

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
CC: CITY MANAGER & CITY CLERK
FROM: DAN ESPINO
DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2011
RE: COMMUNITY SUMMIT DISCUSSION

This is a brief summary of what was discussed at the 2nd Annual Miami Springs Community Summit (October 11, 2011). About twenty (20) community leaders were in attendance. In addition to the summary below, I have included a spreadsheet of the specific comments by the attendees, as well as the Agenda for the Summit.

Topic: Strategic Planning: Where are we headed as community—organizational perspectives

Discussion: The conversation focused on two major areas of concern: marketing/public relations and outdoor recreation/leisure.

1. Marketing/Public Relations

Like in the Inaugural Community Summit, marketing and public relations was a major area of concerns to the community leaders. Many in attendance expressed a desire for Miami Springs to be much more proactive in promoting events, organizations and other goings on in the City to residents, as well as non-residents. It was expressed by various individuals that Miami Springs should develop a marketing strategy that supports synergy among community organizations, city amenities, local business and events in the City. Suggestions on how to accomplish this included: a community newsletter; social media; varied banners on 36th street (and perhaps others streets in the City); increased advertising to the hotels, working with larger chambers and an opt-in email program. It was suggested that Miami Springs consolidate its online calendar to a single calendar reflecting City events and meetings, along with organizational events and consider further designated someone in the City as a reference resource to the organizations, offering instruction or recommendations for events. It was also recommended that this person should control the community calendar and directory, as well as conduct some limited organization outreach, in so far as trying to bring groups together who have expressed an interest in doing joint events.

2. Outdoor recreation/leisure

Outdoor recreation and leisure space was the other dominant topic of conversation. Several organized sports groups were in attendance complaining about the lack of available field space in Miami Springs, a situation made recently worse by growing baseball and soccer programs which are now going year round. As a way of resolving that issue, many discussed the creation of new field space by entering into partnerships with the various schools in our area (leveraging our Education Compact). There was also a strong desire for non-athletic park space—that is, outdoor areas that could be used for community or botanical gardens, mini-outdoor amphitheaters, picnic areas and hiking trails. As part of identifying what facilities could go where, it was recommended that an inventory of all available green/parks space be established.

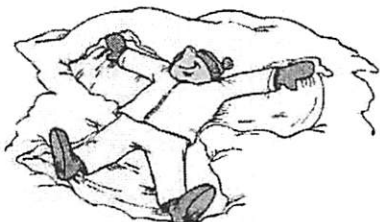
We hear there's a **Snow Storm**

coming to the CIRCLE on Saturday, December 3, 2011
from 6:00PM-10:00PM



All Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens RESIDENTS
are welcomed to enjoy
the SNOW!!!!

Come by the Community Center beginning
Wednesday, November 16th, thru
Thursday, December 1st, 2011
to pick up your SNOW bracelet.



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FOR GAZETTE



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City of Miami Springs Parks & Recreation Department
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CHRISTMAS AT THE GAZEBO

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD

PARADE 5:45PM

6:00PM – 10:00PM



Come and see *Old Friends*
& Meet *New Ones*

Make your Wish List & check it twice,

Give it to *SANTA & his Helpers*

Remember Santa is watching, better be GOOD!

Come & ride the Train & Ponies

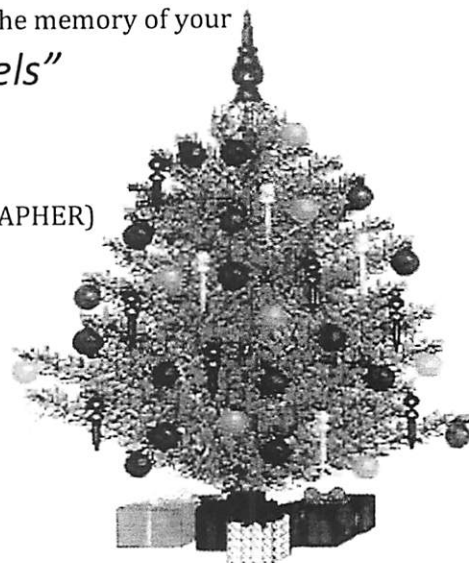
Bring your mittens,

We've heard it's going to snow that day!!!!!!!

