

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

AGENDA

February 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL
33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of January 2013 Minutes and February Agenda
5. CRB Chair's Report
6. Special Report: Financial Disclosure for Advisory Board Members
-Miami-Dade Elections Department
7. CRB Committees
 - Fair Immigration – South Florida Unions Public Speak Out
 - Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement: CRB Trayvon Martin
Action Plan
 - Activities Update*
 - Approval of Expenditures for Youth Advisory Committee*
 - CRB 50th Anniversary Commemoration
8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations
Concerns
 - Need for Community Oversight of Law Enforcement in the
Death of DeCarlos Moore and Other Police Involved Shootings
 - Others
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January December 21, 2011, 2 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st St., 18-4**

The CRB General Membership Meeting was called to order by the vice chair, Reinaldo Valdes.

The Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was affirmed.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Maria Artecona and seconded by Wilfredo Ruiz. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve the November 2011 Minutes was made by Reinaldo Valdes and seconded by Lovette McGill. The motion was approved.

1. Conversation with Board of County Commission Chairwoman

Presentation: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa addressed the meeting: The chairwoman thanked Dr. Richardson and crb members and staff for dedication and all they do for community. It is time for the CRB to bring everyone together. Need to go into community and to educate youth. I want the CRB to act before the fact, not just react. I am focused on being family oriented and asking people what you can give to community, regardless of language, color of hair or skin, we are all the same. Regarding the upcoming George Zimmerman trial Chairwoman Sosa stated that we will have to all be involved in trial, irregardless of the outcome. We need to embrace and help community in whatever way we can. if you have opportunity, p[lease to review booklet "breaking the cycle" which includes recommendations, suggestions and ideas to change the correctional system and stop the revolving door. The Mayor and I are planning to work with that.

Questions and Answers: Dr. Richardson stated that the CRB will submit a report to the Chair highlighting what the CRB has done. We will be active in being proactive for community in preparation for George Zimmerman trial and CRB 50 anniversary celebration.

2. CRB Committees

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement: CRB Trayvon Martin Action Plan: Vickie Smith Jackson reported that the committed is looking at next steps for youth summit and action plan to promote non violence and social action. We will meet tomorrow with the Youth Commission and will discuss a date. We have been consolidating support and reaching our to youth commission and other organizations. We will create website and develop more formal participation. We have received notifications from youth organizations expressing interest in involvement. – We will seek resources from the County Commissioners including

television air time and production services to share air information about the trial, public service announcements and non violence messages. Great time to get crb website to post information for the public.

Discussion: Need to update the CRB website and post information about the trial and the CRB. We will work with the county to post information. Want to post PSA's to the general public. Want the public to know to go to our website to get good information about the case. Website is now is outdated and it needed timely updates. We need to bring in social media advisory group. In the past it has been hard to get assistance to update the county website. Mr. Tavakoly created a web site for the community relations foundation which is up and running with no content and under construction. Mr. Tavakoly introduced a guest, Miriam Rony (phonetic), a recipient of the Asian advisory board scholarship and an FIU student, noting that she will be working with the office of advocacy as well as noted that another individual majoring in marketing might be working as an intern in the office of advocacy could assist with the website.

Fair Immigration: Mr. Valdes asked that the CRB Fair Immigration Committee convene soon and that a date be set for the meeting. It is important to demonstrate that the CRB is on the front of this battle. Thursday, January 24, at 1 p.m. was selected. Mr. Martinez, Mr. Tavakoly and Martha Gonzalez-Roviroso volunteered to participate. Dr. Richardson stated that the CRB executive committee decided to discuss the immigration summit at its next meeting. We are waiting for bills to come out. Ms. Carswell reported that Brian Siegal, Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee has requested that the CRB serve as a participating organization for an Immigration Symposium scheduled for March. He invited crb to be listed as participant on Bridge of America Symposium for stakeholders on March 7. Dr. Richardson: advised Carswell to inform Mr. Siegal that the CRB will be there.

3. CRB Chair's Report

- Dr. Richardson reported that Commissioner Sosa is the new BCC chair and the vice chair is Commissioner Bell. There are a lot of people who don't know what we do. It is incumbent that we continually inform the Commissioners of what we do and how we do it so we have credibility and some insurance of continuation. The County is looking at ways to make cuts. We need to make people aware of what we do daily.
- We are working to ensure the Commissioners are aware of the CRB's Trayvon Martin Action. Dr., Richardson is working as the CRB's representative to the Homeland Security Task Force. We are recommending that the judge be sensitive to the timing of trial outcome as June 10 children are out of school. We are hoping that the date will be changed so we have control of school aged children regardless of the verdict. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Shohat will be invited to attend the next Task Force meeting.

