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The Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMA) convened a meeting at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Office Plaza, 2525 NW 62nd Street, 2nd Floor-Rms 3&4, on October 18, 2006 at 12:30 Noon, there being present: Chairperson John T. Jones, Jr., Mr. Arthur J. Barnes, Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Jr., Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, Ms. Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Dr. Marty Pinkston, Mr. Herbert Robinson, and Mr. Daniel A. Wick, Jr. (Trust members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

ROLL CALL:

Staff members present were: Mr. Milton Vickers, President/CEO; Mr. John Dixon, Deputy Director; Mr. Brian Clarke, Mr. Jose Gonzalez; Ms. Fawzia Hack, Secretary to the Director; Ms. Joann Hicks; Mr. Caesar Phillips, Mr. William Simmons; Ms. Angela Vaughns; and Mr. Joey Walker; and Deputy Clerk Mary Smith-York.

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and provided a brief welcoming address to members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None submitted.

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA:

Mr. Crapp asked that an item entitled “7th Annual Mary’s Angels Cancer Walk” be added to today’s agenda.

I. TRUST ACTION ITEMS

A. Committee Action Items

- 1. Housing**
- 2. Education**
- 3. Criminal Justice**

4. Community and Economic Development

Mr. Arthur Barnes summarized the Committee’s proceedings at its last monthly meeting, which was held at the African Cultural Arts Center located in Liberty City. He noted several presentations were made regarding funding for businesses, which were referred to MMA Trust staff for review and recommendation.

a. Flight Line

Mr. Ed Brown, Co-owner, Opa-locka Flightline, LLC, appeared before the Trust and provided a brief overview of the company’s proposed funding request. He stated this Joint Venture between Mr. Eric Turner, Mr. Tony Robinson, and himself would provide jet refueling services at the

Opa-locka Airport beginning on November 1, 2006. Mr. Brown described the planned services and informed Trust members that the owners had over fifty years experience in the industry and this would be the first Black-owned fixed-base operation in U.S. history. Mr. Vickers provided a brief overview of the process staff followed to prepare this proposal for review as requested by the Trust. He noted the Flightline initiative had been a Trust priority in its State and Federal legislative packages for the past two years, but had been unsuccessful in securing funding. He advised staff's recommended Trust approval of a \$50,000.00 grant allocation and a \$50,000.00 line of credit to Flightline, understanding that the company had invested \$300,000.00 into its own corporation. Mr. Vickers stated the line of credit would only be applied towards next year's budget or upon collection of several outstanding loans in January 2007. He noted that until the permitting process was completed, the company was authorized to provide refueling service from the fuel trucks, adding that BP Oil Company was a partner and supplier to Flightline.

Chairperson Jones recommended the Trust not look at funding in the next fiscal cycle; rather approve the line of credit starting in January 2007, contingent upon the Trust receiving additional dollars from the Office of Community and Economic Develop (OCED).

Discussion ensued among Trust members, staff, and Flightline representatives, regarding the total amount of funding required for this project and what amount the Trust could provide. Chairperson Jones recommended this item be deferred to such time as a quorum was present. In response to Mr. Robinson inquiry regarding staff's recommendation, Chairperson Jones confirmed that staff recommended allocating \$50,000.00 now and an additional \$50,000.00 line of credit in January 2007.

Later upon a quorum being present, Trust members resumed consideration of the foregoing proposed item. Hearing no further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson that the Trust approve a grant allocation from FY 2006-07 Carryover Funds, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to the Opa-locka Flightline, LLC; and a Line of Credit in the amount of \$50,000.00, to take effect in January 2007, contingent upon fund availability in the FY 2007-08 Budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick.

In response to Mr. Kuehne's inquiry regarding security documents for the equipment purchased with the \$50,000, Mr. Vickers stated the \$50,000 grant would be used to purchase the equipment which would serve as security for the \$50,000 line of credit. To further clarify his point, he advised that:

- Flightline invested \$300,000.00 in its initiative;
- Miami-Dade County Aviation Department made adjustments to its flight fueling service rules;
- British Petroleum (BP) entered into a long-term agreement with Flightline for this project;
- Job creation and training would be provided; and
- An opportunity for African Americans to participate in the aviation industry would be developed.

