



Miami-Dade County

Minutes

Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)

111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128

21st Floor, Conference Room C

	Date:	Wednesday, November 28, 2012	
	Time:	1:30– 4:00 p.m. est.	
	Call to Order Time:	1:40 p.m. est.	
	Meeting Adjourned:	4 p.m. est.	
I.	<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed		
	District 1 Commissioner Jordan	John Miller 1 st Vice Chair	Absent
	District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David	Present
	District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Earl Oaks Employment Committee Chair	Present
	District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Pedro Rodriguez Housing Committee Co-Chair	Absent
	District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan Outreach/Education Chair	Present
	District 8 Commissioner Bell	Jesus Garcia CODI Secretary and Transportation Committee Chair	Present
	District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton 2 nd Vice Chair	Present; arrived 1:50pm
	District 10 Commissioner Souto	Dr. Sam Kohlenberg Membership Committee Chair	Excused Absence
	District 11 Commissioner Martinez	Denise Valkema	Present; arrived 1:50pm
	District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Marilyn Larrieu Housing Committee Co-Chair	Present
	District 13 Commission Bovo	Alan Rigerman	Present; arrived 1:50pm
	Miami-Dade County Staff Present	Heidi Johnson-Wright ADA Coordinator, ISD Fernando Marquez Architect 4, PROS Lucy Binhack ADA Coordinator, PROS Julio Martinez ADA Coordinator, PWWM	

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II.	Approval of Agenda	<p>CODI Chairman Ernie Martinez asked for a motion to approve the 11/28/12 agenda. Motion to approve was made by Jesus Garcia and was seconded by Denise Valkema. Motion passed.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez asked for a motion to add the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) ADA Transition Plan to the agenda. Motion was made by Denise Valkema and was seconded by Jesus Garcia. Motion passed.</p>
III.	Approval of CODI Minutes	<p>Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/26/12 CODI meeting. Motion to approve was made by Alan Rigerman and seconded by Marilyn Larrieu. Motion passed.</p>
IV.	Opening Comments	<p><i>Three minutes per speaker (Advance Notice Preferred)</i></p> <p>Jose Granda inquired about the Golden Passport for receiving free transportation on County fixed transit. He said it's not clear in the MDT pamphlet whether this includes people with disabilities. Jackson David clarified that anyone 65 or over and anyone that can prove that have a disability at any age is eligible. Heidi Johnson-Wright asked If someone who is 62 or over and qualifies for food stamps would qualify for the Golden Passport. Jackson David advised that they must be 65 and over or have a disability.</p> <p>Jose Granda said that there will be a deaf Santa Claus at the Dolphin Mall on 12/6/12. All children are welcome. A high school choir will be performing Christmas songs in American Sign Language.</p>
V.	Information Items	<p>Presidential Elections 2012 (ADA Accessibility)</p> <p>Jose Granda began a discussion on access to voting for the November Presidential Elections. He went to Miami City Hall at 7:00 a.m. in the morning for early voting. There was a long walk to the disability parking section. To get to the actual polling location required a considerable walk. The hallway is very small for two-way traffic; there is not sufficient space to properly accommodate people voting. To get to the voting booth, he had to navigate his way through a crowd and people bumped into him. The ballot was too long. He noted that this could be made more accessible for people with disabilities through diagrams or an interpreter. He attempted to speak with a supervisor, but was told one would not be arriving until 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright said that Mr. Granda's complaint as well as others complaints have been forwarded to the Elections Department ADA coordinator. She said the County is limited as to locations at which early voting can take place by the laws of the State of Florida. The County wants to hold it in larger venues, such as the Miami Beach Convention Center. Chairman Martinez said any of CODI's elections issues should be addressed by the Access Committee.</p> <p>Ron Fulton advised that there is an Elections Taskforce Reform Commission established by the Mayor to make recommendations to the Miami-Dade County Delegation to address elections issues.</p>

