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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Otis Pitts, Rev. Dr. R. Joaquin Willis, William Wallace IV, and Haneef Hamidullah to Board of Commissioners for N.W. 7th Avenue Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency

Resolution No. R-86-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. **R-86-09**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OTIS PITTS, REVEREND DR. R. JOACQUIN WILLIS, WILLIAM WALLACE, IV, AND HANEEF QAID HAMIDULLAH TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR N.W. 7TH AVENUE CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 06-18 previously adopted Ordinance No. 06-18, which established the N.W. 7th Avenue Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") and appointed an initial Board of Commissioners ("CRA Board") pursuant to Section 163.356, Florida Statutes ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Board, as governing body of the CRA, makes appointments to the CRA Board, when necessary, after the initial CRA Board is established; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to fill vacancies on the CRA Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to appoint Otis Pitts, Reverend Dr. R. Joacquin Willis, William Wallace, IV, and Haneef Qaid Hamidullah, whose resumes are attached hereto as Exhibit A, to serve as commissioners of the CRA Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, the Board appoints to the Board of Commissioners for the N.W. 7th Avenue Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency Otis Pitts, Reverend Dr. R. Joacquin Willis, Wallace, IV, and Haneef Quaid Hamidullah, each of whom will serve a four (4) year term.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle. It was offered by Commissioner **Katy Sorenson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Terrence A. Smith

PENINSULA
DEVELOPERS

Otis Pitts Jr., has over thirty years of administrative, management and executive experience in the areas of affordable housing, commercial development and economic development, focusing specifically in the last fifteen years on the revitalization of distressed, low-income communities. He is particularly conversant with all aspects of real estate finance, affordable housing finance and development, commercial finance and development, economic development finance and programming, supportive of small and micro-business development in low- income and/ or minority communities. Mr. Pitts is uniquely qualified in the administration of disaster neighborhood recovery, having served as the first Deputy Assistant Secretary and Federal Coordinator of Long-Term Recovery for Hurricane Andrew, appointed by former President Bill Clinton.

Mr. Pitts has both a B.A. and M.A. in Human Resource Management from Pepperdine University. His community economic development activities have been the focus of articles appearing in Fortune, Time Magazine, The New York Times and many other regional and national publications. He has appeared on Nightline, the Today Show and The McNeil-Lehrer News Hour. He has also been a guest lecturer at Rockefeller Institute and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

He has served on the Board of Directors of Barnett Bank N.A., The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Florida Housing Finance Corporation and The Florida Partnership of the Americas. He has served on the Housing Advisory Council of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, the Consumer Advisory Board of the Federal Reserve and the Board of Directors National Local Initiatives Support Corporation. He also served as Chairman of the Mayor's Task Force of Urban Economic Revitalization, Miami-Dade County; Urban Revitalization Advisor for Enterprise Florida and one of its At-Large members of the Florida Economic Summit.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation named Mr. Pitts a *MacArthur Fellow*. NBC NEWS named him "Citizen of the Week" and the Black Lawyers Association named him "Citizen of the Year". He is the recipient of the Charles Whited "Spirit of Excellence Award" from The Miami Herald and he has received honorary degrees from the University of Miami and Florida Memorial College.

RESUME

HANEEF QAID HAMIDULLAH

EXPERIENCE

Offering a comprehensive background of 40 years experience and accomplishments encompassing the following areas of responsibility.

CONSTRUCTION

Extensive experience in commercial, industrial, and residential construction, planning, scheduling, and supervising construction projects from feasibility studies through completion and closing; estimating costs of time, supplies, equipment selection and purchase of materials, meeting deadlines, assuring quality construction and durability of finished work; finally liaison with engineer and architect.

MANAGEMENT/ ADMINISTRATION

Establishing and implementing organizational policies and procedures, profit and loss responsibilities, hiring and competitive bidding; analysis of subcontractor's bid; contract negotiation; budget preparation and administration; finally customer relations.

TRAINING

G.E.D.; Professional Career Development Institute; The School of Paralegal Studies with Specialty in Law of Corporation- Atlanta, Ga.; Midland Technical College- Columbia, SC;-Construction Management; Massey Business College- Jacksonville, Fl- Business Management; Lake City Community College- Human Relations

EMPLOYED BY:
Hamidullah & Associates

FRATERNITY:
KAIKOS # 12

VOLUNTEER:
Office of Black Affairs

HONORED BY:
Black Lawyers Association of Miami, Florida

HONORED TO HAVE SERVED:

Served as Chief of Security for the Boycott Miami Campaign
Served as an Election Observer for the Independent Electoral Commission during Elections for a free South Africa