Pertaining to the \$50,000 line of credit, Mr. Vickers noted staff had considered the repayment of several outstanding loans before January 2007 and the additional funds for MMAP Trust through the Occupational License fees sponsored by Commissioner Rolle (District 2). He noted that if neither of these sources sufficed, funds would be made available in the FY 2008 budget.

Mr. Kuehne expressed concern regarding the Trust giving \$50,000.00 secured by a promise to accomplish a goal, without a mechanism in place to ensure those goals were achieved. He recommended the grant be conditioned on the company accomplishing certain earmarks, such as the creation of six full-time jobs over a period of one year; if the conditions were not met, the grant would convert to a loan to be renegotiated.

Further discussion ensued regarding whether staff should monitor compliance with condition of job creation and whether the grant should be converted to a loan upon the company's failure to accomplish the established goals. Having concluded discussion, Mr. Robinson reiterated his motion that the Trust approve a grant allocation from FY 2006-07 Carryover Funds, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to the Opa-locka Flightline, LLC; and a Line of Credit in the amount of \$50,000.00, to take effect in January 2007, contingent upon fund availability in the FY 2007-08 Budget, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 6-2 (Trust Members Mr. Kuehne and Ms. Lovin-Meighan voted no; and Trust Members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

Mr. Robinson commented that this company, Flightline, LLC, approached the Trust last year with a request for \$500,000.00, which was referred to the Trust's legislative agenda in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. He noted the company had managed to secure \$400,000.00 since that time on its own and was now only requesting \$100,000.00. Mr. Robinson expressed his strong support for the awarding of a grant to this company as it would enhance the Trust's ability to secure additional funding for them through the legislative process in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Lovin-Meighan affirmed her support for this initiative; however, she opposed the way this funding product was presented, noting she distinguished no difference between the grant and the line of credit.

In response, Chairperson Jones explained the process MMAP Trust planned to follow in its efforts to secure additional funds through the Board of County Commissioners from the Occupational License Tax fees. He noted the funding proposal was structured in that way because the Trust currently did not possess the funds needed for this project.

Mr. Crapp recommended the Trust should apply a proactive approach when unable to provide the amount of funding requested, by referring the company for other funding mechanisms. He also suggested a process be established to fully inform applicants of the status of their proposals once the committee review process had been completed.

Chairperson Jones advised that Mr. Kuehne's request that staff require the funding recipient to provide quarterly project status reports for monitoring of compliance with contract terms was standard procedure.

5. Legislative

a. Black Caucus Expenses

Mr. Robinson advised that this proposal concerned payment to the Consultant for the Black Caucus event. He noted the Trust had sponsored three events in Washington, D.C., in partnership with Representative Kendrick Meek. This Memorandum of Approval was to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to pay the consultant in charge of the event.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson that the Trust ratify the Executive Committee's approval of payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Tola Thompson, Legislative Consultant, for services rendered during the Black Caucus event in Washington, D.C. sponsored on behalf of Representative Kendrick Meek. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wick.

Mr. Vickers explained that this MOA was to ratify the Executive Committee's actions authorizing staff to pay the \$50,000.00 invoice immediately upon receipt since it arrived two weeks late. He further noted the funds for this event were donated by various private organizations for this event. Mr. Vickers advised that a total of \$62,000.00 was collected during this fundraising event.

Hearing no further discussion, the foregoing motion upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-0 (Trust members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

6. Budget

B. Additional Action Items

1. Election of MMAP Board Officers

The Trust considered Items I.B.1 and I.B.2 simultaneously.

After distributing copies of the transmittal memorandum and slate of officers for the MMAP Trust Board of Directors, Dr. Pinkston, Chair, Nominating Committee, noted a scrivener's error existing in the spelling of Ms. Lovin-Meighan's first name would be corrected to read Greicy. She then provided a brief overview of the Committee's discussion held at its October 4th meeting. Dr. Pinkston informed Trust members that the Committee recommended the current chair's position be extended for one (1) year, during which time the Chair-elect would become familiar with the responsibilities of the Chair's position. She advised that the position of Chair-elect was recommended for inclusion into the MMAP Trust By-Laws since no provisions currently existed for it. She further noted the position of Parliamentarian should be removed from the slate as that position was filled by appointment only.

