



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

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

**Meeting Date:**

April 19, 2006  
12:30 P.M.

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**METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST  
MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2006**

The Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust convened at 12:37 p.m. on April 19, 2006, at the Office of the Metro-Miami Action Plan, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine – Room 106. Present were Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.; Trust members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Dr. Marty Pinkston, and Dr. Marzell Smith (Trust members: Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, and Mr. Herbert Robinson were late; and Trust members: Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Mr. Omar Malone, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, Mr. Daniel A. Wick, Jr. and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent). The following staff members were present: MMAP President/CEO Milton Vickers; Staff members: Ms. Laverne Carlile, Ms. Rachel Fredericq, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hicks, Mr. Caesar Phillips, Ms. Natelege Powell, Mr. William Simmons, Ms. Angela Vaughn, and Mr. Joey Walker; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and noted a quorum was not yet present; therefore, only discussion items and presentations would occur until a quorum was present.

Chairperson Jones asked for any changes to today's agenda.

Ms. Kovach requested agenda item III-B (8) be added to today's agenda to discuss a special recognition event for Ms. Ruth Page.

Dr. Pinkston requested agenda item III-B (9) be added to today's agenda regarding the Florida Memorial University – Mobile Economic Development Unit.

Chairperson Jones requested agenda item III-B (10) be added to today's agenda regarding the Annual National Preventing Crime in the Black Community National Conference.

Upon attainment of a quorum later in the meeting and hearing no objection, the Trust adopted today's agenda with the additional changes recommended by Trust members.

MMAP Agency President/CEO Milton Vickers introduced himself to the Trust. He provided an overview of his intent to meet the expectations of the Trust and the setting of new standards to move MMAP to the next level. Mr. Vickers stated he would apply new management standards in terms of staffing and how staff responded to the Trust. He noted staff intended to meet with the owner of the MLK Academy to discuss the terms of the lease agreement; specifically the owner's responsibility for repairs to the facility. Mr. Vickers noted staff members Mr. Tarreau, Mr. Walker and Mr. Phillips facilitated the repairs listed in the report (Agenda Item I-B (2)). He noted the owner of the facility should address the structural repairs. Mr. Vickers stated staff would seek to identify a future facility for the MLK Academy.

Responding to Dr. Pinkston's inquiry regarding the term of the lease, Mr. Phillips stated the lease was for three years. He noted the lease commenced in August 2005 and will end July 2008. Mr. Phillips further noted no penalties for terminating the lease prior to July 2008.

Mr. Vickers stated the only requirement would be official notice to the owner of the facility.

## **I. MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. Action Committees**

- 1. Community Economic Development Action Committee**
- 2. Action Committee – Staff Liaison Assignments (Information)**
- 3. Criminal Justice Sensitivity Action Committee**

The foregoing reports were submitted for informational purposes.

### **B. Units/Sections/Divisions**

- 1. Fiscal Management**
- 2. MLK, Jr. Academy**

Mr. Frank Tarrau, Acting Director, Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Leadership Academy presented the monthly report for the MLK, Jr. Leadership Academy and provided a status report on the repairs at the MLK Academy.

- 3. Teen Court**
- 4. Housing**
- 5. Economic Development**
- 6. Communication Initiatives**

The foregoing reports were submitted for informational purposes.

## **II. PRESIDENT ITEMS**

### **A. President Information Items**

- 1. MMAP Collective Banking Group Check Presentation**
- 2. Miami-Dade School Board RFP No. 097-FF10 (Information)**
- 3. Fiscal Management Report**
- 4. Department Personnel Report**
- 5. Housing and Economic Development Initiatives**

The foregoing reports were submitted for informational purposes.

- 6. MMAP Sunset Review**

Mr. Vickers noted the Trust meeting minutes referenced by Ms. Freemon were part of the MMAP Sunset Review.

Chairperson Jones asked Trust members to review the minutes attached as part of the sunset review and send any recommended changes to MMAP staff for implementation. He noted the Trust could approve any corrections to the minutes at the next Trust meeting.

Mr. Crapp moved that the Trust approve the Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the MMAP Board of Trustees. 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. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

Mr. Vickers informed the Trust that in the future, the sunset review report would be used as part of the County's budget process as a factor on how the MMAP Agency was funded.

Mr. Kuehne stated in the future Mr. Vickers should review and recommend that any document submitted by the MMAP Agency highlight MMAP's accomplishments in the opening paragraph of that document.

Responding to Dr. Smith's comments pertaining to the term of expiration for Trust members, Ms. Hicks advised the MMAP Trust member term expiration reflected in the sunset review report was based on membership as of January 1, 2004.

