



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)**

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May 15, 2013  
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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING AND OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
MEETING MAY 15, 2013**

The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) convened in a meeting in the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room on May 15, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. The following MDEAT members were present: Chairman Marc Douthit Esq., Ms. Stephanye Johnson, Ms. Barbara Montero, Mr. Carlos Morales, Ms. Leigh Toney; and Mr. Charles Sims and Mr. George Ray III were late (Mr. Ron Butler, Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

**ROLL CALL**

The following staff members were present: MDEAT Executive Director John Dixon, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Traci Pollock, Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith, and Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES**

Chairman Marc Douthit called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m., and noted the Trust would address the discussion items until a quorum was reached.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**February 20, 2013** – Vote was not taken in today's meeting.

**I. Board Action Items**

**A. Historical Catalogue and Research Project**

Later in the meeting Chairman Douthit relinquished the chair to Ms. Leigh Toney and left the meeting.

Ms. Toney noted that the Trust had reached a quorum and would address the Board's action items.

Mr. John Dixon noted that the Trust had approved an allocation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for Phase I, which was still in the budget for the Black Archives to research the historical information for Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMAAP) the former name to MDEAT for the foregoing project. He explained this project was recommended through the Economic Development Action Committee. He noted the status of this project, which had taken two weeks to review about 100 boxes of files. Subsequently, a proposal was presented by the Black Archives for \$10,000 that would be used for writing and cataloguing the information that was identified.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the proposal made by Black Archives and the need to understand the next step on how to proceed.

Ms. Traci Pollock explained that the original scope of the project presented related to the research and the writing of MDEAT's history for an allocation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; however, the scope changed to an additional task to catalogue the material, and to

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include the current annual report, resulting in an increased cost. She noted the proposed cost to catalogue would be \$10,000, and the Black Archives representatives could not determine the cost of writing the report until 80 percent of the project had been completed that would be followed by another proposal. Ms. Pollock said if that proposal did not exceed the approved budget of \$15,000, there would be no need to come back to the Trust for another approval of funds.

Chairman Douthit resumed the chair and clarified that once the cataloguing of historical value was completed the current charge totaled \$10,000.

Ms. Pollock noted that an assessment regarding the five-year statute and photographs would be conducted as part of the cataloguing process.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the idea of college students performing the task of cataloguing MDEAT's historical information through an internship program; however, professional experts were needed for this project to properly accomplish MDEAT's mission in maintaining the historical value of the agency.

Chairman Douthit noted the decision-making process for this project included identifying items to destroy that were past the Florida statute time period, or to catalogue items by identifying the contents and determining which items to store. He noted that the decision on how this Trust proceeded in moving forward was valuable, in terms of maintaining MDEAT's historical information; however, cataloguing was added to identify specific information so it would be properly accounted for.

Chairman Douthit noted that this proposal was for the cost of cataloguing MDEAT's historical information and would be followed by another proposal to continue the project; and based on the cost, the Trust members would decide whether to continue this project, or to store the information gathered at that time.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding MDEAT staff coming back to the Trust with an update followed by the completed task of cataloguing of MDEAT's historical information that would be covered by the approved \$15,000 budget. In conclusion, the Trust determined this was an informational item and there was no need to take a vote.

**B. Overtown Business Exposition**

Mr. John Dixon noted there was a change in the proposal made by the Economic Development Action Committee and he referred to the Memorandum of Approval from Mr. Ron Butler. He noted the foregoing event would be a combined effort with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Development Agency for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival to be held on June 22, 2013. He also noted the purpose of this event was to showcase the existing businesses in the area and to increase the market share. Mr. Dixon said that the budget for this event had decreased and would not exceed \$30,000 because of the revision of the original concept from the business exposition to partner with this CRA in hosting this festival.

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It was moved by Mr. Charles Sims that the revised Memorandum of Approval for an allocation not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Economic Development Budget to partner with the Southeast Overtown Park West Community Development Agency (SEOPW) in hosting the 3rd Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival that would be focused on business exposure and increasing long-term market-share for participating businesses. This motion was seconded by Mr. George Ray III, and upon being put to a vote, passed 7-0 (Mr. Ron Butler, Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

**C. Special Business District Considerations**

Chairman Douthit noted that the foregoing initiative had been discussed in the previous March 20, 2013, MDEAT meeting and since that time he had met with staff to determine the scope and how to implement the project. He also noted that some information was uncertain due to the inability to meet with the City of Miami representatives, which was the proposed location for this initiative.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the number of existing initiatives in the same corridor.

Chairman Douthit noted that at this point there would be some overlapping within the corridor because of various projects so the plan was to build partnerships with existing entities, but not duplicate services. He noted the particular focus for MDEAT was to provide wrap-around services for the Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs). Chairman Douthit noted that in the past there had been limited collaborative effort with these entities and part of the plan was to put together a mechanism to identify funding. He referred to the report in the agenda package that reflected advocates for designation of taxes businesses generated for resources to support special services so the community would be self-supportive. He said he was uncertain if the resources would cover all the expenses, but the plan would create ownership for the businesses in the community and more support from the County and municipalities.

In response to comments made by Ms. Leigh Toney regarding identifying and attracting businesses in the TUA areas, Chairman Douthit noted that the wrap-around services would have a designated person whose task for the whole concept was attracting businesses to the area, and providing services for businesses, such as assisting with marketing.

Ms. Leigh Toney urged the Trust members to consider the priorities, in terms of marketing the area or creating a marketing product in the area. She posed the question of implementing a project that would increase the level of readiness to participate in this economy followed by providing a marketing strategy.

Mr. John Dixon noted he briefly met with the president of the Overtown Business Association to receive an overview of the activities, plans, and needs of the Overtown Business Association (OBA), at which he expressed some concern. He agreed with the comments by Ms. Toney and noted that as a result of meeting with Commissioner Edmonson, he was advised there was an ongoing effort by a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) providing assistance, but to what extent was unknown.

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In response to Mr. George Ray III comment regarding identifying other areas, Mr. Leigh Toney noted there was a limited chance to find a more significant historical site as Overtown; however, she noted her concern was to do the work first, followed by celebration. She noted the need to assist businesses to increase the level of capacity, identify the attractive quality of those businesses, and resolve some of the existing business issues such as safety.

Mr. Charles Sims suggested that MDEAT take on a multi-phase approach and to identify and reach out to business owners to hear their concerns in order to determine solutions. He asked whether the Trust members had reached out to the Small Business Association (SBA) for federal assistance.

Mr. George Ray III noted he had spoken with business owners in this corridor through his involvement as manager of the small business education program wherein they were encouraged to enroll in the program and was asked for input concerning existing issues. He also noted that he believed the focus of MDEAT should be somewhere other than Overtown because it was already under a great transformation. He suggested establishing a specific industry, such as a culinary, or an international trade. Mr. Ray expressed concern and urged the Trust members to move forward with a different action plan in locations such as West Little River, rather than continue with projects in the same industry.

Chairman Douthit noted there were entities that played different roles and provided different components, but not the same as this initiative because the goal was to bring those components together in a particular area and to create a model that could be mirrored in South Florida. He also noted that MDEAT was charged to contribute and impact a particular area; however, he was not opposed to hearing about the ideas on programs mentioned by Mr. Ray for discussion and determination on a way of possibly implementing them. In conclusion, Chairman Douthit noted MDEAT could impact an entire community through this project and more so if the community was at one point a catalyst of South Florida.

Chairman Douthit noted that at this time he did not believe there was a need for the Trust to take action on this item, and the foregoing item would be tabled.

Ms. Barbara Montero noted she believed this initiative was the core of MDEAT's charge to accomplish, and she expressed her interest in the upcoming project, which included collaborating with other entities, the readiness of the location, and ethnic community events that would attract more businesses.

**D. Urban Land Institute Proposal**

Mr. John Dixon provided a brief overview of the foregoing proposal that was discussed by the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) members with several CRAs countywide, which included the Poinciana Park and other projects that would generate job opportunities. He noted it was determined that the Urban Land Institute (ULI) brought the type of opportunities, in terms of sole sourcing, to the table that were needed, such as technical assistance. Mr. Dixon also noted, although there were other organizations that could create a development plan, the EDAC

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members believed the ULI could bring the kind of professional plan to the table that was needed; however, following the County Attorney's Office advice, a decision was made to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, once approved by the Trust.

Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith noted his initial reaction was that the County had an existing pool of vendors for procurement to be used in the bidding process, and his legal opinion regarding sole sourcing was not to make a conclusion or support sole sourcing, but he advised to move forward with a competitive bid process.

In response to Mr. Charles Sims' inquiry regarding the intention of the Department of General Services Administration, as controller of the Poinciana Park property, in terms of covering the expenses or partnering with MDEAT, Mr. Dixon noted this project included a large area and Poinciana Park was only a portion.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the areas of this project that extended from NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In response to Chairman Douthit question regarding an existing strategic plan for this area, Assistant County Attorney Smith advised a Redevelopment Plan existed under Chapter 33 of the Miami-Dade County Code for the 79<sup>th</sup> Street corridor that had to be followed by the CRAs; however, there was an issue of no available funds in the Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

In response to Chairman Douthit's inquiry why MDEAT should take on this project, Mr. Dixon explained that the EDAC members determined if all the CRAs and other entities made a collaborative effort in resources, the funds could be made available.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the separate CRA Redevelopment plans and whether those plans could be consolidated.

Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that legally the two separate Redevelopment plans could not be merged.

Chairman Douthit commented on the complications of combining the two redevelopment plans because of the end result of a broader area.

Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that the CRAs have had joint meetings, but an individual CRA could only operate within its designated geographic boundaries, and the only other entity that could operate outside of those boundaries was the County, which was the creator of the CRA.

Following further discussion regarding why MDEAT should implement this project, Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that more information was needed in order to give an opinion.

He noted there were not enough contexts and he advised that if the decision was made to move forward with the study, his recommendation was to conduct an RFP.

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Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the CRAs that were assigned to the areas with their own plan; it would be better to look at the existing plans to identify where MDEAT could assist.

Following further discussion, Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that the Redevelopment plan was created by a consultant, and the Trust members needed to take a look at 79<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the North Miami Redevelopment Plan because they were adjacent to each other.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding identifying certain industries and the number of underutilized properties to determine advantages or disadvantages, in terms of the existing plans.

Chairman Douthit recommended that the foregoing item be tabled until more information was presented regarding the existing redevelopment plans.

Assistant County Attorney Smith advised Mr. Dixon that the County website displayed all the CRA Redevelopment Plans.

It was moved by Ms. Barbara Montero that the foregoing item regarding the Urban Land Institute Proposal be tabled until further information regarding the existing redevelopment plans were presented to the Trust. This motion was seconded by Ms. Leigh Toney, and upon being put to vote, passed 7-0 (Mr. Ron Butler, Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

**E. EDAC Budget Approval**

Chairman Douthit advised that the foregoing item was a request for approval of the fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) Budget for a total of \$158,000. He reviewed the Memorandum of Approval that was submitted by the EDAC and noted the budget line item was attached.

Following a motion to approve the EDAC Budget, Mr. Carlos Morales pointed out that the line item amount for the Overtown Business Festival had decreased the cost by \$34,200.

Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that the line item amount for the Overtown Business Festival, which was part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival, should be amended.

Chairman Douthit explained that the total amount of the EDAC Budget in the amount of \$158,000 had already been approved by the Trust and that MDEAT staff would come back with a detailed item for the expenditure of the \$34,200 to the Trust for approval. He noted the line items listed in the budget were subject to change with approval, but the overall budget amount had been approved.

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It was moved by Mr. Charles Sims to approve the Memorandum of Approval for an allocation not to exceed the amount of \$158,000.00 from the Economic Development Action Committee Program Budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2012-2013 to cover various economic development initiatives hosted by MDEAT, pursuant to the revision of Agenda Item 1-B, which included the amended line item regarding 3rd Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival. This motion was seconded by Mr. George Ray III, and upon being put to a vote, passed 7-0 (Mr. Ron Butler, Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

**II. Information Items**

**A. Teen Court Youth Conference Report**

Mr. Dixon provided an overview of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Court Youth Conference, which was held at the Hyatt Hotel. He noted that about 100 youth participated in workshop discussions, which included topics such as school grades, challenges, social media, and a number of issues in breakout sessions. He noted that Ms. Kelly Charles, Esq. was the keynote speaker, a single parent who told her story of raising her son and the challenges she faced during his time as a juvenile delinquent. Mr. Dixon emphasized that the students did outstanding presentations during the event. He said staff was planning to have a diverse group of students make presentations to the County Commission.

