

The City of Aventura



19200 West Country Club Drive Aventura, FL

City Commission Workshop Meeting

October 13, 2011

9:00 A.M.

Executive Conference Room

AGENDA

1. ***Request to Consider Charter High School***
2. ***Port of Miami Tunnel Project (Commissioner Weinberg)***
3. ***Resolution Supporting Red-Light Auto Insurance Rate Discount (Commissioner Bob Diamond)****
4. ***Request for Resolution for Binational Health Week (Commissioner Weinberg)****
5. ***Update on Northeast County Library Branch Project (Mayor Gottlieb)***
6. ***Annual Selection of Representative to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities (City Manager)****
7. ***Adjournment***

*** Back-up Information Exists**

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 305-466-8901, not later than two days prior to such proceeding.

Request from the Residents of Aventura for a Charter High School

Parents for Aventura Charter High School Association, Inc.
Frida Lapidot – President

Oct. 2011



OUR MISSION

To bring Parents, Students, and City Officials, together to build a Charter High School in Aventura, the City of Excellence.



ABOUT MY FAMILY & I

- In Aventura for 21 years, we love this city
- 2 girls in ACES
- Volunteer in everything ACES
- What do they want to do when they grow up?
 - Mayrav: "Famous" (Acting, Dancing, Singing)
 - Eden: Teacher & Author.

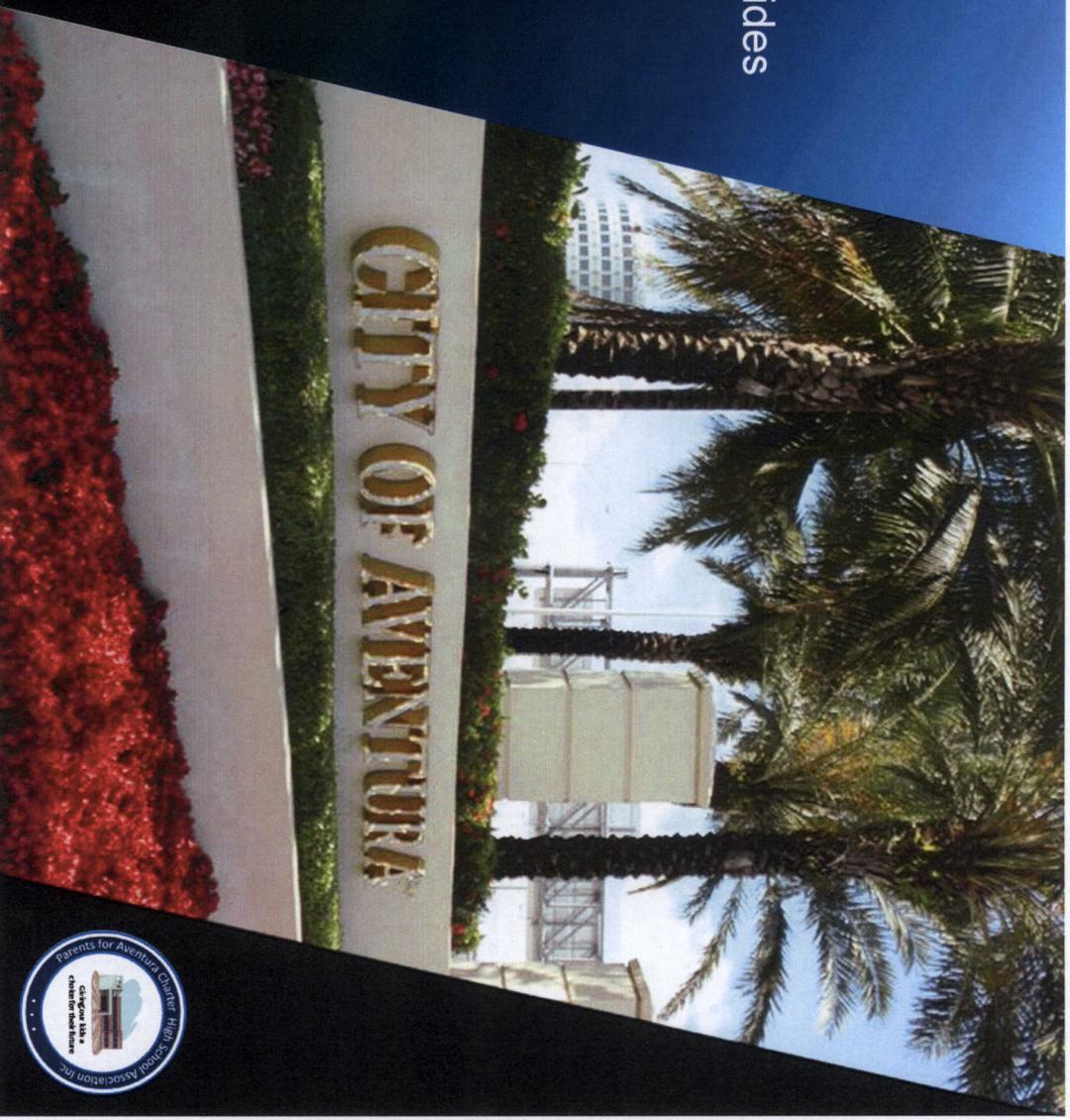


Eden (7) & Mayrav (10)



WHY DO WE LOVE THIS CITY?

- It's the City of Excellence! It provides the best of everything...
- Best Elementary School
- Best Middle School
- Best Parks
- Best Community Center
- Best Theater
- Best Sports Programs
- Best Shopping Center
- Best Looking City! Its beautiful!
- Best Quality of Life!



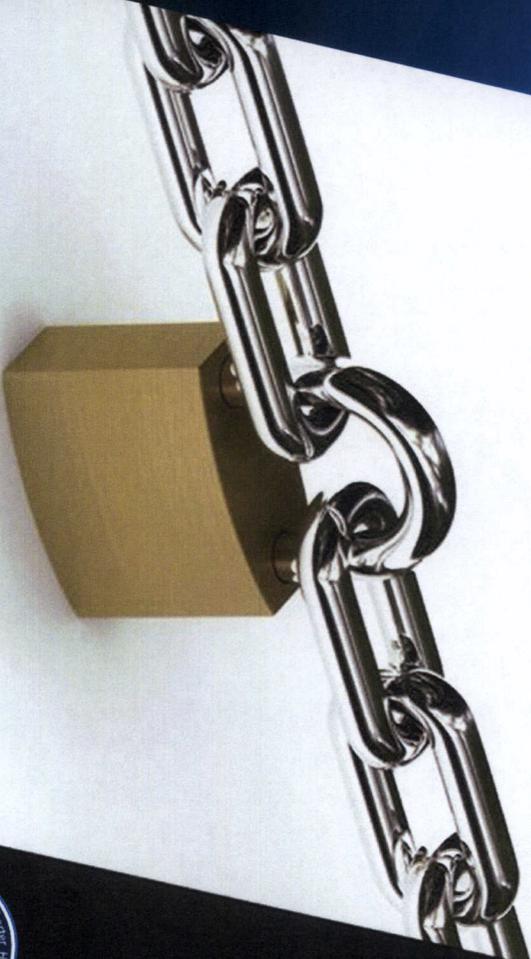
SO WHAT'S MISSING?

- A Neighborhood High School in the City of Aventura
- Not just ANY High School! The best High School. Like only the City of Aventura knows how!
- Highly Competitive at the National Level
 - Academically
 - Technologically
 - Environmentally (Green)
 - In Sports
 - In Arts.