Responding to Mr. Crapp's inquiry regarding the number of current vacancies for the Trust, Ms. Hicks noted the Trust currently had six vacancies and staff was preparing an advertisement to recruit applicants to fill those vacancies.

#### **A. President Action Items**

No items were submitted.

### **III. TRUST ITEMS**

#### **A. Trust Informational Items**

##### **1. Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Avenue Business Corridor Pilot Project**

Mr. Roy Hardemon appeared before the Trust regarding the status of the project located on NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue discussed at the last Community and Economic Development Action Committee (CEDAC) meeting.

Responding to Mr. Hardemon's comments, Chairperson Jones asked Mr. Hardemon to meet the CEDAC members or MMAP staff member Jacob Berry to prepare a report to present to the Trust regarding the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. He also asked Mr. Hardemon to meet with Mr. Vickers to discuss the matter.

Ms. Kovach informed the Trust that Mr. Hardemon presented the foregoing report at the CEDAC meeting held the first Thursday of each month. She noted the Committee reviewed the report and staff's recommendation was to have the foregoing report presented to the Trust.

Mr. Hardemon noted on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Model City Trust would conduct a charrette at the Miller's Complex located at 6804 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 10:00 a.m. He asked that entities partner along with MMAP to address economic and social issues in the community.

Responding to Dr. Pinkston's inquiry regarding the funding amount, Mr. Hardemon noted a request was made in the amount of \$50,000 for the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue project for land acquisition to secure a business.

Mr. Hardemon informed the Trust that Operation Turnaround chaired by Mr. Anthony Dawson was the group working to redevelop the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor.

Following comments made by Ms. Lovin-Meighan's regarding a collaborative agreement, Mr. Hardemon provided the Trust with a historical background on the initial group who initiated the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor project and his initiative to continue to address the development of the subject area.

Chairperson Jones noted the need to develop a collaborative with Model City on the foregoing initiative noted by Mr. Hardemon. He reiterated his request for Mr. Hardemon to meet with Mr. Vickers to develop or initiate a collaborative in order to move the process forward regarding the initiative. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Hardemon to also provide Mr. Vickers with information regarding the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor project.

Chairperson Jones informed the Trust that Mr. Hardemon was present and spoke in support of MMAP at the citizen's workshop held in North Dade. He thanked Mr. Hardemon for his comments at the workshop.

## **B. Trust Action Items**

### **1. Ratification of Support of BCC Workforce Housing Ordinance**

Mr. Vickers presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Ratification of Executive Committee's vote in support of the Miami-Dade County's Proposed Workforce Housing Ordinance."

Ms. Kovach moved that the Trust approve the ratification of the MMAP Trust Executive Committee's approval and the President/CEO recommendation authorizing staff to prepare a MMAP Trust Board of Trustees' resolution in support of the proposed Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) Workforce Housing Ordinance. 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. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

## **2. Ratification of FIU Agreement to Assess TECO Plant Operations**

Mr. Vickers presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, “Ratification of Executive Committee’s vote to approve a Consultant Agreement for Florida International University (FIU) to Assess the Viability of the TECO Plant Operations contingent upon an Agreement with the County Manager.”

Chairperson Jones reminded the Trust that at the last MMAP Trust Retreat the Trust agreed to support groups located in Overtown on this collaborative and move forward with this agreement.

Chairperson Jones noted a MMAP Board of Trustees’ resolution seeking an increase to the percentage of funding of the Occupational License Tax to MMAP.

Responding to Mr. Kuehne’s comments regarding the viability of the study upon its completion, Mr. Vickers stated the goal for this commitment was to provide electrical power to a designated area located in Overtown. Therefore, the TECO Plant could reinvest and utilize the revenue generated in the Overtown community along with job creation. He noted it was an excellent opportunity and the County’s resolution for acquisition basically required community participation with the Overtown Civic Partnership, Inc. (OCP); and MMAP would facilitate the process in agreement with the County Manager.

Responding to Mr. Kuehne’s inquiry regarding the long-term relationship with the OCP, Mr. Vickers stated the Board of Directors for this group has designated a seat for MMAP to serve on the Board. He noted his intent to review how MMAP could benefit economically from the TECO Plant and potential other benefits from this collaborative.

Chairperson Jones stated MMAP’s participation would assist the project in moving forward the community-based organization (CBO) OCP especially in the area of fiscal accountability.

Mr. Kuehne questioned whether there was a possibility of a cost acquisition for MMAP to be reimbursed in the future when this project was successful and viable.