Ms. Stephanye Johnson recommended that in terms of public relations, staff should look at how to be involved with the Posse Foundation (Posse), which would allow students to recognize MDEAT as a partner in its scholarship program that has students who participate in the program.

Mr. Dixon noted that Posse representatives met with the MDEAT Youth Action Committee last Friday, and presented an extensive overview of the Posse Scholarship Program.

Ms. Johnson explained the process of entering into the Posse Scholarship Program, which required senior high school students to apply based on interaction, income, and college acceptance, in addition to the development of the group that would attend. She noted that the parents were also invited to be involved to ensure these relationships were developed. Ms. Johnson said student recommendations could come from a non-profit organization. She spoke well of the program and of her son's involvement.

Mr. Dixon noted there was an issue regarding some students commenting on their school not being listed on the Posse brochure. He also noted that a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) member was involved with the Foster Care Program and the committee members expressed interest in providing foster children the opportunity to be a part of this program.

Ms. Johnson noted her personal experience with the Posse Program provided students with job opportunities and interaction with this grouping through their four-year term of college.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the colleges that were involved with the Posse Program, which included a majority northeastern second-tier universities.

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**B. Teen Court Bar Association Meetings**

Mr. John Dixon noted that MDEAT staff had met with a number of law associations in an effort to continue promoting and connecting those members with the Teen Court Program to create opportunities for student internships. He commented on a recent successful initiative by MDEAT that was held at the Miami-Dade Main Library providing a seminar workshop with State of Florida's Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Wansley Walters, and Mr. J.D. Patterson, Miami-Dade County Chief of Police. Mr. Dixon noted that 20 students were in attendance and the feedback from some of the students was the interest in internships at law firms.

Mr. Dixon noted that the intent of staff was to take Teen Court students to some of the meetings with the law firms and allow them to network and hear from those attorneys.

**C. Teen Court/Juvenile Services Department Grant Collaboration**

Mr. George Ray III arrived at today's (5/15) MDEAT meeting during this discussion.

Ms. Traci Pollock noted in an effort to identify additional revenue streams and enhance MDEAT's services provided to the targeted population, MDEAT Teen Court Program had entered into a partnership with the Juvenile Services Department. She noted this partnership would provide a \$50,000 grant to assist in providing life skill services for a three-year period for these students.

**D. Teen Court Psychological Services Personnel**

Mr. Charles Sims arrived at today's (5/15) MDEAT meeting during this discussion.

Mr. John Dixon provided a brief overview of the Teen Court psychological services, which serviced students who mainly came from the Juvenile Assessment Center with misdemeanor charges. Therefore, these psychological services help determine the motive behind these students who commit these crimes, he noted. Mr. Dixon commented a past case of a troubled student and noted the progress that was made between the parent and student.

Mr. Dixon noted the information in the MDEAT agenda package included a report on the work performed by a recent staff member, Dr. Ischaji Robertson, who would continue working with the 15 existing cases that were located throughout the county.

**III. Advocacy Items – Committee Updates**

**A. Teen Court Juvenile Justice Forum**

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

**V. Departmental Monthly Reports**

**A. Fiscal**

**B. Housing**

**C. Teen Court/Youth Services**

**D. Public Information Services**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the Trust meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



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Chairman Marc Douthit Esq.  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MOTION AND APPROVAL BALLOT**

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item IE: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Approval for an allocation not to exceed the amount of \$158,000.00 from the Economic Development Action Committee Program Budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2012-2013 to cover various economic development initiatives hosted by MDEAT, pursuant to the revision of Agenda Item 1-B, which included the amended line item regarding 3rd Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Charles Sims  
**Seconded by:** Mr. George Ray

	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Butler, Ron			X
Chairperson	Douthit, Marc, Esq.	X		
	Holland, Robert, Esq.			X
	Johnson, Stephanye	X		
	Montero, Barbara B.	X		
	Morales, Carlos E.	X		
	Ray II, George	X		
	Reverend Richardson, Walter T.			X
	Rodgers, Treska V.			X
	Sims, Charles	X		X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Toney, H. Leigh	X		
	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
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	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

  X   APPROVED

  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

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5/15/2013  
Date

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MOTION AND APPROVAL BALLOT**

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item IB: Motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Approval for an allocation not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Economic Development Budget to partner with the Southeast Overtown Park West Community Development Agency (SEOPW) in hosting the 3rd Annual Overtown Rhythm and Arts Festival that would be focused on business exposure and increasing long-term market-share for participating businesses.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Charles Sims

**Seconded by:** Mr. George Ray

	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Butler, Ron			X
Chairperson	Douthit, Marc, Esq.	X		
	Holland, Robert, Esq.			X
	Johnson, Stephanye	X		
	Montero, Barbara B.	X		
	Morales, Carlos E.	X		
	Ray II, George	X		
	Reverend Richardson, Walter T.			X
	Rodgers, Treska V.			X
	Sims, Charles	X		X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Toney, H. Leigh	X		
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	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

  X   APPROVED

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Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
Chairperson

5/15/2013  
Date

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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE            )

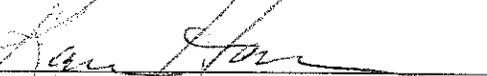
I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida,  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO

HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the motions and  
votes tallied at the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board of Trustee's meeting of  
May 15, 2013, pertaining to agenda item(s): 1-B, and 1-E.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of August A.D. 2013.



HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By   
Deputy Clerk

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**MAY 15, 2013**

Agenda



## **MEETING NOTICE**

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

**TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013**

**TIME: 3:30 PM**

**LOCATION: COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
SECOND FLOOR  
STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER  
111 N.W. 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130**

**PARKING AT CULTURAL ART CENTER  
GARAGRE  
50 NW 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE**



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### BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013 • 3:30 PM

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER – 111 N.W. 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

#### Roll Call

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**ROLL CALL**

The following staff members were present: MDEAT Executive Director John Dixon, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, , Ms. Traci Pollock, and Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES**

Chairman Marc Douthit called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m., and he noted that he would turn the meeting over to Vice Chairman Butler because he had to leave by 4:30 p.m. to go out of town.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

There were no minutes to be approved at this time.

**I. Board Action Items**

**A. Agreement to Expedite Office Clean-up**

Mr. John Dixon explained the process of moving to the Stephen P. Clark Building that included transferring Teen Court Program files and Housing Assistance Program (HAP) files. He noted that some files needed to be shredded and others had to be filed as instructed by the housing division director. Mr. Dixon also noted that the foregoing item was a request to approve an agreement between MDEAT and The Greater Miami Service Corp (GMSC), which was an agency youth group under the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department. He commented on the services provided by this organization, which included community service projects, and that he had worked with this entity in the past, which also provided services for parks and recreation projects within the community.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the GMSC agency and the type of work performed in the past.

Mr. Dixon explained the negotiation process that included meeting with GMSC along with the County Attorney's Office to come to an agreement regarding the foregoing item, which included the cost not to exceed \$7,000 and that the HAP Director would oversee this project. He said this service project was included in the MDEAT Budget, and that the \$7,000 would be the cost for the salaries of an hourly wage of \$11.00, for the services that include filing and shredding of unwanted files.

Chairman Douthit asked about MDEAT's obligation to maintain HAP and Teen Court files and was there a scheduled timeframe after the loan write-offs were implemented to shred those files.

Mr. Dixon noted he was not certain about the holding time for those files, but the increasing number of files was stored in MDEAT's Office, which had become a concern.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the holding time of the HAP files was based on the mortgage terms of the forgiven loan, which was five to seven years.

Chairman Douthit noted for clarification that part of this process of removing files was to perform an analysis to identify which files could be shredded.

Following further comments from Mr. Dixon regarding the storage of these files, Chairman Douthit asked had MDEAT staff considered a more technical way of storing the files by scanning them once they became inactive to minimize the paperwork.

Mr. Dixon noted the files that could be scanned would go through the process in an effort to eliminate repeating this exercise, but the entire set of files could not be eliminated.

It was moved by Ms. Treska Rodgers that the Trust approve an allocation not to exceed the amount of \$7,000.00 that would come from a budgeted amount from each of the following MDEAT Divisions: Housing, Youth Services, Economic Development, and Administration in order to enter into an agreement with the Greater Miami Service Corporation for a service project to restructure and organize MDEAT's storage area of files. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Butler, and upon being put to a vote, passed by 8-0 (Reverend Walter T. Richardson, Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Mr. George Ray III, and Mr. Charles Sims were absent).

## **II. Information Items**

### **A. Teen Court Internship Program Report**

Mr. John Dixon noted that the Teen Court Internship Program had its first student by the name of Jean Louis Reneson, a sophomore at Marion University in Indiana, to return home and complete his internship as a student volunteer for MDEAT from January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. He noted that the student had also spoken at the Teen Court Conference in 2012 and during his internship he worked with the Teen Court staff.

In response to Chairman Douthit's inquiry about the continuation of this program as an open door to other students, Mr. Dixon said yes, this was discussed by the Economic Development Action Committee members, which included consideration of paid positions. He noted that he would be meeting with the County Attorney's Office to determine a legal process to arrange payments for student interns. Therefore, MDEAT would need to identify a formal process in selecting students and if possible provide a stipend to those youth, Mr. Dixon noted.

Responding to Chairman Douthit's comments on sending a thank-you letter or a token of appreciation from MDEAT to Mr. Jean Louis Reneson, Mr. Dixon noted that Mr. Reneson

received a certificate of appreciation from Teen Court, and he would check and report back to the Trust.

Chairman Douthit recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent from the Trust acknowledging Mr. Reneson's efforts during his internship.

### **III. Advocacy Items – Committee Updates**

Chairman Douthit noted that he had asked the Executive Director to incorporate all the division reports into his presentation, and if information was needed from a division director, it would be requested on a case-by-case basis, rather than have the entire MDEAT staff attend the Trust meetings. He noted this process would streamline the reports in an effort to become more efficient.

Mr. John Dixon commented on receiving a request to schedule another County Ethics training session for the Trust, which would be a refresher's course for some members. He also mentioned that he would be meeting with Commissioner Bell to discuss her responsibilities as chair of the MDEAT Nominating Council in order to fill the four vacancies on Trust Board. Mr. Dixon noted the efforts of working with the County Ethics Office to plan an Ethics training session before the new Trust members were appointed.

Mr. Dixon noted that in terms of the Contractors Resource Initiative, MDEAT would provide contracting plans to contractors in libraries countywide. He also noted that MDEAT staff met with the main library director and would be meeting with its staff members to identify other libraries that contractors could have access to contracting plans for large county projects in the form of a computer disc, or print format. Mr. Dixon indicated he had hoped to also meet with private companies to obtain private owned contract plans. He mentioned the different locations of the libraries, which included Homestead, North Dade Regional Library, Arcola Lakes and in the West area of Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Dixon advised the Trust members that a meeting with MDEAT's Foundation members was scheduled for next Friday, March 1, 2013, in Coconut Grove at 2:30 p.m. at the office of an attorney who was willing to represent the Foundation and serve as a registered agent.

Ms. Stephanye Johnson noted that the private attorney was in the process of becoming bar specialization certified.

Additionally, Mr. Dixon expressed excitement that this attorney was willing to provide her services to the Foundation at no cost.

Mr. Dixon noted that MDEAT would participate in an initiative with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and a regional director from Atlanta, Georgia on March 12, 2013, to be a part of an evening class conducted by Mr. George Ray III at the Miami-Dade College Campus. Therefore, MDEAT staff had planned to host a tour of Poinciana Park from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., for the regional director and to meet with Commissioner Monestime and Mr. George JAP who in the past had received some funding from the SBA, Mr. Dixon noted. He indicated that the intent was to invite a group of business people to the meeting to hear a forecast of SBA, but with limited time it was not likely to happen.