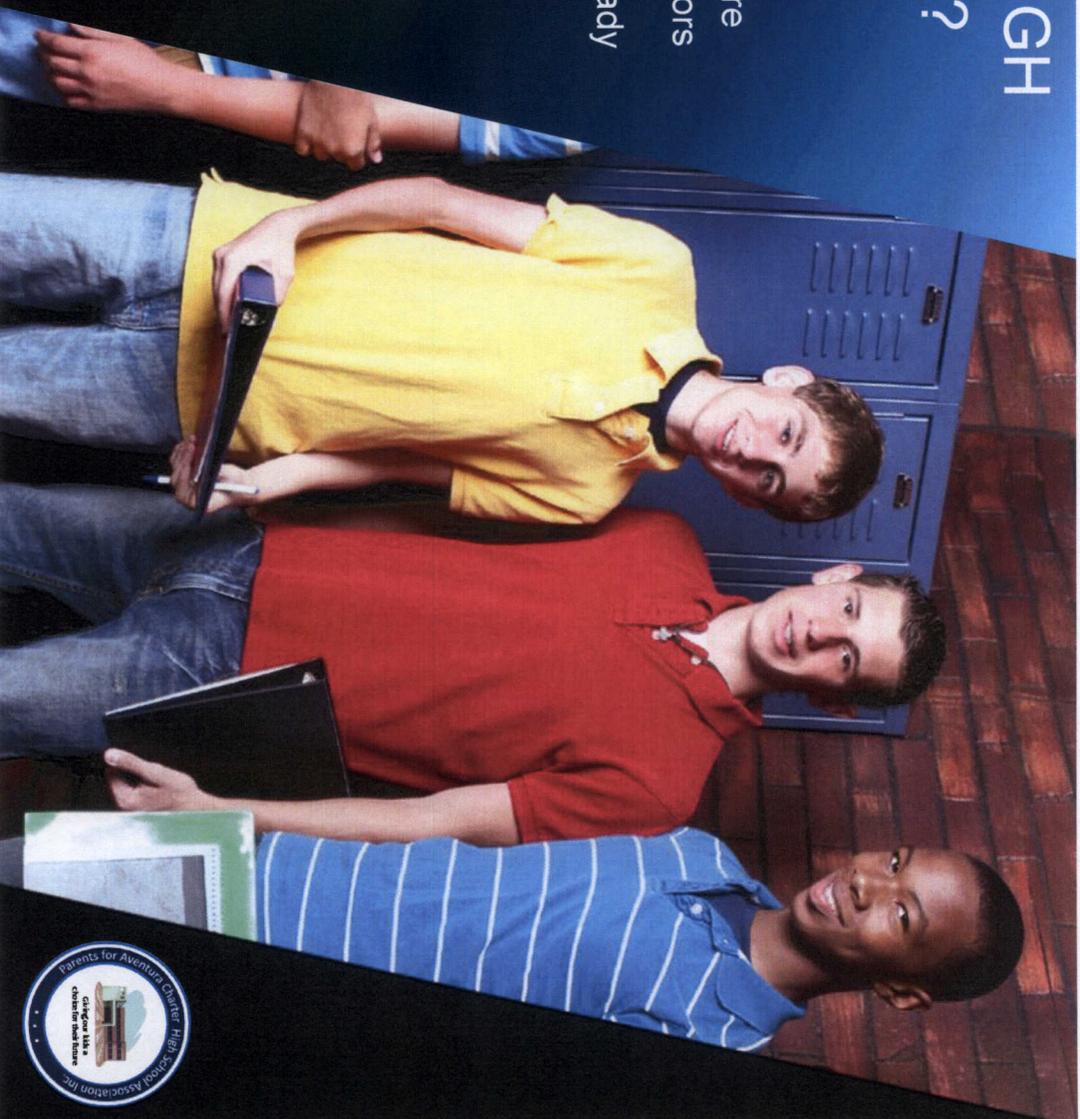
WHAT ARE THE CURRENT OPTIONS?

- Private High School Options
 - Nova University School – FLL
 - Pine Crest – FLL
 - American Heritage – FLL
 - All are pricy, not in Aventura (considerable commute)
 - Kids social network is not from the local community
- Public High School Options
 - Dr. Michael Krop HS – Only option
 - No Charter High School Available
 - None in Aventura, limited social network from local community
- Many families are unhappy with the limited amount of options.



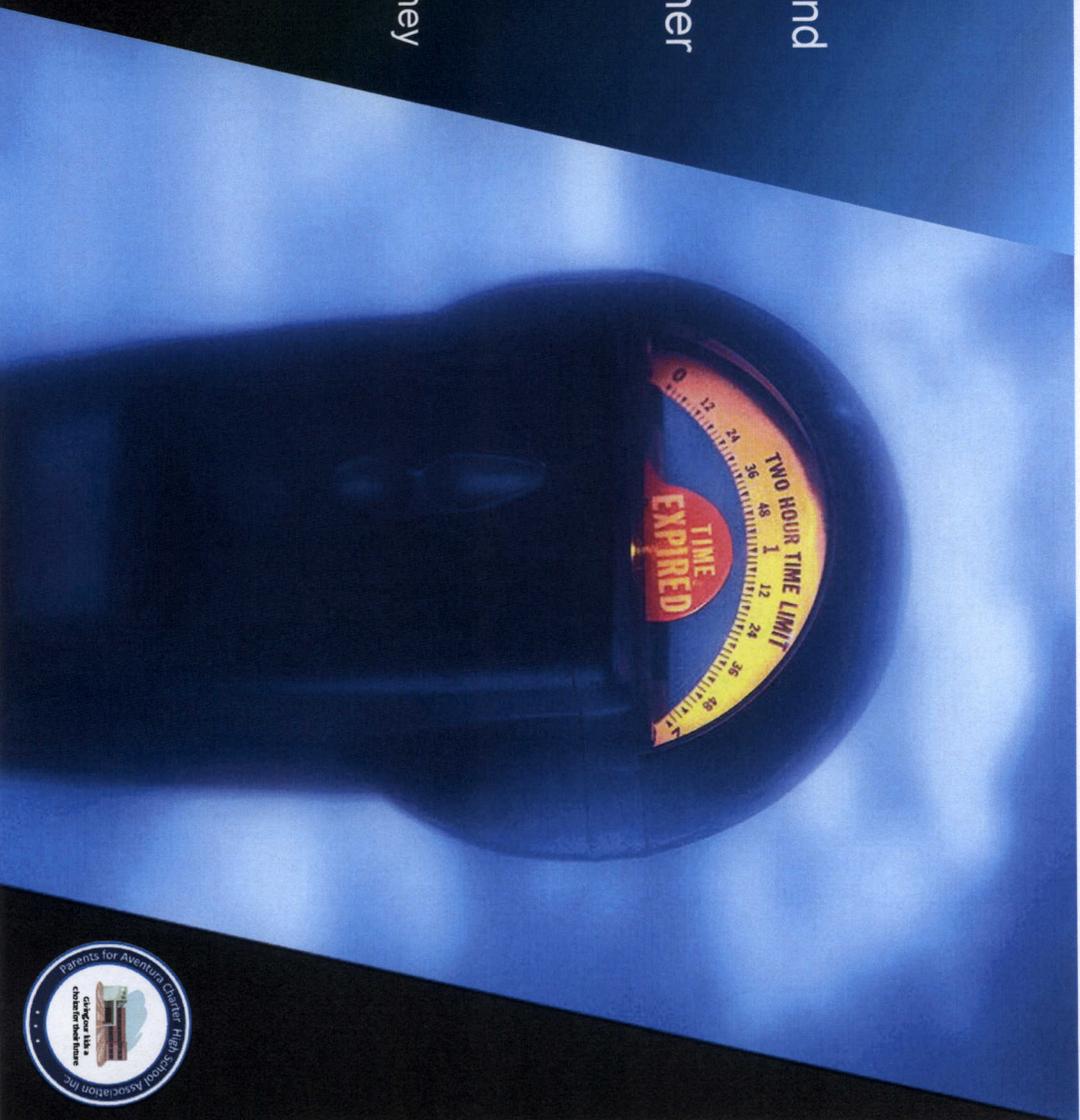
WHY DO WE NEED A HIGH SCHOOL IN AVENTURA?