Note: Please bring your cameras, take a picture & save the memory of your
"Little Elves & Christmas Angels"

with Santa & his helpers

(THERE WILL BE NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER)



Playground and Community Center
Holiday Hours:

November

Thursday, November 24, 2011:

**Community Center will be closed.
Park and playground will be open at
8:00AM to 5:00PM.
No Restrooms available.**

December

**Saturday, December 24, 2011:
Community Center/Playground Hours
8:00AM to 4:00PM.**

**Sunday, December 25, 2011:
Community Center Closed.
Park and playground will be open at
8:00AM to 5:00PM.
No Restrooms available.**

**Saturday, December 31, 2011:
Community Center/Playground Hours
8:00AM to 4:00PM.**

**Sunday, January 1, 2012:
Community Center Closed.
Park and Playground will be open at
8:00AM to 5:00PM.
No Restrooms available.**



NEWS RELEASE

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November 10, 2011

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Miami-Dade County to host Charter Amendments Meetings in North Miami, Miami Lakes and West Dade

(Miami-Dade County, FL) -- Miami-Dade County is hosting a series of town hall meetings, where residents can provide input and ask County staff about the proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter, www.miamidade.gov/charterreview/home.asp.

On July 7, 2011, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 11-44, which states "the County shall hold six public meetings regarding any resolution calling an election on a proposed Home Rule Charter amendment."

What: Miami-Dade County Charter Amendments Town Hall Meetings

- **Date: Monday, November 14, 2011**
Location: Gwen Margolis Community Center, 1590 NE 123 Street, North Miami, FL 33161
Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- **Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011**
Location: Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road, Miami Lakes, FL 33014
Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- **Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011**
Location: West Dade Regional Library, 9445 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33165
Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The facility is accessible. For sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices or materials in accessible format, please call 305-375-1545 at least five days in advance.

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


Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street, 29th Floor Miami, Florida 33128
(305) 375-5071

Proposed Charter Amendments 2011

Sponsor	Miami-Dade County Resolutions Subject	Status
Bruno A. Barreiro	<u>Resolution calling special election to amend Home Rule Charter to provide that Commissioners shall devote full-time service to the Office of County Commissioners and hold no other employment; receive salary provided by State Statutory formula (currently approximately \$92,097); and shall be subject to term limits</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112132.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election of whether the Home Rule Charter shall be amended to specify the exclusive process, form, content, and method for certification of citizen initiative petitions</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112107.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether to amend the Charter to increase from 60 to 120 days the time allowed to circulate initiatory petitions</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112108.pdf)	Approved as amended by the BC the January 31, 2012 election.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether the Home Rule Charter shall be amended to provide that the certification and signature gathering procedures for initiative petitions for ordinances also govern initiative petitions to amend the Home Rule Charter</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112109.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter shall be amended to provide for Community Zoning Appeals Boards to decide zoning applications to the extent allowed by law and for such appeals from such decisions to be decided by zoning hearing officers in a process modeled on the state of Florida's administrative procedures act, subject to limited review by the Board of County Commissioners</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112110.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election of whether the Home Rule Charter shall be amended to: specify the exclusive process, form, content, and method for certification of citizen initiative referendum, recall, and Charter amendment petitions</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112111.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election for the purpose of submitting to the electors the questions of whether the Charter shall be amended to provide that the Charter shall exclusively govern procedures for citizen initiative, referendum, recall and charter amendment petitions, that all current ordinances and Resolutions thereon shall be repealed and that future adoption of ordinances and Resolutions regulating such petitions be prohibited</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112112.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
steban L. Bovo, Jr.	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to require the Board of County Commissioners to hold a public hearing on any citizen or board initiated change to the Home Rule Charter on the date the board sets the election date on the proposed charter amendment</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112252.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [], 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the charter to establish the office of police director as an elected charter official responsible for police and corrections functions who has more independence than current administrative directors and who may be recalled by voters, instead of the Mayor being responsible for performing such functions through department directors the Mayor appoints, subject to disapproval by the commission, and suspension, reprimand, removal or discharge at the sole discretion of the Mayor</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112265.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [] 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether the charter shall be amended to establish the office of police director as an elected charter official responsible for police functions who has more independence than current administrative directors and who may be recalled by voters, instead of the Mayor being responsible for performing such functions through a police director the Mayor appoints, subject to disapproval by the commission, and suspension, reprimand, removal or discharge at the sole discretion of the Mayor</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112267.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [] 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the charter to shall the charter be amended to establish the office of public safety director as an elected charter official responsible for police, corrections, fire and rescue functions who has more independence than current administrative directors and who may be recalled by voters, instead of the Mayor being responsible for performing such functions through department directors the Mayor appoints, subject to disapproval by the commission, and suspension, reprimand, removal or discharge at the discretion of the Mayor</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112271.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [] 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the charter to establish the office of supervisor of elections as an elected charter official who has more independence than the current administrative director and who may be recalled by voters, instead of the Mayor being responsible for performing the functions of the supervisor of elections through an administrative director who the Mayor appoints, subject to disapproval by the commission, and suspension, reprimand, removal or discharge at the discretion of the Mayor</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112275.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Idrey M. Edmonson	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, on Tuesday, Nanuary 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that Commissioners no longer receive the \$6,000 annual salary established in 1957, but receive instead the salary provided by state statutory formula, adjusted annually by the County's population (currently approximately \$92,097), used by other Florida counties, including Broward County</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112273.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Sally A. Heyman	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether the charter shall be amended to provide as of January 31, 2012, commissioners: may serve no more than three consecutive four year terms, except current commissioners, at the expiration of their current term, may serve for two additional consecutive four year terms; shall devote full time service as commissioners and hold no other additional employment with entities doing business with the County and receive annual salary increases from \$6,000 to state formula salary (approximately \$92,097)</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112257.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Sally A. Heyman	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that, upon creation of a charter review task force by the County commission, any task force proposals to revise or amend the charter shall be placed on the ballot for approval by the electorate, if such proposal is approved by 2/3's vote of the task force</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp? http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112260.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Barbara J. Jordan	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that: each County commissioner shall serve no more than three consecutive four-year terms in office</u>	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.

	<u>excluding terms of service prior to 2012</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112156.pdf)	
Barbara J. Jordan	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that each County commissioner shall no longer receive their current \$6,000 annual salary established in 1957, but receive instead an annual salary of \$75,000 and adjusted annually</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112157.pdf)	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Joe A. Martinez	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [], for the purpose of submitting to the electors of miami-dade County the question of whether to amend the charter to establish the office of police director as a charter office with its own department who shall be appointed by the Mayor for a specified term subject to disapproval by the commission and subject to removal by the Mayor with the commission's consent, or by the commission itself upon a supermajority vote, and who shall have more independence than an appointed director currently possesses</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112192.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Joe A. Martinez	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [], for the purpose of submitting to the electors of miami dade County the question of whether to amend the charter to establish the office of supervisor of elections as a charter office with its own department who shall be appointed by the Mayor for a specified term subject to disapproval by the commission and subject to removal by the Mayor with the commission's consent, or by the commission itself upon a supermajority vote, and who shall have more independence than an appointed director currently possesses</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112193.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Joe A. Martinez	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, [], for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter shall be amended to provide that bid protests on certain competitive procurements of goods and services shall be heard by hearing officers in a process modelled after the Florida administrative procedures act and that the hearing examiner's decision to award to particular vendor shall limit the County commission's authority to award the contract to another vendor unless the commission determines such decision is an abuse of the hearing examiner's discretion</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112194.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Joe A. Martinez	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida to be held on Tuesday, [], for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide for creation of a task force to develop a one-time plan placing all unincorporated areas of the County within cities, which plan, as may be amended by supermajority vote of the commission, shall be submitted to the electorate at a general election in 2014 for approval and if approved, will effectuate the annexations and incorporations in such plan</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112196.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Joe A. Martinez	<u>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, on Tuesday, [], for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation at least once every 5 years of a 21-member charter review task force appointed by County commissioners, the Mayor, each of the 4 largest cities, and the league of cities to consider proposals to revise or amend the charter and to require proposals approved by a 2/3 majority of the task force be placed on the ballot for approval by the electorate</u> (http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112197.pdf)	Withdrawn by sponsor.
ecca Sosa and Lynda Bell	<u>Resolution calling a special election to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that: each Commissioner shall devote full-time service to the Office of County Commissioner and hold no other employment; receive salary provided by State Statutory Formula (currently approximately \$92,097); and shall serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms in</u>	Approved as amended by the BC(the January 31, 2012 election.

	<p>office excluding terms of service prior to 2012 </p> <p>http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112113.pdf</p>	
Xavier L. Suarez	<p>Resolution calling a Countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to decrease the amount of signed initiatory petitions required to call a special election to propose a charter amendment for approval by the voters from the current ten percent of the total number of registered electors in the County to five percent of the total number of registered voters in the County http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?</p>	Sponsor requested deferral to no certain.
Lynda Bell	<p>http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2011/112255.pdf </p> <p>Resolution calling a countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade county the question of whether to amend the home rule charter to provide as of January 31, 2012, that each county commissioner shall: devote full-time service to the office of county commissioner and hold no other employment; and no longer receive their current \$6,000 annual salary established in 1957, but receive instead the salary provided by state statutory formula, adjusted annually based on the county's population (currently approximately \$92,097) http://www.miamidade.gov/charterreview/library/34a_1.pdf </p>	Withdrawn by sponsor.
Lynda Bell	<p>Resolution calling a countywide special election in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade county the question of whether to amend the home rule charter to provide that county commissioners shall serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms in office excluding terms of service prior to 2012 http://www.miamidade.gov/charterreview/library/34a_2.pdf </p>	Withdrawn by sponsor.
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