

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
January 26, 2011

The CODI Meeting was called to order by Mr. Martinez, Chairman at 1:46 pm. Roll call was done.

Attendance: J. Martinez, J. Miller, J. David, S. Hix, A. Rigerman, R. Fulton, D. Valkema, J. Granda, P. Rodriguez and P. Edwards. The agenda and the minutes from the December 22, 2010 were approved with some minor corrections to the minutes.

Announcements: There were several announcements:

The RFP 709 STS Negotiations Meeting- February 10, 2011 10:00am-5:00pm at 111 NW 1 Street - 22 floor
Sponsoring of the disabled parking bill, HB247 in the State House
Ordinance 110087 First Reading- Funds for On-Demand Transportation Service
Deaf Nation – February 5 from 10am-5pm Tamiami Fairgrounds- SW112 Ave and SW 24 Street
SCLAD is accepted applications for housing for their accessible units. (305) 887-8838

Access Committee: Mr. David, Chair, reported that he had a meeting on January 13th and Julio Martinez from Public Works attended. He explained what his department does and how they interact with the state and local municipalities.

Education/Outreach: Mr. David, Chair, reported that they had weekly meetings in January. The committee would like to do a newsletter and a CODI pamphlet. **Motion made by Jackson David and seconded by Paul Edwards to produce a CODI newsletter. Motion passes unanimously.**

Transportation Weekly Meeting: Ms. Hix, Co-Chair, reported that the committee spoke about English proficiency and the problem with the date and time of Riders Meetings. The committee also spoke about customer service cards in para-transit vehicles.

Transportation Committee: Ms. Valkema, Co-Chair, reported that there was a meeting on January 10th. There will be staff from PTRD and Para-Transit at the next meeting to discuss English proficiency. That meeting will be February 7th at 2:00 at the ADA office. Ms. Valkema said that Mr. Wood's motion of last month was tabled because the committee wanted more information from him. There was a demonstration by Maude Gonzalez, Transit, at the last meeting. She brought a sample of the new Metro-Rail signage. The Board was send information and asked to comment by January 20th. No one except Denise Valkema and John Miller had made any comments. There were several comments about the selection of the shade of gray, about how Transit comes to CODI after they have made a decision, and why this decision had to be made quickly. Maude Gonzalez said that the discussion had not been made and that she would request that a darker gray be done so she could bring it back to the next committee meeting. Mr. Wood stated that he resigned from the committee.

Housing Committee: Mr. Fulton, Co-chair, mentioned a few questions that had come up at his meeting and that he was still working on the answers. He spoke about Habitat for Humanity being encouraged to build a zero step entry into their homes. **Motion made by Ron Fulton and seconded by Paul Edwards to support all new home construction have at least one zero step entry into the home. Motion Passed.**

Open Forum: Dr. Lessne read from the US Department of Transportation study concerning truncated domes. Mr. Edwards said that so far there has been some scientific research about best color contrast but that soon there will be a report done by the Council of Citizens with Low Vision on what they feel is the best combination of colors. Dr. Lessne mentioned some obtruding object violation at local businesses. It was suggested that CODI might be able to write letters to these entities. Ms. Hyams suggested that a non-profit might be a better choice. Mr. Edwards said that as President of the Greater Miami Chapter of the American Council of the Blind

he would write to the local business that was mentioned concerning these hazards to people who are blind or have low vision. John Miller asked staff to advise CODI as what needs to be done to have a phone line in the 12th floor conference room A. Rachael Harrison asked if there were any changes to Para-transit eligibility. Ms. Gonzales from Transit said no she explained that there are federal requirements that can't be changes.

New Business There was some discussion on goal setting for this year. **There was a motion made by Alan Rigerman and seconded by Paul Edwards to plan a retreat before the end of April. Motion passed.**

There was a request to have the CODI meeting extended past 4:00 pm. Ms. Hyams said that the issue was having the sign language interpreters stay longer. It was then asked if the sign language interpreters were no longer needed could the meeting be extended. Ms. Hyams said she would bring that to the County Attorneys' Office but suggested that the present meeting needed to end at 4:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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