- Need continuation to the ACES Charter experience
- Need a local community high school where kids can learn and grow with their neighbors
- Current Public High School option is already at over capacity
- Private high schools are very expensive
- Reduce the need to commute or relocate
- Attract CEOs, other executives, and their families to live in Aventura
- Create jobs within the community and stimulate local economy
- Increase value of our homes.



WHY NOW?

- Limited land options. Use the land that is available now, before it is consumed with more condos/other
- Economic situation –
 - Use it to our advantage to get land at a reduced price
 - Families can't afford private schools if they want options
- School student population is growing.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

- Petition for a High School in Aventura has had resounding success
- Almost a **thousand** signatures with pure "mouth to ear" and no marketing
- Hundreds of offers to volunteer and make this vision a reality.



Aventura Charter High School Petition

SIGNATURES

978

98%

1,000

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Opened on April 03, 2011

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Petition for a Charter High School in the City of Aventura

Do you and your family love living in the City of Aventura?

Do you love your Aventura Charter School?

Are you concerned that there is NO HIGH SCHOOL in the City of Aventura?

If you answered YES to the questions above, this petition is for you!

My family and I have been in Aventura for twenty years, and have enjoyed every minute of it. My two girls are currently attending the ACES Elementary. As I am looking towards the future, I am very concerned that there are no real options for my girls to go to High School in Aventura.

Every parent that I speak to is voicing the same concern.

The goal of this petition is to raise enough awareness and demand for a Charter High School in Aventura, so that our elected officials will come to our support...and together...WE CAN MAKE IT A REALITY!

Please sign the petition now and pass on this link to everyone you know.

Thank you for your support.

Frida Lapidot

President

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE – QUOTES

“A high School will be a great asset for our kids and for the city of Aventura”

“YES! It will be an asset a High School in the City of Aventura!”

“A City of Excellence needs a local public high school”

“A charter high school is much needed in Aventura!!”

“We really need it for our kids. thank you”

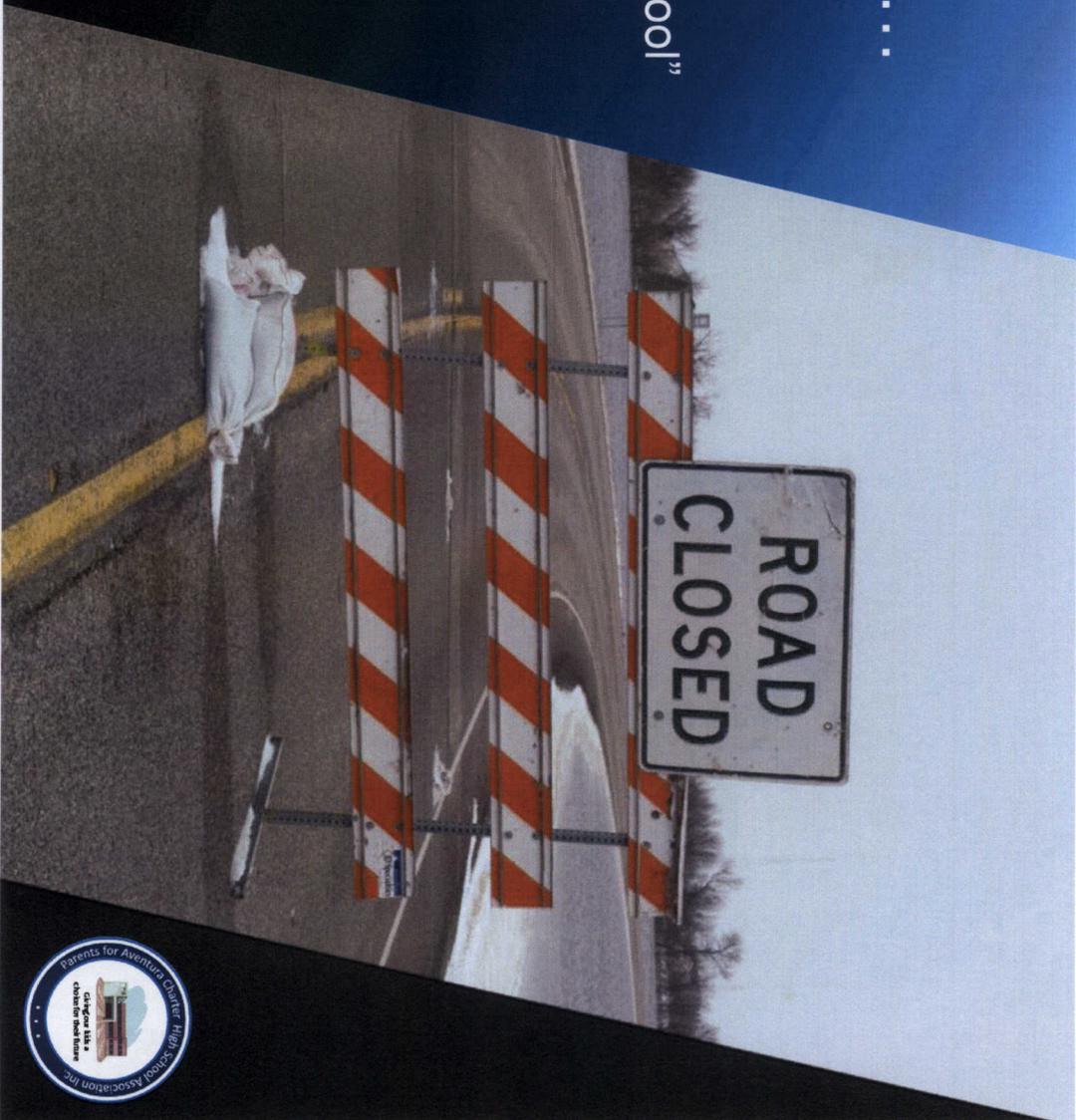
“Make it happen”

“Please do build the High School, will love my kids to continue in the Charter !”

