



## Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

### Minutes Memorandum

*Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)*

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	<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, January 27, 2016	
	<b>Time:</b>	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	1:39 p.m.	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	4:15 p.m.	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Opening and Attendance:</b> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed <i><b>CODI members inform the ADA Office via email whether you will attend meetings as soon as you receive meeting notices.</b></i>		
	District 1 <b>Commissioner Jordan</b>	<b>Damian Gregory</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice Chairman	Present
	District 2 <b>Commissioner Monestime</b>	<b>Jackson David</b>	Absent
	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	Present via Speaker Phone
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Ernie Martinez</b> CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Ora Prilleltsky</b>	Present
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach Committee Chair	Absent
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Levine Cava</b>	<b>Elizabeth Merklng</b>	Absent
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton</b> CODI Secretary	Absent
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>VACANT APPOINTMENT</b>	
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Zapata</b>	<b>PENDING APPOINTMENT</b>	
	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Maria Mercedes Villar</b>	Present
	District 13 <b>Commissioner Bovo</b>	<b>Alan Rigerman</b>	Absent



II.	<b>Approval of Agenda &amp; Approval of CODI Minutes</b>	<i>It was not possible to hear on the audiotape which members made the motions and which seconded them. CODI members are reminded to speak loudly when they make or second a motion, and to state their names clearly so it can be picked up on the tape.</i>
III.	<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Attendance Ordinance; Notifying ADA Office of Attendance/Absence</b></p> <p>Chairman Martinez reminded board members to notify the ADA Office by email whether they will or will not attend CODI monthly or committee meetings. Ms. Ora Prilleltensky reminded the board members of the Miami-Dade County Ordinance Sec. 2-11.39 concerning board membership and attendance.</p>
IV.	<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>Public Housing &amp; Community Development</b></p> <p>Former ADA Coordinator Jorge Rendon introduced Ms. Edilia F. Diaz, the new ADA Coordinator for Public Housing and Community Development.</p> <p>Ms. Diaz’s contact information is: email: <a href="mailto:PHCDADACoordinator@miamidade.gov">PHCDADACoordinator@miamidade.gov</a> Phone: 786-469-2155 Fax:786-469-4117</p> <p>Ms. Paulette Darrow was called upon to address her concerns and issues with PHCD. For the record it has been stated now we are moving along and PHCD is dismissed.</p> <p><b>PWWM- Raul Rios</b> Public Works and Waste Management is now reviewing plans for the City of Miami Beach and other municipalities. PWWM has also been asked to provide insight on these upcoming projects.</p>
V.	<b>Information Item:</b>	<p><b>Stewart Robertson: Kimberly-Horn; Mark Heinicke: PROS and Gita Shandasan: Friends of The Underline</b></p> <p>Mr. Robertson said that Friends of The Underline, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will transform the underutilized land below Miami’s Metrorail, from the Miami River (near downtown) to Dadeland South Station, into a 10-mile, world-class, linear park, urban trail, and canvas for artistic expression directly connected to Transit.</p> <p>In addition, the corridor below Metrorail is 70-110 feet wide and includes Metrorail and other infrastructure. There is an existing narrow, meandering asphalt path without lighting, water or planned landscaping. Eight transit stations are along the corridor and 28 intersections cross the path, many of them dangerous.</p>

Mr. Robertson also said that with the design expertise from award-winning James Corner Field Operations team, their master plan will feature straightened, widened and lit pedestrian and bicycle trails, signature, native landscaping, destination park spaces and recommendations to improve crosswalk safety.

Mr. Heinicke said that the next step will be to provide a report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which is to be followed by a memorandum from FTA to Miami-Dade County. Design phase starts in March. Construction is projected to start in December 2016.

Ms. Villar asked Mr. Heinicke if within the design phase vending machines, telephones, lighting and restrooms have been taking into consideration. Mr. Heinicke said yes and that security cameras are being considered.

Ms. Prilleltensky shared concerns regarding the restroom usage and the importance of family bathrooms, which are wider and extremely convenient for persons with disabilities. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Johnson-Wright brought up the United Kingdom “key system” for accessible public restrooms. Ms. Villar said that the UK has embraced universal design and that is great.

In addition, Mr. Granda said that at the Vizcaya Station there is a blue light. What is that light for or what does it represent. Mr. Heinicke said he will address transit regarding his concern. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Heinicke said that the designer of New York’s Highline is involved with the Underline project. Ms. Johnson-Wright pointed out that the beauty of the Highline is pedestrian safety since no roads cross over it. Mr. Robertson said that the Underline will address pedestrian safety through widening crosswalks, pushing them back from the intersections, plus no turn on red onto U.S.1. This will reduce the aggressiveness of the drivers at these intersections. Mr. Robertson said that the Uline plan includes yellow flashing lights to indicate to the pedestrians when it is safe to cross the street. Audible Pedestrian Signals are also being considered. A discussion ensued.

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Ms. Shandasana said a connection from Miami River will be added and incorporated to the design. There will be natural habitats within the design phase as well. Mr. Heinicke said they will come back during the design phase to update CODI.

		<p><b>Beach Access; Valerie Mejia, City of Miami Beach ADA Coordinator</b></p> <p>Ms. Mejia said that Sabrina. Cohen, along with several individuals, has been spearheading a project to create beach access in Miami Beach. A proposed site at Allison Park has been hotly contested by residents in that neighborhood. Ms. Cohen also wants to develop an adaptive sports program. Environmental issues must also be addressed and resolved. A discussion ensued.</p>
VI.	<b>Chairman Comments:</b>	<p><b>Relationship with Commissioners</b></p> <p>Chairman Martinez said CODI members are expected to foster ongoing relationships with their commissioners. Discuss with them what they working on that will affect people with disabilities. Ms. Graves suggested that the CODI Board members take issues to their commissioners with concrete ideas along with at least two possible ways to resolve each issue.</p> <p><b>Uber in Miami-Dade</b></p> <p>Board of County Commissioners Chairman Monestime withdrew a resolution regarding the regulation of Uber, Lyft, etc. Chairman Monestime is working with Commissioner Bovo to modify the resolution.</p> <p><b>District 1 &amp; 2</b></p> <p>It was suggested that CODI members invite their commissioners and/or commission staff to periodically attend CODI meetings to share their important issues and to hear CODI’s concerns. The BCC agendas online are a good resource for CODI members. CODI members from Districts 1 and 2 could start by inviting their commissioners to the February meeting. Mr. Granda said commissioners should not be invited until CODI can make quorum. Mr. Gregory said employment is his top priority issue. A discussion ensued.</p>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
	<b>Next CODI Meeting:</b>	The next CODI meeting will be held February 24, 2016.