A new member orientation held last month. You will be getting form (financial disclosure) form from elections department that is required from all board members. I urge all CRB members to complete and send back.

- Last week was the anniversary of the Haiti earthquake. Mr. Valdes and Mr. Fulton were present at the memorial service to represent the CRB.
- The Board of County Commissioners issued a resolution to President Obama urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform. CRB past Chair Adora Obi Nweze was names regional red cross director and responsible for volunteer services.
- Amy Carswell attended a meeting of the City of Miami CRB meeting to talk about what we do. Rabbi Schiff and Marjory York were also present along. We may have a joint meeting in the future.
- We received letter from Florida Lt Governor notifying us that no further meetings re: stand your ground law. Will be held by the Governor's Task Force.
- I was interviewed on Bishop Curry's radio program about an incident that has possible ramifications later. A black store owner's business (Green Shoe store) was torn down. The CRB was there to make sure did not further infuriate community.
- I have also been involved in another action impacting relations in the from black community. The majority of members from local union involved in Dr. MLK Festival had difficulty with understanding some non communications as to the level of commitment for county's involvement. We think the issue has been resolved and that will promote better relationship with the union. Ms. McGill was instrumental in these negotiations.
- Ms. McGill was asked to report on her activities as a member of the Mayor's Task Force that is developing recommendations to improve elections in Miami-Dade County. She reported that we have met several times. We can fix some things here and others we cannot and must be addressed in Tallahassee. The number of early voting days was a major issue. Some preferred to use the maximum number of hours; however, the county election advisory board recommends 9 days, encompassing both weekends. We understood that the county's may not be able to accommodate 14 days due to their budget. So we wanted to stay in the middle. It looks like the state will now allow the county to have jurisdiction over the number of days of early voting. The mayor and our board suggested 14 days.

4. Discussions and Determinations **CRB 50th Anniversary Commemoration**

Dr. Capp reported that an overview of activities planned and proposed are provided in the meeting package. Activities will be both commemorative and educational. Now is the time to determine doable activities with the level of significance that will allow us to accomplish our goals 1) The university of Miami is sponsoring event with Dr Raymond Mohl who will be speaking on origins and early history of Miami-Dade CRB. 2) Looking at 2 day conference, May 22, 23, event. At Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus. Day 1 will be a series of workshops and discussions with high school and college students and workshops and training for municipal crb members and other municipalities interested in establishing a CRB. We also hope to involve the dept. of justice partners and others to help facilitate workshops. Also planning a commemorative luncheon featuring a keynote address by nationally recognized speaker and will recognize previous CRB leadership at that event as well as highlight prominent activities. Mr. Tavakoly has put together a website to post information and begin to get the word out. We have established a nonprofit corporation; the foundation for community relations. Wish to acknowledged the A. Phillip Randolph foundation and Ms. McGill for the first check for \$1,000. Dr. Schiff said that he had given Ms. Carswell a copy of a Miami Herald article that was written 3 days before establishment of the CRB. The late Archbishop Coleman Carroll called leaders of various faiths together and established document calling for fair treatment for all people in housing, employment, etc. and calling on county to establish a crb. Rabbi Schiff has been asked to sponsor an interfaith Sabbath weekend to be chaired by rabbi schiff. Other items need additional work such as public relations and outreach activities.

Dr. Richardson: when do we know what we will/will not do and how can board help other than financially? Dr. Capp stated that a final report is anticipated at the February CRB meeting. We will determine support items at the committees next meeting probably within 2 weeks. The budget for the events is estimated at \$30,000 - \$40,000. Mr. Valdes stated that he is working to encourage members of the Board of County Commissioners to contribute. Each has received a letter and Mr. Valdes will contact them directly for cash or in-kind donations.

Action Item:

It was moved by Rabbi Schiff and seconded by Vickie Smith Jackson that CRB members be encouraged to make every effort to give, or to get a \$1,000 contribution. The motion was adopted.

5. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

Removal of Greene Dreams Shoe Care Center, Inc : Dr Richardson reported that Mr. Green owned a family business for over 50 years near 62 st/7ave. , a shoe repair business. The building is owned by the county is slated for a transit

village in the area. Tenants have been encouraged to leave and relocation has been offered. Everyone left but Mr. Green. He was offered concessions and to move business across the street but wanted to remain. The City of Miami condemned the building as an unsafe structure and he was encouraged to leave as soon as possible. The building was demolished two weeks ago. Mr. Green not happy with outcome. The community saying foul and others saying other businesses understood what was going on. The unsafe structure designation was the deciding factor over his leaving, even though lease was through may 2014. Dr. Richardson will be a meeting with Bishop Victor Curry, local president of local network founded by reverend Al Sharpton and there may be plans for a confrontation later this month. Staff represented the CRB at the site on the day of demolition.

Miami-Dade Transit Participation in Dr. MLK Jr. Parade and Festival

Lovette McGill reported that for 30 years the county allowed employees to be booked off to participate in the MLK parade and provide older historical vehicles and drivers. The Transit Director notified the union that only 6 drivers and 6 busses would be provided and not booking off labor. We tried to come up with an agreement regarding booked off employees (county pays them for the day). The Transit Director said that holiday leave must be used if employees wanted to participate in the parade. Previously up to 50 employees were booked off for the parade plus 18 fulltime employees with the union. Discussions went back and forth. I asked for 20 rather than the 50 and was told no. I called Amy Carswell and asked for help. Dr. Richardson, Priscilla Dames Blake and others then got involved. Due to the diligence of these efforts, the union made some concessions and the union agreed to pay.

Environmental Justice / Health Issues in Broadmore Community

Amy Carswell was asked to report on a statement issued by Commissioner Monestime's office concerning the Broadmore community in north Dade. The recycling plant that changed its activities and concern about possible cancer cluster. The Health dept did not find a cancer cluster but found disturbing stomach cancers and others not at a level greater than expected. Commissioner Monestime is working with dept of environmental resource management to do further study of area. Dr. Richardson asked that if it becomes an issue, we could bring the health dept to speak to us. Ms. Dames- Blake asked for information in writing to forward to her board and her constituents in the black community. Dr. Richardson asked that we get with Commissioner Monestime to see if they are satisfied with investigation and if not, we will get involved. Ms. McGuire stated that it would be in best of our interest to involve the EPA since they have resources to conduct an investigation.

Miami-Dade Gun Violence Legislation and Local Initiatives

Amy Carswell reported that Commission Barbara Jordan had submitted legislative proposals to the Board of County Commissioners encouraging local and state laws aimed at reducing the prevalence of high powered guns and ammunition and calling for background checks and identification of gun purchasers. The items will come before the BCC on January 28th.

Action Items:

Dr. Capp made a motion and Dr. McGuire seconded the motion that the CRB issue a statement in support of the Resolutions proposed by Commissioner Jordan to reduce the availability of guns and their use in violent crime.

Mario Artecona made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by George Yap. The motion was adopted.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
 MEETING DATE: January 16, 2013

	MEMBERS	PRESENT	LATE	ABSENT
1	<i>Mario Artecona,</i>	X		
2	<i>Dr. Larry Capp</i>	X		
3	<i>Lyse Cuellar-Vidal</i>			X
4	<i>Priscilla Dames-Blake</i>	X		
5	<i>Valerie Lynn Davis-Bailey</i>	X		
6	<i>Michell Dunaj Lucking</i>	X		
7	<i>Ronald Fulton</i>	X		
8	<i>Rev. Eddie Gervais</i>	X		
9	<i>Martha Gonzalez-Rovirosa</i>	X		
10	<i>Ahmed Kabani</i>	X		
11	<i>Harlene Kennedy</i>	X		
12	<i>Maritza Lopez</i>	X		
13	<i>Herman Martinez</i>	X		
14	<i>Lovette McGill</i>	X		
15	<i>Dr. Helen Lawrence McGuire</i>	X		
16	<i>Dr. Walter Richardson</i>	X		
17	<i>Wilfredo Ruiz</i>	X		
18	<i>Brian Siegal</i>			X
19	<i>Rabbi Solomon Schiff</i>	X		
20	<i>Edward Shohat</i>			X
21	<i>Vickie M. Smith Jackson</i>	X		
22	<i>Farzana M. Tapia</i>	X		
23	<i>Adam Tavakoly</i>	X		

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24	<i>Reinaldo Valdes</i>	X		
25	<i>Dr. Harold A. Vieux</i>			
26	<i>L. George Yap</i>	X		
27	<i>Marjorie York</i>	X		
28	<i>Dr. Faisal Kaleem</i>			X

Miami-Dade must push state to reduce gun violence

Pregnant woman and her unborn child gunned down outside a friend's house. Father-of-nine found murdered in his own driveway. Police detective ambushed, killed by gang member with assault rifle. All of us have heard the terrible accounts describing the deadly toll of gun violence in Miami-Dade County. It is time that we take the next steps that are needed to put an end to it.