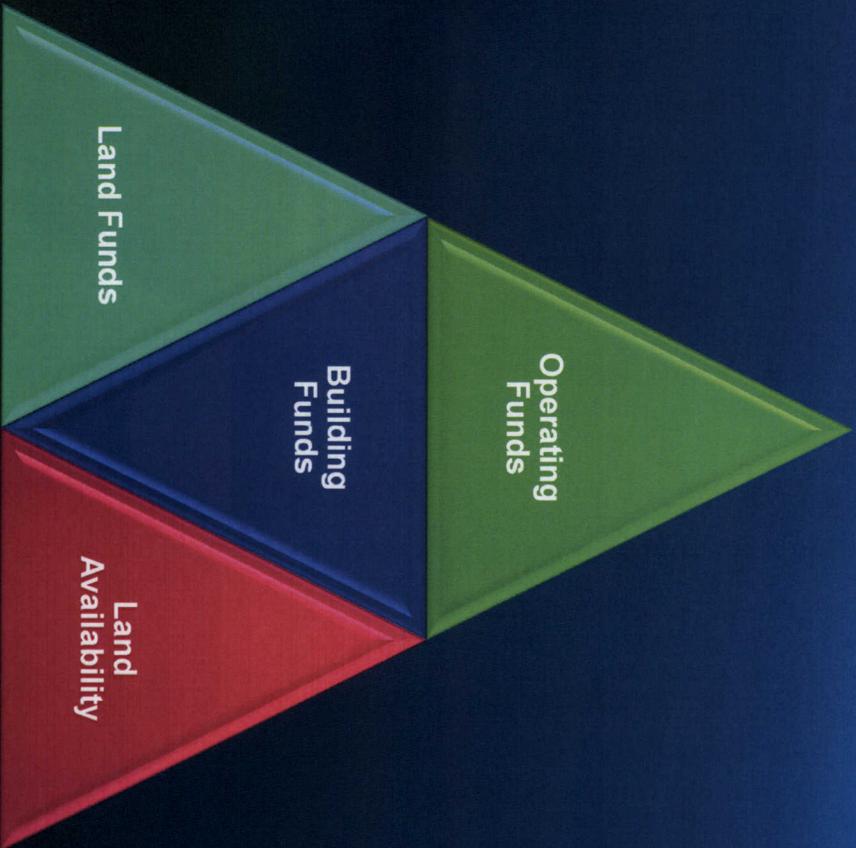


ROADBLOCKS TO MAKING IT HAPPEN...

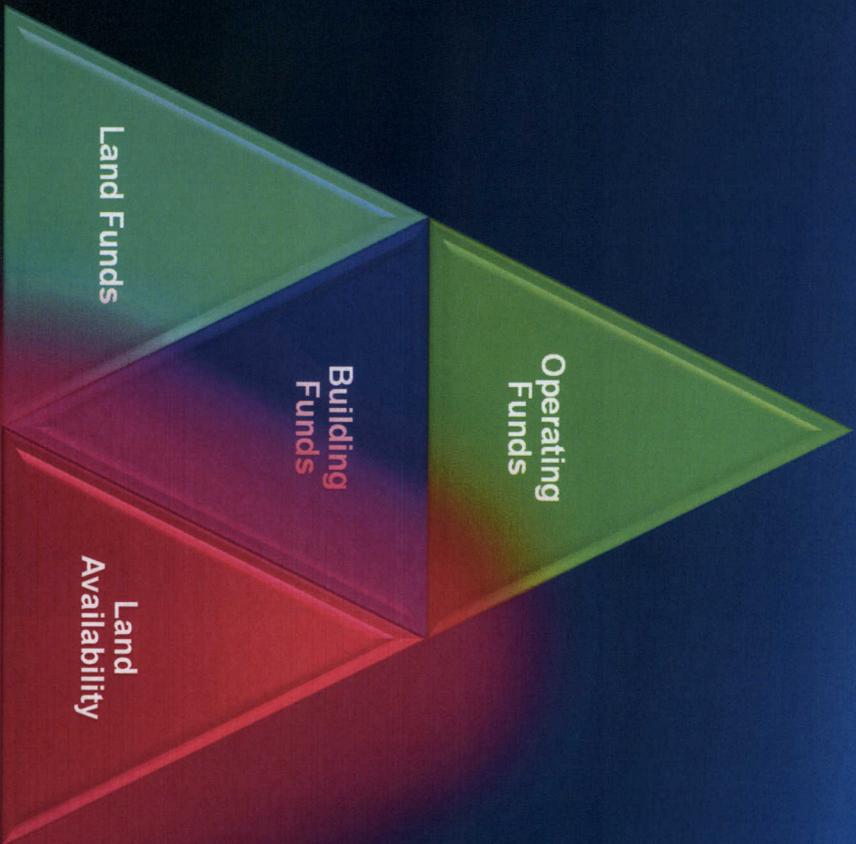
- "No Money from State"
 - Budget Cuts in Education
- "No Money for Building the School"
- "No Money to Run the School"
- "No Money to buy Land"
- "No Land"



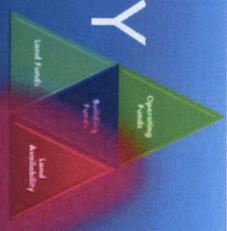
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4 AREAS TO BE SOLVED – LAND AVAILABILITY



POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS – LAND AVAILABILITY



West of Waterways Park (Gulfstream)

Size: Approx. 26.9 Acres

Limitations: Willingness to donate or sell
Seller Willingness to Donate or Sell:

Unknown



Across from ACES

Size: Approx. 6.52 Acres

Limitations: Size, water access, traffic

Seller Willingness to Donate or Sell:

Unknown



North of Turnberry School

Size: Approx. 6 Acres

Limitations: Size, traffic
Seller Willingness to Donate or Sell: Unknown



POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS – LAND AVAILABILITY

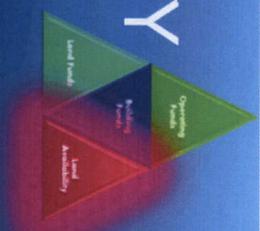
West of Aventura Mall (NMB)

Size: Approx. 16.34 Acres

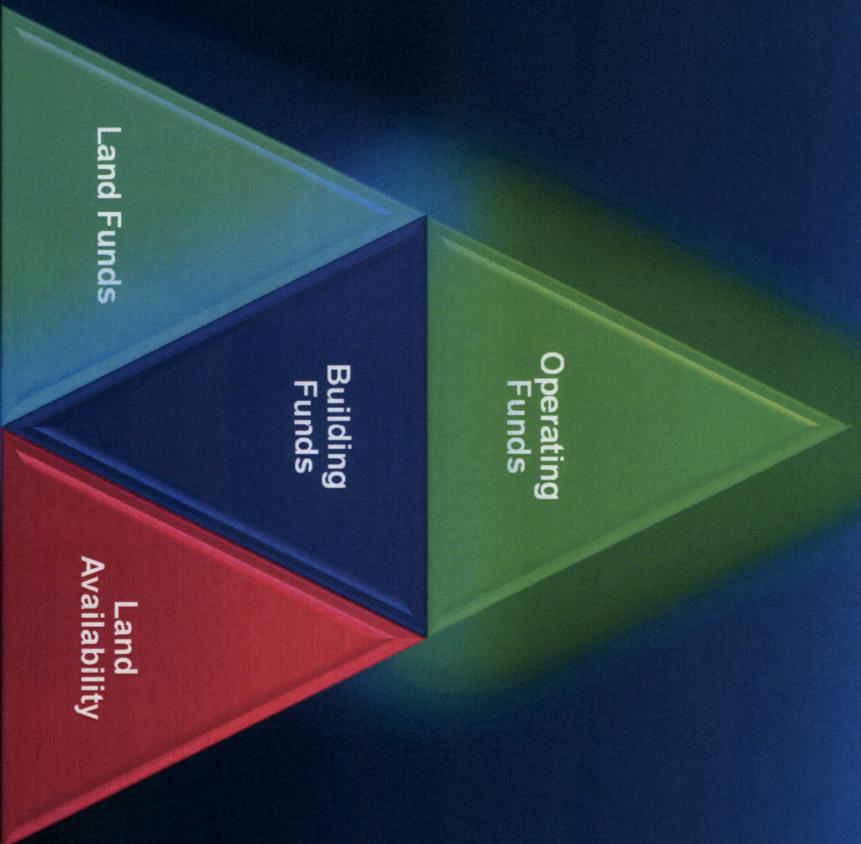
Limitations: Jurisdiction

Seller Willingness to Donate or Sell:

Unknown

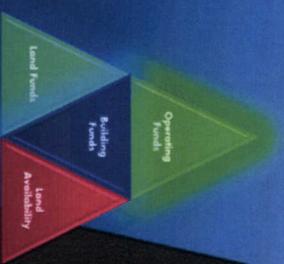


4 AREAS TO BE SOLVED – FUNDING



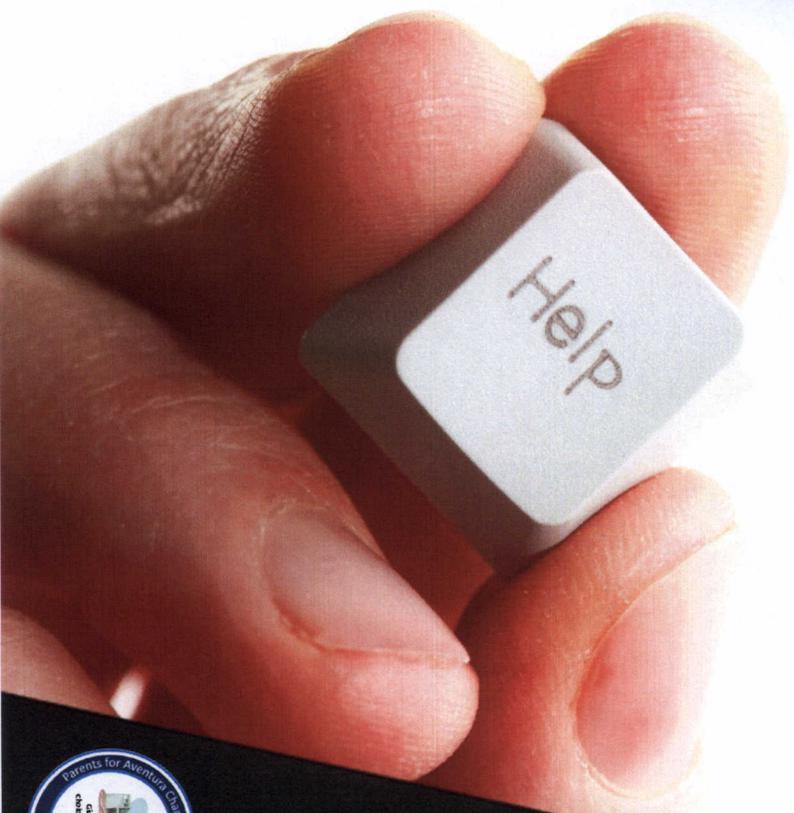
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS – FUNDING

- Multiple Charter School Organizations are willing to fund the new High School
 - Purchase/Lease of land
 - Building of facilities
 - Operate School
- Personal Donations
- Private Sector Donations and Sponsorships
- Revenue generating activities from school and its facilities.



WE NEED YOUR HELP...

- Give the new High School project a high priority
- Create a task force to study the possible solutions
- Lets be creative
- Count on our help.



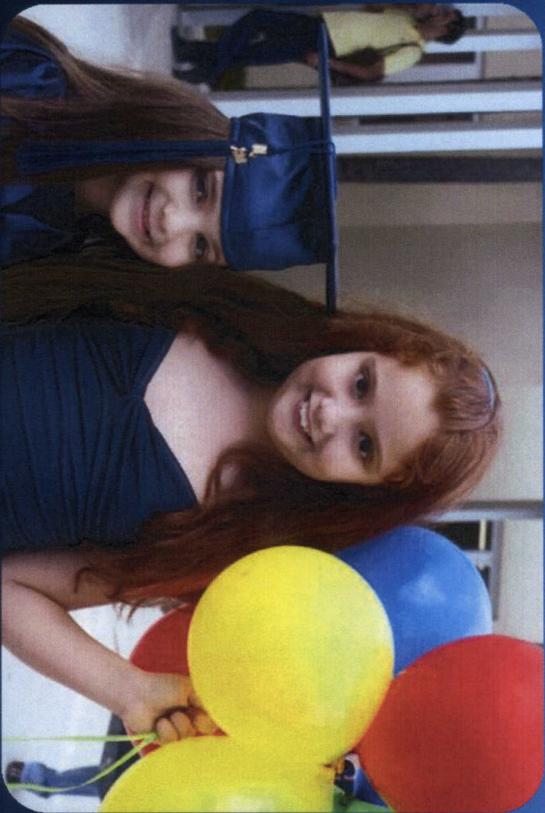
“Its hard!”

“There’s no money!”

“Its impossible!”

So why Bother?





Because it is worth trying....

for the sake of our children's future!

And because we love this city!

Aventura - The City of Excellence



THANK YOU!



REQUEST FOR AVENTURA TO SEEK RED-LIGHT AUTO RATE DISCOUNT

The issue for consideration is whether the red-light camera program in Aventura has resulted in a safer community, with a reduced number of traffic accidents, thus justifying a reduction of auto insurance premiums?

Cameras have proven to be effective at reducing red-light runners. Installed in almost every major city, New York City, where cameras have been used for more than 10 years, reported a 73% reduction in violations, a 41% reduction in collisions and a 35% reduction in fatalities. Although some studies show a slight increase in rear-end collisions from people stopping short because of cameras, those same studies show a more significant reduction in intersection crashes, which are more deadly, let alone pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

According to a recent report (July 19, 2011) from The Insurance Institute For Highway Safety, “an Institute study demonstrates that cameras have reduced the rate of fatal red light running crashes by 24% in 15 big cities with longstanding red-light camera programs.” The Institute study release early this year showed that red light cameras save lives (see Status Report, Feb. 1, 2011). “Researchers looked at U.S. cities with populations over 200,000 and compared those with red light cameras to those without. In the 14 cities that had cameras in 2004-08 but didn’t have them in an earlier comparison period, automated red light enforcement saved 159 deaths. If cameras had been operating in those years at all large U.S. cities, a total of 815 deaths would have been avoided.”

According to Eric Soroka, Aventura’s City Manager, our city “has no plans to remove the nine cameras that snap photographs at five intersections in Aventura. People take red lights more seriously now.” He credits motorists newfound respect for traffic lights with a 15% drop in car accidents throughout the city (people are aware of cameras) between January 2008 and August 2010. At intersections with red light cameras, accidents fell by as much as 60% during that period, according to statistics provided by the Aventura Police Department.

Although safety and saving lives are the main reasons for our red-light camera program, reducing auto premiums should follow as our community has become a safer place to live and drive. Insurance companies will not hesitate to increase rates for those living near dangerous locations; there should be no hesitation to reduce the rates at safer locations. The International Association of Chiefs of Police, at their 112th Annual Conference held in Miami on September 27, 2005, adopted a Resolution approving red-light camera systems, finding, “the use of red light camera systems can deter and reduce red light running violations by motorists, and more important, can reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths attributable to red-light running.”

