



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

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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST  
MEETING OF May 19, 2004**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMA) Trust convened at 12:27 p.m., on May 19, 2004, at the Office of Metro-Miami Action Plan, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine – Room 106, there being present Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.; Trust members: Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Mr. Robert Holland, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Ms. Ruth Page, Dr. Marty Pinkston, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia A. Stafford and Mr. Daniel Wick; (The following member was an excused absentee: Mr. Arthur Barnes); (The following members were absent: Mr. Benedict Kuehne, Mr. Omar Malone and Dr. Richard Williams); MMA President/CEO Vincent Brown; Staff members: Ms. Cindy Campbell, Mr. Randel Carr, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hicks, Mr. Caesar Phillips, Mr. Williams Simmons and Mr. Joey Walker; Mr. Gary Hartfield, Assistant to Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr.; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.

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

Dr. Pinkston pointed out that the November 19, 2003, Trust meeting minutes should reflect whether a quorum was present at the meeting.

Chairperson Jones noted that the November 19, 2004, Trust meeting minutes page 2 of 8 under agenda item IIA-4 entitled, “International Trade Committee” in paragraph 3 the following language should be changed from “...the Entrepreneurial Institute...” to “...Florida MLK Institute...”

It was moved by Ms. Kovach that the Trust meeting minutes of November 19, 2003, December 17, 2003 and January 21, 2004 be approved with the corrections noted by Chairperson Jones and Dr. Pinkston. This motion was seconded by Mr. Holland, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0, (Trust members: Mr. Arthur Barnes, Mr. Benedict Kuehne, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith and Dr. Richard Williams were absent).

**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**

**B. Units/Sections/Divisions**

- 1. Fiscal Management**
- 2. MLK Academy**
- 3. Teen Court**
- 4. Neighborhood Accountability Board**
- 5. Housing**
- 6. Economic Development**
  - i. Revolving Loan Report**

Mr. Brown noted the foregoing reports were submitted for informational purposes.

Chairperson Jones noted he received correspondence from the International Trade Consortium in Miami and Washington D.C. asking that the Trust participate in a program to be hosted by the Caribbean Chamber along with local businesses in South Florida, which meant that the Trust could become involved in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). He stated that copies of this correspondence would be provided to each Trust member.

In response to Ms. Kovach's comments regarding the status of the WKL and Associates, Mr. Brown stated that he instructed staff to send letters to WKL and Associates, College Throw Back USA, Inc., Miller Trophies and Printing, Inc., and Peace of Mind Pest Control, Inc. informing them of the Trust's intent to pursue legal action to collect delinquent payment and the balance of the loan.

Mr. Brown noted the owners of a grocery store located at NW 56 Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue was seeking financial support from the MMAP Trust to reopen the grocery store, and they were scheduled to make a presentation to the Trust.

## **II. PRESIDENT ITEMS**

### **III. TRUST ITEMS**

#### **1. M-CAR Agreements**

Ms. Lovin-Meighan provided an overview of the foregoing consulting services contracts with M-Car Consultants and Associates, Inc. for informational purposes and the Trust's review. She noted that a meeting would be held on May 25, 2004, 11:00 a.m. at Northern Trust Bank located on Brickell Avenue. Ms. Lovin-Meighan stated that an email would be sent inviting each Trust member to attend this meeting.

#### **2. Education Action Committee Workshop**

Chairperson Jones presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval pertaining to the recommendation that the Trust authorize the President/CEO to expend up to \$10,000.00 for a workshop sponsored by the Education/Oversight Action Committee, retroactive to May 5, 2004.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust ratify the President/CEO authorization to allocate \$ 9,765.00 from the Education Action Committee Budget for a workshop sponsored by the Education/Oversight Action Committee on May 13, 2004, at the Joseph Caleb Center Auditorium, located at 5400 N.W. 22 Avenue. This motion was seconded by Mr. Holland, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote 12-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

### **3. NAACP Sponsorship Request**

Chairperson Jones presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "NAACP Sponsorship Request." He noted that the Executive Committee or the MMAP staff in response to this request did not submit a recommendation.

Following a discussion regarding the foregoing request, it was moved by Mr. Wick that the Trust approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Miami-Dade Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Banquet to be held on June 5, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, with an instruction that the Budget Committee identify the funding source for this event. This motion was seconded by Ms. Freemon, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

### **4. Mount Herman Development Corporation Sponsorship Request**

Chairperson Jones presented the Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Mount Herman Development Corporation Sponsorship Request." He noted staff did not submit a recommendation regarding this request.

Mr. Crapp discussed a recommendation made at the Executive Committee meeting that a letter be prepared by staff and sent to Mount Herman Development Corporation (MHDC) indicating that the Trust could not honor the foregoing request.