The mass killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the Colorado movieplex, the Sikh Temple in Wisconsin, and at Columbine High School in Denver are truly shocking and horrible. But day-after-day, the death toll from gun violence in our own community seems a never-ending nightmare.

There is no doubt that our community has made tremendous progress in reducing crime rates, including violent crime, in the past 20 years. We have accomplished this amazing feat by combining tough and vigilant law enforcement with community-based initiatives aimed at crime prevention.

Now, it is time for the next step. Our efforts will be most rewarded by focusing on reducing the availability of high powered, automatic assault weapons and high capacity ammunition.

I am calling upon my colleagues on the County Commission to adopt a series of resolutions that would urge the Legislature and Congress to act. (See the details of the resolutions at miamidade.gov).

Please contact commissioners and Mayor Carlos Gimenez and let them know that you support these common sense actions. This must be a collective effort.

Barbara Jordan, commissioner, Miami-Dade Commission

Outcome of Board of County Commission Determinations on Resolutions Regarding Gun
Violence in Miami-Dade County

Items Considered January 23, 2013

- 1) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to increase the penalty for possession of an AK-47 or other semi-automatic assault weapon during commission of a felony. **10-1**
- 2) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to increase criminal penalties for the use of assault weapon ammunition during the commission of a felony. **9-1**
- 3) Resolution urging the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to ban the possession of high capacity ammunition magazines by individuals who are not law enforcement and to require identification markings on newly manufactured high capacity magazines. **7-4**
- 4) Resolution urging the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to require any purchaser of ammunition, except a law enforcement officer, to provide a driver's license or other picture identification. **9-1**
- 5) Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to require mandatory background checks of the purchasers of firearms from any licensed or unlicensed vendor or at gun shows. **9-1**
- 6) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to permit local registration of privately-owned firearms. **No second.**

BLACK HISTORY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2013 EVENTS

(Miami, FL) – Miami-Dade County residents and visitors are encouraged to take part in a number of exciting events to celebrate Black History Month in February. The Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board's Heritage Planning Committee along with various community based organizations have scheduled a number of events that pay homage to this year's national theme: "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation & the March on Washington."

The following is a list of countywide events and activities commemorating Black History Month. Events with (*) are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Black Affairs Advisory Board's Heritage Planning Committee. For more information, please visit www.miamidade.gov/baab.

Monthlong:

February 1-28, 2013
Black History Month Exhibit*

Special Events Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Concert is on

Tuesday February 5

12:30 p.m. Black Affairs Advisory Board's Black History Month exhibit featuring Kinad, Inc.'s African American Timeline and the celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Centennial (1913-2013). Address: Stephen P. Clark Center Lobby, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida Details: (305) 375-4606

Cost: Free and open to the public

Wednesday, February 6

Friends & Family Night at UniverSoul Circus*

7:30 p.m. Address: Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar, Florida Details: (305) 375-4606 Cost: Tickets: \$17.50 per person Purchase tickets using the code: SFEN to receive this discount @ www.universoulcircus.com *

"Like" the Black Affairs Advisory Board's Facebook page for a chance to win free tickets!

Thursday, February 7

Village Dialogue: Economic Development & the Black World Community*

7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Black Affairs Advisory Board, Wingspan Seminars and the Beacon Council Address: Fountain of New Life Church, 4601 NW 167th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida Details: (305) 375-4606

Cost: Free and open to the public

Saturday, February 9

Casino Royale Fundraiser to benefit Young Pillars Scholarship Fund *

1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Bus leaves promptly at 1:00 p.m. from Golden Glades Bus Terminal. Cost: \$30.00 per person- includes \$20 rebate-must be on bus to redeem.

