

**SUMMARY OF MEETING  
NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (8)  
Non-Zoning Meeting  
Henry Reeves Elementary School  
2005 NW 111 Street  
Miami, FL 33167  
January 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Members Present**

Fredericke A. Morley, Chair  
Richard C. Brown, Vice-Chair  
Vernell Everett  
Joy Davis  
Patrick Cure

**Members Absent**

Arthemon Johnson  
VonCarol Kinchens

**Miami-Dade DP&Z Staff Present**

Claudette Viaud, Executive Secretary  
Obed Jiron, Planner  
Cleveland Thompson, Clerk 3

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Morley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Viaud called roll and there were 5 members present and 2 absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

- 1- Add the Chairperson's Report to include 3 items: a) New and Improved Scott Carver Homes presentation b) Abilities of Florida presentation c) Reliance Housing Foundation Hope 6 presentation
- 2- Eliminate item #7 and add a Community Input section as item #9 for the community to voice local concerns.

Councilman Cure motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Councilman Brown.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

Councilman Cure motioned to approve the minutes for September 10, 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Everett.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Viaud informed the Council about the transition of the staffing activities for the Community Councils meetings from Team Metro to the Department of Planning & Zoning due to the reorganization of Team Metro into Office of Neighborhood Compliance (ONC). Ms. Viaud expressed the DP&Z's intentions in improving community awareness efforts including the enhancing of the department's website to incorporate more up-to-date information pertaining to the Councils as well as the creation of posters. In addition, Ms. Viaud stressed on the importance for all Council members to attend the annual mandatory orientation as a Council member requirement.

Ms. Viaud provided all Council members with a contact sheet form –in an effort to update their contact information–, as well as a copy of the 2009 Non-Zoning meeting calendar, and the stipend checks to those Council members who had not received their year-2008 \$100.00 stipend. Lastly, Ms. Viaud announced the presentation of the Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) to be taking place in March's meeting during which OSBM will be giving updates on the previous year's budget priorities and will be collecting year-2009 priorities for the pertaining Council area. Copies of last year's budget priorities and County Manager's memo were also provided to Council members.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

### **1- New and Improved Scott Carver Homes presentation**

Mr. Steven Carroll presented the New and Improved Scott Carver Homes as a newly formed Non-Profit Community Civic Organization with the purpose to gather unified voice and improve quality of life, resident satisfaction, participation initiatives, and to actively participate in decision-making affecting Northside Scott Carver Projects' current residents. Mr. Carroll requested to be on next meeting's agenda with the proposal of a proclamation presented to the Community Councils in which Scott Carver Homes can ensure that anything that pertains to the area that needs to be done actually gets done.

### **2- Abilities of Florida presentation**

Mr. Kevin Humes presented on the "Miami Going Green" initiative as an organization whose focus is on the creation of "green" jobs and the facilitation of a training component for the transitioning of those individuals into the green movement. Furthermore, he introduced a wood-type building material that is made out of compressed waste matter as a product of a project in which manufacturing facilities would turn waste into sustainable environmental-friendly construction materials, and provide job opportunities for the community members.

### **3- Reliance Housing Foundation Hope 6 presentation**

Ms. Sandra M. Seals introduced the Reliance Housing Foundation as a Non-Profit housing development organization whose mission is to provide fit, safe, and affordable

housing for low and moderate income people. Mr. Seals stressed the importance of getting economic support/funding as the program has a positive impact in the community. The program empowers residents to participate in a homeownership initiative to acquire their homes, as well as in other programs such as on-site computer learning centers, job training and recruitment programs, and High School equivalency programs. Lastly Ms. Seals mentioned some of the on-going projects within the South Florida area.

After the aforementioned presentations were finished, Chair Morley asked Ms. Viaud about the possibility to hold Non-Zoning meetings in different locations that could be closer to the immediate communities due to the fact that the Council serves a large portion of land. Chair Morley suggested locations such as the Team Metro Melrose office, and the Biscayne Gardens.

Finally, Chair Morley stated he received 6 calls on the Sunday previous to the meeting with concerns about the Liberty City Chamber of Commerce item of the meeting. Furthermore, Chair Morley stated he received a call from Miami-Dade County addressing the possibility of the generation of a conflict of interest if the Council tries to create the Chamber, as the Chamber can potentially receive and deal with monetary funds. Chair Morley stated that although the item has been canceled; he individually-as a citizen, will continue to support bringing business into their local communities and move forward.

### **ELECTION OF CC (8) OFFICERS – Y2009**

Chair Morley requested for this item to be deferred for next meeting due to the fact that not all Council members were present. Chair Morley asked for the elections to take place on the following meeting hoping full attendance occurs.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

Several members of the community stepped forward and voiced announcement regarding local community news. In addition, Councilman Cure presented a Proclamation to the family members of Mr. Lawrence Trice as a symbol of recognition for all his contributions to the community while being alive, and the condolence to the family and friends for his passing.

### **ITEMS FOR MARCH 11 AGENDA**

- 1- OSBM Presentation on budget priorities
- 2- Election of CC (8) officers
- 3- Presentation of a “collaboration letter” from the organization New and Improved Scott Carver Homes

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claudette Viaud*

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Claudette Viaud, Executive Secretary