



**Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)  
Minutes Memorandum  
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, June 24, 2015</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	<b>1: 46p.m.</b>	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>4:01p.m.</b>	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Opening and Attendance:</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>	Excused Absence
	District 3 <b>Commissioner Edmonson</b>	<b>Jose Granda</b> Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 4 <b>Commissioner Heyman</b>	<b>Jesus Garcia</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair & Transportation & Aviation Committee Chair	Participated via speaker phone
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Ernie Martinez</b> CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Ora Prilleltensky</b>	Present
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach Committee Chair	Excused Absent
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Levine Cava</b>	<b>Elizabeth Merklng</b>	Present
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton</b> CODI Secretary	Present
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>Russell Otway</b>	Excused Absent
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Zapata</b>	<b>PENDING APPOINTMENT</b>	
	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Maria “Mercedes” Villar</b>	Excused Absence
	District 13 <b>Commissioner Bovo</b>	<b>Alan Rigerman</b>	Present

	<b>Miami-Dade County Staff Present</b>	<p><b>Heidi Johnson-Wright, ISD</b> ADA Coordinator</p> <p><b>Skarlex Alorda, ISD</b> ADA Office Support Specialist II &amp; Recording Secretary</p> <p><b>Shanika Graves, CAO</b> Assistant County Attorney</p> <p><b>Lissette Martinez, PHCD</b> Section Manager, Facilities &amp; Management</p> <p><b>Pamela Payne, PWWM</b> Assistant Director Collections</p>	
	<b>Members of the Public</b>	<p><b>Alan Stuart</b></p> <p><b>Renita Hall</b></p>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Chairman Ernie Martinez requested a motion to approve today's agenda. Alan Rigerman made the motion to approve; motion seconded by Damian Gregory. Motion passed.	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve the minutes for May 27, 2015. Alan Rigerman made the motion to approve; motion seconded by Ora Prillelensky. Motion passed.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Open Comments</b>	<p>Mr. Stuart stated he has concerns regarding Transit. He had an accident on a bus due to alleged reckless behavior of the driver. He hasn't gotten a resolution to his case. Mr. Stuart said, in such cases, CODI should facilitate getting results for the alleged victim.</p> <p>Mr. Stuart said is concerned that people with disabilities are not being accommodated at homeless shelters. Individuals with disabilities have been abandoned and neglected, from medical treatment to sleeping arrangements.</p> <p>Heidi Johnson-Wright stated that Miami-Dade County does not own or operate any shelters, although the Homeless Trust does fund some of them. If a shelter receives County funding and refuses to accommodate people with disabilities, it's a violation of ADA Title III.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez asked if Mr. Fulton would like for the Homeless Trust to come to a future CODI meeting. Mr. Fulton said his main issue is transportation. Assistant County Attorney Shanika Graves said that, if Mr. Stuart wants to put his concerns in a letter to CODI, then CODI may act upon it.</p>	

		<p>Ms. Renita Holmes said she has concerns about women and ex-felons with disabilities. Ms. Holmes said these issues have been ignored and they must be addressed. Also, trolleys are refusing to pick up disabled and homeless riders. Chairman Martinez said the trollies are operated by the cities, not the County. Ms. Holmes disagreed. A discussion ensued.</p>
	<p><b>Information Items:</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible Units in Public Housing (Lissette Martinez, PHCD)</b></p> <p>Ms. Martinez stated that 373 accessible housing units have been completed. 314 have been certified. There are 23 units under construction and 63 in planning and design. Chairman Martinez asked about the status of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. Ms. Martinez said PHCD has until 2019 to complete everything in the VCA.</p> <p>Mr. Fulton expressed concern that units are being occupied by individual that are not disabled. Ms. Martinez said that HUD commented on the same concern. The agency goal is to fill these units but only 1.4 percent of applicants are disabled. Sometimes PHCD offers an accessible unit to a family with a member who is disabled, but the family prefers a standard unit.</p> <p>Damian Gregory asked Ms. Martinez what outreach methods PHCD uses to make people with disabilities aware of available accessible housing. Ms. Martinez said that she cannot address outreach because she is part of the construction division. Ms. Johnson-Wright said that she would like to know who to contact regarding disabled outreach and management of the waiting list. Mr. Fulton said that CODI should demand that 15 percent of housing units should be accessible, not 5 percent. A discussion ensued.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Recycling &amp; Trash Bins (Pamela Payne, PWWM)</b></p> <p>Ms. Payne is the Assistant Director responsible for the garbage and trash collection. Ms. Payne is aware of concerns of recycling and waste carts placed where they obstruct sidewalks after Solid Waste empties them. In response to concerns, Solid Waste has a pilot project focused on returning carts closer to the residents' property.</p> <p>Ms. Payne brought photographs, which she passed around. One showed an automated truck servicing 96 gallon waste carts on E 199<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Solid Waste must ensure that truck's arm does not damage residents' vehicles. Ms. Payne said that residents often place carts</p>

		<p>in the middle of sidewalks. Mr. Gregory asked if PWWM can reach out to residents about this problem. Ms. Payne stated PWWM could address this in its newsletter.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez asked if obstruction of sidewalks violates any laws. Ms. Graves said she will research this statute.</p> <hr/> <p><b>CODI's Retreat (Ronald Fulton)</b></p> <p>Mr. Fulton asked Ms. Prilleltensky if she could address decorum at the retreat. He also asked the other board members for their input on the draft agenda. What should be discussed?</p> <p>Mr. Fulton said CODI should write a letter to the commissioners inviting them to the retreat.</p> <p>A discussion ensued about when to hold the retreat. Chairman Martinez said CODI is taking a hiatus during the months of August, November and December. Mr. Fulton raised the issue of officer elections. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>Ms. Graves stated CODI's by-laws state that "Officers shall be elected at the January meeting of the Commission. A slate of nominations shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the December meeting. The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the November meeting."</p> <p>Mr. Fulton said that as soon as the letter inviting the commissioners is drafted and approved, the retreat planning can move forward. After some discussion, all CODI members agreed on a date and time for the retreat: October 27, 2015 from 1-4pm.</p>
	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Transportation &amp; Aviation Committee:</b> Committee Chairman Jesus Garcia gave a report on the 6/9/15 meeting. Regarding the potential access for STS vehicles to the busway, the committee is awaiting a report from the BCC.</p> <p>One of the topics discussed was how Transit handles riders who pose a threat to others. Mr. Marcos Ortega spoke about unruly passengers. Ms. Chiverton will submit quarterly reports to CODI for review.</p> <p>Mr. Damian Gregory (who was added as a committee core member) said that Transit should have easy access to the cameras inside vehicles to assess alleged incidents and rider misbehavior. Mr. Ortega said it is difficult to obtain recordings from Transportation America. Most requests are not fulfilled due to</p>

		<p>extraneous circumstances.</p> <p><b>Outreach Committee:</b> Mr. Alan Rigerman wanted to know why Outreach Committee meetings were no longer being scheduled immediately before the monthly CODI meetings. Ms. Johnson-Wright and Ms. Alorda explained that two meetings on the same day created a hardship for other CODI members and for the ADA Office.</p> <p><b>Access Committee:</b> Committee Chairman Jose Granda Chairman said that no one from the Elections Department attended the committee's June meeting.</p>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.
	<b>Next CODI Meeting:</b>	Next CODI monthly meeting: July 22, 2015 at 1:30pm.