(Must purchase tickets by February 7th)

Details: (305) 375-4606

Sunday, February 10

Film Showcase

"Black Miami"

2:00 p.m. a film by Michael Williams* An opportunity to meet the film makers and the story behind the film which illustrates the impact Blacks have had on the founding and development of Miami. Address: HistoryMiami Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida Details: (305) 375-1492

Cost: Free & Open to the public

Saturday, February 16

Black History Month Annual Extravaganza*

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Address: African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Avenue, Miami, Florida "Entertainment, vendors, food & Senior Steppers. Details: (305) 375-4606 Cost: Free and open to the public (vendors and food will be on site)

Saturday, February 23

HistoryMiami? Presents: A Conversation on Historically Black High Schools 2:00 p.m. Address: 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida Details: (305) 375-1492 Cost: Free and open to the public

Saturday, February 23

Miami Jackson Senior High School " 29th Annual Oldie Goldie Show" 7:30 p.m. Address: 1751 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida (Auditorium) Details: Eric Jenkins, (305) 318-8372 or ericj43@comcast.net Cost: \$10 per person donation

Saturday, February 23

Ankara Miami 2013 Second Annual Fashion & Cultural Show 7:30 p.m. Address: Kovens Conference Center, FIU North Campus, 3000 N.E. 151st Street, N. Miami Beach, Florida Details: Evelyn Onyejuruwa (Miss Nigeria Florida 2011-2012), (305) 924-2071 Cost: \$35 in advance/\$50 at the door

Sunday, February 24

Second Annual 'Gospel fest' * Featuring local churches, choirs and performers 4:00 -7:00 p.m. Address: South Dade Cultural Arts Center, 10950 SW 211th Street, Miami, Florida Details: (305) 375-4606 or www.sdacac.org



BLACK AFFAIRS
ADVISORY BOARD

*These events are coordinated by the Black Affairs Advisory Board's Heritage Planning Committee, which is comprised of Miami-Dade employees who volunteer their time and talents. For further details, call (305) 375-4606 or visit the website at www.miamidade.gov/baab.

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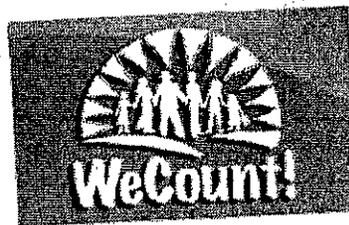
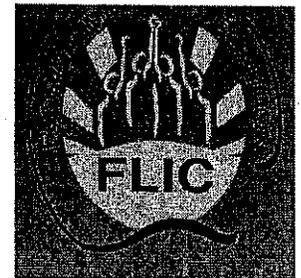
PUBLIC SPEAK OUT ON IMMIGRATION

When: Thursday, February 28, 2013
6:00 PM

Where: Miami Gardens City Hall
1515 NW 167th Street
Building 5, Suite 200
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Who: Elected Officials, Labor,
Concerned Citizens!!!

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee
ACTION PLAN

*To Promote Non-Violence in Response to the Trayvon Martin Murder
Trail and Court Proceedings*

Activities Update, February 20, 2013

CRB Youth Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 4 – 7 p.m., at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center. More than 35 people attended including 25 young people representing seven youth organizations. The highlight was a ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: wherein the youth provided input on the CRB Action Plan. The young people and the adult organization leaders also completed a form giving their input on components of the plan including: community awareness, advocacy and action steps.

The CRB Executive Committee: discussed the action plan and the input provided by the youth advisory group. See input attached. Based on that input a listing of observations were compiled regarding strategies and next steps.

The CRB Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Action Planning Group convened on February 12 to process the input provided by the youth, discuss impression and determine next steps. The primary result was the development of a preliminary agenda for a Youth Summit to Promote Non-Violence. (See Draft Agenda attached.)

Committee co-chair Vickie Jackson met with the Chair of the Miami-Dade Youth Commission on last week to discuss the proposed agenda and next steps. The Chairman approved the agenda and the summit date. He said that the Commission was committed to working with us to implement the action plan and to conduct the summit.

Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and
Miami-Dade County Youth Commission

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Youth Summit to Promote Non-Violence

In Response to the Trayvon Martin Murder Trial and Court Proceedings

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 1 – 4 p.m.