Mr. Crapp expressed his appreciation to the Nominating Committee for bringing forth the slate of officers for the Trust's approval. He pointed out that one (1) year did not provide a sufficient length of time for the Chairperson to be successful in performing the responsibilities of the position. He emphasized the upcoming fiscal and political issues the Chair would be tasked with and recommended the terms of all officers be extended to two (2) years.

Dr. Pinkston asked that at this time, the Trust focus on the Chair's position only since a portion of the By-Laws needed to be suspended or adjusted to accommodate this recommendation.

Mr. Kuehne advised that the Trust was required to elect its officers and if it chose to change the By-Laws, that must be considered at a future time and by separate vote. He noted the Trust could vote today for the Chair to serve only a one year term.

Mr. Crapp expressed concern that the position of Chair-elect was not included in the current By-Laws and inquired as to whether the Trust could legally vote for that position or whether the slate could be approved as presented and address the issues with the By-Laws at a future date.

In response, Mr. Kuehne advised that currently the Chair-elect would have no legal position in the organization. He noted the Trust had the authority to appoint any position; however, the person would not be empowered as an officer of the Trust. Mr. Kuehne indicated the Trust could appoint the person as a member of the Executive Committee in an advisory position.

Discussion ensued among Trust members as to the appropriate action to take regarding the issue of the By-Laws and the length of the terms of officers. Chairperson Jones read the following excerpt from Article V of the Trust By-Laws:

“The Trust by a majority vote of the entire Trust, shall have the exclusive power to alter, amend, or repeal these By-Laws, or adopt new By-Laws, except that any amendment which increases the quorum requirement or the proportion of votes necessary for the transaction of business, or changes any other matter inconsistent with, or varying from Ordinance 92-12 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, must be authorized by a vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County (BCC).”

Chairperson Jones recommended that the Chair-elect position and the term length for officer be addressed in the process for consideration by the BCC.

Upon hearing Dr. Pinkston's request that the Nominating Committee be permitted to reconvene for the purpose of developing a new slate of officers for presentation, the Trust consented.

2. Board Appointments-Vacancies

(See report under Item I.B.1 “Election of MMAP Board Officers.)

Mr. Wick pointed out that a scrivener's error existing in the Member Term Expiration Report on page 8 that showed the Original Appointment Date for Daniel Wick and Beverly Kovach as 1987 needed to be corrected.

3. P.U.L.S.E. Second Annual Gala

Mr. Vickers introduced the foregoing proposed funding request.

Mr. Crapp provided a brief overview of the P.U.L.S.E. organization and its purpose to provide community and economic development on the same level as the Trust and recommended the Trust sponsor at the Bronze level.

It was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust approve an allocation in the amount of \$500.00 from Special Events funds for the purchase of a Bronze level sponsorship package for the Second Annual Community Awards Gala on October 29, 2006, at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant, hosted by the People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality (P.U.L.S.E.). This motion was seconded by Dr. Pinkston.

Mr. Kuehne expressed opposition to the Trust expending funds to sponsor dinners and galas and recommended partnering with the organizations in projects and programs within the focus and goal of community service.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding attendance at the gala. Mr. Wick recommended staff be allowed to accompany the Trust at events whenever there was not enough members to accommodate the seating required.

Hearing no further discussion, the Trust proceeded to vote on the foregoing motion, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-0 (Trust members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

II. PRESIDENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Carrie Meek Foundation Teen Court Agreement MOA

Mr. Vickers introduced the foregoing proposed MOA and noted the agreement was recurring. He noted that there were no funds in this current year's budget to carry the contract and alternative opportunities were being considered. Mr. Vickers stated the Teen Court proposal being presented today would sponsor a course in which Congresswoman Meek and the Foundation would teach students about government structure and the citizens' responsibilities.

