



Miami-Dade County

## Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

*Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)  
111 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33128  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 18-4*

	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 24, 2013</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	1:30– 4:00 p.m. est.26	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	1:42 p.m. est.	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	3:55 p.m. est.	
<b>I.</b>	<b><u>Opening and Attendance:</u></b> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed		
	District 1 <b>Commissioner Jordan</b>	<b>Damian Gregory</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Present
	District 2 <b>Commissioner Monestime</b>	<b>Jackson David</b> Housing Committee Chair	Present
	District 3 <b>Commissioner Edmonson</b>	<b>Jose Granda</b> Committee Chair	Present
	District 4 <b>Commissioner Heyman</b>	<b>Earl Oaks</b> Employment Committee Chair	Absent
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Jose (Ernie) Martinez</b> CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Pedro Rodriguez</b>	Excused Absence
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach/Education Chair	Present
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Bell</b>	<b>Jesus Garcia</b> CODI Secretary and Transportation Committee Chair	Present
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Present
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>Vacant Appointment</b>	--
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Martinez</b>	<b>Denise Valkema</b>	Absent
	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Marilyn Larrieu</b> Housing Committee Co-Chair	Present
	District 13 <b>Commission Bovo</b>	<b>Alan Rigerman</b>	Present
	<b>Miami-Dade County Staff Present</b>	<b>Dianne Steinberg</b> ISD, Administrative & Business Services Division Recording Secretary	Present
		<b>Heidi Johnson-Wright</b> ISD, ADA Coordinator	Present

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II.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Chairman Martinez amended the agenda to add Access Committee Information items. Chairman Ernie Martinez requested a motion to approve the July 24, 2013 agenda. Alan Rigerman made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Jesus Garcia. Agenda unanimously approved.
III.	<b>Approval of CODI Minutes</b>	Chairman Martinez requested a motion to defer approval of the June 26, 2013 CODI minutes to the next meeting. Jesus Garcia made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Harry Horgan. Motion unanimously approved.
	<b>Old /New Business</b>	<i>3 minutes each speaker (Advance Notice Preferred)</i> <i>No public comments at this time</i>
IV.	<b>Opening Comments</b>	<p><b>STROLLER PARKING SPACES</b></p> <p>Alan Rigerman raised the issue of a change to the fine amounts imposed for stroller parking spaces. He added that this is an enforcement issue with some parking officers enforcing it and some that do not.</p> <p>Heidi Johnson-Wright inquired about the ordinance requirements. If an individual is intent on using the stroller parking space must they have a child of a certain age and a stroller present? She added that if that is in fact what the ordinance requires, then there is nothing wrong with the ordinance, but with the people parking without the required children.</p> <p>Marilyn Larrieu requested clarification on whether a person with a disability has preference over the person with the stroller. Ms. Johnson-Wright explained that if someone has a blue placard and he attempts to park and all the accessible spaces are occupied but there is a stroller space available, he is permitted to park in it.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson Wright felt that, as someone with a disability, there should be some accessible parking spaces for vans only, rather than only universal accessible spaces. Many individuals have a valid placard which has been issued to someone else, possibly a relative. They can park their standard sedans in standard size spaces, yet a mechanically altered van can only park in a wide space with an adjoining access aisle.</p>
		<p><b>TRANSPORTATION AMERICA/STS DRIVERS REFRESHER TRAINING</b></p> <p>David Naditch, Transportation America (TA) advised CODI that Transportation America will be conducting their annual refresher training for STS drivers. Mr. Naditch extended an invitation to CODI to attend the training. This will be held in the new annex training facility. There will be 45 drivers attending.</p> <p>Jesus Garcia said he was pleased with the progress of the technology issues over the last couple of weeks regarding computer issues on STS Vehicles, including the terminals picking up information on the cards in STS Vehicles. Chairman Martinez agreed, commenting that riders are content again.</p>
V.	<b>Information Items</b>	<p><b>JOSE GRANDA , ACCESS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p><b>Aviation Department Access Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>Jose Granda, Access Committee Chairman, advised CODI that he had attended the Aviation Department Access Committee meeting the previous week. He added that he</p>

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was the only CODI member represented in attendance. He raised concerns regarding the issue of the availability of free Handicap Parking Access and the prices currently charged.

He advised CODI that the Aviation Department has introduced training for autistic children arriving at Miami International Airport (MIA) which has been very successful. The training covers topics that assist children to become familiar with security checks and instructs them on how to navigate through the airport gates. The Aviation Department is planning additional training in the future.

Damian Gregory inquired about the schedule of the Aviation Department Access Committee meetings. Chairman Martinez noted that when he requires information regarding meetings he utilizes the County Calendar. However, he has repeatedly asked the ADA Aviation Advisory Committee to advertise these meetings on the County Calendar, without success. Alan Rigerman asked if he could request a reasonable accommodation to have transportation provided, due to the out-of-way location of these meetings. Chairman Martinez said that this item will be taken to the Access Committee and raised for discussion at an Aviation Advisory Committee meeting, the next one being in October 2013.

