



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

Office of the Metro Miami Action Plan  
19 West Flagler Street  
Mezzanine Room 106  
Miami, Florida 33128

**Meeting Date:**

March 16, 2005  
12:30 P.M.

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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST  
MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2005**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 12:30 p.m., on March 16, 2005, at the Office of the 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. Velderin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford and Mr. Daniel A. Wick, Jr.; (The following members were excused absences: Mr. Arthur Barnes, Mr. Thomas B. Donaldson, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, Ms. Ruth Page, Dr. Marty Pinkston and Dr. Richard E. Williams).

**ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

MMAP Trust staff member Ms. Gloria Taylor provided the absence report as received from members of the Trust.

In addition to the members of the Trust in attendance at today's meeting, the following staff members were present: MMAP Interim President/CEO Randall Carr; Staff members: Ms. Cindy Campbell, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hicks, Mr. Caesar Phillips, Ms. Natelege Powell, Mr. William Simmons, Ms. Gloria Taylor, Mr. Joey Walker and Mr. Mr. Jeffrey Watson; and Deputy Clerk Mary Smith-York. (Minutes prepared by Jovel Shaw)

Mr. Crapp requested that an agenda item be added to today's meeting agenda regarding a discussion on the Overtown Request for Proposal (RFP) for housing.

It was moved by Mr. Malone that the Trust approve the January 19, 2005, Trust meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Crapp, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

**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\*\***
- 5. Action Committee – Staff Liaison Assignments**
- 6. Legislative Action Committee\*\***

Ms. Campbell presented and provided an overview of the Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee (CJSAC) report. She noted that the CJSAC has submitted a Budget

Line Item Report for October 2004 through October 2005 Activities. Ms. Campbell discussed the response from students and parents regarding the scheduled historical educational tour for the 2005 Florida Civil Rights and Human Relations Conference.

Discussion ensued between staff and members of the Trust regarding the conduction of fundraiser to assist for travel costs to the conference.

Chairperson Jones noted that the Trust's Budget Committee recommendation of \$25,000 each for the CJSAC and the Education Action Committee (EAC) total budget for this fiscal year. (Agenda Item III-A2)

Mr. Carr introduced the new Director at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Academy Madeline McIntosh.

Ms. McIntosh provided a brief overview of her background and experience in education.

Dr. Smith stated that copies of Ms. McIntosh's resume could be made available for each Trust members who wish to have a copy.

Mr. Carr informed the Trust that the Community Economic Development Action Committee (CEDAC) did not meet last month. Therefore, there was no report from the CEDAC.

Chairperson Jones pointed out that on April 21, 2005, a proclamation would be made to Commerce Bank. He asked that all Trust members who are interested in attending this special presentation to contact MMAP staff for further information.

Ms. Hyppolite provided an oral report for the International Trade Committee. She informed the Trust that a World Trade Center in Miami was being considered to be held in Miami December 2005, which would target Caribbean and European buyers and sellers.

Mr. Robinson provided an oral report for the Legislative Action Committee (LAC). He informed the Trust that if members were interested in attending Dade Days in Tallahassee. Mr. Robinson noted that he has provided information to MMAP staff regarding special arrangements that need to be for tickets to attend all events being held during Dade Days. He noted that following today's Trust meeting he will meet with the MMAP Trust lobbyist Yolanda Cash Jackson to provide her with the Trust's Legislative Agenda. Mr. Robinson asked that the Trust's committee chairs meet with him to review the legislative agenda in order for Ms. Jackson to finalize the Trust's Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Robinson noted that the LAC was currently reviewing a letter from Global U.S.A located in Washington D.C. and after that review; the LAC would submit a recommendation to the full Trust for action. He concluded that all of the items approved by the Trust were audited and the findings of the audit would be submitted at the end of the month.

Chairperson Jones stated that the Trust should focus on the legislation for the Teen Court and noted that a copy of the draft legislation has been provided. He indicated that Ms. Jackson should be reminded of the Trust interest in the Teen Court legislation.