Mr. Dixon noted that Mr. George Ray III had requested that an expense be included in the budget to attend the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) meeting in September 2013 to lobby for the Trust in the MDEAT budget. He noted that Mr. Ray III had expressed interest in foreclosure issues, and he received an email regarding his ideas on assisting foreclosures, and that a detailed response would be sent to Mr. George Ray III regarding the responsibility of the MDEAT Housing Assistance Program (HAP) pursuant to the County Ordinance. Mr. Dixon said he would also make note that other County agencies were charged and funded to address foreclosure issues, in which MDEAT's efforts of assistance was through the HAP.

Mr. Dixon noted Mr. Ray III expressed interest in securing and renovating abandoned houses, and selling them under the housing program to people who met the qualifications. Additionally, in terms of the renovation process, organizations like the Habitat Housing Program, if interested in purchasing those homes, could invest in the labor and equity to renovate those homes. Therefore, the purpose of going back to the CBC was to secure funding for these types of initiatives mentioned.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members that the initiative mentioned by Mr. Dixon would be a MDEAT Foundation function, in terms of renovation of abandoned houses.

Ms. Stephanye Johnson noted that most of the lenders, which the sub committee had been working with them hoping they would consider MDEAT, including the Housing Urban Development that had some properties, but was not willing to turn them over to a governmental entity; however, there were efforts to develop a package from the Foundation to address that. She noted that the Housing Action Committee (HAC) scheduled a meeting with Chase Bank this Friday to discuss some of their initiatives for charitable funding programs and identify how the Foundation could use some of those available options for a 501C3 organization.

Chairman Douthit noted he agreed that setting aside funds from the dedicated funding source in order to attend the CBC would be a problem, not because he didn't want to, but because it was against County regulations. However, in terms of identifying new funds from other sources, whether from the State or banks, he believed that an infrastructure needed to be prepared in order to receive funding, which MDEAT did not presently have.

Chairman Douthit asked the HAC to identify what can be used to develop an infrastructure to be more prepared when requesting funding as well as obtain information on the type of property inventory needed from these sources.

Ms. Johnson noted that in working with banks she discovered, in terms of donations, representatives were looking for entities that have experience in working with these particular projects. Therefore, the HAC was in the process of developing a team that would address the concerns of those banks, which involved contractors, developers, etc. She pointed out that the current cost to renovate property would be more than the sale of the property. Ms. Johnson noted HAC's efforts in developing those relationships with the banks and other resources.

Ms. Leigh Toney noted in terms of cities looking into land banking, she asked was there any value in this type of investment, because she believed that communities like Liberty City and Overtown would later have more valuable property to developers.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding land banking, which was more popular in places like the Keys, than in the inner city areas, and that the few groups known that purchased and held on to properties until community development funding were received.

Additionally, Ms. Johnson noted that the process of purchasing properties had recently decreased and the focus was more toward non-profit organizations that had substantial track records, which was the biggest challenge. She indicated that currently open inventory of properties in the inner city were already taken because the purchased properties were being rented out at substantial lease amount. Ms. Johnson said that in this present time it was a landlord's market.

Chairman Douthit noted that in the past he had suggested MDEAT move in the direction of providing a rental assistance program under the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) because he knew this market was growing, but at that time it was not in the MDEAT's vision.

Ms. Johnson noted that currently the funding sources MDEAT received would not allow rental assistance; however, there would have to be other revenue sources for that type of program.

Chairman Douthit said that was his reason for asking the HAC to look for other options and programs that would assist people with housing, which he believed should include all types of housing like rentals.

Ms. Johnson commented on the discussions held by the HAC regarding the concept of lease to purchase contracts, asset development, and other ways to place people into affordable housing. She noted that homebuyers often could not afford purchasing homes therefore an educational program was needed to help them make sound decisions regarding the purchase of homes.

Chairman Douthit asked that the Executive Director contact Mr. George Ray III and inform him that he has been asked to be a part of the HAC so that he could be informed and updated on the program.

In response to Mr. Ron Butler's inquiry regarding expanding the mission of the Housing Assistance Program (HAP), Ms. Johnson noted yes because HAP's current mission addresses the down payment assistance, but as a collaborative effort it would not be a large expansion because the program included all the other entities that dealt with other assistance programs. She also noted that because MDEAT mainly addressed education, she believed there was a need to look more into programs that would directly help people with better resources, which were pointed out by a Housing Urban Development (HUD) representative at one of the HAP events.

Additionally, Chairman Douthit reminded the Trust members that the result of MDEAT's planning session included the focus on additional ways to provide housing assistance had become part of the plan.

In response to Mr. Ron Butler's inquiry, Mr. Dixon noted he would provide a copy of the minutes from MDEAT's Planning Sessions.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the plan to expand MDEAT's services and identifying other resources such as Federal Government assistance, which would have to be through the Foundation, once the infrastructure of the program was developed.

Discussion further ensued among the Trust members regarding the concerns expressed by Mr. George Ray III, which was to start the lobbying process so he could attend the CBC event to represent MDEAT.

Chairman Douthit noted that lobbying for MDEAT during the CBC event would also be effective at other times because the same people would be present. He recalled that past planned trips and expenditures made to the CBC was part of the reasons that major issues occurred with MMAP to become MDEAT.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the issue of lobbying through the Foundation, which was a 501C3 organization.

Mr. Dixon commented that in the past warnings regarding the separation of Trust member's participation versus involvement with the Foundation.

Chairman Douthit noted he believed it was beneficial for the Executive Director to attend the CBC; however, it should not be the decision of the Trust regarding whether the Foundation should send representatives.

Mr. Carlos Morales noted he understood the idea of wanting to expand the housing program, and he was fine with anyone going, but not as an expenditure of the Trust because it would be too questionable.

Following further discussion regarding the need to look at developing a structure and capacity before requesting funds, Ms. Leigh Toney noted MDEAT's creditability was at risk if the approach for Federal funding was not strategic.

Chairman Douthit pointed out that Federal funding may require more capacity than MDEAT had in place. He urged the Trust members to investigate other funding resources besides the Federal funding.

In response to Ms. Treska Rodger's inquiry regarding the function of Trust members who were involved with the Foundation and when other persons would be designated other than Trust members. Ms. Stephanye Johnson noted appointments would be made once the Foundation meetings moved forward and there was an initial structure set in place for the organization. She noted that in having the initial structure, the attorney had recently become a part of the Foundation, and the only persons currently involved were the Trust members

who sat on both sides. Therefore, in moving forward, she noted a transition would take place in positions and the goal was to provide direction so the Foundation would function, and be totally independent with its own By-laws.

Mr. John Dixon advised the Trust members that he attended a meeting at Friendship Baptist Church, which had a discussion regarding the Sunlife Stadium that was more like an economic development meeting. He noted the contractor spoke about the lack of bonding and the recommendation was to do a joint venture if the contractors could not afford individual bonding.

Following that meeting, Mr. Dixon noted he and Chairman Douthit met with Commissioner Monestime regarding Poinciana Park, which led into a discussion regarding construction and bonding issues. Mr. Dixon noted that MDEAT had reached out to Mr. John Charlton, Matson Charlton Company, who was an expert in surety bonds, and hopefully an initiative regarding bonding would be developed after meeting with him.

Chairman Douthit commented on Mr. Charlton's expertise and his experience working with him as well as his collaborative work with the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), which helped to eliminate several small steps missed by contractors that should be completed in advance. He noted that Mr. Charlton volunteered to do the same type of workshops for MDEAT as he had conducted for MDT to educate contractors. Chairman Douthit noted the other side of this objective was to take a look at the requirements imposed by the County, State, or City, etc., to obtain the necessary bond. He commented on the need for change on both ends, which included barriers in the system and the preparedness of contractors.

In response to Mr. Ron Butler's inquiry regarding the conversation with Commissioner Monestime concerning Poinciana Park, Mr. Dixon explained the discussion was about the idea of MDEAT funding a development plan through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in order to move forward. The CRA has been talking about identifying the next steps, and the County has continued to move toward publishing a Request for Proposal (RFP), and the community has requested to give input particularly regarding a development plan, which was not in place for the County.

Mr. Dixon noted that Commissioner Monestime expressed concern regarding the community entities such as the various local CRA's having the capacity to move a development plan forward after it was created. Commissioner Monestime questioned the capacity of the CRAs to move the development plan with only the support of MDEAT, he noted.

Mr. Dixon thanked Ms. Treska Rodgers for her leadership of the Youth Action Committee that arranged for MDEAT to host a Teen Court hearing at the Black Police Precinct and Courthouse Museum on February 25, 2013. He noted that 20 judges were invited, and nine had confirmed they would attend, including the current Honorable Chief Judge Joel Brown.

Chairman Douthit advised the Trust members that he was relinquishing his seat to Mr. Ron Butler at 4:38 p.m. because he going out of town.

Mr. Dixon provided a description of the historical building that was built in the 1950s and the history of how the community protested to receive law enforcement in the area. He noted

that the Teen Court hearing would be an opportunity to honor those Black judges, and he urged the Trust members to attend. Mr. Dixon also noted that Commissioner Edmonson confirmed that she would be in attendance.

Mr. Dixon reported that MDEAT had began coordinating the business breakfast series regarding the Economic Development plan, starting in the City of Opa Locka with its Director of Community Development, Mr. Harold Brown, as the guest speaker. He noted that the City of Opa Locka was a targeted urban area (TUA), and the event would be held at Romo's Restaurant on March 14, 2013. He also noted that businesses listed on the City's occupational license list were invited to discuss topics concerning challenges that businesses may face. Mr. Dixon noted that the second business breakfast series would be held at Denny's Restaurant in South Dade within the TUA of Richmond Heights, tentatively in April, which (MMAP, former name of MDEAT) helped to fund that particular business.

The Teen Court Program would be moving forward with a possible breakfast event with Ms. Wansley Walters, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary, Mr. Dixon noted.

Following a discussion with Ms. Treska Rodgers regarding the planning process of the breakfasts, Mr. Dixon noted that if Ms. Walters and Judge Orlando Prescott agreed to come to morning breakfasts, this marketing event would be for Teen Court and geared toward the legal professionals in the community such as judges and attorneys. However, the evening events would be addressing chief leaders within the community.

Ms. Treska Rodgers clarified that once the Youth Action Committee attended the meetings of the chief leaders, meetings would be formed with the community concerning Teen Court.

Following comments made by Mr. Dixon regarding the efforts of the Housing Division, Ms. Stephanye Johnson noted planning meetings were in progress regarding the focus and goals, which were being finalized.

Mr. Dixon noted MDEAT staff would be meeting to host TUA meetings in North and South Dade areas with TUA leaders who would have a panel discussion to share their views with the community.

Ms. Rodgers recommended that MDEAT staff attend the Unrepresented People's Positive Action Council (UPPAC) meeting in Miami Gardens that was an already established venue within a TUA and was held every Saturday morning, which would provide insight of the community interests and concerns.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the history of UPPAC and that everyone should attend the meeting.

Mr. Dixon informed the Trust members that he and Ms. Leigh Toney would be meeting with the Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens to discuss an initiative entitled "Pop-Up Hood" on February 25, 2013.

Additionally, Ms. Toney explained that Pop-Up Hood (PUH) was a retail based initiative that started in several cities around the country. She noted that this organization targeted

commercial properties that were vacant for more than a year, followed by negotiating rent free business space for a period of six to eight months to cultivate retailers to come in and operate their businesses as a way to revitalizing those areas. Ms. Toney also noted the strategy plan used by PUH was to surround those businesses with marketing support, joint marketing and special events. Therefore, the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) had been discussing ways to support retail businesses in the TUAs, and creating spaces of destination with viable businesses. She further noted that in meeting with the Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens, the EDAC hoped to receive support in this initiative by City officials presenting this initiative to property owners.

Ms. Stephanye Johnson pointed out that during the negotiating process to be mindful that the time of providing rent free space would be a donation to the non profit grouping and beneficial to the property owner.

Mr. John Dixon noted he wanted to inform the Trust members that he received an email with some questions of concern from Ms. Renita Holmes who attended a MDEAT meeting. He read the response to the Trust members advising Ms. Holmes that MDEAT did not have a partnership with the Beacon Council to address economic development concerns within the Black community.

Ms. Treska Rodgers suggested that any written response to the public be reviewed by the County Attorney's Office.

Mr. Dixon noted that MDEAT hosted a meeting with Commissioner Monestime and County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) and Real Estate Office regarding Poinciana Park. He noted DERM had conducted a study on the soil to determine whether it was contaminated particularly since it was being considered for development use. Mr. Dixon noted the concerns of Ms. Holmes regarding the contaminated soil in certain areas that could spread to the water and become a public health issue. He noted that the study from DERM reported that the use of the soil would be good for building homes and commercial buildings.

