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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST
TRUST/RETREAT MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2004**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 2:14 p.m. on April 16, 2004, at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel, 495 Brickell Avenue, there being present Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.; Trust members: Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Mr. Thomas Donaldson, Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Mr. Robert Holland, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Ms. Ruth Page, Mr. Herbert Robinson, and Dr. Marzell Smith; and Deputy Clerk Mary Smith-York. (The following members were absent: Mr. Torris Cooper, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Mr. Benedict Kuehne, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marty Pinkston, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, Mr. Daniel Wick, Jr., Dr. Richard E. Williams, and Mr. Andre McAden).

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. He noted, for the record, that only discussion items would be heard today because the attendance would be insufficient to constitute a quorum of the MMAP Trust.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Member Torris Cooper

Dr. Smith reminded Trust members of a previous discussion regarding Trust Member Torris Cooper's lack of attendance and questioned whether he would continue to serve.

Mr. Crapp stated that The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce had been advised that they would receive a letter from the MMAP Trust Chairperson addressing Mr. Cooper's attendance for their review.

Chairperson Jones initiated discussion regarding membership of the MMAP Trust. Following further discussion pertaining to Trust membership, members agreed to submit a recommendation for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners to reduce the membership of the MMAP Trust from 21 to 17.

Chairperson Jones asked Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset to draft the appropriate language amending the ordinance creating the MMAP Trust to reduce its membership from 21 to 17 and to include mandatory attendance requirements.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset be instructed to draft language amending the ordinance creating the MMAP Trust to reduce its membership from 21 to 17 and incorporating mandatory attendance requirements. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kovach, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote.

B. Martin Luther King (MLK) Leadership Academy

Chairperson Jones gave a brief overview of the foregoing report pertaining to the MLK Academy's Lease Agreement. He indicated that a new site was being sought for the Academy in order to pay lower monthly lease payments that were more in line with the school's budget. Chairperson Jones advised members that a facility located at the Ebenezer Methodist Church located at 2001 N.W. 35th Street was recommended as the new location for the Academy by the Education Action Committee.

Discussion ensued among the Trust regarding the proposed new location and whether to waive the quorum rule due to the urgency of decision in this matter in order to secure the proposed site. Mr. Jones consulted with Staff member Caesar Phillips regarding the deadline for giving the owners of Ebenezer Methodist Church a response, and informed Trust members that a decision could be made at the next staff meeting the owners would not expect a response from the Trust until July 2004.

Discussion regarding the restructuring of the MLK Academy was initiated by Mr. Barnes and the following points were addressed:

- The structure and instructional Leadership of the academy;
- The salaries and fringe benefits for the academy's teachers;
- The expansion of the Academy to the 9th Grade level;
- The feasibility of the MMAP Trust Education Committee's participation on the Parent/Teacher Association;
- The relationship between the MMAP Trust staff and the consultants

C. Action Committees

Concerning the MMAP Trust action committees, it was recommended the MMAP Trust members be appointed to at least one action committee. Chairperson Jones asked that an appropriate letter be drafted featuring the MMAP Trust's Mission Statement, featuring the names of the action committees of the MMAP Trust, urging each MMAP Trust member to participate on an action committee.

Upon concluding the foregoing discussion, Mr. Holland presented a proposal that the action committees of the MMAP Trust be expanded to include an Education Oversight Committee to oversee the MLK Academy. Mr. Holland's proposal was followed by Mr. Barnes' proposal that a Health Care Committee also be considered.

Mr. Holland's proposal to create an Education Oversight Committee was accepted by a majority vote of the Trust members and Dr. Smith, Chairperson Jones, Ms. Freemon, Ms. Kovach, and Staff member Ms. Rashada Simmons were appointed as members to that committee.

D. Meek Foundation

The MMAP Trust members discussed, the President/CEO of MMAP Trust serving in a collaborative role for both the MMAP Trust and the Meek Foundation. They also discussed the role and salary of the MMAP Trust President/CEO; the feasibility of having this position removed from the organizational structure of the MMAP Trust and placed under the Meek Foundation's organizational structure; and the agreement between MMAP Trust and the Meek Foundation involving the role of the President/CEO.

E. Agenda for Day 2 of the MMAP Trust Retreat

Chairperson Jones noted the retreat would be continued tomorrow (4/17) and the following topics would be discussed:

1. Structure/Leadership
2. Benchmarks/Evaluation
3. Meek Foundation Collaborative Efforts

There being no further business to come before the MMAP Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

John T. Jones, Jr., Chairperson
MMAP Trust