To those who say that red-light cameras violate the right of privacy, they are wrong. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a similar case, held that whatever is in plain view of a police officer (or a camera by inclusion) is not subject to a right of privacy. In addition, driving is not a right but a privilege granted by the state. As to those who raise the issue that some cities adopted the red-light camera program for revenue purposes, on a personal level, as the Commissioner who introduced the red-light program in Aventura, “I hope our city has reduced revenue from our red-light camera program. Less revenue means the camera program is working in succeeding in reducing accidents, injuries, saving of lives and making our community a safer place to live.”

I propose that we adopt a resolution requesting that our residents have a discount on their automobile insurance based the results of our red light camera program

Respectfully,

Bob Diamond, Aventura City Commission



*Consulado General de México
Miami, Florida*

Miami, Florida, September 26th, 2011

**Ms. Luz Weinberg
Councilwoman
City of Aventura**

Dear Ms. Weinberg,

On behalf of the Consulate General of Mexico in Miami, I wish to commend the City Council of Aventura on its commitment to improving access to health care for the underserved population. On that sense, in Miami the General Consulates of Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Peru, have joined efforts in order to organize the 11th Binational Health Weeks events that will take place from October 1st to 22th.

Binational Health Weeks (BHW) has become one of the largest mobilization efforts in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of underserved populations of Latin American origin living in the United States and Canada. It encompasses an annual series of health promotion and health education activities that include workshops, insurance referrals, and medical screenings. BHW events emerge from networks forged among agencies and organizations working on mobile population health issues and, in turn, foster ongoing collaboration.

This year, BHW will take place in 40 states in the U.S. and 3 provinces in Canada, with the participation of the consular networks of Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Peru. During Binational Health Weeks, a national campaign will take place to promote awareness among the Latino community on the topics of cancer, stroke, A(H1N1) virus, green initiatives, HIV and Aids.

The Tenth Annual BHW took place October 13-21 in 2010 and witnessed the largest participation since its inception in 2001. An estimated 301,661 people participated in 3,941 activities and received 1,815 health screenings throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, 6,586 agencies and 15,497 volunteers participated in the organization of the activities, with the leadership of 125 taskforces.

The planning for the Ninth Annual Binational Health Week has already commenced. Community clinics and health volunteers are already doing wonderful outreach with the Latino origin population in Miami, Hollywood, Florida City, Homestead and Orlando.



*Consulado General de México
Miami, Florida*

In this opportunity, Consulate General of Mexico in Miami, kindly asks the City Council of Aventura to consider endorse this effort through a resolution. This resolution would officially support BHW and would call on citizens to participate in BHW activities. I have attached a layout resolution for the City Council of Aventura to review and revise as needed.

Please contact Mr. Alonso Martin, Consul of Communities Affairs, with any questions at 786.268.4910 or amartin@mexicomiami.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Miguel Gutiérrez Tinoco".

Juan Miguel Gutiérrez Tinoco
Consul General of Mexico

Eric M. Soroka

From: Eric M. Soroka
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:23 PM
To: 'mayor@miamidade.gov'
Cc: 'District4@miamidade.gov'; 'mmankes@miamidade.gov'
Subject: Northeast Regional Library Project

Mayor Susan Gottlieb has requested that I reach out to your office for assistance on the Northeast Regional Library Project. The subject of the long delays associated with the Northeast Regional Library Project have been discussed with you in the past. It has been six years since the original Northeast Regional Library on Aventura Blvd was destroyed during Hurricane Wilma. We appreciate your efforts in the past to move this project forward. At the recent Town Hall meeting in Aventura you stated that the ground breaking for this project would occur in the fall of this year.

Ace Marrero, Architecture and Engineering Section Manager, Internal Services for Miami-Dade County, came in to see our Community Development Director yesterday to apply for a further six month extension of the parking variance for the Northeast Library. The variance approval was originally granted by the City Commission on May 4, 2010 by Resolution No. 2010-28 and then extended from May 4, 2011 to November 4, 2011. The City has reviewed and approved the building permit plans but we are awaiting the name of the contractor in order to issue the permit. Permits sets were approved by Miami-Dade Fire, DERM and WASD in January of 2011 and by the City in April of 2011. The County advertised for bid in April of 2011, opened the bids in June and completed bid evaluation in July. In August, the County received allegations from the second lowest bidder that the lowest bid had false information. Those allegations were investigated. The contract award recommendation was made on September 26, 2011 and going through various departmental reviews. **The bid was expected to be awarded on October 17, 2011.**

However, at the County Commission meeting of October 4, 2011, Mr. Marrero advises that the County Mayor indicated that no new GOB projects will be approved until all GOB project budgets are reviewed and approved. It was our understanding that this project was approved 5 years ago and was partially funded from GOB funds that were authorized 4 years ago. This is not a new project. It is hard to understand why this project would now be delayed again at this point. County staff anticipates that this may take several weeks. If the Northeast Library project is approved, the Notice of Intent to Award the bid will be filed and has a three day protest period. County staff expects that the second lowest bidder will protest. The chronology says that the resolution of a bid protest can take between four to eight weeks, at best, and if it is not resolved during arbitration or at County Commission, it could proceed to the Courts, with time unknown.

Needless to say this new information delays the project once again and is contrary to the commitment you made at the Town Hall meeting. We would like to update our City Commission and the residents of the area on the status of this project at our October 13, 2011 Commission Workshop Meeting.

I am sure you will agree that the residents of Northeast Dade-County deserve a regional library branch. They have been waiting for six years. We would appreciate your review of this matter and any your involvement to expedite this important project. Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Please feel free to contact Mayor Gottlieb at 305-937-8046 or myself at the below contact information:

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY PROJECT CHRONOLOGY

08.2007

Work order issued for the demolition of the Northeast Library which was severely damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

12.2007

Decision is made by City of Aventura that they will not implement the project. Project transferred to County's GSA Office.

06.2008

Resolution R-607-08 passed revising the original project's description for the demolition and reconstruction of the library.

07. 2008

Budget Approved.

11.2008

Two schematic design options are presented to the Library Department. GSA was asked to develop additional design options.

12.2008

The project was registered with the USGBC.

01. 2009

Two new schematic design options are presented to the Library Department. One Design Option was Approved.

01. 2009

Approved design was presented to the City of Aventura.

02.2009

Demotion of existing building starts.

05. 2009

Design development approved by the Library Department.

06.2009

Demolition of existing building completed.

06.2009

Construction Documents started.

09.2009

50% Construction Documents presented to the Library Department.

04.2010

Construction Documents completed.

05.2010

Parking Variance approved by City of Aventura. Expires in 12 months.

05. 2010

Permit Application signed by the Library Department.

06. 2010

Final Project Presentation provided to the Library Department.

07. 2010

Site Plan approved by the City of Aventura.

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY PROJECT CHRONOLOGY

08.2010

Final drawings approved by the Library Department to proceed with permitting.

08.2010

Permit Sets submitted to the City of Aventura / Miami Dade County Building Departments.

01.2011

Permit Sets approved by Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue, DERM and WASD.

03.2011

Request to Advertise for construction contract prepared by GSA. CSBE goals established by SBD.

04.2011

Permit Sets approved by City of Aventura. Construction Documents are Permit Ready.

04.2011

Bid solicitation advertised on 4/29/2011 with an estimated construction cost of \$9,800,000.00.

06.2011

Bid Opening held on 6/30/2011. Apparent lowest bidder is Miami Skyline Construction Corp.

07.2011

Bid evaluation was completed by GSA on 7/19/2011.