Mr. Carr informed the Trust that there was a proposed Florida House of Representatives House Bill (HB) 1511 and a Florida Senate Bill (SB) 1702 to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session.

In response to Ms. Hyppolite request for a status of the travel to the 2005 Legislative Session, Mr. Robinson informed the Trust that the trip was scheduled for April 6-7, 2005, Dade Days.

Chairperson Jones discussed a collaborative initiative regarding diversion with the Miami-Dade County Public School Board to be presented by the chair of the Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee. He noted that funding would be needed for this initiative.

Ms. Stafford volunteered to serve on the Trust's Public Relations/Conference Committee and the Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee.

In response to comments regarding a meeting schedule for the Trust's Action Committees, Chairperson Jones requested MMAP staff to develop a schedule of meetings for the Trust's Action Committees and provide copies to each Trust member as well as publicizing all of the Trust's meetings in the community. He noted that Trust's meetings are open for public participation.

Ms. Hyppolite volunteered to serve on the Trust's Community and Economic Development Action Committee.

Ms. Freemon volunteered to serve on the Education/MLK Oversight Action Committee.

Ms. Patrick Owens, representing the Miami-Dade County Empowerment Zone, volunteered to serve on the International Trade Committee.

Mr. Al Hardemon, representing the Model City Trust, volunteered to serve on the Community and Economic Development Action Committee.

**B. Units/Sections/Divisions**  
**1. Fiscal Management**

Mr. Carr noted that the foregoing report was submitted for informational purposes.

In response to Ms. Kovach inquiry regarding the BCC Grants that was listed in the report, Mr. Carr provided an overview of those grants such as a grant for Timbuktu Marketplace, Inc.

## **2. MLK Academy**

Mr. Carr noted that the foregoing report was Agenda Item II-A, the Contract for the MLK Director.

## **3. Teen Court**

Mr. Carr noted that the foregoing report was submitted for informational purposes.

## **4. Housing**

Ms. Hicks presented the foregoing report entitled, "MMAP Homeownership Assistance Monthly Report for February 2005."

Mr. Carr noted that the Miami Times featured a newspaper article regarding the MMAP Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) event held to inform the community of the HAP.

Mr. Robinson commended the MMAP staff and expressed disappointment in the number of Trust members not present at the event. He noted that discussion occurred among the attendees for a monthly or quarterly to keep the community inform of this program.

Dr. Smith asked for the status of New Hope Overtown Housing Project. He noted that he made a motion at a previous meeting regarding the project and that a County Manager's representative provided an overview of the discussion held pertaining to this project.

Ms. Hicks informed the Trust that Mr. Jeffrey Watson provided the information requested by the Trust Chairperson Jones in his letter dated February 2, 2005, and this information would be reviewed by the MMAP Trust Executive Committee prior to the Trust's consideration of this project.

Mr. Crapp informed the Trust of a discussion held at the last MMAP Trust Executive Committee meeting pertaining to the deferral of any action on the Affordable Housing Development in Overtown Request for Proposals (RFP) RFP No. MMAP AH 0904 pending a review of other projects that may be further advanced or experienced in this type of RFP. He expressed that there was not adequate funding for this RFP process and the New Hope Overtown Housing Project.

In response to Mr. Crapp's request regarding the availability of Documentary Surtax funds, Mr. Carr noted that approximately \$5.7 million was earmarked for housing projects this fiscal year. He provided an overview of some of the projects that included funding for the MMAP HAP, Brownsville Apartments, Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc., Affordable Housing Development in Overtown RFP No. MMAP AH 0904 and the Little Haiti Housing Association. Mr. Carr suggested that the Trust determine which

project it would pursue between the RFP No. MMAP AH 0904 or the New Hope Overtown Housing Project.

Mr. Crapp suggested that the RFP be suspended due to the lack of funding to move forward with this process.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust suspend the Affordable Housing Development in Overtown RFP No. MMAP AH 0904. Mr. Wick seconded the motion for discussion.

In response to Ms. Stafford's request for a clarification on the basis for the suspension of the RFP, Mr. Crapp stated that the limited amount of available funding should be utilized in a more feasible way.

