



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

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1: 48 P.M.

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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST
TRUST/RETREAT MEETING OF JULY 22, 2005**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 1:48 p.m. on July 22, 2005, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL. There being present Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr. and Trust members: Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Ms. Calvetta Phair, Dr. Marty Pinkston, Dr. Marzell Smith, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson; and Deputy Clerk Mary Smith-York. (The following members were excused: Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Mr. Thomas Donaldson, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Benedict Kuehne, Mr. Omar Malone, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, Mr. Daniel Wick, Jr., and Dr. Richard E. Williams)

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

Chairperson Jones stated that the following items would be added to today's agenda:

- 1) Florida Memorial Economic Development Mobile Unit Collaborative;
- 2) Continuation of Overtown Civic Partnership & Design Center Presentation by Mr. Bacon;
and
- 3) Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy's School Lease.

It was moved by Ms. Kovach that the agenda be adopted as presented with the three additional items. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

I. PRESENTATIONS

1. Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department

Chief Gerald L. Darling, Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department (MDPSPD), provided an overview of the Civil Citation Program and the Juvenile Justice System. He stated that the Civil Citation Program was established as an alternative to taking a child into custody when he/she had committed a misdemeanor crime for the first time. Services provided by the program included family counseling, urinalysis monitoring, substance abuse counseling, mental health treatment services and family counseling. Juveniles may also be required to perform up to fifty (50) community services hours. Chief Darling asked that the MMAP Trust partner with the MDPSPD to assist with the development of this program. This program could be an expansion to the MMAP Trust Teen Court and Teen Police Academy (TPA) programs that were designed to assist juveniles and prevent them from becoming a part of the court system.

Following a brief discussion by members of the Board, it was moved by Dr. Pinkston that the Trust establish a partnership with the Miami-Dade Public School Police Department in support of the Civil Citation Program as presented today. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put

to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

2. Teen Police Academy, Inc.

Mr. Rick Holton, Executive Director, Teen Police Academy, Inc. (TPA) expressed his appreciation for being allowed to make this presentation today and commended Chief Darling on the Civil Citation initiative. He expressed his excitement of the TPA's involvement with the program. Mr. Holton noted that the TPA had just returned from a visit to South Africa and presented the Trust with a plaque depicting events from the trip. He provided a brief overview of the TPA's Annual Historical Black History Tour which was conducted in June 2005.

Following Dr. Smith's comments regarding TPA's operating expenses, Chairperson Jones advised that the Budget Committee would review TPA's funding request and make a recommendation to the Trust.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Florida Memorial Economic Development Mobile Unit Collaborative

Chairperson Jones provided a brief overview of the foregoing proposed item and stated that the Economic Development Mobile Unit was requesting budget funding for FY 2005-06 in the amount of \$35,000.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding funding resources for the Mobile Unit and how the funds would be utilized.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Mr. Barnes that the Trust approve an expenditure of \$35,500 to fund operations of the Florida Memorial University Entrepreneurial Mobile Unit for FY 2005-06 from the Economic Development Action Committee's Budget. This motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-0 (Trust member Dr. Pinkston abstained; members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

2. Tampa Electric Company (TECO) Water Chiller Plant Acquisition

Mr. Phillip Bacon, Executive Director, Overtown Civic Partnership (OCP), provided a detailed overview of the Partnership's proposed acquisition of the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) water chiller plant located in Overtown. A copy of the proposal and business plan for acquisition of the TECO Miami Water Chiller Plan was included in today's agenda package.

Following a brief discussion among Trust members, it was moved by Dr. Smith that the foregoing proposed request for funding be forwarded to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kovach, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy's School Lease

Dr. Smith provided a brief overview of the proposed lease agreement between the Trust and Mr. John Taylor, owner of the Vankara School site where the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy (MLK Academy) would be relocated. He advised that the lease with Ebenezer Full Gospel Church had not been renewed due to conflicts with the owners. Dr. Smith stated that the Education Committee's budget would accommodate the \$20,000 relocation expenses for the Academy.

Ms. Lovin-Meighan suggested that the cost of relocating the Academy be funded from revenue generated through operation of the Summer School program.