Chairperson Jones noted his discussion to negotiate reimbursement of the funds allocated for this project next fiscal year.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Robinson moved that the Trust approve the ratification of the MMAP Trust Executive Committee’s approval of a consultant agreement to Florida International University (FIU) in the amount of \$50,000 from the Economic Development budget to assess the viability of the TECO Plant operations contingent upon an agreement with the Miami-Dade County Manager. This motion was

seconded by Ms. Kovach and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

### **3. Ratification of Professional Services Agreement re: Teen Court**

Dr. Smith moved that the Trust approve the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Ratification of Executive Committee's vote to approve a Professional Services Agreement." Mr. Crapp seconded this motion for discussion.

Responding to Mr. Kuehne's comments regarding a copy of the Professional Services Agreement, Mr. Vickers presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval and provided an overview of the purpose of this item.

Mr. Kuehne expressed his support of the intent of the foregoing item and noted the need for the development of a policy for utilizing outside consultants to address issues on MMAP's behalf. He noted Teen Court project was very vital for this community.

Chairperson Jones stated as part of the policy review for MMAP, the concern raised by Mr. Kuehne will be addressed at the next MMAP Trust Retreat.

Ms. Freemon expressed her support of hiring a consultant to review, develop and implement corrective measures for Teen Court.

Mr. Crapp informed the Trust of the deadline to comply with the Office of the Inspector General's report; therefore, the Executive Committee had to take immediate action on the foregoing item. He also spoke in support of Mr. Kuehne's comments pertaining to the development of a policy for hiring outside consultants.

Chairperson Jones noted the Trust would highlight Teen Court at the "National Preventing Crime in the Black Community" National Conference entitled, "Teen Court Florida." He stated MMAP would host and sponsor this segment of the conference. Chairperson Jones requested support from Trust members to be in attendance at the conference.

Dr. Pinkston expressed her concern with the process and suggested in the future that the Executive Committee present a recommendation to the Trust.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Trust proceeded to vote on the motion to approve the ratification of the MMAP Trust Executive Committee's approval to expend the amount of \$12,000 from the Teen Court budget to authorize a professional services agreement for a six month period to supervise the development and implementation of a corrective action plan to address the discrepancies noted in the Office of the Inspector General's audit report on the management of Teen Court case files, which passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

Mr. Kuehne asked MMAP staff to provide an updated budget report presentation of Teen Court at the next Trust meeting outlining the cost saving.

Mr. Vickers noted the difficulty in previous years of MMAP obtaining budget projections for funds received through traffic violations or civil procedures. He informed the Trust of staff's establishment of a relationship with the Clerk of Courts Comptroller to provide MMAP with those budget projections. Mr. Vickers informed the Trust that a presentation would be made by staff regarding the budget projections.

#### **4. Ratification of GMCVB Golf Tournament Participation**

Ms. Freemon moved that the Trust approve the foregoing Memorandum of Approval (MOA) entitled, "Ratification of the Executive Committee's vote to Participate in the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) – Hospitality Open Golf Tournament." Mr. Crapp seconded the motion for discussion.

Responding to Mr. Kuehne's inquiries regarding if this was an annual event, the benefit of the Trust's participation and donating \$2,500 directly to the scholarship, Mr. Vickers presented the foregoing Memorandum of Approval and provided a historical background on the initiation of this golf tournament.

Responding to Mr. Kuehne's comments regarding staff's recommendation on the foregoing MOA, Mr. Vickers noted staff had taken no action and the Executive Committee reviewed the foregoing item and forwarded the item to the Trust.

Mr. Kuehne recommended a revision to the MOA to indicate it was a MOA addressed to the Trust for approval as opposed to a ratification of the Executive Committee's action.

Responding to Mr. Crapp's comments regarding the basis for the ratification by the Trust, Mr. Vickers pointed out the date to respond to participate in the golf tournament was April 14, 2006.

Chairperson Jones reminded the Trust of the last collaborative with GMCVB for the business workshop.

Hearing no objections, the Trust voted to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the MMAP's General Fund to participate in the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospitality Open Golf Tournament (H.O.T. Challenge) to be held May 12, 2006, at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa, with an amendment to revise the Memorandum of Approval to indicate it was not a ratification of the MMAP Trust Executive Committee's action, which passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

#### **5. Family Christian Association Golf Tournament MOA**

Dr. Smith moved that the Trust approve the foregoing Memorandum of Approval entitled, "Family Christian Association of America, and Inc. - Annual Faith Keepers Golf Tournament." Mr. Crapp seconded the motion for discussion.