PERSONAL:
Married with four children
Viet-Nam era Veteran: United States Army

CONTINUING EDUCATION:
MDCC: Construction Management

REFERENCES:
H.T. Smith, Esq.
Carrie P. Meek, U.S. Congresswoman 17th Congressional District, Florida
Adora Obi Nweze, President NAACP, Miami, Florida

BOARD MEMBER/ MEMBERSHIPS; Past & Present
West Little River Homeowners and Tenants Association
Brothers Of The Same Mind
Miami-Dade Democratic Black Caucus
Carrie P. Meek Manor Development
Okeechobee Metrorail Station
Urban Economic Revitalization Task Force
Jubilee Community Development Corporation
Inner-city Civic Coalition
Hamidullah and Associates
Independent Black Construction Workers Association
Democratic National Committee
The Southern Poverty Law Center
North Miami Jaycees
International Black Brotherhood
African American International Foundation
Summit 2000
Miami Coalition for Progress
NAACP
Northside Council
Nelson Mandela Welcome Committee of South Florida
Northside Optimist Club
Inner City Youth Center
National African American Leadership Summit (N.A.A.L.S.)
Kids for Peace Program
Model City Administering Board

Rev. Dr. R. Joaquin Willis

Since 2002, Dr. Willis has served as the Pastor of the Church of the Open Door Congregational, United Church of Christ (UCC), in Miami, Florida. He was called to service at the church because he is both youth and community-oriented. He envisions the church as being responsible for *"captivating and empowering God's community."* Dr. Willis is the official representative, on the National Board of Directors for the Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, of the Ministers for Racial, Social, and Economic Justice, (MRSEJ).

Dr. Willis' ministry extends far beyond the church walls. He is an Adjunct Professor of Old Testament Scriptures at Florida International University (FIU); he is the Board President of the CBG (Collective Banking Group of Miami-Dade & Vicinity Inc.), and is a member of the Board of Directors for National Collective Banking Group, Inc. The CBG (in Miami-Dade and vicinity), is an ecumenical collective of over 60 Christian churches who are in covenant with six local banks working together for the purpose of insuring churches and their members receive equitable treatment in acquiring loans and other banking-related services. Pastor Willis also serves on the Board of Directors for the Belafonte TACOLCY Center, Inc., and the 79th Street Corridor Initiative, Inc., both of which are Community Development, Inc., both of which are Community Development Corporations.

Dr. Willis was ordained in May 1987 at Peoples Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. where he served from 1978 until 1989, when he was called to become the Founding Pastor of The Amistad UCC in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. In 1999, he served as the coordinating pastor of a multicultural merger between St. Paul UCC (a European congregation), and Amistad UCC (an African American congregation). The new church was called "Amistad St. Paul UCC," and is located in Lanham, Maryland.

Dr. Willis was born in Brewton, Alabama, and raised in Mobile, until his high school graduation in 1967. He went on to earn three degrees from Howard University: a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1972, a Masters of Divinity in 1985, and a Doctorate of Ministry in 1987. While completing his education, Dr. Willis began working at the age 19, full-time in the computer industry for companies like IBM, Philips, and Xerox Corporations, in the areas of Sales, Sales Training, and Federal and Commercial Sales Management.

Pastor Willis, and his wife Clarissa, share a call to community service and development. They have a blended family of five children, and four grandchildren. Clarissa was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, and has been a life-long member of the United Church of Christ. She is the perfect 'help-mate' for Pastor Willis. Clarissa is a Commercial Real Estate Broker at CB Richard Ellis, Inc., and is a professional community developer in her own right. The Willis' enjoy studying the Bible together, as well as tennis, swimming, walking, and reading.

WILLIAM WALLACE IV
Vice President of Development of Biscayne Landing

William Wallace IV is the Vice President of Development for Biscayne Landing and a partner with Urban Residential Development Group, an affiliate that is responsible for developing workforce housing. In addition to his responsibilities overseeing the fee development of up to 6,000 future workforce housing units in the City of North Miami, Mr. Wallace is responsible for managing the fee development of off-site projects, which include an Olympic Training Facility housing the combative sports of the Olympic National Governing Boards and a new public library. Mr. Wallace has more than 25 years of real estate experience in the areas of finance and project management relating to a variety of projects including: market rate and workforce housing projects, hospitality developments (convention hotels and casino hotels), retail developments and office/industrial developments.

Mr. Wallace also served as the Chief Executive Officer of an economic development association where he was instrumental in the development of the first high technology business incubator for entrepreneurs of color in the history of New York State at Metrotech Center in Brooklyn. Upon leaving law school, he was Law Clerk in the New York State Supreme Court, and served briefly as an associate counsel in the Appellate Division of the Legal Aid Society.

Wallace is a graduate of Brooklyn College (Bachelor of Arts) and Rutgers University School of Law (Juris Doctorate). He is a former executive member of Community Board #2 in Brooklyn, and a former board member of the Brooklyn YMCA.

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