



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES Metro Miami Action Plan Trust

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST
MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2008

The Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMA) convened a meeting at the Office of MMA Trust Board Room, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine Room #106, on April 30, 2008 at 12:00 Noon, there being present: Chairperson John T. Jones, and Members: Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, and Mr. Herbert Robinson; (Ms. Greicy Lovin, Ms. Veldrin Freeman, and Dr. Marzell Smith were absent).

ROLL CALL:

Staff members present were: Mr. John Dixon, MMA Trust Interim Executive Director; Ms. Marlene Blanco, Ms. Melba Gasque, Mr. William Simmons, Mr. Joey Walker and Mr. Anthony Williams; Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith; and Deputy Clerk Karen Leonard.

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m. He expressed appreciation to the Trust members for attending today's (4/30) special meeting to address the item regarding a Teen Court Conference that needed funding from the Teen Court Budget.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES

Special Meeting Item:

Criminal Justice – Teen Court Youth Conference

Chairperson Jones referred to the memorandum from Assistant County Attorney Smith and he asked that Trust members provide some input.

Mr. Robinson noted the question was whether or not the students that would attend the Teen Court Youth Conference were a part of the Teen Court program.

Mr. Dixon advised that the 8th and 9th grade students from MLK Academy were attending a training session regarding Teen Court as well as students from Miami Edison Senior High. He added that MMA had cases of students and participants from Carol City Senior High being in the Teen Court program.

Assistant County Attorney Smith noted that the legal opinion was not based solely on April 15, 2008 Memorandum of Approval (MOA), but was also based on another memorandum submitted on April 23, 2008 from Mr. Dixon. He also noted that based on the summary in that memorandum, he was able to conclude that MMA could use the Teen Court Budget funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Chairperson Jones recommended that the April 15, 2008 MOA from Mr. Dixon be amended by

removing the word “annual,” which preceded the word, “conference,” under the “Purpose of Item” and address this event as a single youth conference to be held on May 6, 2008. He added that after the conference, an evaluation should be performed to determine whether the event should be annual. Chairperson Jones also added that the event would need approval from the Trust each year due to the expenditures involved.

Additionally, Mr. Barnes pointed out an amendment to the April 15, 2008 MOA was needed under the section entitled “Background Information” to remove “the first of several annual” from before the word, “conferences”.

Assistant County Attorney Smith also suggested combining both the April 15, 2008 and April 23, 2008 memorandums with the recommended amendments because his legal opinion was based on the April 23rd memo.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 23, 2008 MOA.

Assistant County Attorney Smith read into the record from the April 23, 2008 MOA the list of goals and format of the Teen Court Youth Conference. He added that based on that list he concluded that the use of monies from the Teen Court Budget for this event was appropriate, those goals and the format should be the parameters used, and the benefits should be noted.

Chairperson Jones requested that the Trust members receive a copy of the amended MOA.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that all those invited participants for the event had been contacted and others needed to be informed about MLK Academy and the Teen Court program.

Chairperson Jones recommended that MMAP’s staff schedule some radio talk shows in order to educate the community regarding the process of MMAP’s programs, like Teen Court and Occupational License Tax. He noted the intent would be to explain the scope of each program, the development, and the purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Barnes to approve the MOA as amended to authorize an allocation in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from Teen Court Budget for MMAP’s staff to host a Teen Court Youth Conference entitled, “Youth Speaking Out Against Violence;” and to be based on the three goals outlined in the memorandum dated April 23, 2008 from the Interim Executive Director, John Dixon, regarding the request for a County Attorney’s legal opinion. This motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and upon being put to a vote, passed 4-0. (Members: Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Greicy Lovin, and Dr. Marzell Smith were absent.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

John T. Jones, Jr., Chairperson
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