Dr. Pinkston moved that the Trust approve expenditure in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the MMAP's General Fund to participate in the Family Christian Association of America, Inc. (FCAA), 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith Keepers Golf Tournament to be held on May 18, 2006, at the Raintree Golf Resort. Ms. Freemon seconded the motion.

Mr. Kuehne questioned if this was an annual event the Trust would support, if the proceeds benefited FCAA Youth Development Program, and how this would tie into the MMAP Agency's and the Trust's mission, goals and responsibilities in terms of priority. He also questioned the process for staff's review and recommendation of this item and asked for a record of how this event would benefit the Trust.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Trust approved an expenditure in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the MMAP's General Fund to participate in the Family Christian Association of America, Inc. (FCAA), 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith Keepers Golf Tournament to be held on May 18, 2006, at the Raintree Golf Resort by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

Mr. Kuehne asked MMAP staff to provide a follow-up with documentation from the FCAA concerning the Youth Development programs which comprise the Miami-Dade County area.

## **6. Peace in the Hood Request**

Dr. Smith moved that the Trust support Peace in the Hood.

Discussion ensued among Trust members and staff regarding the funding source to support this request.

Mr. Vickers recommended the Trust fund 50% of the funding request and asked that the motion include language directing staff to develop an agreement with follow-up documentation itemizing the expenditure of \$5,000.

The motion made by Dr. Smith died due to the lack of a second.

Following further discussion on the request, Mr. Crapp made a motion to defer the foregoing request to the next scheduled Trust meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lovin-Meighan and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

Mr. Crapp noted MMAP's participation in the Peace in the Hood Festival allowed the festival to continue. He pointed out the funding request decreases each subsequent year after the initial festival due to additional funding sources/sponsors to cover the expenses for the festival.

Mr. Kuehne reminded staff to provide a follow-up report at the next meeting. He also reminded the Trust of previous dialogue with the Albert Leroy Moss Foundation, Inc. on potential financial support by MMAP.

## **7. Resolution Requesting Restoration of General Fund Levels**

Mr. Vickers presented the foregoing MMAP Trust Board of Trustees Resolution and his supporting memorandum entitled, "GF Supplement."

Mr. Kuehne moved to approve the MMAP Trust Board of Trustees' resolution to call upon the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager to restore the original MMAP Agency General Fund funding level to ensure that MMAP will continue as an advocate and catalyst for the elimination of the disparities that exist between the Black community and Miami-Dade County community-at-large. This motion was seconded by Ms. Freemon and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

## **8. Special Recognition for Ruth Page**

Ms. Kovach presented the foregoing item and asked the Trust to do something as an expression of the Trust's gratitude in acknowledgement of Ms. Page's years of service as a Trust member.

Dr. Pinkston moved that the Trust send a fruit basket to Ms. Page in recognition of her service as a Trust Board member.

Mr. Kuehne recommended the Trust recognize Ms. Page at the Annual MMAP Conference.

The motion made by Dr. Pinkston would also include the recommendation to recognize Ms. Page at the Annual MMAP Conference along with sending a fruit basket. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kovach and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 10-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

## **9. Florida Memorial University (FMU) Mobile Economic Development Unit**

Dr. Pinkston presented the foregoing item and informed the Trust the FMU Mobile Economic Development Unit was on display in the courtyard located in Tallahassee. She

noted she received feedback during her meeting with Florida State Senators Mel Martinez, Bill Nelson and Kendrick Meek, who indicated they would recommend State or Federal funding in the next budget year for the FMU Mobile Economic Development Unit.

### **10. Annual National Preventing Crime in the Black Community National Conference**

Chairperson Jones presented the foregoing item and asked for the Trust's support in attending this annual event scheduled for May 31 – June 3 at the Hyatt Regency.

Responding to comments by Trust members regarding an agenda for the conference, Chairperson Jones asked Mr. Walker to provide Trust members with a copy of the 'National Preventing Crime in the Black Community' National Conference's agenda.

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

1. Mr. Kenneth Spence, President, Karym Ventures Project, appeared before the Trust and provided an overview of Karym Ventures funding request in the amount of \$25,000 to support its Demonstration Project located at 4905 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Thema Campbell, on behalf of the Karym Ventures Project, appeared before the Trust and provided an overview of Karym Ventures Demonstration Project.

Mr. Neil Hall, President, Hall Group, appeared before the Trust and noted his experience in architect design in urban planning. He provided an overview of the proposed architectural design for the Karym Ventures Demonstration Project. Mr. Hall pointed out MMAP has always been a catalyst for change.

