

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, September 26, 2007, October 24, 2007 and November 28, 2007 and held a sub-committee meeting on creating a teacher survey meeting of September 20, 2007 and a sub-committee meeting on Developer's Request For Information/Qualifications of October 23, 2007 and a sub-committee meeting on Subsidy Programs of December 4, 2007.

In order to keep the Board advised as to the discussions and progress of this independent Blue Ribbon Committee attached please find the Minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting and the Agenda of December 12, 2007 meeting.

The next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee is scheduled for January 23, 2008 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 on Workforce Housing
Minutes of the November 21, 2007 Meeting**

Voting Members present:

Mr. A. Buster Castiglia
Mr. Zully Ruiz
Mr. Andres Asion
Mr. Gerald Silverman
Mr. Erik Fresen
Mr. Artie Leichner
Dr. Grace Ali

School Board Members in attendance:

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer
Dr. Marta Perez

Others in attendance:

Ms. Ofelia San Pedro
Ms. Ana Craft
Mr. Ruben Bertran
Ms. Jannette Reyes
Mr. Jaime Torrens
Ms. Susan M. Kairalla

Ms. Silvia R. Rojas
Ms. Libby Perez
Mr. Fernando Martinez
Ms. Luis Garcia
Mr. Alex Khourn

Mr. Marvin Armstrong
Ms. Bertha Valcarcel
Mr. Alberto Milton, Jr.
Ms. Aninely Mayoral
Mr. Peter Shulman

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 10:09 a.m. by Mr. Castiglia, Chair. Dr. Grace Ali, Chief Financial Officer, was welcomed to the committee as the Superintendent's appointee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved.

3. FINALIZE TEACHER'S SURVEY

Mr. Shulman presented the Committee with the finalized Teacher's survey. The survey was scheduled to be distributed, to all teachers via an email directly from School Operations, on November 26, 2007. The committee requested the following changes be made to the Teacher's Survey prior to distribution:

- Add the question – What is the price of the home you would be looking to purchase?
- Add "Total Monthly Payment" and "Other" as options for the question – What is the greatest barrier to home ownership for you?

4. UPDATE ON RFI/Q FOR DEVELOPERS

Ms. Rojas informed the Committee that the Developers RFI/Q had been sent out to:

Ms. Truly Burton – Builders Association of South Florida
Ms. Barbie Rodriguez – Latin Builders Association
Mr. Arden Shank – Neighborhood Housing Services

The RFI/Q was forwarded to all agencies that are listed with the Miami-Dade Community Development Corporation and subsequently by the Builders Association(s) to their network of builders. Mr. Bertran, of Vitran Homes, Corp., advised the Committee that it would be beneficial to have a section on the RFI/Q for the builders to provide contact information. Ms. Rojas advised the Committee that an additional form will be sent out requesting that information. In addition, Ms. Rojas informed the Committee that the responses of the Developers RFI/Q are due on December 13, 2007 to Procurement Management Services and the compiled information will be presented to the Committee at the January meeting.

5. SCHEDULE OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMS

Mrs. Rojas presented the Committee with a matrix of the subsidy programs which are available in Miami-Dade. Ms. Greer requested that the matrix be updated to include the general program offered by Miami Metro Action Plan in addition to the District 3 Teacher's Initiative, which was already listed. Ms. Sara Herald suggested that this matrix be updated by replacing acronyms with their full names, after which it should be made available to the teachers via a link on the website. Ms. Zully Ruiz noted that some of the programs on the matrix may be closed and suggested that staff verify programs are open before making the matrix available to teachers. Ms. Rojas noted that contacting these agencies directly may not be advisable for teachers to do directly. An updated schedule will be provided at the next committee.

6. COMPLETION OF REMAINING TASK WITH TIMELINES

The Committee agreed to have various financial institutions attend a Sub-Committee meeting on December 4, in order to provide the Committee with some insight as to the different programs which are available from the financial institutions. Mr. Castiglia will provide staff with a draft of the letter to be sent out to the financial institutions inviting them to the Sub-Committee meeting on December 4.

Mr. Shulman will work with the marketing department on ideas to communicate the actions of the Committee to the teachers.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Greer advised the Committee that she updates the Board on the progress of the Committee via a Board Item every month. It was suggested that the items include cost associated with the Blue Ribbon Committee Workforce Housing to the Board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further actions the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WORKFORCE HOUSING

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 PM

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. HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS | Mr. David Westcott, Florida Housing
Finance Corporation |
| IV. DEVELOPER SUBSIDY PROGRAM | Mr. William Wallace IV, Biscayne Landing |
| IV. ECONOMIC UPDATE | Mr. Mike Baldwin, Citigroup |
| V. WEBSITE | Mr. Luis Garcia, Board Attorney's Office
Ms. Silvia Rojas, Treasury |
| VI. UPDATE TEACHER SURVEY/MKTG
PLAN/DEVELOPERS RFI/SUBSIDY
SCHEDULE | Mr. Peter Shulman, Human Resources
Ms. Silvia Rojas, Treasury |
| VII. NEW BUSINESS | Committee Members |
| VIII. ADJOURNMENT | |