Mr. Dixon noted that Ms. Holmes offered consulting services to MDEAT and he advised her to send a proposal that would be presented to the Trust; however, he explained to her that the County required MDEAT to go through a Request for Proposal process, rather than hand pick someone to provide services. Mr. Dixon further noted that within the last two weeks he did not received anymore information from Ms. Holmes.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members that future correspondence responding to the public regarding them providing services should be reviewed by the County Attorney's Office first.

Mr. Stephen Herbert's request for a report on the Martin Luther King (MLK) Business Expo, which he noted should go on record as a phenomenal event.

Ms. Traci Pollock provided a brief overview of the MLK Business Expo event that took place on January 18, 2013. She noted that MDEAT hosted this event in collaboration with the West Perrine Community Development Corporation (CDC) as part of its 35th anniversary

celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MDEAT extended space to approximately 85 vendors at the Palmetto Bay Village Center to network, and Commissioner Moss of District 9 was able to attend and greet everyone, Ms. Pollock noted. She commented on the survey that was conducted with about 100 participants who gave a favorable response.

Ms. Pollock noted that a request was received to implement a similar event in North Dade. She also noted that MDEAT staff had discussed some ideas to duplicate the event, but the intent was to provide more of MDEAT's presence at the next event.

Ms. Treska Rodgers noted that in terms of the Housing Assistance Program report, she thanked the MDEAT staff for the level of details provided; however, the report reflected it was for Blacks in the targeted urban areas (TUAs) and she noticed the report (HAP) reflected low numbers on the ethnicity breakdown of the HAP. She noted that she was aware that Hispanics were the main people who applied, but MDEAT, as an advocate needed to reach out and identify people who qualified.

In terms of outreach, Mr. Dixon commented on a past meeting that was held with a Chase Bank representative and the discussion on hosting homebuyer events at the bank branches within the Black communities, but could only do this after bank hours.

Ms. Stephanye Johnson noted that the MDEAT's HAP had conducted several outreach and educational programs to predominantly minority agencies like Vision to Victory and other African American churches as reflected in the report on locations of the presentations. She noted that the challenge was related to the educational side of the program so that was currently the area of focus, such as in assisting people with improving their credit. Ms. Johnson mentioned that MDEAT would be hosting a credit event that would help people be ready to purchase homes and this would be reflected in the report. She also pointed out that Blacks existed within the Hispanic group.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the work effort in increasing the number of Blacks in this report in order to justify the numbers because Blacks were counted in another category.

Ms. Johnson noted that after the mission of MDEAT was reviewed again to determine how to address this issue regarding housing the numbers should increase.

In response to Vice-Chair Ron Butler asked about the status of the MDEAT logo and branding in the efforts to move forward in marketing, Mr. Dixon noted that in terms of all the action committees the discussion focused on the idea of promoting the MDEAT Programs and accomplishments through a marketing company. He commended Ms. Pollock for her work efforts in taking hold of the several marketing projects that were successful. Mr. Dixon noted in order to market MDEAT's story through the media there would be a cost.

Ms. Pollock noted that she had provide Mr. Dixon with a marketing plan, which was costly because the branding of an organization, the logos chosen were pre-dated before she became a part of MDEAT staff, so she asked for an additional 90 days to create a tagline, logo and to evaluate how these different entities of MDEAT operate and were unified. She further noted

this evaluation would also include the review of the efforts for outreach, and to have a grass-root presence as well as improve the orientation, education and interaction with the public. Ms. Pollock mentioned some of the steps she had taken to network and to identify internal and external marketing sources like linking into the social media programs.

Vice-Chair Butler noted that once the plan was presented, and approved by the Trust, a budget would be decided and allocated toward this marketing effort.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the Trust meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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Chairman Marc Douthit  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

# **ACTION ITEM I A**

**HISTORICAL CATALOGUE AND RESEARCH PROJECT**



## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

### INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** MDEAT Trust Members

**FROM:** Ron Butler, Chairperson  
Economic Development Action Committee

**DATE:** May 8, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Progress Report: MDEAT Historical Catalog and Research Project

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This information item is to inform the Board of Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) of the progress of MDEAT Historical Catalog and Research Project formerly called MDEAT Historical Booklet.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On March 20, 2013, the MDEAT Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) presented an MOA to the MDEAT Board to expend funds to create a historical booklet that provides a chronology of the history of Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust and MDEAT to present day. The board amended the request to approve the cataloging of historical records and writing the agency's history to include the development of an annual report. The board noted that the format (i.e. booklet, online) of the write-up would be decided at a later date.

#### **PROGRESS**

Staff met with the Black Archives' executive director and its archivist in April 2013 and provided a scope of service that noted the cataloging of documents as well as the research and writing of the agency's history. Following the meeting, an archivist spent several days over a two-week period reviewing more than 100 boxes of material. Based on his findings, the Black Archives presented a proposal that notes a phased approach to achieving the Trust's end goal.

#### **Phased Approach:**

**Cataloging of Documents:** During Phase I, the Black Archives will continue to review the agency's volume of boxes; record and catalog the documents; and rehouse the content of the boxes through an archival management process for future access by the agency and the general public. The cost for the process will be determined with an estimated completion date of December 2013.

**Researching and Writing Agency History:** Due to the intensity of such research projects, the Black Archives will submit a separate proposal outlining the scope of work, estimated timeline for completion, and cost associated with writing the agency's history. This is Phase II of the MDEAT Historical Catalog and Research Project.

# **ACTION ITEM I B**

**OVERTOWN BUSINESS EXPOSITION**

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST****MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL**

**TO:** MDEAT Board Members

**FROM:** Ron Butler, Economic Development Action Committee Chairperson

**DATE:** May 6, 2013

**SUBJECT:** *A Walk Down Overtown: A Business Exposition and Street Fest*

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**PURPOSE OF ITEM**

To request the authorization to expend funds to host a business exposition in central/north Miami-Dade County

**BACKGROUND**

MDEAT is committed to promoting business development within Miami-Dade County's Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs). In January 2013, MDEAT hosted the MLK Business Expo in South Miami-Dade as a part of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in the area. Nearly 100 businesses participated and a number of them inquired about a need for a similar event in the northern part of the county.

The City of Miami, particularly Overtown, is within a TUA and provides unlimited opportunities for business growth and development. On Saturday, July 20, 2013, from 10 AM to 7 PM, MDEAT plans to host a business exposition and street festival in Overtown to help further promote the area's business corridor. It is anticipated that the street fest will attract people from across Miami-Dade County, subsequently heightening business exposure, and potentially increasing their long-term market share.

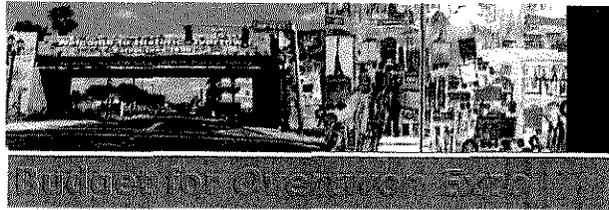
In addition to the business exposition, MDEAT plans to make a number of investments in the area by establishing WiFi hotspots in key businesses within the corridor, supporting the area business association, and reemerging the Business Enterprise Center. The Black Enterprise Center will serve as a clearing house for business assistance and information and provide one-on-one guidance in such key areas as financial, legal, accounting and marketing.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of the business expo and street fest will not exceed \$65,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the MDEAT Board approves the expenditure from the Economic Development budget in an amount not to exceed the \$65,000.



Site	Estimated	Actual
Stage/lighting/Sound (x3)	\$16,000.00	
Security	\$3,000.00	
Vendor Tables/Chairs	IN KIND	
Portable Toilets	\$3,000.00	
Garbage Collection	\$2,000.00	
Event Application Fees	\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Entertainment	Estimated	Actual
National Talent	\$8,000.00	
Ground Transportation	\$200.00	
Hotel including Food	\$5,500.00	
Local Talent	\$500.00	
Disc Jockey (day-long)	\$800.00	
Junkanoo	\$500.00	
MC (day-long host)	\$500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Publicity	Estimated	Actual
Graphic Design	\$600.00	
Copies/Printing	\$2,000.00	
Event Banners (x3)	\$900.00	
Electronic Message Boards	\$1,500.00	
Advertisement: Print	\$3,000.00	
Advertisement: Radio	\$6,000.00	
Advertisement: Cable	\$2,000.00	
Other		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Kids Zone	Estimated	Actual
Bouncer w/ slide	\$500.00	
Christmas in July: Snow	\$500.00	
Face Painting/Balloons	\$300.00	
Other		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

MDEAT Booth	Estimated	Actual
Free-standing Banner	\$350.00	
Give-away Items	\$3,000.00	
Table Cloth	\$250.00	
Tent Rental (20 x20)	\$175.00	
Staff Shirts	\$600.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,375.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Other	Estimated	Actual
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Miscellaneous	Estimated	Actual
Storefront Balloons/streamer	\$200.00	
Helium Tank Rental	\$100.00	
Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00	
Other		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Total Expenses	Estimated	Actual
As of May 7, 2013	<b>\$64,975.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

# **ACTION ITEM I C**

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT CONSIDERATIONS**



## MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**FROM:** Marc A. Douthit, Esq., Chair, MDEAT  
**DATE:** May 6, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Special Business Districts Initiative

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### PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to request the Board of Trustees' to authorize the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) to develop a Special Business Districts Initiative (SBDI) to be located on NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between NW 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon review by the Trust, this item will be forwarded to the EDAC.

The SBDI will be designed to create the following:

- Special incentives to encourage businesses to operate in districts that are located in Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs)
- Provide wrap around services to assist start-up and existing businesses
- Encourage business owners to make use of vacant spaces for business development
- If one does not exist, develop a Business Association and Property Owners Association in SBDs to ensure consistent development
- Assist in the attraction, expansion and retention of business activity
- Advocate for designation of taxes generated from businesses to pay for the cost associated with establishing and maintaining the SBDI

The SBDI will establish branding and beautification for the area. These components will include:

- Signature events
- Trash receptacles
- Signage/Banners
- Street lighting
- Frontage improvements (common awnings, signage)

Financial incentives will be provided to businesses that qualify. In addition, the SBDI will request more liberal zoning, heightened enforcement and policing.

# **ACTION ITEM I D**

**URBAN LAND INSTITUTE PROPOSAL**



## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

### MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

**TO:** MDEAT Board Members

**FROM:** Ron Butler, Economic Development Action Committee Chairperson

**DATE:** May 6, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel

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#### **PURPOSE OF ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request the authorization of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board to A) research the possibility of entering into an agreement with the Urban Land Institute of Southeast Florida/ Caribbean (ULI); B) to request authorization to enter into an agreement with ULI, in amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, where staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Trust with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) is currently attempting to develop a viable strategy for the development of the north central Dade corridor inclusive of Poinciana Park. The ULI offers a non-biased approach to reviewing, discussing, investigating and reporting out best practice for developing a particular area. The ULI is a 501(c) 3, non-profit membership organization with 30,000 members worldwide and more than 700 in Southeast Florida. The membership is made up of both public and private sector real estate and finance practitioners, including developers, builders, planners, architects, engineers, attorneys, economic development experts, financiers, academicians – those from throughout the real estate world who are involved with planning and developing a thriving built environment and sustainable urban places. The ULI selects from among its membership a group of these experts to comprise what is called a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP). The TAP panel views the study area, hears from public and private stakeholders, and then deliberates on the assigned issues/questions. At the conclusion of the panel's work, an oral report is presented to stakeholders and city representatives, followed in four to six weeks by a written report. The cost of this service ranges \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00 (see the attached memorandum).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of this item is an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from the Economic Development Budget.



## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board authorizes A) staff to research the possibility of entering into an agreement with the Urban Land Institute of Southeast Florida/ Caribbean (ULI); and B) to request authorization to enter into an agreement with ULI, in amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, where staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Trust with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office.



ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean

April 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Dixon  
Executive Director, MDEAT

FROM: Carla Coleman   
Executive Director, ULI SE Florida/Caribbean

RE: Proposal for a Technical Assistance Panel relating to  
Economic Development Strategies for the North Central Miami Dade County and the 79<sup>th</sup>  
Street Corridor Area, including TOD Development

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This memorandum is prepared in response to Mr. Ron Butler's request for information about a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP), which will identify and delineate economic development strategies appropriate for the North central Miami County and the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Area, recognizing the assets and challenges this specific area has. The location of developable sites at a key Miami-Dade transit location can also be included in the discussion of economic development opportunities examined by the panel.

I thought it might be most helpful if you had some basic information on TAPs combined with specific thoughts for this project, so this memorandum contains general information on TAPs as well as more specific ideas relative to the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor area Project.

**What are Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs)?**

Since 1947, the Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Program has been assisting communities by bringing together week-long panels of seasoned real estate, planning, financing, marketing and development experts to provide unbiased, pragmatic advice on complex land use, economic and development issues. In 2003, the ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council began providing panel services of one or two days to address local government issues in the areas such as redevelopment and future land use, housing, parking, and more specifically defined real estate questions. ULI is a non-profit, 501(c)3 supported by its 28,000 members, more than 700 of them here in Southeast Florida and the Caribbean.

*For this project, we suggest a day and a half TAP, which would start at Noon on the first day and end at 6:00 pm on the second day, following a public presentation of the preliminary recommendations.*

**How Do TAPs Work?**

Sponsors request TAPs services on a specific issue that can be addressed by a panel of experts in one or two days. The District Council assists the sponsor in refining the scope of the assignment and convenes a panel to address those specific issues. The sponsor, in this case, MDEAT along with its

community partners (North Central Dade Coalition of 100) , prepares a background paper for ULI panelists, which is delivered to panelists about two weeks prior to the onsite meeting date. During the one and a half days onsite, the TAP panel views the study area, hears from public and private stakeholders, and then deliberates on the assigned issues/questions. At the conclusion of the panel's work, an oral report is presented to stakeholders and city representatives, followed in four to six weeks by a written report.

A fee is charged for this advisory service, but the panel members are not compensated for their time. From the fee, ULI provides for the panelists' expenses such as overnight lodging and meals. The remainder of the fee supports staff time, professional writing, editing and graphic services for the final report. To ensure objectivity, panel members cannot be involved in matters pending before or be working for the sponsor, and cannot solicit work from the sponsor *during* the panel's assignment period.

*For this particular TAP, focused on economic development strategies for a specific geographical area (the North Central Miami Dade /the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor), ULI staff and members would work with your Executive Director and other representatives to finalize a specific set of questions you would like answered by the panel. The scope of work must be finite enough to be accomplished within the one and a half day time frame. Such questions would probably focus on specific redevelopment goals and economic strategies, general market factors impacting the strategies, and implementation best practices, with special attention to the transit oriented development aspects and opportunities. Issues will be prioritized by you.*

*Panelists for this project would most likely include developers, planners, a market analyst, and redevelopment specialists skilled in urban infill. The actual list of invited panelists will depend on the exact list of issues that are included in the final set of panel questions.*

### **What Do TAPs Cost?**

The fee depends on the length and complexity of the specific TAP convening, but including panel expenses for the two days, it is typically \$20,000 - \$25,000. The scope of work for this TAP is extensive, but can be accomplished for the lower \$20,000 fee, especially in light of the non-profit status of MDEAT.

*Included in the \$20,000 cost, ULI will furnish all onsite meals and overnight accommodations needed for its panelists. ULI will also furnish MDEAT with 25 printed copies of the final report, as well as an electronic version of the document. We will facilitate all onsite public meetings, develop the agendas, etc.*

*MDEAT would be asked to help identify a venue for the panel's work and the public meetings, such as a meeting room in a nearby community center. The MDEAT would also be asked to guide a tour of the study area for the panelists (walking or by van, whichever is most appropriate), and would compile the previously discussed background paper/documents for the panelists containing information about the Corridor and its existing demographics, tax base, etc. ULI staff can help guide you on that content.*

*Both sets of responsibilities for the parties are spelled out in a memorandum of understanding/contract document.*

### **Why Partner with ULI for this Work?**

As mentioned previously, ULI is a 501(c)3 that does not lobby or enter into competitive bid processes. It has a long history as a trusted convener of panels such as this, aimed at helping solve

development and redevelopment issues and provide best practices advice. The ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council has a ten year history of providing these services as a **sole source** contractor throughout Southeast Florida. Copies of other TAPs our District Council has undertaken about various development and economic issues can be found on our website at [www.seflorida.uli.org](http://www.seflorida.uli.org). Copies can also be obtained upon request at the District Council Office.

**Conclusion**

I will be glad to discuss this process more in depth with you and/or your board members. Please let me know what additional information you would like to have. I look forward to speaking with you soon, and hope that we have the opportunity to work together in 2013.

cc: Mr. Ron Butler  
Mr. Oliver Gross  
Mr. Ken Stapleton

# **ACTION ITEM I E**

**EDAC BUDGET APPROVAL**



## MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

TO: Members of the MDEAT Trust

FROM: Ron Butler, Chairperson  
Economic Development Action Committee

DATE: May 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Economic Development Budget 2013

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### **PURPOSE OF ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request approval of the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) program budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of one hundred and fifty eight thousand dollars (\$158,000.00). This budget was approved by the EDAC on March 15, 2013.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The budget includes various economic development initiatives to be performed during the fiscal year ending 2013. Please note the attached budget.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact is an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) for the economic development budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that MDEAT Board approves the Economic Development Action Committee program budget in the amount of one hundred and fifty eight thousand dollars (\$158,000.00) for the fiscal year 2013.

## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## PROGRAMATIC EXPENDITURES

PROGRAMS BUDGET	158,000	
Report to the Community Meeting and Document	10,000	
MMAF/MDEAT Historical Report	15,000	
Black Business Guide	12,000	
Legacy Magazine Article	2,500	
MLK Business Expo	17,035	
Overtown Business Festival	64,200	
North Central Economic Development Plan	25,000	
	<u>145,735</u>	
Balance		<u>12,265</u>

# **INFORMATION ITEM II A**

## **TEEN COURT YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT**



## INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board

**FROM:** Treska V. Rodgers, Chairperson, Youth Action Committee

**DATE:** May 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Teen Court Youth Conference

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On May 1, 2013 Teen Court sponsored the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Inspiring Peaceful Change at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. There were three hundred and twenty-eight (328) youth and an additional eighty-seven (87) attendees for a total of four hundred and fifteen (415) conferencees.

The master of ceremony for the event was Godfrey Murray, a youth volunteer attorney. The morning speaker was Arielle Derival, who is a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School with a 3.78 GPA on a 4.0 scale. She will be attending Mount Holyoke College as a POSSE Scholar on a full scholarship. She is a Teen Court youth volunteer attorney and also is the secretary on the Executive Board of the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission representing District 5 with County Commissioner Bruno Barriero.

The keynote speaker was Kelly Charles-Collins, Esq. who told her life changing story on choices as it related to her son. Ms. Charles-Collins is a also a member of the Teen Court Youth Action Committee and a judge for Teen Court. Her law practice focuses on employment litigation, supervisory training and counseling employers on day-to-day human resources issues.

The students that attended the conference were from the following schools and organization:

### High Schools

North Miami Senior  
 Booker T. Washington Senior  
 Miami Northwestern Senior  
 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High  
 Miami Central Senior  
 South Dade Senior  
 Homestead Senior  
 Miami Southridge Senior  
 Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior

### Middle Schools

North Miami Middle  
 Parkway Middle  
 Norland Middle  
 Madison Middle  
 Nautilus Middle

### Others

D.A. Dorsey Educational Center  
 Richmond Perrine Optimist Academy

The youth attended workshops and were required to bring back to body two suggestions from each workshop on how to reduce youth violence. The workshops that were presented at the conference were:

- Civil Responsibility
- Youth Violence in Community/Schools
- Bullying in Community/Schools
- Violence and Media
- Violence in Dating and Love Relationships
- Profiling/Law Enforcement Sensitivity
- Teen Mistakes and Adult Criminal Court

The conference was a huge success.

# **INFORMATION ITEM II B**

## **TEEN COURT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**



## INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**FROM:** Treska V. Rodgers, Chairperson, Youth Action Committee  
**DATE:** May 9, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Teen Court Bar Association Meetings

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In an effort to inform the Bar Associations of what Teen Court does weekly, Anthony Williams has contacted and met with presidents of seven (7) Bar Associations. He presented to the presidents literature for their membership on Teen Court. The eight (8) Bar Associations in Miami-Dade County that have been contacted are:

- Miami-Dade Bar Association
- Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association
- Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association
- Cuban American Bar Association
- Florida Muslim Bar Association
- Caribbean Bar Association
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Haitian Lawyers Association

He has not met the Haitian Lawyers Association to date.

Three issues were discussed with the presidents of these associations. They were:

- Explaining Teen Court and how it operates and our impact on the community
- Discussed recruiting of attorneys from the associations to become judges for the Teen Court Program
- Invited attorneys from the associations to the Juvenile Justice Forum on May 6, 2013.

## **INFORMATION ITEM II C**

**TEEN COURT/JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
GRANT COLLABORATION**

## INFORMATION ITEM

**DATE:** May 8, 2013

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board

**FROM:** Treska V. Rogers, Chairperson, Youth Action Committee

**SUBJECT:** Teen Court/Juvenile Services Department Partnership - U.S. Department of Labor Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders Grant Project

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Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust/Miami-Dade County Teen Court and Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department are collaborating to apply for the Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders Grant Project as administered through the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

On April 26, 2013, the Teen Court Grants Committee met with Juvenile Services Department staff and Terry C. Parker, Senior Grants Analyst of the Miami-Dade County's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Grants Coordination Division, to discuss the details of the grant and application process. The Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders Grant Project will be awarded in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Its purpose is to improve the long-term labor prospects for youth between the ages of 16 to 24, both court-involved youth prior to adjudication as well as juvenile offenders. Discussions at the meeting involved identifying Juvenile Services Department as the Host Applicant for the grant, and Teen Court as a partner to the application along with several community-based organizations impacting youth services.

For the purpose of this collaborative effort, applicants to the grant have agreed that if awarded, services will be provided to youth ages 16 and 17, and that Teen Court will receive fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to provide services to approximately 105 youth. The total grant period will be 39 months, and youth will receive assistance in the following areas: group mentoring, development of Individual Career Plans, (ICP), leadership skills development, job placement services, vocational skills training, on-the-job training, stipends, remedial education, and tutoring, to name a few.

## **INFORMATION ITEM II D**

**TEEN COURT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL**



### INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**FROM:** Treska Rodgers, Chairperson, Youth Action Committee  
**DATE:** May 9, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Duties Performed by the Clinical Psychologist of Teen Court

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Dr. Ischaji Robertson started working for MDEAT's Teen Court in December, 2013. Dr. Robertson services youth and their families in all five Teen Court locations. Dr. Robertson counsels an average of thirty cases per month of children who have been served a Civil Citation as well as those who are referred as part of the Prevention Initiative Program (PIP) and other individuals, including, those who have committed other legal infractions. The types of issues encountered in therapy include parent-child communication difficulties, stealing, fighting, sibling relationships, disrespectful behavior and mild levels of depression.

Dr. Robertson places the major emphasis of the therapeutic services on the family. He meets with the youth and their parent(s) to decide what are the three main areas and goals for the family. In most cases, a pre-test/post-test measure is utilized to assess progress. In a nutshell, he looks at the whole family system, which provides information about how the family operates and then attempts to restore order in the family by helping them regain or establish healthy roles and boundaries. In other words, a common focus is for the parent to effectively lead the family. A related end is that the children begin to "act" more like children. On some occasions, the youth is seen in individual therapy. Youth, especially, older and more independent adolescents, who have more internalized problems such as low self-esteem, poor self-image, depression, and/or anxiety may benefit from individual therapy.

Some of the Teen Court youth participate in an anger management group. This group is a psycho-educational group that teaches children about different types of anger and their impacts, and some tools on how to deal with it. The goal of the group is to help them to become more aware of anger and its consequences.

An adolescent, gifted black male, in January, 2013; was referred for the PIP program after having two outbursts of anger with his mother. After eight sessions of individual therapy, he reported that his communication with his mother increased and he also exclaimed that he is inspired by success stories of the volunteers who have entered prestigious universities. He completed Teen Court with more confidence, a better orientation towards the future, and improved coping skills.