Mr. Crapp explained that this item was necessary to continue the collaborative with the Meek Foundation. He moved that the Trust authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the Carrie Meek Foundation for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 allocated from the Teen Court Budget to provide educational programs for Teen Court Youth. This motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Vickers noted that a dedicated source of revenue within the Teen Court budget would adequately fund this initiative. He noted this was due to carryover funds generated from positions frozen during the Inspector General's investigation that were not filled upon the

program being reinstated. Mr. Vickers advised that cases were again being referred to the Teen Court program and development of the citizenship curriculum and psychological services would help establish the Teen Court program.

In response to Mr. Kuehne's inquiry regarding time sensitivity of this proposal, Mr. Vickers explained that the current agreement between the MMAP Trust and the Foundation was a recurring three-year (3) contract for a total of \$85,000.00. He advised that the Foundation was running out of funds and that the Teen Court initiative would eliminate the lack of funds. Mr. Vickers noted that Ms. Lovin-Meighan would soon bring back a second proposal concerning the Town Park initiative which should generate approximately \$450,000.00 in revenues that could also be used to fund the Foundation.

There being no further discussion, the Trust proceeded to vote and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0 (Trust Members Dr. Pinkston and Mr. Wick abstained due to a conflict of interest; members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

III. TRUST INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Committee Information Items

1. Housing

- a. Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA) Report**
- b. MDHA Management Assistance Team Progress Report**
- c. Housing Summit Update**
- d. Documentary Stamp Surtax Proposed Ordinance**
- e. MMAP Proposed Increase to Documentary Stamp and Occupational License Surtax Ordinance**

f. Saint Agnes Village

Mr. Vickers provided a brief overview of the Villas of St. Agnes collaborative and noted the project consisted of 80 homes in the Overtown area. He attributed the success of this significant project to Trust Member Greicy Lovin-Meighan, Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Director Joann Hicks, and the MMAP Housing Committee.

g. MMAP Housing Initiatives Expenditures

h. Town Park Village

Ms. Lovin-Meighan provided a brief status report on the foregoing item. She noted the initial intent of this project and noted the cost to bring the project up to code was approximately \$1.4 million. Ms. Lovin-Meighan stated a public-private partnership between Town Park Village No. 1, the City of Miami, U.S. HUD, Fannie Mae, South Florida LISC, Miami-Dade County, and MMAP Trust would seek to repair the property so that it would have a successful HUD REAC

inspection. She noted once the property was brought up to HUD's standards, it would be reverted back to the residents who could then pay off their mortgage and eventually become resident owners and condominium association. Ms. Lovin-Meighan advised that additional information would be provided to the Trust at a future time.

Mr. Kuehne read a quote by Father Barry regarding educational classes on finance and credit repair from the Miami Herald article on the Villas of St. Agnes and asked if the Trust was involved with the classes. He also asked if there were a mechanism available for studying the effect of this type of educational program on the low to moderate income homeowners.

Ms. Hicks responded that the Housing Finance Authority provided the educational aspect for the project through a collaborative with the Trust.

Ms. Lovin-Meighan advised that she would introduce the idea of involving the Trust in the financial educational component of this project at the Housing Committee Task Force for discussion.

- 2. Education**
 - a. MLK, Jr. Academy Monthly Report**
- 3. Criminal Justice**
- 4. Community and Economic Development**
- 5. Legislative**
- 6. Budget**

IV. PRESIDENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Teen court Monthly Report**
- B. Housing**
- C. Fiscal Management report**
- D. Public Information**
- E. Score Card Performance Report**
- F. Board of County Commissioners Auditor's Report**
- G. Cindy Campbell Retirement Announcement**
- H. Carrie Meek Foundation Housing Collaborative**
- I. Criminal Justice Monthly Report**
- J. Solid Waste Site Proposal**

NON-AGENDA ITEMS REPORT

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATIONS:

1. North Central Community Council 8 (NCCC8):

Mr. Tony Crapp, Jr. provided a brief overview of the creation of the Trust's Annual Meeting in the Community event, and presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Fredericke Alan Morley,

Vice-Chair, Community Zoning Appeals Board, North Central Community Council 8 (NCCC 8), for his part in the initiation of this event.