08.2011

On 8/31/2011, the second lowest bidder, N&J Construction submitted a letter to GSA alleging that the apparent lowest bidder, Miami Skyline Construction, provided false information as part of their bid submission and should therefore be found non-responsive.

09.2011

GSA is currently evaluating N&J Construction's allegations regarding Miami Skyline Construction.

09.26.2011

Final approval of contract award recommendation (CAR) by Wendi. CAR forwarded to the County Attorney's Office (CAO) today for cursory review, at her request.

09.29.2011

CAR expected back from CAO. CAR sent to the Budget Office for review and approval.

09.30.2011

CAR expected back from Budget Office. CAR sent to Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) for review and approval.

10.04.2011

CAR expected back from OCI. CAR sent to CAO for final review and approval.

(Based on County Commission Meeting held on 10/04/2011, the County Mayor has indicated that no new GOB projects will be approved until all GOB project budgets are reviewed and approved) (We anticipate this process may take several weeks) (CAR is on HOLD at Budget Office pending budget review of all ongoing GOB projects)

*****On Hold 10.07.2011**

CAR expected back from CAO. CAR sent to the Mayor's Office for review and approval.

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***** On Hold 10.11.2011**

CAR expected back from the Mayor's Office. If approved, a Notice of Intent to Award will be filed with the Clerk's Office in order to initiate the three-day protest period.

***** On Hold 10.12.2011**

Start of the Protest Period

***** On Hold 10.14.2011**

End of the Protest Period

***** On Hold 10.17.2011**

Notice of Recommendation for Award issued to lowest bidder (*)

(*) This date is contingent upon the award recommendation NOT being protested by any of the bidders. In light of the fact that our office has received several letters from the second lowest bidder disputing the qualifications of the lowest bidder, we anticipate that the recommendation for award WILL be protested. The resolution of a bid protest can take between four to eight weeks, at best, depending on the merits of the protest.

1. Arbitration. (2 to 4 Weeks)
2. County Commission (4 to 6 Weeks)
3. Courts (Time Unknown)

Eric M. Soroka

From: Joanne Carr
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 11:07 AM
To: Eric M. Soroka
Subject: Northeast Library Project
Attachments: northeast library summary of County actions.pdf

Good morning.

Ace Marrero, Architecture and Engineering Section Manager, General Services Administration (now reorganized under Internal Services) for Miami-Dade County, came in to see me yesterday to apply for a further six month extension of the parking variance for the Northeast Library. The variance approval was originally granted by the City Commission on May 4, 2010 by Resolution No. 2010-28 and then extended from May 4, 2011 to November 4, 2011.

Mr. Marrero provided the attached "Northeast Regional Library Project Chronology" that lists all actions taken by the County on this project from August, 2007 to date.

The City has reviewed and approved the building permit plans but we are awaiting the name of the contractor in order to issue the permit. You will see on the attached chronology that permits sets were approved by Miami-Dade Fire, DERM and WASD in January of 2011 and by the City in April of 2011.

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Mr. Marrero advised that he was unable to answer any of my detailed questions about the bid protest or the bid award since this process is under the Cone of Silence rules.

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**NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY PROJECT
CHRONOLOGY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

➤ **4/13/06** - GSA and Library (LIB) departments contact OCI to discuss funding and possible milestone changes.

 **7/26/06** - OCI contacts Suzet Alvarez-Cleary (LIB) to inquire on the results of discussions between City of Aventura and the Library Department (LIB) regarding the possibility of the City managing the NE Library renovation project. OCI reminded LIB that project was on County-owned land and therefore would need to follow all County procedures.

➤ **7/30/06** - LIB advised OCI that the City was interested in managing the project. The City also had an RFQ for a contractor ready and was waiting for County review/approval.

➤ **7/31/06** - LIB forwarded City's RFQ to OCI for review. OCI told LIB that City needed to follow all County procedures to include advertising for A/E services and technical review by DBD.

➤ **8/1/06** - OCI confirms with the County Attorney's Office (CAO) that if the City performs work on behalf of the County (on County land and/or facility operated by the County) will need to follow all existing County requirements followed by County Departments. City can request to waive rules similar to what a County department would seek. The waiver provisions of the procurement ordinance are not applicable to municipalities, rather only to not-for-profits.

 **8/2/06** - City advises OCI that they are interested in building a Performing Arts Center (PAC) in conjunction with the reconstruction of the NE Library.

➤ **8/3/06** - OCI realized that original project description of City of Aventura's GOB allocation, "Purchase land for parks/public facilities", did not reference construction. OCI will seek verification from CAO for possible significant modification.

➤ **8/7/06** - OCI informs GSA that the City needs to follow all County procedures if they intend to build on County-owned property.

➤ **8/8/06** - Meeting was held with OCI, CAO, GSA and LIB to discuss combining the NE Library project and City's proposal to build a PAC. CAO's opinion: City must comply with all County procedures in the development of GOB projects. Otherwise, LIB will need an amendment to the Procurement Ordinance to permit a waiver by BCC resolution of County procurement procedures when municipalities build on behalf of the County. CAO

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

also advised that the current project of, "Purchase land for parks/public facilities", would need to be modified to allow for construction.

- **12/19/06** – LIB starts to work with OCI and CAO to draft an interlocal agreement and resolution for significant modification for Library/PAC project.
- **12/20/06** – OCI advised the City that, if they intend to use any GOB funds allocated to them for the Library/PAC project, a resolution for a significant modification will be needed. An additional resolution would delay the project. The City responded that the issue would be discussed by the City Commission January 2007.
- **1/18/07** – LIB advised OCI that the City may be asking for City-allocated GOB funds for Library/PAC project. OCI asked the City if information was correct and again explained the steps required for a significant modification.
- ★➤ **1/19/07** – OCI advises LIB that the use of GOB funds by the City would need a significant modification resolution. OCI reminded LIB that the process may delay the project and that the City had not requested OCI to initiate the process.
- **2/7/07** – City advises OCI that the City passed a resolution to use the City's GOB funds at the Library/PAC project. Letter dated 2/7/07 received by OCI requesting significant modification and copy of City's resolution attached.
- **2/7/07 to 2/23/07** – OCI, LIB, and CAO worked on the resolution to change the project description and allow GOB funds from the City to be used on the Library/PAC project.
- ★➤ **4/24/07** – Resolution approved by BCC.
- **12/7/07** – City advises OCI that the City Commission would meet the following week to discuss the relocation of the PAC to City-owned land. If the City Commission decides to move forward with the change, a resolution would be adopted at the 1/8/08 City Commission meeting.
- ★➤ **12/14/07** – City advises County they no longer want to pursue the joint Library/PAC project.
- **August 2007** – Work order issued for the demolition of the Northeast Library which was severely damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

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December 2007 - Decision is made by City of Aventura that they will not implement the project. Project transferred to County's General Services Administration (GSA) Department.

➤ **May 2008** – GSA In-house design process commenced

➤ **6/3/08** - Resolution R-607-08 passed revising the original project's description for the demolition and reconstruction of the library which was severely damaged by Hurricane Wilma. Reso also revises project title and adds project address.

➤ **June 2008 – August 2008** – Decision made to implement library as a LEED project.

➤ **7/23/08** - Budget Approved.

➤ **September 2008** – LEED consultant selected and preliminary drawings completed.

➤ **10/21/08** - Soil Borings received.

➤ **10/27/08** - Copies of the Parking Agreement provided by the City of Aventura.

➤ **October 2008** - The two schematic design options submitted by the architect.

