

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

☐ Consent☒ Regular☐ Ordinance☐ Public HearingDepartment: Parks and RecreationSubmitted By: Parks and Recreation DepartmentSubmitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: **A) reallocate** \$250,000 in project funding within the 2002 \$50 Million Recreational and Cultural Facilities Bond referendum from South Florida Science Museum, Inc. for the Dekelbourn Science Center project to Palm Beach County for Okeeheelee South Park improvements; and **B) approve** Budget Transfer of \$250,000 within the \$25M GO Parks and Cultural Improvements Bond fund - 2005 from Reserves for South Florida Science Museum to Okeeheelee South Park Development Phase III.

Summary: The County has not entered into a Bond funding Agreement with South Florida Science Museum, Inc. for the proposed Dekelbourn Science Center due to the lack of a viable project to date. Out of the original \$4,000,000 from the Bond originally allocated to this project, \$1,000,000 was previously reallocated by the Board to a future County park project at Gramercy Park. The District 2 Commissioner has now requested that \$250,000 of the remaining \$3,000,000 be redirected to the County for Okeeheelee South Park improvements. District 2 (PK)

Background and Policy Issues: On November 5, 2002, a bond referendum was passed by the voters of Palm Beach County in an amount of \$50 million for issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction of, and/or improvements to certain recreation and cultural facilities. The proposed Bond projects list approved by the Board on September 10, 2002, earmarked \$4,000,000 (\$3,000,000 – District 2 and \$1,000,000 – District 7) for construction of a new South Florida Science Museum facility. The District 7 portion of that funding was reallocated by the Board on April 21, 2009, leaving a balance of \$3,000,000 from the District 2 funding.

South Florida Science Museum, Inc. originally planned to construct its new museum at Lake Lytal Park, but terminated the County lease for that location in favor of remaining at their current location in Dreher Park. Currently, no alternative plans for Science Museum improvements have been presented.

Commissioner Koons recommends that \$250,000 from the \$3,000,000 of District 2 funding be reallocated for the environmental restoration and park development program at Okeeheelee South Park. This program will create approximately 50 acres of wetlands and streams as well as nine or ten miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.

In addition to the increase in recreational opportunities and environmental enhancement created at Okeeheelee South Park, the excess fill generated from this project may be used by ERM to create significant habitat in the Lake Worth Lagoon. Also, discussions with the South Florida Water Management District and Army Corps of Engineers have indicated that they were receptive to allowing created wetlands within Okeeheelee South Park to satisfy mitigation requirements of various County agencies. If approved, this project could provide mitigation credits to other County agencies at a relatively low cost, while providing funding to continue the Parks and Recreation Department's land restoration projects.

Attachments:

1. Commissioner Authorization for Redistribution of Bond Funding
2. Budget Transfer

Recommended by: 

Department Director

11/27/09
DateApproved by: 

Assistant County Administrator

11/9/09
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative) 0 _____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
Object _____ Program _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FUND: \$25M GO 05, Parks & Cultural Imprvmnts
UNIT: Reserves

Res-New Projects 3020-821-9817-9908 \$250,000

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Chopelakis

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

[Signature] 11/3/09
OFMB
11/4/09 10/30/09 10/29/09

[Signature] 11/4/09
Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Paul F. [Signature] 11/9/09
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Eshleman, Director
Parks & Recreation

FROM: Commissioner Jeff Koons, Chairman

DATE: October 5, 2009

RE: Okeeheelee Park South

Please prepare an agenda item for a budget transfer in the amount of \$250,000 from the Recreation and Cultural Bond funds of \$3 million previously designated by District 2 for the Science Museum and still remaining in reserves. The purpose of the budget transfer is to reallocate funds to the Okeeheelee Park South environmental restoration and park development project, which is designed to create approximately 50 acres of wetlands along with 4 to 5 miles of canoeing streams and hiking trails.

In the agenda item summary, please include information on what we discussed regarding the potential use of fill from this project to help offset costs for current ERM, DOT and Engineering projects

Thank you.

c: Jon Van Arnham, Assistant County Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET TRANSFER


FUND 3020 - 25M GO 05, Parks & Cultural Imprvmts

ACCT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED AS OF 10/19/09	REMAINING BALANCE
Reserves - Fund 3020								
3020-821-9817-9908	Res-New Projects	8,592,050	8,592,050		250,000	8,342,050	0	8,342,050
Okeehheelee South Park Dev Phase III								
3020-581-P527-6520	Park Improvements	11,542	11,542	250,000		261,542	574	260,968
TOTAL				250,000	250,000			

Parks and Recreation Department
INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures	Date
	10/22/09
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By Board of County Commissioners
At Meeting of
November 17, 2009

Deputy Clerk to the Court