Mr. Fredericke Alan Morley, Vice Chair, Community Zoning Appeals Board, NCCC8, appeared before the Trust and introduced other Board members in attendance as follows: Mr. Vernell Everett, Chairman, and Mr. Arthemon Johnson, Ms. Carolyn Moore (phonetic). He then welcomed Honorable Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, District 2, who was the MMAP Lunchbox series guest at today's meeting.

Commissioner Rolle appeared before the Trust and delivered a motivational welcome greeting followed by a presentation on socioeconomic projects planned for District 2.

Chairperson Jones presented Commissioner Rolle with a token of appreciation on behalf of the MMAP Trust Board of Directors. He advised that the token "Timepiece" should serve to remind the Commissioner each time he looked at it that it was "MMAP Time" and that "MMAP Time was People Time."

Mr. Keith Butler, Office of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez, also appeared before the Trust and provided a brief statement regarding funding for the community. He invited constituents to call the Office of the Mayor regarding community issues and concerns.

Chairperson Jones also presented Mr. Butler with a timepiece token of appreciation on behalf of the Mayor's office, and advised that the clock represented "MMAP Time."

2. Request for Funding for Landscaping Business:

Mr. Roy Hardemon appeared before the Trust and provided a brief overview of his request for funding to purchase a dump truck for use in his landscaping business.

Mr. Vickers advised that staff would meet with Mr. Hardemon to prepare a proposal for presentation before the Trust as well as identify additional resources outside of the Trust for funding.

3. Request for Funding for Pharmaceutical Business:

Mr. Barnes introduced the foregoing proposal as an informational item and advised that the owners of this company, Mr. & Dr. Hyppolite, had made a presentation before the Executive Committee. He stated for the record that the Hyppolites were not related to Trust member Marie B. Hyppolite.

Dr. LaPrinta Hyppolite appeared before the Trust and introduced co-founder/CEO of the company, her spouse, Mr. Ruben Hyppolite. She provided a brief historical overview of the company's origin and current status. Dr. Hyppolite informed of the company's decrease in revenues due to the Medicaid Part D legislation shortly after their move to a new location, in addition to other related issues.

Chairperson Jones advised that this proposal would be referred to the Legislative Committee for inclusion as part of the Trust's 2007 Legislative Initiatives for presentation for funding through the State's healthcare funding sources in Tallahassee. He requested staff to identify immediately available funding sources outside of the Trust to assist this company.

Mr. Al Hardemon appeared before the Trust and explained that this company had researched, developed, and manufactured pharmaceuticals that had been Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved. He further noted this company provided jobs to the community in its manufacturing plant appealed to the Trust to provide its support to this business.

Mr. Barnes concurred with Mr. Hardemon's comments that this company offered education in the healthcare industry as well as provide personalized care that was not available through the large pharmaceutical companies.

Mr. Crapp pointed the dilemma of the Trust not being able to act due to lack of documentation whenever presentations were made without having gone through the proper process. He recommended review of this proposal be expedited and short-term and long-term recommendations be brought before the Trust. He recommended that since the company requested \$550,000.00 and the Trust received only \$300,000.00 for its Economic Development budget, staff should identify additional funding mechanisms.

Mr. Vickers advised that the company had submitted a business plan that included the initial request for \$500,000.00, and noted staff would present a more complete proposal package at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Dr. Pinkston noted this proposal merited immediate consideration and recommended the Trust be prepared to render a decision on what actions it would take regarding this matter at the next Trust meeting.

4. Urban Revitalization Task Force:

Mr. Haneef Hamidullah, Urban Revitalization Task Force Contractor, appeared before the Trust and advised that \$15 million in bonds would be set aside for the Task Force's supervision by the County. He further noted that the Task Force also had \$75 million in available funds. Mr. Hamidullah expressed plans to discuss methods for generating revenues to fund such initiatives as those presented today.

Chairperson Jones advised Mr. Hamidullah to meet with Mr. Vickers to prepare the necessary documentation for presentation before the Trust.