### **5. DBD Corporate Sponsorship**

Mr. Brown presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Corporate Sponsorship for Department of Business Development Third Annual Conference." He noted it was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the MMAP Trust approve this request.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust ratify and approve a bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Economic Development Budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Small Business Enterprise (CSBE) Conference hosted by the Department of Business Development held on April 16, 2004, at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel located at 711 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick, and upon being put to

a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Hyppolite, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

**6. Lease Agreement Business Technology Center**

Chairperson Jones noted that Florida Memorial was developing the print advertisement for the Business Technology Center Mobile Unit and the advertisement would be presented at the next Trust meeting.

Mr. Brown presented the Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Lease Agreement for Business Technology Center" recommending that the Board of Trustees of the MMAP Trust authorize the President/CEO to enter into an interagency agreement for the Business Technology Center. He also noted the Trust would work with Florida Memorial College to co-locate at the Florida Memorial Entrepreneurial Institute.

It was moved by Ms. Freemon that the Trust authorize the President/CEO to enter into the interagency agreement for the Business Technology Center located at 16405 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue for \$15,708.40 from the Economic Development Fund. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Hyppolite, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

**7. South Florida Black Journalist Association (SFBJA) Scholarship Program**

Mr. Brown advised that the MMAP staff did not submit a recommendation regarding the foregoing request that the MMAP Trust purchase an ad in the SFBJA souvenir journal.

Hearing no motion or comments from Trust members or staff, Chairperson Jones called the next item on the day's agenda.

**8. Liberty City-Brownsville, Churches, Homeowners, Schools & Tenants Association Request for Grant**

Mr. Brown presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Liberty City-Brownsville, Churches, Homeowners, Schools and Tenants Association request for grant" in which it was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the MMAP Trust approve a grant for \$2,500.00 for the Fourth African American-Caribbean Heritage Festival.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust approve a grant in the amount for \$2,500.00, (\$900.00 from the Charitable Contribution Fund and \$1,600.00 from MMAP's General Fund) for the Liberty City-Brownsville, Churches, Homeowners, Schools and Tenants Association for its Fourth African American-Caribbean Heritage Festival. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kovach, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-1,

(Trust member Mr. Holland voted “No”) (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston, Ms. Stafford and Dr. Williams were absent).

### **9. Things are Cooking in Overtown Gala**

Mr. Brown presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, “Things Are Cooking in Overtown Gala” in which he noted the Saint John Community Development Corporation was requesting that the MMAP Trust sponsor “Things Are Cooking in Overtown Gala” to be held at the Riverfront Hall, Hyatt Hotel, Saturday, August 14, 2004. Mr. Brown noted a recommendation was not submitted by the MMAP Agency in response to this request.

Hearing no motion or comments from Trust members or staff, Chairperson Jones called the next item on the day’s agenda.

### **10. Virginia Key Beach Park Trust Donation Request**

Mr. Brown presented a letter from M. Athalie Range, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, requesting donation(s) for the Virginia Key Beach Park and that the MMAP staff assist in the renovation and restoration of Virginia Key Beach Park. He noted a recommendation was not submitted by MMAP in response to this request.

Ms. Lovin-Meighan suggested that MMAP staff collaborate with Ms. Range and members of the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust to determine how the MMAP Trust could help preserve the Park.

Chairperson Jones asked that Ms. Lovin-Meighan’s proposal be explored by the Trust’s Public Relations Committee, with a report back to the Trust.

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

1. Ms. Yolanda Cash Jackson, attorney, Becker and Poliakoff, the MMAP Trust lobbyist, appeared before the Trust and presented a copy of the Miami-Dade County Manager Memorandum scheduled to be presented to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners at its May 25, 2004 meeting, which addressed Teen Court. She also provided an overview of the status and progress of MMAP’s Legislative Agenda during the legislative session. Ms. Jackson informed members of the Trust that the Teen Court funding for MMAP was generated through a \$3.00 assessment on court costs. She stated the proposed change to the Florida statute would limit the amount of court cost that a county could assess up to \$65.00 and 25% for Teen Court.

Ms. Jackson informed the Trust of the following issues that may be of interest to the Trust:

- that economic development was not addressed during the legislative session,
- that the creation of an enterprise zone that could include Metrozoo,

- that the enterprise zone legislation would sunset next year or be revised by the legislature, and
- that a proposed drug court bill could be considered soon.

Ms. Jackson stated she would provide the members of the Trust with a copy of all the proposed legislation that was discussed during the legislative session.

Chairperson Jones thanked Ms. Jackson for her lobbying efforts and noted efforts should be made to address Article V. He also stated that members of the Trust would be assigned to interface with the County to address Teen Court.

Mr. Brown noted that a copy of the County's proposed ordinance relating to the courts creating sections 11-11 and 11-12 of the code of Miami-Dade would be provided to the members of the Trust.

2. Chairperson Jones informed the members of the Trust of previous discussions regarding a collaborative agreement between the MMAP Trust and the Carrie P. Meek Foundation to facilitate economic development projects and share the revenue generated from this effort. He noted this agreement would involve the President/CEO of the MMAP Trust who would serve as an executive on loan to the Carrie P. Meek Foundation.