In summary, Dr. Robertson, focuses on the family and community in his strivings to bring about positive change. He uses the same framework in his work with the Teen Court staff and the MDEAT team as a whole. The job is viewed by Dr. Robertson as rewarding, challenging, and meaningful. He plans on continuing the focus on the family when possible, including, fostering involvement with members of the extended family.

# **ADVOCACY ITEM III A**

**TEEN COURT JUVENILE JUSTICE FORUM**



## ADVOCACY ITEM

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**FROM:** Treska V. Rodgers, Chairperson, Youth Action Committee  
**DATE:** May 9, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Teen Court Juvenile Justice Forum

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On May 6, 2013, Teen Court presented the Juvenile Justice Forum in partnership with the Juvenile Services Department. Invited to speak were Wansley Walters, Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and J.D. Patterson, Jr., Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department to address the juvenile crime in the state and the county.

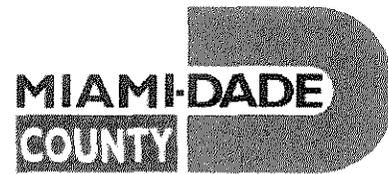
The speakers were introduced by Kiara Lavin who is a Teen Court volunteer attorney and a 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Senior High. There were ninety-five (95) people in attendance for the Forum and were able to ask questions of the speakers.

Also, attendees were asked to "Making a Connection" with youth of Teen Court. By signing up to allow youth(s) to meet with them and discuss what they do for a living, viewing where they work, and discuss how they decided on their chosen profession. From the attendees there were twenty-two (22) who signed up for "Making a Connection" program.

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. A**

**Fiscal Report**



## **MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

### **FISCAL REPORT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2012/13**

As of April 30, 2013

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 12/13

As of April 30, 2013

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
	GENERAL FUND	275,000		275,000
	INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS	386,000.00		386,000
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>661,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>661,000</b>
110	SALARIES	462,000	256,744	205,256
1010	FRINGES	99,000	62,083	36,917
22430	OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACTS	1,000		1,000
23210	GENERAL LIABILITY	7,000	7,000	0
24130	MAINT & REPAIR:OFF MACHINES	1,000		1,000
24571	P.C. MAINT	4,000	11,072	-7,072
24573	HARDWARE/CABLE INSTALLATION		-98	98
25330	COPY MACHINE RENTAL	6,000	2,397	3,603
26028	GSA SERVICE TICKET	1,000	3,651	-2,651
26040	GSA WORK ORDERS	2,000		2,000
26050	GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	4,000	1,991	2,009
26062	FM LT EQ MILEAGE	500	547	-47
26077	FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	1,000	426	574
26110	DATA PROCESSING SE	3,300	1,505	1,795
26613	CLERK-RECORDS STORAGE	200	35	165
31010	TELEPHONE-REGULAR	12,300	5,670	6,630
31011	TELEPHONE-LONG DISTANCE	600	124	476
31014	TELEPHONE-MTCE		168	-168
31015	CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES	3,500	973	2,527
31018	OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	1,500	-49	1,549
31110	PUBLICATIONS	300		300
31210	TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	2,000	232	1,768
31215	TRAVEL EXPENSE-PCA	1,000	477	523
31220	REGISTRATION FEES	300		300
31320	PARKING REIMBURSEMENTS	400	360	40
31401	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	7,500	3,031	4,469
31402	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	3,000		3,000
31408	RADIO ADVERTISING	9,000		9,000
31412	COMMUNITY PERIODICALS		23,043	-23,043
31420	SPONSORSHIPS/MARKETING	4,000	1,200	2,800
31510	OUTSIDE PRINTING	2,000	60	1,940
31520	GRAPHIC SERVICES	1,500	700	800
31540	SIGNS READY MADE		146	-146

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 12/13

As of April 30, 2013

Subsubject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
31611	POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	400		400
31910	PETTY CASH EXPENDI	500		500
32010	INSERVICE TRAINING	500		500
33016	EMPLOYMENT PROCESS		41	-41
33050	OTHER GENERAL OPERATING		25	-25
43231	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	200		200
47010	OFFICE SUPPLIES/OUTSIDE VENDOR	500	16	484
47011	GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	4,500	1,788	2,712
49310	CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS	500		500
60620	GRANTS TO OTHERS	10,000		10,000
95010	OFFICE FURNITURE		2,312	-2,312
95021	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	3,000	499	2,501
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>661,000</b>	<b>388,169</b>	<b>272,831</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 12/13

As of April 30, 2013

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
	GENERAL FUND	292,000		292,000
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>292,000</b>		<b>292,000</b>
	110 SALARIES	71,000	40,892	30,108
	1010 FRINGES	13,000	8,212	4,788
	21110 MANAGEMENT SERVICE	20,000	7,000	13,000
	24571 P.C. MAINT		113	-113
	26050 GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION		561	-561
	31408 RADIO ADVERTISING		2,000	-2,000
	31510 OUTSIDE PRINTING		15	-15
	31520 GRAPHIC SERVICES		1,069	-1,069
	31820 BAD DEBTS		20	-20
	57000 INTRAFUND TRANSFER	50,000		50,000
	60620 GRANTS TO OTHERS	138,000	50,750	87,250
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>292,000</b>	<b>110,632</b>	<b>181,368</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 12/13

As of April 30, 2013

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
R31900	OTHER TAXES	1,507,000	1,180,410	326,590
R36100	INTEREST EARNINGS	1,000	1,778	(778)
R36900	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	50,000	189,280	(139,280)
R38900	ROLLOVER	305,000	574,377	(269,377)
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,863,000</b>	<b>1,945,845</b>	<b>(82,845)</b>
00110	SALARIES	153,000	91,697	61,303
01010	FRINGES	32,000	20,999	11,001
21210	LEGAL COUNSEL		120	(120)
24571	P.C. MAINT		75	(75)
26050	GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	1,400		1,400
26616	RECORDING FEES	400	870	(470)
31510	OUTSIDE PRINTING		45	(45)
32010	INSERVICE TRAINING	800		800
47011	GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	400		400
51098	OTHER OPERATING TRANSFER	151,000		151,000
60620	HAP PROGRAM	1,524,000	731,259	792,741
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,863,000</b>	<b>845,065</b>	<b>1,017,935</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## TEEN COURT PROGRAM

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 12/13

As of April 30, 2013

<b>Subobject Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
R35900 OTHER FINES AND/OR	1,193,000	739,092	453,908
CARRYOVER	255,000	511,203	-256,203
R36100 INTEREST EARNINGS	2,000	717	1,283
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450,000</b>	<b>1,091,782</b>	<b>358,218</b>
00110 SALARIES	743,000	357,312	385,688
01010 FRINGES	154,000	80,097	73,903
22310 SECURITY SERVICES	13,200	8,386	4,814
22350 BOTTLED WATER & CHILLER	100	25	75
22430 OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACTS	2,500		2,500
24130 MAINT & REPAIR:OFF MACHINES	1,000	367	633
25330 COPY MACHINE RENTAL	5,000	1,881	3,119
25511 PAYMENTS TO LESSOR	12,400		12,400
26032 GSA AFT.HOUR CHRGS	13,000	5,444	7,556
26050 GSA PRINTING & REP	5,000	1,952	3,048
26051 GSA POSTAGE	500	66	434
26052 GSA WAREHOUSE TRANSFER	500		500
26062 FM LT EQ MILEAGE	3,000	839	2,161
26077 FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	1,000	466	534
31210 TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	2,000	463	1,537
31220 REGISTRATION FEES	900	200	700
31402 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	5,000		5,000
31420 SPONSORSHIPS/MARKETING	5,000		5,000
31510 OUTSIDE PRINTING	600	120	480
31520 GRAPHIC SERVICES	300		300
31611 POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	500		500
32010 INSERVICE TRAINING		200	-200
33016 EMPLOYMENT PROCESS		41	-41
33050 OTHER GENERAL OPERATING		75	-75
41016 GASOLINE-UNLEADED		27	-27
47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	6,000	2,807	3,193
49310 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS	1,000		1,000
51098 OTHER OPERATING TRANSFER	185,000		185,000
60220 TRANSPORTATION	1,500		1,500
60620 GRANTS TO OTHERS	288,000		288,000
95010 OFFICE FURNITURE		56	-56
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450,000</b>	<b>460,824</b>	<b>989,176</b>

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. B**

## **HOUSING UNIT REPORT**

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**  
**APRIL 2013**  
**HOUSING OUTREACH & EDUCATION REPORT**



**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP)**

During the period from April 1, 2013, through April 30, 2013, sixteen (16) HAP loan applications were submitted totaling \$2,158,153 in first mortgages with a \$2,425,305 aggregate purchase price. There were \$85,300 in Miami-Dade County and other (non-county) administered subsidy program funds associated with those loans.

During the same period from April 1, 2013, through April 30, 2013, twenty-one (21) families purchased homes using \$120,700 in HAP funds. These loans generated \$2,765,458 in first mortgages with a \$3,069,040 aggregate purchase price. There was \$170,000 in Miami-Dade County subsidy program funds leveraged with these loans and another \$44,000 in non-county funded subsidy mortgages linked to these first-time homebuyer closings. HAP loans have thereby increased this year's county property tax roll by an estimated, additional \$52,500 based on an average tax bill of \$2500 (see April 2013 HAP Production Report for statistical details).

**HAP TRAINING SEMINARS AND FUNDING**

Certification Workshops on HAP and other subsidy program usage and operations are generally held every 6-8 weeks. Individual mortgage originators and title/ closing agents must get approved to submit and close HAP files. Realtor and developer attendance is highly recommended but not required at this time.

MDEATs most recent HAP/ MMAP-HAP Certification Workshop was held on April 23, 2013, at the Joseph Caleb Center in Liberty City. The training is for mortgage lending, real estate and title professionals and includes a detailed discussion on the operation and funding of MDEAT's HAP along with an overview of funding sources, timeframes, set-up and use of Down-payment Assistance Program (DAP/ DPA) funds in general. Forty-nine industry professionals were in attendance at this workshop.

Signed Agreements are required for individuals seeking HAP participation along with affiliated company licensing information for monitoring and tracking purposes.

MDEAT receives eight percent (8.00%) of the Documentary Surtax Funds sent to Miami-Dade County on a monthly basis. MDEAT's HAP has funded 133 first-time homebuyers for \$742,759 in fiscal year 2012-13 to date.

**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

There are no special housing program initiatives active at this time. The planned initiative to incorporate FHAs "Streamline 203(k)" mortgage loan program as a pilot program component with the HAP will have its first planning meeting in May 2013. The "Streamline 203(k)" pilot initiative is budgeted for FY2012-13 Surtax funds with an anticipated launch in late third quarter or early fourth quarter of FY2012-13.

The Lease-Purchase Program Initiative and "Foreclosed Homes Recycling" Initiative will require collaboration from partnering entities and matching funds from other sources before additional consideration and planning commences.

## HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION – OUTREACH – ADVOCACY

- Presenter at Opa-Locka CDC's First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop held at its office in Opa-Locka. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Down-payment Assistance Programs (DAP/ DPA) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. Approximately Thirty (~30) attendees participated on 4/13/13.
- Presenter at the NID Housing Counseling Agency First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop held at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Miami Gardens. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Down-payment Assistance Programs (DAP/ DPA) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. Approximately thirty-seven (~37) attendees participated on 4/13/13.
- Presenter at the Housing Foundation of America First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop held at the Universal Truth Center in Miami Gardens. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Down-payment Assistance Programs (DAP/ DPA) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. Approximately seventy (~70) attendees participated on 4/13/13.
- Presenter at the Trinity Empowerment Consortium First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshops (in English and Spanish) held at the Goulds Community Center (in Goulds). The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Down-payment Assistance Programs (DAP/ DPA) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. Approximately fifty-seven (~57) attendees participated on 4/20/13.
- Presenter at Centro Campesino's First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop held at its complex in Florida City. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Down-payment Assistance Programs (DAP/ DPA) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. Approximately twenty-three (~23) attendees participated on 4/20/13.

