest. We have gone through a multitude of executive directors, but you guys and gals that come there and you then see what you're spending your money on, and that's why we'd like you -- I would -- you -- as the Chair -- and Commissioner Gort -- you have been to those meetings. They are full of live body, taxpayers to this fund. So please come back and get it on discussion. It only enhances their thoughts of you. Thank you.

Chair Sarnoff: Thank you, Mr. Joseph.

Vice Chair Suarez: Thank you.

Chair Sarnoff: All right.

Commissioner Gort: If I recall, he used to provide the hors d'oeuvres and --

Chair Sarnoff: No. I think it was the opposite. I understand.

Commissioner Gort: He didn't hear that.

Chair Sarnoff: We will -- we'll certainly have some meetings out there. So with that being said, do we need to -- you're just putting us on notice about the \$5 million?

Mr. Villacorta: Yes. I just wanted to advise the Board that we -- the payment is due March 31 and we'll be wiring the money to the County. This in accordance with the agreements that were entered into between the City and the County.

Commissioner Gort: How many years?

Mr. Villacorta: We have to pay 35 percent of the Omni CRA's revenue to the Performing Arts -- to the County for retirement of the Performing Arts Center debt through the remaining life of the Omni CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency).

Commissioner Gort: Which is (UNINTELLIGIBLE)?

Mr. Villacorta: For the first five years during the period that agreement's in effect, we have to pay an additional 1.4 million, which puts us at roughly 44 percent of our

operating budget goes to the Performing Arts Center debt through the County. The County is contributing 39 percent at -- in this tax year, and we're rebating back to them 44 percent of our budget.

Chair Sarnoff: All right. Anything else? Mr. Joseph, you want to be heard on something?

Mr. Joseph: One item you deferred, if you don't mind, can I ask you, is that really what it says? The deferred one. The County wants to be on this panel?

Chair Sarnoff: Yes.

Mr. Joseph: Would you let me know when you're sitting on the County panel?

Chair Sarnoff: Oh. Well, I sort of have some of those same considerations.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you.

Chair Sarnoff: I understand. All right. I think we can have -- Do we need a motion to adjourn, Madam Clerk?

Commissioner Gort: Move it.

Vice Chair Suarez: Second.

Chair Sarnoff: Motion by Commissioner Gort, second by Commissioner Suarez. All in favor, please say "aye."

The Commissioners (Collectively): Aye.

Chair Sarnoff: Thank you, gentlemen. Long day.

Mr. Villacorta: Thank you.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gort, seconded by Vice Chair Suarez, and was passed unanimously, with Commissioner Carollo absent, to adjourn today's meeting.