Following further discussion regarding this agreement, Dr. Smith requested the following:

- That this agreement should be reviewed by the County Attorney's Office for legal sufficiency,
- That the Trust's Budget Committee review the fiscal impact of this agreement on the Trust, and
- That reference to "executive on loan" or "loan employee" be consistent throughout the agreement.

Chairperson Jones noted that the agreement before the Trust today was a draft, and it was subject to change.

Mr. Crapp concurred with Dr. Pinkston regarding the need for an agreement from the Carrie P. Meek Foundation pertaining to their support of Mr. Brown serving as an executive on loan.

Mr. Holland discussed the need for benchmarks to be developed for MMAP staff and the Executive Director. He provided a brief discussion of the Winter Retreat that was held to address the refocusing of MMAP and the Trust.

Discussion ensued regarding the MMAP's Executive Director and the organizational structure for the MMAP.

Mr. Crapp expressed his concern with how the Trust operates and the responsibility of each member of the Trust.

Following comments by members of the Trust, Mr. Brown discussed his intent and role as the Executive Director for MMAP. He noted he was not given a fair opportunity to serve as the MMAP Executive Director. Mr. Brown concluded by stating that he welcomed the opportunity with the Carrie P. Meek Foundation.

Dr. Pinkston reiterated her request, if the Trust was moving forward with this collaborative agreement for the executive on loan, a document should be submitted from the Foundation regarding this agreement. She further noted she and Mr. Wick had a conflict of interest and could not vote on any motion approving this agreement.

Ms. Kovach suggested if the Trust members did not vote in favor of this agreement, that the Trust consider entering into a joint venture with the Foundation for economic development.

Following discussion among members of the Trust on how to proceed with the foregoing agreement, Chairperson Jones stated that a motion was in order to approve the collaborative agreement for the executive on loan with conditions, pending the receipt of an agreement from the Carrie P. Meek Foundation.

Mr. Holland expressed concern with the financial implications for this agreement to MMAP.

Chairperson Jones suggested that the Trust's Budget Committee initiate efforts to identify the funding source that could be presented as a part of the motion to approve this agreement.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Holland that the MMAP Trust approve a collaborative agreement for the President/CEO of the MMAP Agency to serve as an executive on loan to the Carrie P. Meek Foundation subject to an agreement from the Carrie P. Meek Foundation supporting the MMAP President/CEO serving as an executive on loan, and subject to the Budget and the Community Economic Development Action Committees recommendations on who would manage and oversee the day-to-day operations of the MMAP Agency; and subject to a determination as to whether the executive on loan would be compensated by the County or the Meek Foundation. This motion was seconded by Ms. Freemon, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

3. Mr. Holland noted he met with Miguel Diaz de al Portilla, who is a candidate for Miami-Dade County Mayor, regarding the MMAP Trust's advocacy role to provide education and awareness regarding economic development opportunities in the African American community.

Chairperson Jones asked that the Trust's Public Relations Committee chaired by Mr. Holland review the Trust's advocacy role and present recommendations to the Trust.

Mr. Holland presented a motion that the Trust support elected officials who work with the MMAP to address economic development initiatives in the African American community. Ms. Kovach seconded this motion.

Chairperson Jones suggested that a community forum be held, that Trust members participate in that forum, and that those elected officials who support economic development opportunities in the African American community be invited to participate.

Following discussion regarding the foregoing motion, Trust members agreed to work in conjunction with elected officials to initiate economic development opportunities in the African American community.

Following Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset's advice for clarification on the motion, Mr. Holland discussed the MMAP's intent to buy franchise to promote economic development for youth in the community.

Following further discussion of the motion, Mr. Holland withdrew his motion.

4. Chairperson Jones presented the Education Action Committee recommendation for the relocation of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Leadership Academy to 2001 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida.

Mr. Brown noted that a Letter of Interest was sent to Ebenezer Methodist Church for the relocation of the MLK Leadership Academy. He stated a General Services Administration standard lease agreement would be negotiated with Ebenezer Methodist Church.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust authorize the President/CEO to negotiate a lease agreement with the Ebenezer Methodist Church for the relocation of the Martin Luther King Leadership Academy, subject to the MMAP Trust's approval of the lease agreement. This motion was seconded by Ms. Stafford, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

5. Mr. Brown presented a request for the MMAP Trust to purchase a table at the Dorothy Baker Retirement Celebration to be held on June 12, 2004.

It was moved by Mr. Wick that the Trust approve an expenditure in the amount of \$600.00 from MMAP's General Fund to purchase a table at the Dorothy Baker Retirement Celebration. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0, (Trust members: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

6. Following discussion among the members of the Trust pertaining to the Goombay Festival to be held the first weekend in June 2004, Mr. Brown stated that he would contact the Goombay Festival Planning Committee and provide information at the next Trust meeting.

7. Mr. Brown informed Trust members that a draft of the revised Table of Organization was included in their agenda packages, as requested.

8. Mr. Brown informed the Trust members that eighth graders at the MLK Leadership Academy scored very high on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

9. In response to Dr. Smith's comments regarding the reduction in the number of MMAP Trust members, Chairperson Jones noted that staff was reviewing the process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.