MDEATs Housing Programs & Outreach Administrator presents at an average of two-five first-time homebuyer education workshops and/ or affordable housing advocacy and outreach events each month. Through these presentations alone, **MDEAT Housing reaches and interacts with at least 750 to more than 1000 Miami-Dade County and South Florida residents annually.**

While partnering and interacting with a number of affordable housing and housing counseling agencies, please denote the characteristics of the housing counseling agencies to which MDEAT Housing most frequently presents;

- All but one (Centro Campesino) are own and/or operated/affiliated with the agency's primary target population (Opa-Locka CDC / NID Housing Counseling Agency / Trinity Empowerment Consortium / Housing Foundation of America / Vision To Victory Destination Home & Human Services Agency
- All these agencies are located in TUAs (Opa-Locka – Miami Gardens – Goulds – Homestead – Florida City)

- While workshop participants cannot be pre-determined or dictated, more than half the participants observed at the forenamed agency workshops represent the agency's primary target population (workshop demographics tracked by the agencies are being sought)
- The other entity (Centro Campesino) has its base operation in Florida City and conducts its outreach in LMI (low-to-moderate income) neighborhoods and serves predominantly LMI households.

In addition to its ongoing community outreach and participation with the aforementioned agencies and associated activities, MDEAT Housing is the only entity that regularly conducts training workshops for mortgage and real estate industry professionals on affordable housing assistance programs (DAP/ DPAs) and that has an open policy with regards to program participation. More than two hundred (200+) industry professionals are trained and educated annually with more than 500 registered MDEAT HAP/ MMAP-HAP participants.

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM April 2013			
General Statistics	April 2013	YTD April 2013	
Total Applicants	16	147	
Total Purchase Price	\$2,425,305.00	\$20,603,321.00	
Total Amount in 1st Mortgages	\$2,158,153.00	\$19,544,163.00	
Total Amount of SURTAX & Other Subsidies	\$85,300.00	\$618,300.00	
<b>Total HAP Loans Funded</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>Total HAP Funding</b>	<b>\$120,700.00</b>	<b>\$742,759.00</b>	
Total Purchase Price	\$3,069,040.00	\$19,341,006.00	
Average Sales Price	\$146,144.76	\$145,421.10	
Total Amount in 1st Mortgages	\$2,765,458.00	\$18,377,569.00	
Average 1st Mortgage	\$131,688.48	\$138,177.21	
Total Amount of MDC/ SURTAX Funding	\$170,000.00	\$460,000.00	
Other (non-county) Subsidy Loans	\$44,000.00	\$147,500.00	
Estimated Increase to Tax Base*	\$52,500.00	\$332,500.00	
* Based on annual taxes of \$2500/yr.	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. YTD=	\$5,584.65	
	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. Apr. 13=	\$5,747.62	
<b>Head of Household</b>			
Female	12	67	
Male	9	66	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Black	4	34	
Hispanic	16	90	
White	1	7	
Other	0	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>Median Income Level</b>			
Very Low	2	10	
Low	10	60	
Median	1	15	
Median Moderate	8	48	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>Commission District</b>			
District 1 - Barbara Jordan	6	26	
District 2 - Jean Monestime	2	8	
District 3 - Audrey Edmonson	0	1	
District 4 - Sally A. Heyman	0	0	
District 5 - Bruno A. Barreiro	0	0	
District 6 - Rebecca Sosa	0	0	
District 7 - Xavier L. Suarez	0	0	
District 8 - Linda Bell	6	31	
District 9 - Dennis C. Moss	4	39	
District 10 - Javier D. Souto	1	5	
District 11 - Juan C. Zapata	1	12	
District 12 - Jose "Pepe" Diaz	0	8	
District 13 - Esteban Bovo Jr.	1	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. C**

## **TEEN COURT UNIT REPORT**

# Memorandum

## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

### TEEN COURT REPORT

**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**From:** John E. Dixon, Executive Director  
**Date:** May 8, 2013  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Teen Court Report for April 2013

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#### PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to inform the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board, of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC) performance and activities for the month of April 2013.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

##### Program Activities

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> of 2013:** Teen Court staff conducted *Victim's Awareness Panel Workshop (VAP)*-an interactive workshop that sparks dialogue between participants, parents and/or guardians. Forty-five (45) individuals comprised of both program participants and their parents discussed the value of forgiveness, restoration, and repair of lost trust as well as how various crimes committed impact the family and community.

**April 5, 2013:** As part of Teen Court's focus on providing programming and services that advocate and create opportunities for youth to develop into responsible citizens, Shirley Sieger, Teen Court Juvenile Services Specialist, and Frank Tarrau, Teen Court Training Specialist, participated in Southwest Senior High Schools' Health and Wellness Fair. During this event, Teen Court staff addressed more than 100 students. Staff conducted orientations concerning Teen Court's youth-driven peer-jury trial process and spiraling juvenile crime statistics; recruited students to serve as youth volunteers in Teen Court; and promoted positive community relations as well as strengthened existing involvement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**April 24, 2013:** In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation, 15 Teen Court youth were afforded an opportunity to attend the Turner Gilford Knight (TGK) Correctional Facility Jail Tour and 12 participated in the Boot Camp Jail Tour. These tours serve as crime prevention and intervention tools, providing participants with an understanding of the consequences of engaging in negative actions.

### **Program Performance**

**Referrals:** Teen Court received a combined total of 39 referrals from the Juvenile Services Department's (JSD), Department of Juvenile Justice, Prevention Initiative Program (PIP) and Civil Citation Program.

**Community Service:** Teen Court generated 650 community service hours. This total included 320 completed by defendants, 228 performed by youth volunteers, and 102 community service hours were provided by adults, serving as jury monitors as well as legal professionals volunteering as judges, presiding over Teen Court hearings.

**Offender Information for April 2013**

**Referrals per fiscal year:**

12/31/98 – 09/30/99	334	Carried Over	5,299
10/01/99 – 09/30/00	506	10/01/12 – 10/31/12	43
10/01/00 – 09/30/01	323	11/01/12 – 11/30/12	29
10/01/01 – 09/30/02	336	12/01/12 – 12/30/12	30
10/01/02 – 09/30/03	293	01/01/13 – 01/31/13	61
10/01/03 – 09/30/04	390	02/01/13 – 02/28/13	49
10/01/04 – 09/30/05	267	03/01/13 – 03/31/13	35
10/01/05 – 09/30/06	215	04/01/13 – 04/30/13	39
10/01/06 – 09/30/07	245		
10/01/07 – 09/30/08	356		
10/01/08 – 09/30/09	424		
10/01/09 – 09/30/10	454		
10/01/10 – 09/30/11	619		
10/01/11 – 09/30/12	537		
	<b>5,299</b>	<b>TOTAL REFERRALS</b>	<b>5,585</b>

**Monthly Sanctions for Referrals Completed (April 2013)**

Anti-Theft Class Attendees	27	Jail Tour Attendees	27
Curfew	0	Jury Duties Completed	217
Declined referrals	0	Letter of Apology/Closed	30
Civics and Business Attendees	8	Peer Circle Attendees	42
Substance Abuse Attendees	50	Restitution	0
Essay Completed/Closed Cases	30	Victim Awareness Panel	
Ethics Workshops Attendees	56	Workshop Attendees	45
Hours of Community Service/ Closed Cases	320	Verbal Apology to Parent	23
		Psychological Services	31

**Offenses and Number of Charges:**

Note: Some defendants have multiple charges

Anger Issues	1
Burglary Unoccupied	1
Battery (Simple)	6
Defiant	1
Escape from Home	1
Grand Theft	1
Making/Possession/Throwing/ On Discharge Any Destructive	
Divisor Attempt	1
Petit Theft	4
Possession of Marijuana	1
Retail Theft	4
Simple Assault	1
Simple Battery	5
Stealing	1
Strong Arm Robbery	1
Theft	5
Trespass on School Grounds	2
Truant	1
Unlawful Assemblies	1
Verbally Aggressive	2

**Referral Sources:**

Department of Juvenile Justice	9
Miami-Dade County	
School Based Referrals	0
Civil Citation Program	20
State Attorney's Office	0
Prevention Initiative Program (PIP)	10
Other Agencies	0

**Age:**

Six	0
Seven	0
Eight	1
Nine	0
Ten	0
Eleven	1
Twelve	3
Thirteen	4
Fourteen	9
Fifteen	6
Sixteen	6
Seventeen	7
Eighteen	2

**Race:**

African American	23
Caucasian	2
Hispanic	14

**Gender:**

Female	15
Male	24

**Commission Districts April 2013:**

1	8	7	2	13	2
2	2	8	9	Broward	0
3	2	9	8		
4	1	10	1		
5	1	11	0		
6	1	12	2		

**Commission Districts for Fiscal Year 10/01/12 – 09/31/13**

1	30	7	15	13	9
2	29	8	49	Broward	2
3	30	9	64		
4	14	10	12		
5	13	11	10		
6	7	12	11		

## COMPARISON OF YEAR-TO-DATE REFERRALS

Referrals for 10/01/11 – 09/30/12		Referrals for 10/01/12– 09/30/13	
Date cases received	No.	Date cases received	No.
10/01/11 – 10/31/11	<b>22</b>	10/01/12 – 10/31/12	<b>43</b>
11/01/11 – 11/30/11	<b>53</b>	11/01/12 – 11/30/12	<b>29</b>
12/01/11 – 12/31/11	<b>84</b>	12/01/12 – 12/31/12	<b>30</b>
01/01/12 - 01/31/12	<b>55</b>	01/01/13 – 01/31/13	<b>61</b>
02/01/12 – 02/29/12	<b>60</b>	02/01/13 -02/28/13	<b>49</b>
03/01/12 – 03/31/12	<b>40</b>	03/01/13 – 03/31/13	<b>35</b>
04/01/12 – 04/30/12	<b>42</b>	04/01/13 – 04/30/13	<b>39</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>286</b>

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

# Memorandum

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board  
**THRU:** John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director  
**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Marketing and Public Information Report

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For your review, please find below the activities that were implemented to help the agency reach its audience via visual communications and printed materials for April 2013 – May 2013.

Offices of Marketing and Public Information provides assistance to the MDEAT Trust, Action Committees Chairpersons and staff liaisons, CBOs, and residents announcing the agency's advocacy efforts and community empowerment initiatives. A multi-mix of collateral materials and promotional information are utilized to deliver the MDEAT message including: letters, flyers, radio and newspaper advertising placement, television interviews, news articles, press releases, photos, website event placement and updates, email listings, and other functions. Offices of Marketing and Public Information assist with logistics of all MDEAT events. All are available for review and comply with county branding.

- A. The unit continually provides support to the MDEAT Trust Board, Executive Director, Economic Development Unit, Housing Assistance Program, Teen Court Program, Procurement/Purchasing Liaison, Fiscal Unit, and other operations of the agency.
- B. Post and edit all scheduled meetings for the MDEAT Board, and Action Committees along with other agency notifications.
- C. Monitor all Miami-Dade Board of County Commission and Commission Committee meetings.
- D. Continuously monitor newspapers, websites, magazines, radio, and TV broadcasts.
- E. Youth Action Committee (YAC)  
Miami-Dade County Teen Court Program

Prepared printed materials, press releases, posters, day-of-event programs, promos, and assist with outreach for the program. In addition, implement radio, websites, and newspaper awareness for the program.

- 1. Teen Court Newsletter Spring edition 2013 – in progress.
- 2. Teen Court's Youth Conference: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence: Inspiring Peaceful Change - Completed. (See attachments) Article written in South Florida Times (See attachment).
- 3. Teen Court's Juvenile Justice Forum – Completed. (See attachments)

- F. Housing Advocacy Committee - Housing Assistance Program (HAP)

Prepared printed materials, press releases, and assisted with outreach for the committee. In addition, implement radio and newspaper awareness for the program.

Pending:

1. Reviewing 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft for Housing Brochure.
2. Working with PR Housing Subcommittee on future initiatives and events.
3. Create press releases for trainings as needed
4. Discussing and coordinating logistics for a large housing event
5. Worked on language translations for materials and in the process of updating Housing section on our webpage.
6. City of Hialeah Gardens for Housing Event – Completed.

#### G. Economic Development Action Committee

1. Unveiling of The Miami-Dade CityDNA presented by Social Compact event announcement in American Towns website, [www.americantowns.com](http://www.americantowns.com) . (See attachment)
2. Economic Development's Business Breakfast Series write up in the Caribbean Today website, [www.caribeantoday.com](http://www.caribeantoday.com). (See attachment)

#### H. New Board Member Recruitment

1. Updated the MDEAT Website - new announcements pending.

#### I. Website Updates

1. Unveiling of the Miami-Dade CityDNA, a Neighborhood Demographic Finder
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Inspiring Peaceful Change
3. MDEAT hosts The Juvenile Justice Forum on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### J. Promotional Material Revisions/Updates

1. Scheduled photo shoot for New Board members; one member left.
2. Housing Program Brochure – in draft stages
3. Economic Development Brochure – in draft stages

#### K. MDEAT Newsletter

1. Sent follow-up email to county staff about the creation of a MDEAT email newsletters – pending meeting.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE FORUM ON MAY 6



Written by STAFF REPORT

Wednesday, 01 May 2013



MIAMI — Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Wansley Walters and newly appointed Miami-Dade Police Department Director J.D. Patterson Jr. will speak on the state of juvenile violence at the Juvenile Justice Forum on Monday, May, 6 beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Miami-Dade Main Library, 101 W. Flagler St.

The free forum, hosted by Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) in partnership with the Juvenile Services Department, will provide updates on current juvenile justice legislation and their impact on local communities.

The forum also will provide an opportunity to inquire about the latest approaches to addressing neighborhood juvenile crime.

"This forum gives the community a chance to speak to two key decision-makers regarding their juvenile justice concerns," MDEAT Executive Director John Dixon said.

"The topic of juvenile crime is a concern for many residents and this forum serves as an opportunity to address those concerns."

*To RSVP contact Anthony Williams at 305-375-5661 or AWILL1@miamidade.gov. For general information visit [miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust](http://miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust)*

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# Miami-Dade County Teen Court

presents in partnership with the **Juvenile Services Department**

## The Juvenile Justice Forum

**Helping local communities understand  
the impacts of state legislation on local policies**

Join the discussion on juvenile crime from the Department of Juvenile Justice's perspective and get an update on current legislation. Also hear the latest on Miami-Dade County's approach to juvenile crime and how it impacts your local neighborhoods. So don't miss this opportunity to obtain greater insight on the issues and heightened understanding of solutions to the problem.



Special Guest Speaker  
**Wansley Walters**  
Secretary, Florida Department of  
Juvenile Justice



Special Guest Speaker  
**J.D. Patterson Jr.**  
Director, Miami-Dade Police  
Department

**Monday, May 6, 2013**

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Miami-Dade Main Library**

101 W. Flagler Street • Miami, Florida 33130

### SPECIAL FORUM HIGHLIGHT

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) is hosting ***Making the Connection*** to encourage professionals to pair with a student at the forum and allow the student to shadow them for a day. Sign up at the forum and help to inspire a young person to continue striving toward their desired profession.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Law enforcement agencies
- Legal professionals
- Community-based organizations
- Youth interested in law and law enforcement
- Parents and loved-ones concerned about juvenile crime

For more information or to RSVP, contact MDEAT Division Director of Youth Development Anthony Williams, at 305-375-5661 or AWILL1@miamidade.gov.



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## The Juvenile Justice Forum

Monday, May 6, 2013 | 1:30 PM | Main Public Library

Occasion	<b>John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director</b> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)
Greetings	<b>Marc Douthit, Esq., Chairperson</b> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
Welcome	<b>Treska V. Rogers, Chairperson</b> Teen Court Youth Action Committee  <b>Morris Copeland, Director</b> Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department
Making the Connection	<b>Anthony D. Williams, Division Director of Youth Development</b> Miami-Dade County Teen Court
Introduction of Speakers	<b>Kiara Lavin, Teen Court Youth Volunteer</b> Miami-Dade County Teen Court
Speakers	<b>Wansley Walters, Secretary</b> Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  <b>J.D. Patterson Jr., Director</b> Miami-Dade Police Department
Question & Answer	<i>Facilitated by Anthony D. Williams</i>
Closing Remarks	<b>John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director</b> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**April 24, 2013**

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**DJJ Secretary to speak at public forum on juvenile crime**  
*MDEAT hosts the Juvenile Justice Forum on May 6*

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It is the policy of Miami Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The facility is accessible. For sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices or materials in accessible format, please call at least five days in advance.

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## TEEN COURT'S 'INSPIRING PEACEFUL CHANGE' PROGRAM MAY 1

Written by STAFF REPORT

Monday, 29 April 2013



MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) will host the 6th Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Inspiring Peaceful Change on Wednesday, May 1.

The conference, set for 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 S.E. Second Ave. in Miami, is part of the ongoing mission of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), a peer sanctioning program encouraging youths to address face-to-face the rise of violence in neighborhoods, schools and the community as a

whole.

Organizers say that along with speakers and workshops, the program is targeted to address the issues surrounding violence and related issues that contribute to violence, as well as the future of youth, and document the voices of participants as they express their concerns.

More than 200 students are scheduled to attend the conference from area senior high schools including Booker T. Washington, Dr. Michael Krop, Homestead, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Miami Southridge, North Miami, Miami Northwestern, and South Dade.

Also due to participate are students from Edison, Madison, Nautilus, Norland, North Miami and Parkway middle schools. Organizers say the conference will benefit students by exposing them to decision-making choices, how to be good citizens and how to make changes in peaceful ways.

Some of the workshop topics include Bullying, Love Relationships, Violence and Media, Profiling, as well as Violence in Schools.

The special guest speaker this year is attorney and motivational speaker, Kelly Charles-Collins, Esquire. Other invited speakers and presenters include elected and local enforcement officials.

*For more information call Anthony D. Williams, Youth Division Director at 305-375-5661 or visit [miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust](http://miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust)*

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Miami-Dade County  
**Teen Court**

**6th Annual**

# BOOZ SPEAKING OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

**Inspiring Peaceful Change**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

**9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel  
 400 South East Second Avenue  
 Miami, Florida 33131**



**Kelly Charles-Collins, Esq.**

This conference is part of an ongoing mission of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), a peer sanctioning program for youth to address face-to-face the rise of violence in our neighborhoods, schools, and the community. Along with speakers and workshops the message is targeted at addressing the issues surrounding violence and the future of our youth as well as listening to what the young people have to communicate during the wrap-up sessions. Participants will receive information to improve their decision making skills and gain insight to help guide them toward positive behavior. M-DCTC is a Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Program.



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Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC) is a diversion program providing alternative accountability to our juvenile justice system. First-time juvenile misdemeanor offenders who have admitted guilt to a charge are afforded a sentencing hearing conducted by youth volunteers serving as attorneys, bailiffs, clerks, and jurors. Either a practicing judge or attorney volunteers his or her time to preside over M-DCTC proceedings.

Participation in M-DCTC exposes youth to future careers in the justice field and helps promote long-term behavioral changes in youth as well as develops skills in leadership, ethical decision-making, critical thinking and problem-solving. Participants who successfully complete M-DCTC are provided an opportunity to have their record expunged, whereby a record of the charge is removed from public viewing providing youth with a second chance.

Teen Court has entered into an Affiliation Agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to coordinate and implement The School-Based Referral Program, a Restorative Justice Initiative. This initiative utilizes the Teen Court process as an alternative to suspension for school rule violations.

## **6th Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference Inspiring Peaceful Change**

### **Program**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b> Breakfast
<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Introduction	<b>Anthony D. Williams, Director</b> Youth Division/Teen Court Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
<b>The Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<b>Godfrey Murray, Master of Ceremonies</b> Teen Court Youth Volunteer
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Rev. Charles Dinkins, Administrative Officer</b> Miami-Dade Solid Waste Management
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Marc A. Douthit, Esq., Chair</b> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  <b>The Honorable Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner</b> District 3, Miami-Dade County
<b>Teen Court Overview</b> <b>Introduction of Teen Court</b> <b>Youth Volunteer Speaker</b>	<b>LaVerne Carlile Dean, Teen Court Administrator</b> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

Presentation	<b>Arielle Derival</b> , <i>Teen Court Youth Attorney</i>
<b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR BREAK-OUT SESSIONS</b>	<b>LaVerne Carlile Dean</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> (one hour)	<b>Inspiring Peaceful Change Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Responsibility</li> <li>• Youth Violence in Community/Schools</li> <li>• Bullying in Community/Schools</li> <li>• Violence and Media</li> <li>• Violence in Dating and Love Relationships</li> <li>• Youth Advocacy</li> <li>• Profiling/Law Enforcement Sensitivity</li> <li>• Teen Mistakes and Adult Criminal Court</li> </ul>
	<b>RETURN TO MAIN BALLROOM</b>
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Valtena Brown</b> , <i>Chief Operating Officer</i> Miami-Dade County Public Schools
<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Kelly Charles-Collins, Esquire</b> <i>Founder of Charles-Collins Law, PA</i>
<b>Recommended Actions Youth Groups Report</b>	<b>LaVerne Carlile Dean</b>
<b>Wrap-Up</b>	<b>John E. Dixon, Jr.</b> , <i>Executive Director</i> Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust would like to thank the following  
for their commitment to the Teen Court Program:

**Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners**  
**School Board Member of Miami-Dade County**  
**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**  
**Terrance Smith, Esq., Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office**  
**Miami-Dade County Teen Court Volunteer Attorneys and Judges**  
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**Youth Development Division and Teen Court Staff:**

The mission of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Teen Court is to advocate and create opportunities for youth to develop into responsible citizens.

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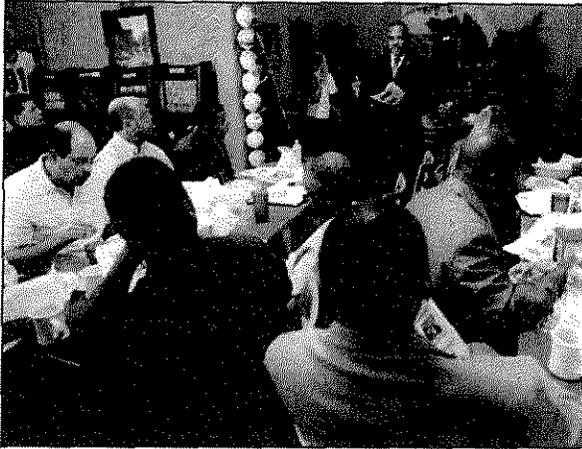
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## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE



(MIAMI, March 28, 2013) – The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Economic Development Action Committee kicked off its Second Annual Business Breakfast Series. The first breakfast was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Romo's Restaurant in Opa-locka. The special guest speaker was Howard Brown, City of Opa-locka Community Development Director. Mr. Brown spoke about the new upcoming businesses that are opening up in the Opa-locka area that will generate new job openings for Opa-locka

residents.

The free event offered an opportunity for local businesses to network with each other as well as have a direct dialogue with Mr. Howard Brown, other Opa-locka elected officials, and Miami-Dade County officials. The attendees were also informed of the status of current projects in Opa-locka. Mr., Brown stated, "The best early morning business event I have ever been part. It was quite refreshing to discuss business in Opa-locka with Business people." Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Russell Benford said a few words and interacted with the attendees. City of Opa-Locka Assistant City Manager, David Chiverton also spoke to the business audience and encouraged them to network with each other.

MDEAT's Economic Development Action Committee serves as the community's vehicle to express concerns about economic development projects and events. The Economic Development Action Committee meets monthly at designated meeting sites to address citizens' issues. All meetings are open to the public. The members of this committee include community leaders, economic development professionals, business representatives, and individuals from the community.

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Miami, FL - Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) will unveil the Miami-Dade City DNA.

The Miami-Dade CityDNA is a web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) that provides demographic, statistical and visualization data of neighborhoods across Miami-Dade County. MDEAT commissioned Social Compact, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that researches and develops data applications/systems, to implement the CityDNA system in Miami-Dade County. The tool allows business owners, consultants, academia, public employees, community activists, and others to obtain data such as income, population, and other demographics specific to a particular geographic area.

This free mapping tool generates charts, reports, and comparisons critical to following trends within a neighborhood's economy, revitalization plans, retail attraction, small business development, and residents' access to key services. A live demonstration will take place and key findings will be showcased

**What:** Unveiling of Miami-Dade CityDNA Mapping Tool

**When:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Miami-Dade Public Library, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130

For more information, visit [www.miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust](#) or to RSVP contact, Jose L. Gonzalez at 305-375-5661, ext. 93406 or email [JLD@miamidade.gov](#).

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