➤ **November 2008** - The two schematic design options are presented to the Library Department.

➤ **November 2008** - GSA was asked to develop additional design options.

➤ **12/4/08** - The project was registered with the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

➤ **1/15/09** - Two new schematic design options are presented to the Library Department. One Design Option was approved.

➤ **1/27/09** - First working meeting held with the LEED consultant.

➤ **1/29/09** - Approved design was presented to the City of Aventura.

➤ **1/30/09** – The Design Development phase was started.

➤ **5/20/09** – Design development approved by the Library Department.

➤ **6/6/09** - Follow-up with Aventura on Parking Variance and Site Plan Approval processes.

➤ **6/7/09** – Construction Documents started.

➤ **6/18/09** - Follow-up meeting held with LEED consultant to verify all LEED points.

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- **7/18/09** - Meeting with the Library Department to discuss different LEED issues: Basis of Design (BOD), Owner's Project Requirements (OPR), Commissioning, Green Power, Photovoltaic Panels, Cistern, etc.
- **8/8/09** - Library Department asked to put on hold the Parking Variance and the Site Plan Approval until the Agency gets the County Attorney's Office (CAO) blessing.
- **8/30/09** - Meeting with CAO to discuss the parking agreement.
- **9/17/09** - 50% Construction Documents presented to the Library Department.
- **10/23/09** - Draft Parking Agreement provided by the Library Department.
- **11/6/09** - Parking Agreement discussed with County Attorney Office.
- **12/4/09** - Parking Agreement discussed with CAO.
- **December 2009** - Design 90% complete. Pending dry-run permitting.
- **2/2/10** - Construction Document Quality Control review initiated.
- **2/18/10** - GSA provides City of Aventura with project update.
- **3/11/10** - Library Department informs GSA that the Parking Agreement is current.
- **April 2010** - Design 100% complete
- **4/15/10** - Site Plan approved by Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Department.
- **5/5/10** - Parking Variance approved by City of Aventura. Expires in 12 months. Permit-ready drawings need to be available prior to May 2011.
- **5/28/10** - Permit Application signed by the Library Department.
- **6/9/10** - Final Project Presentation provided to the Library Department.
- **7/7/10** - Site Plan approved by the City of Aventura. *sent 1-29-09*
- **8/10/10** - Final drawings approved by the Library Department to proceed with permitting.
- **8/18/10** - Permit Sets submitted to the City of Aventura. The City requested that submittals start with the Miami-Dade Agencies first.
- **8/19/10** - Permit sets submitted to the Miami-Dade Building Department.
- **January 2011** - Drawings approved by Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue, DERM and WASD.

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- **March 2011** – Request to Advertise for construction contract prepared by GSA. CSBE goals established by Small Business Development (SBD)
-  **April 2011** - Drawings approved by City of Aventura. Construction Documents are Permit Ready.
-  **April 2011** - Bid solicitation advertised on 4/29/2011 with an estimated construction cost of \$9,800,000.00.
- **May - June 2011** – Bidding process.
- **June 2011** – Bid Opening held on 6/30/2011. Apparent lowest bidder is Miami Skyline Construction Corp. with a base bid price of \$9,768,000.00.
- **July 2011** – Bid evaluation was completed by GSA on 7/19/2011. The same day, the CAO was consulted regarding responsiveness issues with the second lowest bidder, N&J Construction.
- **August 2011** – On 8/2/2011, the CAO found N&J Construction's submittal responsive. The same day, the contract award process commenced.
- **August 2011** – On 8/31/2011, the second lowest bidder, N&J Construction submitted a letter to GSA alleging that the apparent lowest bidder, Miami Skyline Construction, provided false information as part of their bid submission and should therefore be found non-responsive.
- **September 2011** – GSA is currently evaluating N&J Construction's allegations regarding Miami Skyline Construction.



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September 19, 2011

The Honorable Susan Gottlieb
Mayor, City of Aventura
19200 W. Country Club Drive
Aventura, Fl 33180

Dear Mayor Gottlieb:

Allow me this opportunity to first thank you for your continued participation in and support of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities (MDCLC). President Juan Carlos Bermudez, and myself are well aware that MDCLC's success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of its members. For this reason, we need your cooperation in making appointments to the Board.

Each member municipality designates one of its elected officials to serve as a **Director** and one as an **alternate Director** of the League for a period of one year. The term commences at the date of the Annual Meeting in the month of February, and runs until the following February.

Allow this letter to serve as a kind reminder that you are required to designate a Director and an alternate to represent your municipality on the MDCLC's Board preferably before the December Board Meeting. Please send us a note to the League office naming your appointments.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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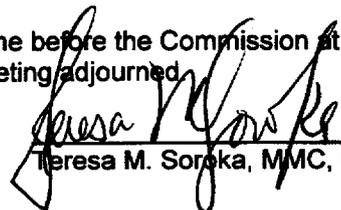


**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 14, 2010 9 a.m.**

Aventura Government Center
19200 W. Country Club Drive
Aventura, Florida 33180

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Mayor Susan Gottlieb following the 8:15 a.m. Executive Session. Present were Commissioners Zev Auerbach, Bob Diamond, Teri Holzberg, Billy Joel, Luz Urbaz Weinberg, Vice Mayor Michael Stern, Mayor Susan Gottlieb, City Manager Eric M. Soroka, City Clerk Teresa M. Soroka and City Attorney David M. Wolpin. As a quorum was determined to be present, the meeting commenced.

- 1. RACE TO THE TOP FDOE GRANT (City Manager):** Mr. Soroka introduced ACES Principal Julie Alm and Vice Principal Daniel Sandberg who presented a powerpoint presentation that explained this grant established to implement federal targeted educational reform programs at the state level and noted it is optional for Charter Schools to participate.
CITY MANAGER SUMMARY: Consensus to participate at this time during the development stages. Future participation would be evaluated based on the impact on the school.
- 2. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION (City Manager):** Mr. Soroka advised the Commission that it is time once again for a review of the City's Charter and requested the Commission submit names for the Charter Review Commission.
CITY MANAGER SUMMARY: Consensus to appoint Leonard Brenner to serve as the member from the previous Commission as provided by Charter and that the City Commission submit names to the City Manager by Friday, October 22, 2010, for discussion as to appointment.
- 3. ANNUAL SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES (City Manager):** Noting that the League has requested appointment/reappointment of the City's representative, Mr. Soroka requested Commission selection.
CITY MANAGER SUMMARY: Consensus to reappoint Commissioner Auerbach.
- 4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 5 & 6 (Mayor Gottlieb):** Mayor Gottlieb advised the Commission of a request she received from Former City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, now Chairman of the FairDistrictsFlorida, to support Amendments 5 and 6, which amendments would, among other things, allow voters the opportunity to choose their representatives instead of politicians choosing which voters they want in their districts.
CITY MANAGER SUMMARY: Consensus to approve.
- 5. AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (City Manager):** Planning Director Joanne Carr addressed the Commission and explained that the revisions are offered by the School Board for inclusion in the City's agreement under the "most favored nations" clause, as they are contained in a separate agreement made between the School Board and Miami-Dade County.
CITY MANAGER SUMMARY: Consensus to add only Section 5 pertaining to proportionate share mitigation, in order to show the City's strong support of Charter Schools as a mitigation option for student capacity.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, after motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.


Teresa M. Soroka, MMC, City Clerk

Approved by the Commission on November 9, 2010.

Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing 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 to be based.