Board of County Commission Chambers, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL, 33128

Taking Action to Empower and Protect Our Youth and Our Community

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Summit Conveners:
 - Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Chair, Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board
 - Jude Bruno, Chair, Miami-Dade County Youth Commission**County Leaders: Honorable Barbara Jordan and Xavier Suarez**
Representative of the Trayvon Martin Family

2. **The Cost of Violent Civil Unrest in Miami-Dade County:** Video presentation on the impacts of past civil disturbances/violence in Miami-Dade County

3. **Introduction of the Youth Panel or the Facilitator/Facilitators**

4. **Youth Speak Out : *What do we need to do to promote non-violence and keep the peace in our community?***

5. **Things You May Need To Know about the Upcoming Trial and Legal Proceedings:** presentations followed by questions, answers and comments from youth.
 - **The Legal Issues**
 - **Miami-Dade Police Department Strategies**
 - **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Responses**
 - **News Media Coverage**

6. **Youth Speak Out II: *How do we engage the youth in non-violent responses and creating positive change?***

7. **Summary and Next Steps:**
 - Dr. Walter T. Richardson, CRB
 - Jude Bruno, Youth Commission

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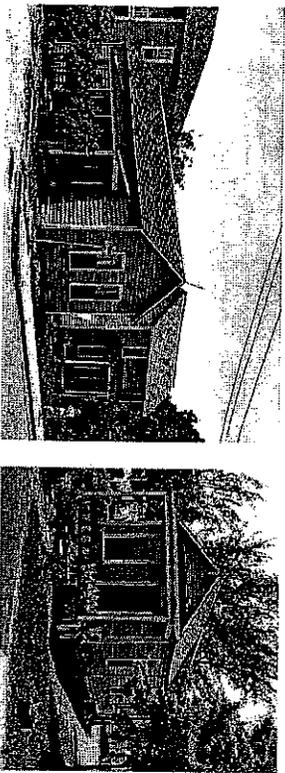
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Miami Dade Coumminty Relations Board
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ATTN: Amy Carswell

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Historic photos of the Overtown community (Top Left, Right) and 1963 meeting formative to the Community Relation Board's creation (Bottom Right), courtesy of UM Richter Library, Coral Gables. 1967 aerial view of I-95 during construction, courtesy of John Pineda/MIAMI HERALD (Bottom Left).

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Presenting the first lecture for Spring 2013 in our
Urban & Environmental Sustainability Initiative

*"The Origins and Early History of the Miami-
Dade County Community Relations Board"*

Raymond A. Mohl, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of History
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Professor Mohl is a specialist in modern U.S. urban, ethnic, and social history. His most recent book is *Interstate: Highway Politics and Policy since 1939*, co-authored with Mark H. Rose and focusing on the impact of urban expressways on American cities. He is currently completing another book on the history of race and ethnic relations in Miami, Florida, to be published by the University Press of Florida.

Dr. Mohl will discuss the history of human and community relations in Miami, which led to the formation of a Community Relations Board (CRB) in the 1960s. The CRB was considered "Miami's most significant weapon" in achieving the goals of the human relations agenda - holding to the belief that a true democracy embraced diversity and tolerance, and supported equal rights and justice.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center
1215 Dickinson Drive
UM Coral Gables Campus

6:00 PM, Glasgow Lecture Hall
Reception to follow in the Korach Gallery

This event is free and open to the public. Due to limited space, please RSVP by February 25th.
For RSVPs or questions, please call: 305-284-6636, e-mail: civicengagement@miami.edu or visit: www.miami.edu/civic.

Important Addresses

Pavia Parking Garage:

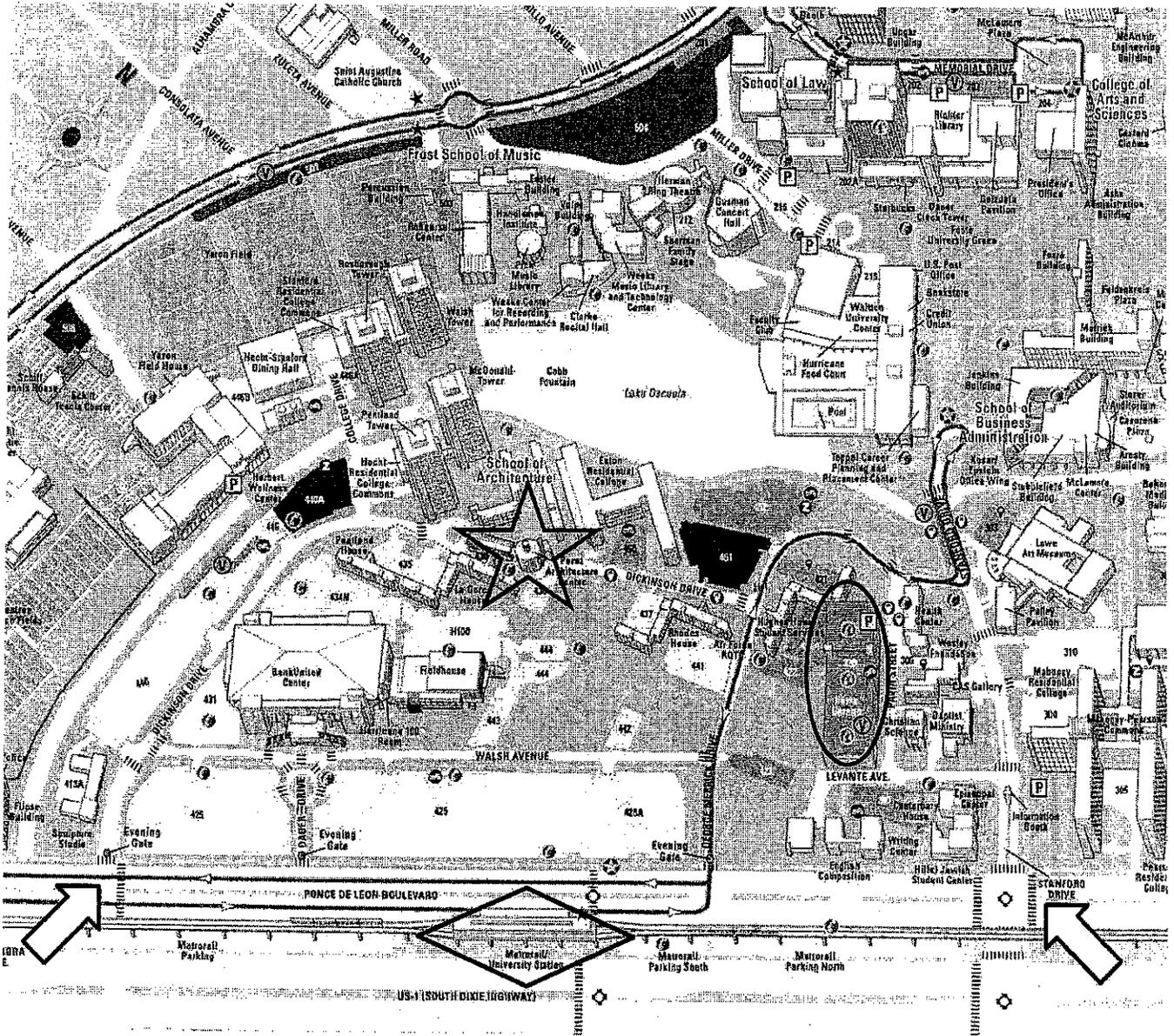
5615 Pavia Street
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Glasgow Lecture Hall:

1215 Dickinson Dr.
Coral Gables, FL 33146

UM Event Parking and Location Key

-  University Metro Station
-  Entrance to University of Miami
-  Pavia Parking Garage *Free after 5pm*
-  Free Parking after 4pm *Metered spaces after 6pm*
-  School of Architecture Glasgow Lecture Hall



Miami civilian panel to decide on police shooting of unarmed man

BY KATHLEEN McGRORY
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Pedro Portal / El Nuevo Herald

07/09/2010 - Overtown- Rev. Jesse Jackson, prayed with Mary Williams, the mother of DeCarlos Moore, who was killed by Miami police officer Joseph Marin. The city of Miami's civilian oversight agency will decide on Tuesday whether to exonerate Marin.

The city of Miami's civilian oversight agency will decide on Tuesday whether to exonerate the Miami police officer who shot and killed an unarmed man, DeCarlos Moore, in 2010.

The agency's independent counsel has determined that Officer Joseph Marin's use of deadly force was reasonable and did not violate city policy.

But community activists believe the Civilian Investigative Panel's investigation is flawed, and say members of the public have been deliberately blocked from voicing their concerns. They plan to challenge the investigation's findings on Tuesday.

"The CIP has failed to take a real and serious look at the DeCarlos Moore shooting," said Nathaniel Wilcox, executive director of People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality, the community group known as PULSE. "Instead of protecting the community, they've been more concerned about protecting the police department."

Marin has already been cleared of wrongdoing by state prosecutors. He was one of seven Miami police officers who fatally shot black men in 2010 and 2011. Five of the men, including Moore, were unarmed.

In 2011, a coalition of community groups including PULSE, the ACLU and the NAACP called on the Civilian Investigative Panel to conduct an independent review of each case. The CIP's complaints subcommittee took up the Moore shooting earlier this month. The full panel will hear the case on Tuesday.

