

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WORKFORCE HOUSING

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROCESSES AND PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE STAFF SATISFACTION AND RETENTION

The Blue Ribbon Committee on Workforce Housing was created by the Board on November 21, 2006, and the members of the Committee were appointed on August 9, 2007. The Committee has met on August 24, 2007 and September 26, 2007 and held a sub-committee meeting on creating a teacher survey meeting of September 20, 2007.

In order to keep the Board advised as to the discussions and progress of this independent Blue Ribbon Committee, attached please find the Committee members roster and the Agenda and Minutes of the two meetings held to date.

The next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee is scheduled for October 24, 2007 at 2 pm.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Receive information on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Workforce Housing.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WORKFORCE HOUSING ROSTER

BOARD MEMBER	APPOINTEE
Mr. Agustin J. Barrera	"A" Buster Castiglia
Dr. Martin Karp	Mr. Andres Asion
Mr. Renier Diaz De La Portilla	Ms. Zully Ruiz
Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer	Ms. Sara Herald
Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman	Ms. Lissette Calderon
Dr. Robert B. Ingram	Mr. Humberto Alonso
Ms. Ana Rivas Logan	Mr. Erik Fresen
Dr. Marta Perez	Mr. Gerald Silverman
Dr. Solomon C. Stinson	Mr. Fred Morley
Miami-Dade County Public Schools Union Coalition, Representative	Mr. Arthur Leichner

**Blue Ribbon Committee on Workforce Housing
Minutes of the August 24, 2007 Meeting**

Voting Members present:

Mr. A. Buster Castiglia
Mr. Zully Ruiz
Ms. Sara Herald
Mr. Humberto Alonso
Mr. Erik Fresen
Mr. Gerald Silverman
Mr. Fred Morley
Mr. Artie Leichner

School Board Members in attendance:

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer
Dr. Marta Perez

Others in attendance:

Ms. Ofelia San Pedro	Ms. Silvia R. Rojas	Mr. Leslie Bowe
Mr. Luis Garcia	Ms. Denise Izquierdo	Ms. Jannette Montalvo
Mr. Peter Shulman	Ms. Libby Pérez	Mr. Fernando Martinez
Mr. Bernie Torra	Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla	Ms. Ana Lara
Mr. Ruben Bertran	Ms. Nadine Pierre-Louis	Ms. Ana R. Craft
Mr. Tony E. Crapp, Sr.		

1. CALL TO ORDER

The initial meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Workforce Housing convened in conference Room 726 of the School Board Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Ms. Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent. The meeting commenced with the introduction of committee members.

2. REVIEW OF BOARD RESOLUTIONS AND TASK FORCE MISSION

Ms. Greer provided the committee with an overview of work previously performed by the Task Force on Affordable Housing and Compensation Trust and the School Board, as indicated in documents provided to the Committee. Ms. Greer informed committee members that the initiative of this effort is to provide our teachers with an avenue to facilitate the purchase of workforce housing, thereby anchoring them to our District. The School Board determined that it is not a core function of the School System to develop a program of this sort. Therefore, it is entrusted to this committee to carry out its mission. Ms. Greer reviewed the mission of the committee which is stated in agenda item B-8 dated November 13, 2006.

3. SELECTION OF CHAIR, OPERATION OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Luis Garcia of the School Board Attorney's office reviewed the guidelines for the operation of the Committee and opened nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. Mr. Buster Castiglia and Ms. Zully Ruiz were selected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

4. ANALYZING THE NEED

The committee recognized that formulating an effective survey was crucial in accurately analyzing the housing need of our teachers. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Buster Castiglia, Ms. Sara Herald, Mr Erik Fresen and Mr. Artie Leichner was formed to develop this survey.

5. HOW TO INCREASE MDCPS EMPLOYEE HOME OWNERSHIP DURING THE HOUSING DOWNTURN

The committee discussed several options and identified areas to be explored related to MDCPS Employee home ownership during the housing downturn. These options included a discussion of proposals which were previously provided to the taskforce. The Chair requested that Raymond James and Citigroup provide the Committee with updated presentations for background informational purposes.

6. BY LAW REVIEW / ONGONG MANAGEMENT OF COMMITTEE

The Bylaws were adopted by the committee with the following changes:
Article 4, Section 2, Line 2 - Membership term appointment shall be made on a two year basis.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Castiglia adjourned the meeting at 3.45 p.m.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WORKFORCE HOUSING

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – ROOM 726

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Mr. Buster Castiglia, Chair |
| II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Mr. Buster Castiglia, Chair |
| III. RAYMOND JAMES PRESENTATION
– MIAMI DADE HOUSING FINANCING | Mr. Michael Kuhn, Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Mr. Philip Harloff, Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Ms. Patricia Braynon, Housing Finance Authority of Miami-Dade
Ms. Amelia Gowdy, Housing Finance Authority of Miami-Dade
Ms. Opal Jones, Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Foundation |
| IV. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE –
TEACHER'S SURVEY | Mr. Buster Castiglia, Chair |
| V. CITIGROUP PRESENTATION | Mr. Michael Baldwin, Citigroup
Mr. Todd Berry, Citi Consumer Lending Group |
| VI. NEW BUSINESS | Committee Members |
| VII. ADJOURNMENT | |