



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

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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST  
MEETING OF MAY 21, 2003**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 12:27 p.m., on May 21, 2003, at the Office of Metro-Miami Action Plan, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine - Room 106, there being present Chairperson Dr. Marty Pinkston; Chair-Elect Mr. John T. Jones, Jr.; Trust members: Mr. Miguel A. Amion, Sr., Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Mr. Torris Cooper, Mr. Tony Crapp, Jr., Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, Ms. Greicy Lovin Meighan, Mr. Andre McAden, Ms. Effie McCartney-Donaldson, Ms. Ruth Page, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Dr. Marzell Smith and Ms. Cynthia A. Stafford; (The following members were late: Dr. Bradford Brown and Mr. Daniel A. Wick; (The following member was absent: Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite); MMAP President/CEO Vincent Brown; Staff members: Ms. Cindy Campbell, Ms. Randel Carr, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hicks, Mr. Caesar Phillips, Ms. Natelege Powell, Ms. Rashada Simmons, Mr. William Simmons, Ms. Gloria Taylor, Mr. Jeffrey Watson and Mr. Aaron Weeks; Mr. Gary Hartfield, Assistant to the Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr.; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.

Chairperson Pinkston called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. and asked for any changes to today's agenda. She also noted a supplemental agenda.

Chair-Elect Jones requested that agenda item I (E) entitled, " Annual MMAP Trust Retreat" be added to the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Barnes that the Trust's meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include agenda item I (E) to the Supplemental Agenda. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kovach, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Clerk of the Courts)**

**I. MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Action Committees**

- 1. Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee**
- 2. Education Action Committee**
- 3. Community Economic Development Action Committee**
- 4. International Trade Committee**

Chairperson Pinkston stated the foregoing reports were submitted for informational purposes.

**B. Units/Sections/Divisions**

- 1. Fiscal Management**

Mr. Brown presented the foregoing report entitled, "MMAP Budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 month ending April 30, 2003."

Discussion ensued among members of the Trust regarding the MMAP Foundation expenditure in the amount of \$200,600 for Teen Court, the balance for the Housing Assistance Program (HAP), the revenue for economic development, the miscellaneous expenses listed under Expenditures and the expenditure for Opa-locka CDC.

There being no objections, the Trust accepted the report.

## **2. MLK Academy**

Ms. Rashada Simmons presented the monthly report entitled, "Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy dated April 2003." She also presented the MLK 2003 FCAT Writing Results.

Chairperson Pinkston asked that staff prepare a press release regarding the MLK Academy students accomplishment.

There being no objections, the Trust accepted the foregoing report.

## **3. Teen Court**

There being no discussion and objections, the Trust accepted the foregoing report.

## **4. Housing**

Ms. Hicks presented the foregoing monthly status report regarding housing. She also introduced Ms. Maria Reyes, the consultant for the Emergency Response Initiative (ERI).

Ms. Reyes provided an oral status report of the initiative and requested, if MMAP could hire a part-time employee to assist in the incoming telephone calls or dedicate a telephone line for this effort.

Discussion ensued among members of the Trust regarding repayment of the loan upon the sale of the home for those residents who receive assistance through this effort.

Following discussion, Chairperson Pinkston asked that the Housing Committee review and present a repayment plan to the Trust regarding the repayment of the loan, in the event the homes were sold by the property owner after the rehabilitation.

## **5. Economic Development**

The Trust deferred the foregoing item, as requested by Mr. Brown.

## **II. PRESIDENT ITEMS**

**A. Presentation by Reggie Darbonne of NIA Interactive re: Black Resource Directory**

The foregoing presentation was not presented.

**III. TRUST ITEMS**

**A. Memorandum of Approval (MOA)**

**1. MOA Request for grant by the Carrie Meek Foundation**

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust approve a grant in the amount of \$18,000 from unbudgeted funds to cover rental space to allow the Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc. to continue to provide support to corporations operating exclusively as religious, educational, community economic development, cultural, and charitable organizations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Crapp, Jr., and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0, (Trust members Mr. Amion, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hyppolite, and Ms. Stafford were absent).

**2. MOA for the agreement with the School Board**

Mr. Brown presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, “ Agreement with School Board.”

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust approve an agreement with Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS) Board in which MMAP would receive \$7,500 from MDCPS to partner with teachers and administrators to create an environment conducive to learning for low achieving students, and to develop strategies for parental involvement. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lovin-Meighan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0, (Trust members Mr. Amion, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Hyppolite and Ms. Stafford were absent).

**3. MOA for Workshop at the Caleb Auditorium**

The foregoing Memorandum of Approval was not presented.

**4. MOA for the Annual Nonviolence Educational Historical Tour**

Chairperson Pinkston presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, “Annual Nonviolence Educational Historical Tour.”

In response to comments by Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Jones noted that the Tour would be videotaped, that writing journals would be provided to each student, and that the students would be required to write an essay on their experience.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust approve an expenditure in the amount of \$20,840 from unbudgeted funds to sponsor 20 students from Teen Court to participate in the Annual Youth Nonviolence Educational Historical Tour scheduled for June 11 –13,

2003. This motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0, (Trust members Mr. Amion, Mr. Barnes, Ms. McCartney-Donaldson, Ms. Ms. Hyppolite and Ms. Stafford were absent).