5. Black Point Marina:

Mr. Demetrio Rico, Miami Marine (MM), appeared before the Trust and provided a brief overview of a proposal to generate revenue to be used as a source of funding for the MMAP Trust. He explained that a resolution between Solid Waste Management (SWM) and the MMAP Trust allowed the Trust to use lands available to generate revenue. Mr. Rico distributed a copy

of his proposal and directed attention to the site located adjacent to the Black Point Marina that he noted would be suitable for boat storage.

Mr. Vickers provided additional detail regarding the properties contained within the agreement resolution between MMAP Trust and SWM. He noted some of the parcels were not suited for housing development due to their close proximity to waste dump sites. Mr. Vickers advised that this site was ideal for a boat storage facility and steps had been initiated to obtain a non-solicited sole source proposal for this initiative.

6. Madam Holmes:

Madam Holmes, Director, WAV (phonetic), appeared before the Trust and expressed concern regarding the need for matching funds for her organization that assisted women living in low-income housing who operated businesses.

Chairperson Jones asked Madam Holmes to provide a written proposal to Mr. Vickers for submission to the Economic Development Committee for review and recommendation to the Trust.

Madam Holmes asked the representatives of the Women's Association present to raise their hands and be recognized.

Mr. Crapp commended Madam Homes for her active role concerning economic development in the community and noted she regularly attended the MMAP Trust Subcommittee meetings.

7. Mr. Ed Hannah, West Perrine Community Development Corporation:

Mr. Ed Hana, Director, WPCDC, appeared before the Trust and expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided to the CDC's homeownership program by the MMAP Housing Program. He asked that the Trust assist with the sale of eight remaining houses priced at \$160,000.00 each. Mr. Hana announced that two events scheduled for January 2007 in Miami-Dade County were potentially beneficial to the Trust: 1) Megafest and 2) NFL Super Bowl. He suggested that the Trust become involved with strategic building plans through collaborations with other community organizations. Mr. Hana concluded with a request for the Trust's continued support with the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Chairperson Jones asked Mr. Hana to provide Mr. Vickers with a written proposal regarding the MLK celebration for the Trust's review and approval.

8. Mary's Angels 7th Annual Cancer Walk:

Mr. Crapp recommended the Trust approve funding in the amount of \$500.00 to sponsor the foregoing proposed event. He noted this would provide the Trust an excellent opportunity for community outreach and to support health issues.

Mr. Vickers provided an overview of the Mary's Angels nonprofit organization and its purpose in the community. He explained that the charitable organization provided free cancer screening and care to the African American community.

There being no further discussion on this matter, it was moved by Mr. Crapp that the Trust approve an allocation in the amount of \$500.00 to sponsor the Mary's Angels 7th Annual Cancer Walk Event. This motion was seconded by Dr. Pinkston, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 7-1 (Trust member Mr. Kuehne voted no; and members Ms. Veldrin Freemon, Ms. Marie B. Hyppolite, Ms. Beverly Kovach, Mr. Omar Malone, Dr. Marzell Smith, Ms. Cynthia Stafford, and Mr. Hannie L. Woodson were absent).

9. Mr. Anthony Cutler

Mr. Anthony Cutler appeared before the Trust and spoke regarding issues involving racism in the Black community. He cautioned the Trust to guard against funding organizations that promote discrimination. Mr. Cutler explained that when developers charged high rents to low-income families, it forced those families to move. He urged the Trust to provide funds to organizations that support the community.

10. Mr. Charles Cutler

Mr. Charles Cutler, 706 NW 4th Avenue, appeared before the Trust and spoke in opposition to the method used to screen applicants for residency in the newly developed Tuscan Project in Overtown. He stated background checks were done on each applicant, and those with criminal records were denied residency.

Mr. Kuehne concurred with Mr. Cutler's comment regarding eligibility restrictions and noted this issue was being looked at very carefully around the country. He recommended the Trust determine whether restrictive admission standards existed at developments funded with Trust dollars and if so, determine whether such standards were appropriately imposed in the community.

Chairperson Jones asked the MMAP Trust Director to investigate the Tuscan Project's eligibility requirements and bring a report back to the Trust regarding this matter.

Discussion ensued among Trust members and staff regarding other incidents of discrimination and eligibility restriction within public housing. Chairperson Jones noted the Trust would look into revitalizing its restorative justice component and including it in the legislative package.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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