Discussion ensued Trust members and staff regarding the funding request and how the MMAP Agency and the Trust should address this funding request.

Mr. Vickers stated a \$25,000 grant would not be recommended because this project had previously received grant funding from MMAP. He noted the project could receive gap financing through the support or guarantee of a line of credit with a financial institution; or the establishment of a MMAP line of credit loan with an interest rate at two to three percent.

Chairperson Jones suggested the Trust assist Karym Ventures in obtaining a line of credit and a low-cost loan.

Mr. Hall noted his preference was for a line of credit and the need to demonstrate that we not only need grants to do projects. He stated an appraisal will determine the value of the building.

Discussion ensued among Trust members and Karym Ventures representatives regarding the previous grant awarded to Karym Ventures by the Trust.

Mr. Crapp initiated discussion on grants versus loans and expressed his concern with small loans and the Trust forgiving the loans for some small businesses in the past.

Ms. Freemon noted Karym Ventures has already invested monies into this project and supported the allowance of a line of credit.

Following Ms. Kovach's comments regarding Phase two and three of the project, Mr. Spence provided an overview of the Demonstration project.

Responding to Mr. Crapp's request for an explanation on the line of credit, Mr. Vickers stated staff needed to review a prospectus including the phases of renovations and pay-out would occur based upon invoices submitted by Karym Ventures, Inc. to MMAP. He noted inconsistencies in the document provided for the Trust's consideration of the funding request. Mr. Vickers stated staff could work with Karym Ventures to address those inconsistencies and to develop a loan document with an interest rate.

Mr. Hall stated if MMAP and the Trust were considering a line of credit, the Hall Group or Karym Ventures would be the holder of the line of credit and sought to increase the line of credit amount to complete the project instead of obtaining gap funding.

Following further discussion in connection with the funding request, Dr. Pinkston moved that the Trust approve a grant to Karym Ventures, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 from the Economic Development budget to support its Karym Ventures Demonstration Project located at 4905 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-1, (Trust member Ms. Kovach voted "No") (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

Responding to Mr. Kuehne's inquiry regarding MMAP staff's review and recommendation on the item, Mr. Vickers stated staff recommended a line of credit up to \$25,000.

Mr. Spence noted the Trust would receive an invitation to the grand opening upon the completion of the project.

2. Chairperson Jones presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament Reception and Awards Presentation schedule for April 21, 2006. He noted the proceeds from the golf tournament would benefit the Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Scholarship Fund and recommended the Trust approve a Silver sponsorship in the amount of \$1,250.00.

Following discussion among Trust members, Dr. Smith moved that the Trust approve expenditure in the amount of \$1,250.00 from the Trust's Fund to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament Reception to be held April 21, 2006, at the Country Club of Miami. This motion was seconded by Ms. Freeman and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-0, (Trust members Mr. Barnes, Mr. Malone, Dr. Pinkston, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Wick and Mr. Woodson were absent).

3. Mr. Hardemon informed the Trust of a parcel of land for sell located on 6800 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue which the Trust could use for housing and economic development for the area.

Dr. Pinkston asked MMAP staff to place a discussion item on the next Trust's meeting agenda regarding the foregoing item.

4. Responding to Mr. Crapp's comments pertaining to increased funding for economic development, Mr. Vickers stated staff was in the process of developing the budget for the Trust's Community and Economic Development Action Committee to be considered by the Committee and then by the Trust.

Mr. Vickers noted the intent to review the economic development plan and its programs. He informed members that the Trust is not required to report or be held accountable to the Beacon Council. However, accountability should be between the MMAP staff and the Trust, and the developed plan would outline the projected expenditure of those economic development funds. Mr. Vickers stated Black run businesses had increased by 45% over the past two years and more emphasis was placed on business growth. He concluded by stating a presentation would be made to the Trust at a future meeting.

Chairperson Jones stated a discussion needed to occur on the selection of dates to conduct the MMAP staff and Trust Retreat prior to the County's budget hearings in September.

5. Mr. Vickers made a special presentation to Mr. William Simmons for his 5-years of County Service.

6. Ms. Lovin-Meighan asked MMAP staff to develop a policy for making presentations before the Trust.

Responding to Ms. Freeman's comments on the procedure for presenters to make his or her presentation to the Trust, Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset advised that Trust meetings were public meetings.

Mr. Vickers discussed the format of the Trust's meeting agenda. He further discussed the budget presentation prepared by staff in response to an ongoing concern raised by Trust members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr.