

**Miami-Dade County
Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC)**

Dr. Antonio Jorge, Chairman

111 NW 1 Street – 6th Floor

Friday, July 18, 2008

1:30 pm

AGENDA

Call to Order	Dr. Jorge, Chairman, SEDC
Welcome and Introduction	Dr. Jorge, Chairman, SEDC
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Jorge, Chairman, SEDC
OTHER ITEMS	
A) Chairman's Update	Dr. Jorge, Chairman, SEDC
B) Discussion – Efficiencies in Development Process	Tom Marko, County Executive Office, Development Coordinator
C) Presentation – OCED Consolidated Plan	Jose Cintron, Director, OCED
D) Reporting on Social Equity Efforts	Dr. Lipner, Member, SEDC
F) Public Comments	General Public
G) Next Meeting Date	August 15, 2008
H) Agenda Topics for August 15 th meeting	Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director OSBM
ADJOURNMENT	Chairman

Agenda Attachments: OCED Consolidated Plan

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September 19, 2008

F) Agenda Topics for September 19th meeting

Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director
OSBM

ADJOURNMENT

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Agenda Attachments:

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008
111 NW 1st Street – 6th Floor
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Dr. Antonio Jorge; Dr. Kenneth Lipner; Dr. German Munoz; Dr. Maria D. Espino; Frank de Varona; Dr. Jesus Permy; Dr. Raul Moncarz; Mrs. Elisa Moncarz; Reinaldo L. Azan, Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo; and Dr. Leonardo Rodriguez.

Miami-Dade County Staff and Others in Attendance

Jennifer Glazer-Moon (OSBM); Bob Schwarzreich (Planning and Zoning); Dr. Robert Cruz (OSBM); Dr. Larry Capp (Community Advocacy); Keith Connor (OCA); Oscar J. Braynon (Community Advocacy); Reinaldo M. Valdes (MDC CRB Exec. Board); Marlene Blanco (MMA); Amanda Jayska (OSBM); Robert Kirschbaum (OSBM); Elsie Douge (OCED); Pamela Scales (OCED); Felipe Rivero (OCED); and Dennis Wrinn (OCED).

Members Excused Absence

Dr. William Atkins; Dr. Pedro Pellett; Dr. Bernadette West; Dr. Juan Clark; Dr. Willie Williams and Manny Armada (Planning & Zoning)

Members Unexcused Absence

Michael Lavin.

Call to Order – Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jorge opened the meeting at 1:55 p.m. He first asked the attendees to introduce themselves and then asked Mr. Wrinn to brief the Council on the excused and unexcused absences. Mr. Wrinn stated the reason why some of the other members were unable to make it according to e-mail messages he received from them. Dr. Jorge made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2008 meeting and asked the members if they had any corrections/changes to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lipner. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Dr. Jorge indicated that he would like to change the order of the agenda because Dr. Larry Capp has a video to present to the Council and is finishing a meeting currently. Dr. Jorge invited Ms. Glazer-Moon to begin with an overview of the budget process.

Ms. Glazer-Moon informed the attendees that the budget will be released on Tuesday, June 24. She also notified them that her presentation will be very brief because she must soon leave the meeting to finish the printing of the budget. Ms. Glazer-Moon explained in details the impact the budget will have on some of the County's departments, such as the Airport and Transit. She mentioned that the anticipated fare increase has been deferred, but that some reductions in the transit bus lines will still take place. She continued by explaining the level of revenues that are

needed for a smooth operation. She also indicated that the extension of the Metrorail is in the planning stage. Dr. Lipner made a comment saying that a fare increase sometime decreases the number of riders and that low-income people will probably be the most affected as they are the ones who often use public transportation.

New Member Nomination

Dr. Jorge notified the Council that Dario Moreno resigned from his position as a member of the council and that the Council has now one vacancy. He again emphasized the fact that the members should make every effort to attend the monthly meetings. Dr. Jorge then suggested that Dr. Larry Capp be nominated as a new Council member. Dr. Jorge made a motion to vote on Mr. Capp's nomination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lipner and Dr. Moncarz and carried unanimously. Mr. Wrinn indicated that he will prepare the necessary documents to present Mr. Capp's nomination to the BCC for approval. Dr. Jorge stated that he would like to add 6 new members to the Council. The BCC, he said, will soon make a decision on this matter.

Dr. Jorge opened the floor to Dr. Larry Capp to begin his presentation. Dr. Capp began his presentation by giving a brief overview of the study prepared on King County (Seattle) entitled; "Equity & Social Justice Initiative" which depicts the opportunities that the residents of King County could have regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, immigration status, sexual orientation or disability. The result would be that a new, better and very different King County would emerge. Dr. Capp presented the Council with a video which demonstrated the various issues to be advocated. The video focused overall on ethnicity and racial differences. The King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative takes aim at these inequities and injustices and will do all that is possible to address and correct these inequities and promote equal opportunity for all residents. King County will look at new approaches and use the following principles to guide its work:

- Move "upstream" to address the root causes of inequities
- Actively seek out and promote decisions and policies aimed at equity
- Empower communities
- Work across agencies and departments
- Recognize and honor cultural differences
- Aim for long-term, permanent change

Dr. Capp explained that these changes will have to take place from the bottom up. This is the right path to change a city. The Mayor of Seattle has been invited to be in Miami on July 10 to attend a summit where he could use this opportunity to brief all the Commissioners and the County Mayor on his concept. The Mayor of Seattle has indicated his willingness to attend. One or two representatives may also attend the summit. The history of Seattle, Dr. Capp said, is very similar to the history of Miami-Dade County. Dr. Capp said that the Mayor is very serious about this project and the focus is to elevate the communities. Dr. Capp said that it will be a great opportunity to learn what other counties are doing and what is being done to elevate their communities. Dr. Capp indicated that he looks forward to the July 10 summit and would like to get everyone's input and suggestions to make this event successful. Now is the time to act.

Dr. Jorge intervened to let Dr. Capp know that it would be worthwhile to have the Council members participate in the summit as these ideas have been advocated by the Council for a long time. Dr. Jorge asked if anyone would be interested in getting involved. After clarifying some of the questions that Dr. Lipner had as to his involvement in his membership in the Council, he agreed to offer his help to Dr. Capp and work with him in any capacity where his help would be useful. A

motion for a vote was made by Dr. Jorge on the involvement of Dr. Lipner. The motion was seconded by Dr. Permuy. All were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items:

Sunset Review Report –

The deferment of the Sunset Review was explained by Dr. Cruz due to an amendment to the Ordinance. Some of the responses to the items on page 3 of the report were discussed and suggested changes were made. A motion was made to accept the Sunset Review as amended. The motion carried as all were in favor.

A discussion followed about inviting someone from the Miami-Dade County School Board to make a presentation to the Council. Dr. Lipner said that he and Dr. Atkins have long suggested that someone from the School Board should be invited to attend one of the Council's meetings. Several names were suggested by some of the Council members. A few of the members at time disagreed with some of the suggested names because of the great conflict that presently exists at the School Board. These members stated that they are not interested in listening to their internal conflict or problem, but would rather have a thorough presentation on how the school system works. The members were mostly of the opinion that it would be preferable to invite someone who is experienced and familiar with the Miami-Dade County school system, but is not presently involved in the School Board administration. The School Board invitee will be contacted by phone by a Council member and Dr. Jorge will be made aware of the outcome.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.