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METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST
MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2004

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 12:48 p.m. on June 16, 2004, at the Office of the Metro-Miami Action Plan, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine – Room 106, there being present Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr. and Trust members: Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Dr. Marzell Smith, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Ms. Cynthia Stafford and Mr. Daniel Wick, Jr.; Trust members Mr. Benedict Kuehne, Ms. Ruth Page, Dr. Marty Pinkston, and Dr. Richard E. Williams, were excused. (Members Mr. Torris Cooper, Mr. Thomas Donaldson, Mr. Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. and Mr. Andre McAden were absent.)

In addition to the members of the Board in attendance at today's meeting, the following staff persons were present: MMAP Trust President/CEO Vincent Brown; Staff members: Ms. Cindy Campbell, Mr. Randel Carr, Ms. Rachel Fredericq, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hicks, Mr. Caesar Phillips, Ms. Natelege Powell, Ms. Rashada Simmons, Mr. William Simmons, and Ms. Gloria Taylor, and Mr. Jeffrey Watson; Assistant to Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Mr. Gary Hartfield; and Deputy Clerk Ms. Mary Smith-York.

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

Staff member Gloria Taylor provided a Board Member absentee report.

I. MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

A. Action Committees

1. Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee (CJSAC)

Ms. Cindy Campbell, Staff Liaison to CJSAC, provided an oral report regarding the current activities of the CJSAC. She noted the following activities were planned and coordinated by the CJSAC:

- The Annual Youth Nonviolence Educational Historical Tour on June 9-14, 2004, where cadets from MLK Academy and Teen Police Academy, along with Teen Police Council and Florida Commission on Human Relations toured facilities in Tallahassee, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; Montgomery, Selma and Tuskegee, Alabama; and Atlanta and Macon, Georgia.
- The CJSAC, a Kingian Nonviolence Facilitator, and MMAP Trust staff liaison met to discuss the curriculum for the Youth Summit to be held in Birmingham, Alabama on June 11, 2004.

- The CJSAC held a Kingian Nonviolence Training Class for youth enrolled in the MLK Academy and Teen Court North Programs.
- The CJSAC and the MMAP Trust staff held a parent/youth orientation on May 13, 2004 at the MLK Leadership Academy to discuss guidelines for the Historical Tour..
- The Teen Police Academy’s administrative staff had moved into its new offices located at 3674 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, in Coconut Grove and had begun inputting data into the Database;
- The Teen Police Academy received the following presentations from partners:
 - 5/12/04 MDPD Domestic Violence and Robbery Investigators
 - 5/15/04 Community Relations Board – Youth Violence at JMC
 - 5/18/04 Brown vs. Board of Education Re-enactment
 - 5/19/04 Mock Trial with Judge Ivan Fernandez presiding
 - 5/20/04 Mock Trial with Judge Jacqueline Schwartz presiding

Ms. Campbell acknowledged Mr. Herbert Robinson’s role as a participant in the voting rights act movement.

2. Education Action Committee

Mr. Caesar Phillips provided an oral status report regarding the relocation of the Martin Luther King Leadership Academy’s. He stated the effective date of the lease was August 1, 2004, but the move would take place in July.

Mr. Brown advised Trust members that Teen Court North had submitted a plan to relocate its offices within the facility that housed the MMAP Trust offices. He indicated that some employees would be located offsite at the MLK facility. Mr. Brown advised that GSA or a private vendor were being considered to conduct the move.

Chairperson Jones commended MLK Academy staff who attended the Educational Historic Tour on their excellent representation of Miami-Dade County. He commended staff member Joey Walker for designing the MMAP’s MLK Academy Banner that was placed on the the steps of the Capitol Building in Tallahassee.

Community and Economic Development (CED) Action Committee

Mr. Barnes provided a brief overview of the CED Action Committee’s activities for the month. He referenced the Committee’s Monthly Report and addressed several meetings listed therein. In addition to those meetings, Mr. Barnes advised that the Economic Development Subcommittee met with Mr. Roy Hardemon, Vice-Chairman, Liberty City OCED, and Ms. Corinne Rollins, Co-owner of Rollins Grocery, to discuss issues pertaining to their loan applications. Mr. Barnes stated he had also met with Mr. Ted Lyons, Owner of TMM services Corporation, to discuss other issues following which Mr. Lyons was informed that a recommendation regarding his proposal for funding in the amount of \$648,000 to renovate the building located at 365 N.W. 8th street, which would house the Mary Elizabeth Assisted Living & Day Care Facility, had been prepared for review.

In response to Chairperson Jones' inquiry regarding Mr. Rivero's proposed Housing Project, Ms. Kovach stated that a recommendation had been prepared for review.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding funding requests by Mrs. Corinne Rollins and Mr. Roy Hardemon. Members questioned whether funds issued by the County could not be used to satisfy County debts such as property taxes.

Mr. Gary Hartfield, Assistant to Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, pointed out that County policy stated that if an entity owed any County taxes, it would not be eligible for a County funded loan to satisfy that debt.

Members of the Trust agreed that the funding requests submitted by Mrs. Corinne Rollins and Mr. Roy Hardemon required further review by the Committee, however, they recommended that the applicants be referred to Dr. Mann of the Entrepreneurial Institute in the interim.

In response to Mr. Robinson's request for clarification on the type of help Dr. Mann could provide the applicants, Ms. Kovach replied that Dr. Mann could assist them in preparing an executive summary and in developing projected revenue profits. More importantly, Mr. Robinson noted Dr. Mann's involvement in the application process would increase the potential for the MMAP to be reimbursed for the loans.

Mr. Jones recommended the County Manager be asked to prepare a written document prohibiting the MMAP Trust and all other County agencies from issuing loans to applicants with outstanding debts to the County. He suggested the MMAP Trust send letters to individuals/applicants notifying them that they were ineligible for a loan and referring them for assistance on how to become eligible for future loans.

Discussion ensued among members of the Board regarding alternatives to the current loan and grant award policies, which included the elimination of grants and the issuance of forgivable, low and/or zero interest loans.

Mr. Barnes volunteered to represent MMAP Trust on the Urban Task Force (UTF) and Ms. Kovach volunteered to serve as the alternate. Following discussion, Chairperson Jones asked staff to prepare a letter announcing the appointment of Mr. Arthur Barnes as the MMAP Trust Representative on the UTF and Ms. Beverly Kovach as the Alternate.

3. International Trade Committee

Chairperson Jones stated that the Executive Committee had agreed to send three Trust members to the International Trade's Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Florida Caribbean Conference in Barbados on June 23-24, 2004. He informed Trust members that MMAP had been asked to assist in supporting Black businesses in Florida establish a link with Caribbean businesses as a part of the FTAA Trade.

II. PRESIDENT ITEMS

B. Update on General Obligation Bond

Chairperson Jones provided a brief summary of the General Obligation Bond's (GOB) potential significance to the MMAP Trust and asked Trust members to review the report in the meeting package and prepare proposals on how the funds should be shared for discussion at the next Trust Board meeting.

D. Letter from MMAP Foundation to 5220 Landlord Regarding Lease

A brief discussion among members confirmed that all debts had been paid in response to the Foundation's notice to the Fraisant Enterprise Company of its intent to terminate the lease on property located at 5220 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida.

E. Juvenile Services Review Committee Recommendations

Chairperson Jones provided a brief summary of the Committee's recommendation that a Juvenile Services Department be created within the structure of County government.

Mr. Brown added that the report contained in the meeting packages distributed to Trust members referred to the possibility of structuring Teen Court under the proposed Juvenile Services Department.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding the type of juvenile services MMAP offers. Members stated their views on the desire to provide prevention services as opposed to intervention. Further discussion determined that although intervention continued to be necessary, the initial goal in creating the Teen Court Division was keeping youth out of the juvenile system through preventative services.

Mr. Brown suggested that the Trust Board review and evaluate the Teen Court as a prevention/intervention tool and, upon reaching a decision, advise staff regarding the need to create more preventative type programs, such as outreach and interagency partnerships.

Chairperson Jones stated that if the Trust created policy on prevention programs and obtained signatures from the Miami-Dade County Chiefs of Police, they could expedite the implementation process. He added that the Trust had previously discussed working in cooperation with police departments and other agencies to provide housing for youths, as opposed to sending them to the Juvenile Assessment Center.

Following further discussion, Chairperson Jones asked staff to prepare written correspondence requesting the Criminal Justice Committee's Chairperson identify a date and time to meet with the MMAP Trust Board to discuss the Teen Court process so a report may be presented before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final approval. He also asked staff to notify each Board member of the scheduled date and time.

Mr. Barnes advised that the presentation before the BCC should occur prior to the last week of August since the BCC would be returning from recess in September.

F. Juneteenth Celebration

Chairperson Jones read from a letter submitted by the City of Miami Overtown Neighborhood Enhancement Team and the City of Miami Police Department requesting that MMAP Trust help sponsor the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Cultural Celebration.

Mr. Crapp and Ms. Lovin-Meighan noted they would refrain from voting on the foregoing request due to a conflict of interest.

Chairperson Jones pointed out that without Mr. Crapp's and Ms. Lovin-Meighan's vote, it would constitute a loss of a quorum. He asked that this request be administratively handled.

III. TRUST ITEMS

A. MOA on Lease Agreement for Teen Court South

Chairperson Jones stated the recommendation as set forth in the Memorandum of Approval. Mr. Brown stated for the record that the West Perrine CDC was currently involved in foreclosure litigation.

Mr. Barnes noted Team Court South was housed in the West Perrine CDC and an Alternate site had not been identified to relocate that operation in the event of a Foreclosure on the property.

It was moved by Mr. Arthur Barnes that the MMAP President/CEO be authorized to enter into a month-to-month lease agreement with the West Perrine Community Development Corporation until funding was identified and the role of Teen Court was defined. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-1 (Trust member Ms. Lovin-Meighan voted no; Trust members Mr. Cooper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. McAden, Ms. Page, Ms. Pinkston, and Dr. Williams were absent).

B. MOA Goombay Festival

Following a brief overview of the Goombay Festival by Chairperson Jones, it was moved by Mr. Crapp the MMAP President/CEO be authorized to spend \$2,500.00 to sponsor the 2004 Goombay Festival to be held in Coconut Grove on May 28 - June 6, 2004. This motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-1 (Trust member Ms. Kovach voted no; Trust members Mr. Cooper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. McAden, Ms. Page, Ms. Pinkston, and Dr. Williams were absent).

C. MOA on Contract with Miami-Dade County School Board 2004-2005

Following a brief overview of contract between MMAP Trust and the Miami-Dade County School Board by Chairperson Jones, it was moved by Mr. Robinson that the MMAP Trust board authorize the MMAP President/CEO to enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade County School Board to provide educational services to At-Risk Students from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a majority vote.

D. MOA on Peace in the Hood Festival

Following a brief overview of the Peace in the Hood Festival by Chairperson Jones, discussion ensued among Trust members regarding the Festival. Members of the Trust expressed concern that a commitment to sponsor this year's event had not be made by the City of Miami, although the Trust members were successful last year in encouraging the City to help sponsor this event.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Ms. Stafford that the MMAP Trust Board authorize the MMAP President/CEO to spend up to \$14,000.00 for the Peace in the Hood Festival to be held on August 14 and 15, 2004 at Northwest 15th Avenue between 62nd and 71st Streets. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lovin-Meighan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0 (Trust members Mr. Cooper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. McAden, Ms. Page, Ms. Pinkston, and Dr. Williams were absent).

E. International Trade FTAA Florida Caribbean Conference

Chairperson Barnes advised Trust members that two of the three-members that comprise the International Trade Committee were absent, therefore the Trust must decide who would attend the conference on Wednesday through Friday of the following week. He stated that the representatives would need to take informational media to giving details on the MMAP Trust program. Ms. Hyppolite volunteered to attend the conference along with International Trade Committee members Mr. Holland and Dr. Pinkston.

It was moved by Mr. Barnes to authorize the MMAP Trust Board to expend up to \$3,000 to send three representatives from the MMAP Trust Board to the International Trade FTAA Florida Caribbean Conference to be held in Barbados on June 23-25, 2004. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lovin-Meighan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0 (Trust members Mr. Cooper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. McAden, Ms. Page, Ms. Pinkston, and Dr. Williams were absent).

F. MOA Policy Waiver for Emergency Response Initiative (ERI)

Ms. Lovin-Meighan introduced the foregoing item as a policy waiver based on the Emergency Response Initiative issue.. In response to Mr. Barnes inquiry regarding the increase to \$35,000, Ms. Lovin-Meighan stated that the increase was up from the current maximum loan amount of \$25,000.

Following discussion among Trust members, it was moved by Ms. Kovach that the MMAP Trust grant approval to increase the maximum loan amount from the Emergency Response Initiative from \$25,000 to \$35,000 and to consider each case individually

according to its merits prior to submittal for Trust approval in each loan. This motion was seconded by Ms. Stafford, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote.

G. MOA Money Allocation to Approve Agreement with Meek Foundation

Mr. Brown stated that members of the Meek Foundation would attend the MMAP Trust Meeting on July 7, 2004 to discuss those agreement and attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. He added that a draft Collaboration Agreement would be included in the meeting package.

It was moved by Ms. Freemon that the MMAP Trust Board of Trustees approve the allocation of funds to retain Mr. Vincent T. Brown (Executive on loan) as Coordinator for Community and Economic Development for the Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust and Meek Foundation Collaborative Project. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lovin-Meighan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-1 (Member Dr. Smith voted no; Members Mr. Cooper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. McAden, Ms. Page, Ms. Pinkston, and Dr. Williams were absent).

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Mary Elizabeth Assisted Living & Day Care Facility

Members of the Trust Board discussed concerns regarding the number of times the foregoing item had been deferred. Members of the Trust agreed they should decide whether they supported the concept of the proposed assisted living and day care facility and if not, the application for funding should be denied

Ms. Maria Al Fau Reyes, M-CAR Consultant and Associates, Inc., stated she spoke with the property owner the previous night and he indicated capital improvements for the building would be initiated within three weeks.

Following further discussion regarding whether or not the proposed project was eligible for funding through the MMAP Trust, the amount of funding requested and how the funds would be used, Ms. Lovin-Meighan explained that the original applicant, Mr. Ted Lyons, applied for funds to renovate a building that he did not own to be used as an assisted living/day care facility. She added that contact was made with the owner to discuss the funding and the fact that a lien would be placed on the property in order to secure the loan. The owner indicated that he fully supported Mr. Lyons efforts to renovate the building and that he would cooperate in any efforts to renovate this building, Ms. Lovin-Meighan noted.

In response to Chairperson Jones' inquiry regarding the Trust's position in the matter, Mr. Crapp recommended that funding for the proposed assisted living/day care facility and all other Meek Fund projects be awarded through the competitive bidding process.

Discussion continued regarding \$500,000 being requested by Mr. Lyons to fund his proposed program. It was mentioned by Mr. Robinson that there already existed an Overtown Initiative program with a balance of \$500,000 available funds, which is the

basis for the influx of applications submitted. He inquired regarding the RFP developed to disburse those funds.

Mr. Brown replied that the draft RFP had been submitted to the Economic Development Committee for comments. Following this statement, members concurred that the drafted RFP should be revised to accommodate a competitive bid process applicable to all funding designations.

Staff Member Jeff Watson stated that the drafted RFP needed input from the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Trustees to determine the scope of the RFP and to identify funding mechanism(s).

Chairperson Jones recommended the discussion regarding this proposed project be tabled, pending the submittal of the drafted RFP for the Trust's review.

There being no further business to come before the MMAP Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.