<p>VI.</p>		<p>Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) ADA Facilities Transition Plan</p> <p>Fernando Marquez, Architect 4 and Capital Projects Manager, PROS, provided a status update on the department’s ADA transition plan. He said that while many of the County parks are fully accessible, some of the older ones are not. He explained that the transition plan was originally completed in 1993 and then updated in 2009. The plan was created by surveying barriers in 139 parks. The plan prioritizes those 139 parks for barrier removal based on factors such as attendance, diversity, uniqueness, population, service area, and geographic distribution. The top ten parks in the County are as follows: Crandon Park, Haulover Park, Matheson Hammock, Black Point Park, Greynolds Park, Larry and Penny Thompson Park, Amelia Earhart Park, Tamiami, Tropical Park, and Chapman Field.</p> <p>The Transition Plan goals include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that four geographically-dispersed swimming pools are fully ADA compliant. 2. To identify the four most essential elements of the Transition Plan priorities: parking, travel, path of travel and rest rooms. 3. To improve accessibility at Haulover Beach. The north tunnel is in the process of being made accessible. PROS is on schedule with this project and is in the process of submitting plans to the Building Department for review. Additional parking spots will be provided on the beach side and the south side. They are creating additional spaces by the new lifeguarding building. 4. Whenever possible, address ADA complaints as they come up, funding permitting
<p>VII.</p>	<p>Committee Summary Updates</p>	<p>Transportation Committee: RFP 800 STS Contract Award</p> <p>Jesus Garcia began a discussion on the RFP 800 STS contract award to Transportation America d/b/a SuperNice Limo. He believes there will be an adjustment period for regular riders. The company, however, is familiar with the clientele and the workforce and it has been around for about 20 years. He said that things should be back to normal by the summer.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez stated that CODI should perform some oversight in reviewing the contract with regards to some of the vehicle issues. Mr. Garcia suggested that Miami-Dade County Para-transit and the contractor provide CODI with brief reports on various aspects of the contract, including info about vehicles such as the types of vehicles, vehicle configurations (especially wheelchair vans), when new vehicles will be operational, and the progress on the installation of new technology in the vehicles. Chairman Martinez stated that the new contract commences March 2013.</p> <p>David Naidich (ATS) stated he will be working for SuperNice Limo (SNL). The contract will be effective by 4/1/13 and there will be numerous changes from the current contract. There will be one contractor and two subcontractors. Seventy percent of the service will be operated by SNL, with MMS will provide 18 percent of the service, and IT Transit will provide 12 percent. The service area is not known as of yet or who is operating where. As soon as the 10-day veto period is over and the Notice of Award is issued, approximately 150 new vehicles will be purchased between now and the start of the contract. New technologies will be added to the system. The three components</p>

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		are the MDT mobile data terminals, AVLs, and RFID (long range radio frequency).
VIII.	Action Items	<p>Sunset Review: Heidi Johnson-Wright, ADA Coordinator, Internal Services</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the County Code, CODI is required every two years to submit a Sunset Review Report for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The report includes information on the purpose of CODI and why it should continue to function. Chairman Martinez assisted in completing the report and listing CODI's accomplishments. Ms. Johnson-Wright emailed out a proposed draft of the report to CODI members for their review in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>A motion to accept the Sunset Review Report was made by Jesus Garcia and seconded by Denise Valkema. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
		<p>Wheelchair Accessibility</p> <p>Alan Rigerman asked if CODI could put forth a resolution regarding the ability of people with disabilities to rent wheelchairs during the Miami-Beach Boat Show.</p> <p>Julio Martinez, ADA Coordinator for Public Works and Waste Management, said if the issue is sidewalk and physical access to the show, CODI should contact Mike Alvarez from the City of Miami Beach Public Works Department.</p>
		<p>CODI Nominating Committee</p> <p>Chairman Martinez said that the end of the year is approaching. This means it is time to schedule elections for officers. Mr. Martinez appointed a new nominating committee to include Harry Horgan, Jackson David, Earl Oaks, Marilyn Larrieu and Alan Rigerman. Harry Horgan will serve as Chairman. The CODI Nominating Committee will meet 12/10/12 at 1pm.</p>
		<p>CODI Meetings New Schedule</p> <p>Chairman Martinez suggested that the CODI Board not meet in December 2012. Marilyn Larrieu made the motion. Alan Rigerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p> <p>Jose Granda scheduled an Access Committee meeting for 12/20/12.</p>
		<p>Adjournment: Motion was made by CODI Chairman Martinez.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 1:30pm, SPCC Room 18-4.</p>