

**TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA**

**APRIL 17, 2001**

**BARBARA GOLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA**

**OPA LOCKA AIRPORT WORKSHOP  
MINUTES**

The Workshop Meeting of the Town of Miami Lakes was called to order on April 17, 2001 by Mayor Wayne Slaton at 7:20 p.m.

In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso, Mary Collins, Robert Meador, Michael Pizzi, Nancy Simon, and Peter Thomson. The following interim staff were also present: Interim Town Manager Merrett Stierheim, Acting Town Attorney: Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza & Guedes, P.A. Attorneys Richard Jay Weiss, Joe Serota and Alison Bieler, Interim Administrative Coordinator Angela Garrison and Acting Town Clerk Beatris M. Arguelles. Members of the public were also present.

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of County Commissioner Miriam Alonso; staff members from the office of County Commissioner Natasha Seijas and Jimmy Morales; representatives from Community Council Five.

Mayor Slaton announced that at their last meeting, the Miami Lakes Town Council adopted a Resolution in opposition to expansion at Opa Locka Airport. He stated that this workshop meeting was to allow the public to express their feelings regarding the Airport issue. He opened the floor for comments.

The following residents addressed the Council, speaking in opposition to the airport: Ed Curtis; Dr. Allen Beach; Allen Rigerman; Sam Budlong; Yvonne Albriton; Hon. Miriam Alonso; Dave Rueben; Bob Maggie; Jeff Bunting; Pedro Carballo; Wilma Aleman; Trish Morgan; Barbara Salem; Jose Fuentes; Manuel Felipe; Angel Hernandez; Paul Crawford; Wesley Moore, and Michael Maldonado.

Following the comments from the public, Interim Town Attorney Richard Jay Weiss suggested that the Airport issue is a major one for the town and recommended that a coordinated effort between the Town and its residents would be the best course of action. He recommended that all communication regarding the Airport be by and through the Town forming a unified voice and recommended the project be a staff driven one with citizen involvement.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

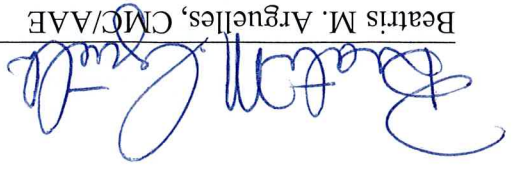
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Acting Town Clerk

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001

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Wayne Stalon, Mayor