Jeanne Baker, who chairs the Miami ACLU police practices committee, said the coalition tried to distribute its own report on the Moore shooting to the 13-member civilian panel in advance of Tuesday's meeting. The coalition also asked for the opportunity to address the panel before the vote.

But both requests were denied by CIP Chairman Thomas Cobitz.

"The ACLU is essentially being stonewalled," Baker said.

Cobitz said the agenda was too long to include the additional documents, and that Baker and other members of the coalition will be able to speak during the public comment part of the meeting, which comes after the vote.

"We do listen to the coalition," Cobitz said, noting that members have spoken on the issue at prior CIP hearings. "We know their concerns. But our job is to look at the facts and evaluate things using a procedure. We can't just change our procedure because our friends want us to."

Marin was a rookie officer when he shot and killed Moore. On the night of July 5, Marin and his field-trainings officer, Vionna Brown-Williams, pulled up behind Moore's white Honda Accord on Northwest First Place in Overtown and ran the license plate through a national database. The computer said the vehicle might be stolen.

Before the officers could conduct a traffic stop, Moore, 36, pulled over and got out of his car, according to the CIP investigation. The officers got out of their patrol car and ordered Moore to put his hands up.

"Suddenly, and without explication, [Moore] turned away from Officer Marin and began hurriedly walking or running toward the drivers' door of the Honda," the CIP report concluded. "Mr. Moore reached into the drivers' door as if to retrieve something... As Mr. Moore emerged, Officer Marin saw a shiny, metallic object in Mr. Moore's hand."

Marin fired a single bullet to the head, killing Moore.

Investigators later determined that the metallic object was a clump of rock cocaine wrapped in aluminum foil. Further complicating matters, the computer system had made a mistake: Moore's car was not stolen.

In 2011, Miami-Dade state prosecutors concluded that Marin was justified in using lethal force.

"After a thorough review of all the facts, evidence and witness statements and studiously examining existing Florida statutes, it is our conclusion that the shooting death of DeCarlos Moore did not involve any criminal violation of Florida law," Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle said at the time.

But family members and community activists were dissatisfied with the findings, and called on the CIP to conduct an independent investigation.

Baker, of the ACLU, said she was disappointed with the CIP investigation because it did not address whether Marin had followed proper procedure in the events leading up to the shooting. She said the analysis also fails to address whether Marin had adhered to the department's use-of-force policy.

"There is no indication in the recommendation that the CIP complaints committee has looked at the policy and procedure violations that we believe need investigation," she said.

Cobitz said he did not doubt that Marin followed protocol.

"Was it reasonable for a police officer to want to question someone driving a vehicle that appeared to be stolen? Absolutely," he said.

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On July 5, 2010 DeCarlos Moore an unarmed Black man was shot and killed by a city of Miami Police officer. When it became known that the City of Miami Civilian Investigative Panel (CIP) was not investigating this incident, the Miami Dade NAACP joined the ACLU in filing a complaint. As one of the primary organizations that worked to establish the CIP it is the NAACP's opinion that such shootings should be investigated by the CIP as a matter of policy. Furthermore, we wanted a CIP which would work to reduce such killings. While we believe that the CIP should review the findings of the State Attorney and the Police, supplementing with their own investigators any gaps observed, and if problems are found, recommend procedural changes, that are not where the emphasis should be. If the CIP's review and investigation shows errors have been made the CIP should call them. However, as a general rule the conclusion of the State Attorney and the Police Department can be expected to hold from a legalistic standpoint. The question the CIP needs to ask is whether the shooting needed to happen. Deaths of unarmed persons like DeCarlos Moore need to be extremely rare. What could be done differently to still ensure the public safety and have avoided a death. Should policies be adjusted? Should new practices be developed? Are there training areas that need attention? Unfortunately what I observed was a rigorous review of the rationale of why the law would not allow the State Attorney to prosecute. I did not see a point by point review of whether or not any policies might have been violated. My real disappointment was that asking the question that Chief Timoney told me he always asked, and that is: "Did the shooting need to happen?" does not appear to be the practice of the CIP. When the CIP was founded, Commissioner Art Teele stressed that greatest impact the CIP could have was as a force for changes in police practices. The tragic death of DeCarlos Moore should not be in vain and a hard look by the CIP at the reviews by the ACLU and the listening to citizen input should be a place to start.

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