GOULDS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – 2/24/2004

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Lewis Canty.

Invocation –silent meditation for one minute

Mr. Canty explained the role of the Goulds MAC.

Presentation given by Don Chauncey from Miami-Dade Public Library System. Mr. Chauncey gave a presentation about the Naranja library and the upcoming plans for the Narnaja library. At the end of his presentation Mr. Canty stated that the Naranja library was not in our area. And that the South Dade Regional Library was closer to us than the Naranja library. Mr. Canty asked the MAC members and the audience if they had any questions. No questions asked.

Presentation given by Cornelius Allen from the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department. Mr. Allen gave out packets to everyone with information on the services provided by the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Allen explained that if Goulds is incorporated the Solid Waste Department will remain with the County for 20 years. Mr. Canty asked the MAC members and the audience if there were any questions for Mr. Allen. Questions were asked about the dump, the future plans for the dump and what could be done about the smell. Mr. Allen stated that he did not have those answers, but that he would get answers to all the questions and give them to Mr. Jason Rodrigues of UMSA. Mr. Allen also left his direct phone number if anyone had further questions.

Presentation given by Chief Ruben Almaguer from Miami-Dade Fire Department. A map (showing the preliminary boundaries of the Goulds MAC) was given to everyone outlining the fire stations in the area and the planned fire stations in the area. A Current Status and Issues sheet was given out, also, which listed the name of the fire station and the address; planned stations; issues/conditions; travel times and alarms for the area. Mr. Canty asked the panel and the audience if they had any questions. Several questions were asked. Chief Ruben gave an open invitation to the MAC members if they wanted to take a tour of the South Dade Fire Station and/or the one on Galloway in South Miami.

Mr. Jason Rodrigues, UMSA staff person, gave an update on the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium. Mr. Rodrigues passed out copies of a letter from Rafael A. Montalvo, Associate Director of the FCRC, addressed to Peter Velar, Assistant Director of Incorporation and Annexation.

Mr. Canty stated that he still felt that the Cutler Ridge MAC should be included in the conflict resolution process. Mr. Canty polled the members to get their views on sending another letter to Commissioner Sorenson reiterating that the Goulds MAC was requesting that Cutler Ridge MAC be a part of this process.

A question was asked by Don Stevens as to what type of documentation we had presented at the Boundaries Commission meeting in January on Cutler Ridge incorporation. And what type of documentation we were going to submit at the upcoming PAB meeting to prove our historical boundaries? Mrs. Demps stated to Mr. Canty that he should not address that question and that any documentation that we have will be presented before the BCC. Mrs. Demps also stated that we had received a response from Commissioner Sorenson on the conflict resolution issue with Cutler Ridge and that we should not continue to pursue it. Mr. Stevens stated that Mrs. Demps is saying the information will be given at the BCC meeting, but that Mr. Canty, the Chair is stating something different. At this point, Mr. JL Demps Jr. of the Goulds Steering Committee requested permission from Mr. Canty to address the Board. Mr. Canty gave Mr. Demps the floor.

Mr. Demps stated that the question is inappropriate and that he was the chairperson of the Goulds Steering Committee. Their hands were not tied, and the committee would be present at the PAB meeting for Cutler Ridge. And that he would not answer any questions about what information that would be presented at the PAB meeting. He stated to the Board that people come from other communities who are in opposition to Goulds and P.L.AN.T to disrupt or to spy; that they "behave or act like Nazi's." Mr. Demps left the room.

John Wade stated that he was appalled and outraged that Mr. Demps called him a Nazi. He was very upset because he had served in the military for a number of years. Mr. Wade stated, according to the Rules of Decorum, Mr. Demps should be barred from all future meetings. Mr. Canty stated that he was a firm believer in freedom of speech. Mrs. Demps stated that according to the Rules of Decorum that only the Chair could bar someone from the meetings. Mr. Canty stated that he

would not bar Mr. Demps from any meetings. Mr. Wade made an outburst in reference to Mr. Canty letting Mr. Demps make such remarks.

At this point, Mr. Jason Rodrigues, UMSA staff person, intervened and told Mr. Wade that he had been given an opportunity to address the Board, as well as Mr. Demps. And that he had served in the military as well.

Mr. Rodrigues stated that any information we wanted to present at the PAB meeting had to be presented from an individual standpoint; not as a member of the Goulds MAC.

Mr. Rodrigues emphasized, again, the importance of the residents and the MAC members attendance at the meetings. Especially in light of the fact that the Police Department will be making a presentation at the next Goulds MAC meeting on March 16, 2004.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 by Mr. Canty.

Members in Attendance

Lewis Canty (Chairperson)
Gladys Briscoe
Enid W. Demps (Secretary)
Eric Coffie