



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 3(A)1 Supplement

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2014

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City
of Miami Springs codesignation
of the 100 to 300 block of
Curtiss Parkway fronting the
Grace Lutheran Church at
254 Curtiss Parkway as
"Pastor Schmidt Way"

Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Commission Auditor shall complete background research on any person, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming, or designation item or an item approving the co-designation of state or municipal roads, and shall prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

Attached for your information and review is the Commission Auditor's findings regarding Item 3(A)1 on today's agenda, Resolution approving the City of Miami Springs codesignation of the 100 to 300 block of Curtiss Parkway fronting the Grace Lutheran Church at 254 Curtiss Parkway as "Pastor Schmidt Way".

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Charles Anderson
Commission Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Anderson".

DATE: January 22, 2014

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
CODESIGNATION OF THE 100 TO 300 BLOCK OF CURTISS
PARKWAY FRONTING THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 254
CURTISS PARKWAY AS "PASTOR SCHMIDT WAY"**

Ordinance No. 13-29, adopted on April 2, 2013, requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to complete background research on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item.

In accordance with the Ordinance we are providing this report as a supplement to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Agenda Item 3(A)1.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the OCA completed background research regarding BCC Agenda Item 3(A)1 and there were no adverse findings.

According to information provided in the Miami Herald, the Baltimore native, Rev. Albert R. Schmidt, born on July 20, 1926, graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, in Columbus, Ohio and was ordained in June 1951 and founded Grace Lutheran Church. He was the head of the Greater Miami Ministerial Association in the 1960s.

Rev. Schmidt was politically progressive, he spoke out for racial integration, interfaith cooperation and gay rights. He emerged as a community leader during the tumultuous 1970s when the Miami-Dade County school system began busing for desegregation, co-hosted a Public Television show called, Man To Man, with clergy of other faiths, and helped establish the all-faith chapel at Miami International Airport.

Rev. Schmidt was named one of the country's Top 10 Lutheran ministers in 1982 by the Lutheran newspaper Perspective, for his "guiding influence in the establishment of the Southeastern District of the American Lutheran Church."

He died on January 28, 2013 at the age of 86.