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

### **I. PRESIDENT ITEMS**

#### **A. Discussion on the Overtown Grant**

Mr. Weeks presented a report entitled, “MMA – ERI Progress Report – 5/21/03.”

Discussion ensued among members of the Trust regarding funding earmarked for projects in Overtown.

Following Mr. Kuehne’s recommendation for the implementation of a document tracking system to assist MMA in tracking documents and contracts, Mr. Brown noted the County’s Nextel System was currently being utilized by staff.

Following further discussion of funding earmarked for Overtown, Mr. Barnes, Chair of the Community and Economic Development Action Committee asked that members of the Trust and staff submit their recommendations to the committee for consideration. He indicated a report would be provided at the next Trust meeting.

Mr. Watson pointed out that no action had been taken due to lack of support from the Trust and staff that a Request for Proposal (RFP) be developed for projects in Overtown. He noted staff was currently reviewing a potential retail or franchise opportunity for the metrorail station located in Overtown.

Chairperson Pinkston asked the Committee to present a recommendation to the Trust.

Mr. Barnes asked that Mr. Weeks and Mr. Watson assist the Committee in this effort regarding the Overtown grant.

In response to Mr. Watson’s comments regarding discussions held regarding the expansion of existing businesses in the area, Mr. Brown asked that he be kept abreast on how grant funds would be used.

#### **B. MMA Trust Board Appointments**

Chairperson Pinkston presented the foregoing report regarding the MMA Trust appointments. She noted all Trust members seeking reappointment to the Trust must reapply and go through the MMA Trust Nominating Council process. She noted the following Trust members: Mr. Amion, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Stafford terms had expired on March 9, 2003, and noted Dr. Brown, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kuehne, Lovin-Meighan, Ms. Page, Mr. Robinson and herself term of service would expire July 25, 2003. She asked that

these members of the Trust submit their application to the Nominating Council for reappointment.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members and staff regarding the legal opinion rendered by the County Attorney on the role of the Nominating Council, the reappointment of Trust members, and the role of the Office of the Clerk of the Board in this process.

Mr. Crapp, Jr. suggested the County Attorney be asked to render an opinion on the status of the Trust members whose terms expired March 2003 regarding funding appropriations approved by the Trust, in the event a quorum was not present.

Following Mr. Crapp's comments regarding a quorum at the March and April 2003 Trust meetings, Chairperson Pinkston pointed out that a quorum was present at those meetings, excluding those members whose terms expired on March 9, 2003.

Chairperson Pinkston asked that Trust members: Mr. Amion, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Stafford refrain from voting on the action items on today's agenda, in the event their membership was deemed ineligible.

Dr. Smith expressed concern with two of the nominees coming from the same agency and asked that the County Attorney be invited to Trust meetings.

### **C. MLK Academy Summer School 2003**

Mr. Brown presented a memorandum from Mr. Eduardo Martinez, Principal, Educational Alternative Outreach Program (EAOP) entitled, "2003 Summer Program" in which he informed the Trust that EAOP services would not be offered at the MLK Academy this summer due to funding cuts. He also noted summer school would be offered at the MLK Academy.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the cost for summer programs.

Mr. Kuehne suggested the MLK Academy Committee review and explore the possibility of utilizing existing summer programs versus development of a separate program independently. He asked that the report include the fiscal impact.

Mr. Brown discussed MLK Academy school improvements, which he noted included additional fire/emergency exits, and upgrades to the windows and lighting for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Kuehne asked that the MLK Academy Committee to present a comprehensive report regarding the MLK Academy facility, construction, and finances.

#### **D. Effie McCartney-Donaldson Resignation**

Ms. McCartney-Donaldson presented her letter of resignation which informed the Trust that the Commission on Ethics rendered an opinion that concluded a conflict of interest existed in her role as a member of the Trust and her existing employment with Commissioner Dorrin Rolle. Therefore, she submitted her resignation to the Trust.

#### **E. Annual MMAP Trust Retreat**

Following Mr. Jones' comments regarding dates for the Annual Retreat, Mr. Brown responded staff would coordinate with Trust members to schedule dates for the retreat.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Mr. Amion suggested that Trust members be recognized for their service by receiving a plaque. He asked that the plaque include the names of the current members.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust accept the recommendation by Mr. Amion. This motion was Ms. Lovin-Meighan, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

2. In response to Mr. Kuehne's request regarding the status of the Annual MMAP Conference report, Mr. Brown stated staff was awaiting the consultants' report.

Chairperson Pinkston commended staff on annual conference.

Mr. Barnes asked that the evaluations submitted by attendees be included in the Conference report.

3. Mr. Kuehne discussed a community outreach at Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) regarding a transportation issue. He asked that staff review the communities outreach program for transportation and submit a report on the feasibility of assisting JMH in this effort.

4. In response to Mr. Cooper's request that an invitation be extended to City of Miami Gardens Mayoral Candidate Ms. Shirley Gibson, Chairperson Pinkston stated an invitation would be extended after the election.

5. Mr. Weeks discussed an opportunity for the Trust with the City of Miami for development of property located at NW 7 Avenue/58 Street.

In reponse to comments by Mr. Weeks, Dr. Smith requested that a report be prepared regarding the subject development, and that the report includes the City of Miami Commission's position on the foregoing issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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Chairperson Dr. Marty Pinkston

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The audio for the foregoing meeting was inaudible due to technical difficulties pertaining to the computer software.