Chairman Martinez stated that Commissioner Sally Heyman will attend the next CODI meeting to discuss parking issues at MIA and Seaport. Heidi-Johnson Wright added that once notified of this issue, she contacted Commission Heyman and suggested the Commissioner or someone from her staff attend an Access Committee or CODI Meeting to discuss these issues with CODI, before bringing the item before the BCC, once again. Commission Heyman deferred it from the agenda and requested the CODI meeting schedule in order to attend a Board Meeting in August or September 2013.

Ms. Johnson-Wright reminded the Board that when an item is brought to the BCC for a First Reading, the item is merely read into the record. It is then assigned to a committee which will conduct a public hearing at a subsequent meeting. Ron Fulton said that it was voted down by the BCC the last time it was submitted.

Mr. Johnson-Wright said it is identical to the 2010 bill. The proposed ordinance states that the only people who would be eligible for the free accessible parking at Miami International Airport or Miami Seaport are those who have a mechanically altered vehicle and/or are enrolled in the Florida Toll Permit Program.

***Motion:** Jesus Garcia made a motion that CODI take the month of August off from meeting and convene back in September 2013. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Chairman Martinez said that Monica Beltran, Aviation ADA Coordinator, will attend the Access Committee Meeting on September 19, 2013. Damian Gregory suggested Chairman Martinez also extend invitations to the Miami-Dade Seaport ADA Coordinator. Chairman Martinez agreed.

**ACCESSIBLE SEATING - AMERICAN AIRLINES, AT MIA**

Recently Mr. Granda was at MIA scheduled to fly with American Airlines (AA) American Eagle. Mr. Granda said when he arrived at the AA gate, he noticed there were all types of chairs but there was no seating for disabled individuals. He spoke with American Airlines and they will be updating him on the progress of this issue.

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	<p><b>HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS</b></p> <p>Mr. Granda pointed out that after reviewing the 2011 Hurricane Preparedness Guide on the County website in June that certain vocabulary throughout the Guide is confusing for individuals in the deaf community. The new hurricane icon is comprised of three dots and also the pictures were weak. He added that TTYs are outdated and should not be used. Videophones are best. He suggested that the entire website should be updated.</p>
	<p><b>INTERPRETING SERVICES FOR THE ADA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (SHAKE-A-LEG)</b></p> <p>Mr. Granda advised CODI that he sent an email to the ISD, ADA Office and to Chairman Martinez regarding the ADA Anniversary Celebration at Shake-a-Leg, to request American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting Services start at 10:00 a.m. during registration rather than 11:00 a.m., as originally scheduled.</p>
	<p><b>HARRY HORGAN, OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p>The 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the ADA event will be held at Shake-a -Leg on Friday, July 26, 2013. Mayor Giménez will be the keynote speaker. There are currently 400 kids on-site for summer camp. Approximately half of them have both physical and intellectual disabilities. There are 100 high school mentors and approximately 70 staff. The facility was built In 1990 as a public/private partnership. This is a universally accessible facility funded specifically serving kids with disabilities. He added that the kids both abled and disabled and parents fall within the spirit of the ADA, which is to provide equal access for all.</p> <p>Harry Horgan continued that at 11:00 a.m. there will be performances and presentations from the kids. Chairman Martinez will be master of ceremonies and provide an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Harry Horgan will give an overview of the Shake-a-leg organization. Mayor Regalado, Commissioner Sarnoff and Raquel Regalado from the School Board will also be speaking at the event. Frank Balzebre from the Office of the Mayor advised that a proclamation will be presented to CODI at the ADA Anniversary celebration.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez lunch was sponsored by Transportation America and will be served at 12:00 p.m. Harry Horgan said that parking is limited but there is a parking lot across the street at the SPS building on South Bayshore Drive.</p>
	<p><b>HOMELESS TRUST</b></p> <p>Chairman Martinez stated that he wanted to provide Hilda Fernandez, Homeless Trust Executive Director, the opportunity to address CODI. Some issues have been raised regarding People with Disabilities being able to access homeless shelters and their services. He noted that the issues include the following: Are disabled people separated from their companions, are special diets available to diabetics, and are People with Disabilities being discouraged from using shelter services?</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright said she will be doing training on ADA compliance for the Homeless Trust and its member organizations. Chairman Martinez will be attending this training as well.</p> <p>Jackson David spoke about his personal experiences with disabled clients denied access to the shelters. One example he shared was a person who was denied access</p>

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		<p>because he had a stroke and was unable to speak and write information. Two years ago, Mr. David tested the system by attempting to gain admission and was denied access because he uses a wheelchair. He added that if these organizations are receiving funds from Miami-Dade County, they are obligated to comply with the ADA. He stated that this issue would have to be reviewed shelter by shelter.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright said she had recently met with Ms. Fernandez. Ms. Fernandez is well aware that shelters receiving County funding must comply with the ADA, and the Homeless Trust has repeatedly reminded the shelters of this obligation.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez inquired if Miami-Dade public schools get funds from the County. He suggested CODI members individually look into the public schools and learn what the connection is between the County and the public school system.</p>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting ended 3:55 p.m. est.
	<b>Next meeting</b>	September 25, 2013