

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUE

March 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth McNally, Chairperson, at 1:35 pm. Introductions were done. The agenda was approved and the minutes for the February 2007 meeting were approved.

Chairperson's Report: Ms. McNally reported that John Miller, Tesla Waidne, and Susana Maroeder were CODI representatives that attended a Cultural Affairs program entitled "Arts Access Made Easy" on Friday March 9, 2007. John Miller reported that there were speakers from around the country that spoke about different aspects of accessibility. Where formally interpreters stand to the side of the stage and a person must divide their attention between the signer and the performer now shadowing is used and this is when interpreters accompany each actor.

Employment Committee: Ilene Hyams reported that several internship candidates were interviewed and one, John Miller, has started working in ERD.

Access- Transportation Committee: The 2007 CODI-CIL Resource Fair will be held on April 11, 2007 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the lobby of the Clark Center. All CODI members are encouraged to attend and call Ms. McNally with the time that they will be able to man the CODI table.

New Business: Teresita Perez from DSAIL spoke about the Parking Fine enforcement Program. They have about 30 volunteers and they go into all areas of unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The specially trained and certified parking enforcement volunteers can go into commercial sites and condo sites. They are able to write tickets for people who are illegally parked in accessible parking spaces and in the access aisles.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. Following the meeting there was a retirement party for Daniel Holder.