In response to Ms. Kovach's inquiry regarding the amount of homes to be provided by the New Hope Overtown Project, Ms. Hicks informed the Trust that approximately 40 homes would be built.

Extensive discussion among the Trust members regarding the following:

- the availability of Documentary Surtax funding in the approximate amount of \$1 million,
- the need for housing in the Overtown area,
- the determination of which housing projects to pursue in the Overtown area, and
- the status of housing projects in the Overtown area.

Ms. Lovin-Meighan pointed out that Ms. Maria Alfau-Reyes, M-Car Consultants and Associates would be providing options to the Trust for housing development projects. She asked that the Trust wait for the report to be provided at the next Executive Committee.

Chairperson Jones stated that the Trust should allow the Ms. Alfau-Reyes to provide those options prior to taking any action on this issue.

Mr. Watson provided an overview of the New Hope Overtown Project the current housing project in the Overtown project.

Chairperson Jones informed the Trust that a memorandum from the MMAP Staff Liaison for this project to the MMAP President/CEO distributed at today's meeting providing the funding that has been allocated for the New Hope Overtown Project.

Chairperson Jones clarified the motion to suspend the current Affordable Housing Development in Overtown RFP No. MMAP AH 0904 that was offered by Mr. Crapp.

The Trust by motion duly made, seconded and carried, suspended the Affordable Housing Development in Overtown RFP No. MMAP AH 0904.

Chairperson Jones stated that the Ms. Alfau-Reyes should provide options to the Trust for housing development projects by the next Trust meeting.

Ms. Stafford asked that the report to be provided by the consultant include the principals for the New Hope Overtown Project.

In response to comments made by Mr. Hardemon regarding a workforce, Chairperson Jones recommended that Mr. Hardemon attend the next Documentary Surtax Committee.

## **5. Economic Development**

In response to Dr. Smith's comments pertaining to Business and Technology Resource Center (BRC), Chairperson Jones noted that the BRC would be interfaced with the Incubator Center and the Florida Memorial College Entrepreneurial Mobile Unit.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members in connection with the funding allocated to Nia Interactive from the Black Resource Directory and the Revolving Loan Fund Status Report.

Following the discussion, Chairperson Jones instructed staff to provide a status report at the next Trust meeting in response to the concerns raised by members of the Trust.

Chairperson Jones stated, in response to Ms. Lovin-Meighan's comments, that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee should provide a recommendation on whether the loan to the businesses listed on the status report should be converted to grants.

## **II. PRESIDENT ITEMS**

### **A. Contract for MLK Director**

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust approve an agreement in the amount for \$71,384.64 between the MMAP Trust and Ms. Madeline McIntosh, Director of the Martin Luther King Academy, to render services outlined in the attachment A of the agreement. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

## **III. TRUST ITEMS**

### **A. Trust Action Items**

#### **1. FMC 2005 Convocation and Gala – Memorandum of Approval**

It was moved by Ms. Stafford that the Trust approve funding in the amount for \$500.00 from the MMAP Trust General Fund Budget to purchase one (1) table at the Florida Memorial College 2005 Founders' Weekend Convocation and Gala. This motion was seconded by Mr. Crapp, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust

members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

## **2. Budget Committee Recommendations – Memorandum of Approval**

In response to Mr. Malone question if the funding for the Teen Police Council initiative, Ms. Lovin-Meighan stated that the funding for that initiative was separate from the funding being recommended for the Social Justice Action Committee.

Mr. Malone noted that today's agenda included a funding request for the annual civil rights tour taken by the students at the MLK Academy.

Chairperson Jones stated that Ms. Campbell presented a report regarding the 2005 Florida Civil Rights and Human Relations Conference.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust approve an allocation in the amount of \$75,000 from the MMAP Trust General Fund Budget for the MMAP Trust Action Committees to be disbursed as follows: Legislative Action Committee \$25,000, Social Justice Action Committee and the Education Committee \$25,000. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

## **3. EDI RFP Evaluation Committee Recommendations – Memorandum of Approval**

Mr. Simmons provided an overview of the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Approval of EDI RFP Evaluation Committee Recommendations."

Discussion ensued in connection with the recommendations among the Trust members and staff.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the EDI RFP Evaluation Committee recommendations be awarded as grants instead loans. This motion was seconded by Ms. Stafford, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

Chairperson Jones announced that the recommendations would be converted to grants.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the EDI RFP Evaluation Committee recommendation for Saint John Community Development Corporation (CDC) be deferred pending further information to be provided by staff. Mr. Crapp seconded this motion for discussion.

Mr. Crapp asked that Mr. Simmons provided an overview of the steps to be undertaken by staff to obtain the necessary information for the Trust to consider for an approve of a grant to the Saint John CDC.

Chairperson Jones recommended that the Trust proceed with its consideration of the recommendations for grants to the Black Archives, the Two Guys Restaurant and the Scala Construction Supplies LLC.

Following clarification of the motion offered by Dr. Smith for deferral of the Saint John CDC grant, the motion passed by a majority of the members present with one “No” vote by Mr. Crapp.

It was moved by Ms. Kovach that the Trust approve a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Overtown EDI Grant for the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. for the construction of the Lyric Theater Welcome Center Project. This motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

It was moved by Ms. Kovach that the Trust approve a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Overtown EDI Grant for obtaining and operating the Two Guys Restaurant in Overtown. This motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust approve a grant in the amount of \$175,000, in which \$52,000 was previously disbursed from the Overtown EDI Grant for Scala Construction Supplies LLC, and the remaining balance would be disbursed upon product approval and the identification of an Overtown Office as well as a facility to house their operations. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-0, (Trust member Ms. Lovin-Meighan voted “No”; and Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Page, Dr. Pinkston and Dr. Williams were absent).

## **B. Trust Informational Items**

### **1. Proposed and Current Committee Projects/Special Events**

Dr. Smith discussed the list of Charitable Contributions for 2003 through 2005.

Discussion ensued among the members of the Trust regarding the need for more information to provide on the list of Charitable Contributions.

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

1. Mr. Carr informed the Trust that staff had not identified or completed the MMAP Trust General Departmental Summary, Form 5 entitled, "Operating Unmet or Deferred Needs." He stated that the Trust should inform staff as soon as possible of any unmet needs.

Mr. Crapp discussed the feasibility to develop a mentoring program by the Trust such as Boss for a Day.

In response to Mr. Crapp's comments, Mr. Carr stated that approximately \$100,000 would be needed for the mentoring collaborative.

Ms. Kovach suggested that feasibility of conducting an apprentice and credit workshops.

Mr. Hardemon discussed the needs in the Model City area such as an agency to offer assistance in the development of business plans.

Chairperson Jones noted that there was a need for business plans for local businesses.

Mr. Robinson discussed the technical assistance that was needed by those local businesses.

Discussion ensued in connection with the MMAP Trust targeting a specific community to offer enhanced technical assistance for existing and new businesses.

Chairperson Jones stated that the Trust could serve in an advocacy role for the Model City area to assist this area in receiving funding for technical assistance. He suggested that efforts should be made to offer assistance via the Florida Memorial College Entrepreneurial Mobile Unit. Mr. Jones discussed the need to prepare the businesses in the North Dade area with the same type of technical assistance for the Super bowl 2007.

2. Mr. Marvin Weeks, representing Timbuktu Marketplace, Inc. appeared before the Trust to discuss the cultural aspect of the MMAP Trust that would lead to economic development in the community.

Chairperson Jones stressed the need for community outreach workshops throughout Miami-Dade County to obtain input from the community in order to address the needs of the community.

Further discussion ensued in connection with unmet needs in the community and advocacy role of MMAP.

In response to comments made pertaining to predatory lending, Ms. Hicks noted that staff attends the Anti-Predatory Lending Task Force created by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Carey-Shuler and the participation by other concerned parties in addressing predatory lending in Miami-Dade County.

Chairperson Jones noted that the predatory lending could be a topic of discussion for a community outreach workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.