It was moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust authorize the MMAP Trust President/CEO to expend an amount up to \$20,000 from summer school revenue funds to cover the costs of relocating the Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy to the Vankara School site in Opa Locka. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

It was then moved by Dr. Smith that the Trust authorize the MMAP Trust President/CEO to expend an amount up to \$100,000 from the Education Action Committee's Budget to enter into a lease agreement with Mr. John Taylor to house the Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy at the Vankara School, 13331 Alexandria Drive in Opa Locka, FL for the 2005-2006 school year. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

4. Kids-At-Risk Project Impact Report

Chief Gerald L. Darling, Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department (MDPSPD), provided a brief overview of the Project Impact program that was already in place but in need of funding assistance for the training aspect. He stated that the program targeted kids that attended schools that had reported significant gang-related problems. The program formed partnerships with organizations within the community that provided jobs to youth after graduation from high school through a training program. Chief Darling asked that the MMAP Trust match the amount funded by the School Board of \$145,000.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding the Kids-At-Risk program, its relevance to the MLK Academy, and possible funding sources for the program.

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Smith to accept the foregoing report as presented. This motion was seconded by Dr. Pinkston, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0 (Trust members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

5. Carrie Meek Foundation

It was moved by Mr. Barnes that the Trust authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$85,000 from the MMAP Trust General Fund Budget to fund a coordinator position for the Carrie Meek Foundation. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hyppolite, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-0 (Trust member Dr. Pinkston abstained; members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS REPORT

1. International Trade Committee Report

Chairperson Jones provided a brief overview of a meeting he had with Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez. He stated that the Mayor had requested MMAP Trust to become involved with the County's international trade efforts, specifically with Haiti and South Africa. Chairperson Jones advised that Ms. Hyppolite, as a member of the Trust's International Trade Committee, had attended several meetings with the World Trade Center and asked that Ms. Hyppolite meet with the Mayor's staff during the coming week to discuss MMAP Trust's area of involvement regarding international trade.

2. Education Action Committee Report

Dr. Smith stated that the Education Committee had given consideration to the Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent's proposals regarding the closing and/or reducing the student body of Holmes Elementary, Miami Edison Sr. High and Miami Central Sr. High Schools.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding the displacement of students the closing of Holmes Elementary School and whether the Trust should consider soliciting those students to attend the MLK Academy. Also discussed were issues regarding the underlying problems that contributed to the failing grades for the aforementioned schools. Members agreed that an investigation into the reasons for the student's failure of the FCAT should be conducted.

3. Reconsideration of Vincent Brown's Termination

Ms. Freemon stated that at the Trust meeting on July 6, 2005, she made a motion to terminate Mr. Vincent Brown as the President/CEO of the MMAP Trust. After receiving a copy of a letter from the Meek Foundation, Ms. Freemon felt the motion was made prematurely and requested authorization to rescind and rephrase her motion.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding action taken at the July 6, 2005 Trust meeting to terminate Mr. Brown. Chairperson Jones advised that the termination process had not been completed and therefore Mr. Brown's employment status had not changed. He confirmed that no written communication had transpired between the Trust and the Meek Foundation in connection with Mr. Brown's termination. Members expressed concern with the delay in following through with actions made by the Trust at its meetings. Reference was made to the agreement transferring Vincent Brown to

the Meek Foundation that was sent to the County Manager's office for review and approval and had never been returned.

The Trust took a ten-minute recess during discussion of this matter. When the meeting was resumed, it was moved by Ms. Freemon that the Trust allow MMAP Trust President/CEO Vincent Brown to resign effective September 30, 2005 and to approve an expenditure of six months severance pay. This motion was seconded by Dr. Pinkston, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 7-3 (Trust members Ms. Lovin-Meighan, Ms. Phair, and Dr. Smith voted no; members Mr. Crapp, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kuehne, Mr. Malone, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick, and Dr. Williams were absent).

4. Community Economic Development Committee Report

Ms. Kovach informed Trust members that the Community Economic Development Committee (CED) had convened a public meeting in June 2005 with Dr. Murray of Florida International University (FIU). Dr. Murray had conducted the FIU study on Economic Development in 2000, and had presented the findings to the community and the Committee at that meeting. Dr. Murray had advised that 95% of the recommendations made in the report had not been implemented which had prompted those persons attending the meeting from the community to ask the MMAP Trust to pursue the appropriate action to begin the process of implementation. Ms. Kovach stated that this issue would be placed on the agenda for the September 21, 2005 MMAP Trust meeting and asked members to be prepared to discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion items to come before the Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The Trust then resumed its retreat presentations and discussions.

John T. Jones, Jr., Chairperson
Metro Miami Action Plan Trust