



**Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)
Minutes Memorandum
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128
18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4**

	Date:	Wednesday, May 25, 2016	
	Time:	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	
	Call to Order Time:	1:51 p.m. est.	
	Meeting Adjourned:	4:01 p.m. est.	
I.	<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed.		
	District 1 Commissioner Jordan	Damian Gregory 1 st Vice Chairman	A
	District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David Housing Committee Chair	P
	District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda Access Committee Chair	P
	District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Jesus Garcia 2 nd Vice Chair & Transportation Committee Chair	A
	District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez CODI Chairman	P
	District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Ora Prilleltensky	P
	District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan Outreach Committee Chairman	P
	District 8 Commissioner Levine Cava	Elizabeth Merkling	A
	District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton CODI Secretary	P
	District 10 Commissioner Souto	VACANT	
	District 11 Commissioner Zapata	Teri Weinstein	A
	District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Mercedes Villar	A
	District 13 Commission Bovo	VACANT	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi Johnson-Wright reminded the CODI board members to submit their financial disclosure forms. Harry Horgan asked for specific directions to the email that was sent. Ms. Alorda clarified where to find and send the forms via email. • Ronald Fulton informed his CODI board members that there are grants available that may assist CODI in obtaining them to satisfy the STS Voucher issue. Providing a no-cost voucher to these riders will only be successful if CODI can get and ask for grant money. Shanika Graves advised that the County does have grant writers that may help. • Mr. Fulton asked if Transit could assist in the research to obtain funds/grants to provide a no-cost voucher to riders. Chairman Martinez addressed Lynnette Chiverton regarding obtaining these grants. Ms. Chiverton said Transit Paratransit themselves are searching for grants. She will notify the ADA Office of any appropriate grants they become aware of. • Chairman Martinez asked Ms. Chiverton about riders and not being able to pay the \$3.50 per the STS Trip. Chairman Martinez also asked if this occurs what is the process. Ms. Chiverton said that if STS takes a rider to a destination, STS will pick them up for the return trip. However, if a rider continually books rides but does not pay, then Transit will take affirmative action pursuant to an abuse of the system. • Mr. Fulton asked about the North Miami Beach and its volunteer academy of individuals ticketing drivers for disabled parking violations. Ms. Johnson-Wright said this was disbanded for legal reasons. As a side note, the ADA Office continues to administer the Municipal Parking Fines Reimbursement Program and continues to get municipalities to participate in the program. Participating municipalities receive funds to be used for programs and services that benefit their disabled residents. • CODI Retreat will be held during the CODI Monthly meeting of Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 1:30pm to 4pm.
	<p>Information Items:</p>	<p>Regulation of Transportation Network Entities (TNEs)</p> <p>Chairman Martinez thanks Ms. Graves for assisting CODI at the BCC meeting on May 3, 2016. Ms. Graves said that the legislation requires TNEs to have accessible vehicles and prohibits them from passing disabled riders off on alternate providers. The Mayor's office has 60 days to prepare a report on the availability of those vehicles and how to implement it.</p> <p>Rick Fernandez passed out a memo on how the Aviation Department is in the process of drafting an Operational Directive for TNEs detailing terms, conditions and fees for operating at MIA and the Miami Intermodal Center for proposal. MIA has worked with TNEs at the Airport regarding pick up and drop off locations including Uber and Lyft. A detailed map was provided. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>Ms. Graves warned CODI Board members about attending the Airport Access meeting and discussing the matters that they bring back to CODI. Such actions might result in a violation of state Sunshine law. If CODI members attend the airport meetings and learn of important issues they think CODI should be informed of, then the individuals that presented the items at the airport meeting should be invited to speak with CODI.</p>

		<p>The Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) is an official advisory board to the Miami-Dade County Commission. CODI advises both the Board of County Commissioners and the County administration on issues affecting people with disabilities. County staff may be invited to CODI meetings to make presentations, provide information or discuss issues.</p> <p>Ms. Graves gave the example of the prosperity council meeting that was initiated due to the commissioners that attended and gathered at FIU for the sole purpose of research. It was announced as a Sunshine meeting. The notice has to be sufficient that the public is aware of it. Ms. Johnson-Wright said the ADA Office must advertise CODI meetings on the County calendar.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright CODI board membership comes with obligations to comply with certain laws. Whenever two or more members will be discussing CODI business, the ADA Office needs to advertise the meeting in advance as a Sunshine Meeting. When two or more CODI Board members know they will be attending a particular meeting at which CODI-related matters may be discuss, then it's their obligations to notify the ADA Office in advance.</p>
		<p>Discuss Districts 5-13 Goals to Improve: Employment, Housing, and Transportation</p> <p>Chairman Martinez; District 5 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Working on the word “handicapped” language in the Ordinance and the Code—amend and revised and ask their commissioners. Only revising is needed. Ms. Graves said simply asking their Commissioners. It will come to her office and she will be tagged with the task. B) Effective Communications pay more closely attention where the County will need to practice as far as written not scanned especially for individuals that use screen reader software. <p>Ms. Prilleltensky; District 6 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Transportation goals: Testing a charge to her transit card. People that can pay buy the card and people that cannot get the pass through low income qualification. A pilot test could be done. Using funds for this purpose. B) The Elevator issues at the Metro rail stations. There have been too many instances. C) Inviting RER regarding the Taxis and the medallions follow-up. CODI needs a follow up letter to them. D) Commissioner Sosa is involved in a face recognition device for Plaque cards. Ms. Prilleltensky researched other states. <p>Mr. Horgan; District 7 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Recreation and creating opportunities for the qualities of life and jobs programs B) For the workplace for high schooler there are more than 1300 jobs available and 10% are for the disabled. C) Ms. Graves added that the children’s Trust and the School board collaborated on this program. This program is for 10% disabled children and to match up students with employers. Cap is for Children who have maxed out of foster care. To allow them to academic credit and college credit during the summer. D) The Resource Fair to be held in October 2016 CODI could attend this fall. CODI agrees. Mr. Horgan will meet hold an Outreach committee meeting to attend before the next CODI meeting to discuss the quality of life of CODI. E) Adding Mr. Granda to this fair and persons with are hard of hearing.

		<p>Summary: Enhance the recreational opportunities for young and elder individuals, job trainings and internships and to work with Miami-Dade County Wellness fair to include the disability community.</p> <p>Mr. Fulton; District 9 Goals:</p> <p>A) Housing there is is 2 year waiting list why let get funds to make these units for these individuals. There is no accessible units for an individual with a mobility chair; Power chair.</p> <p>B) Jobs for people with disabilities.</p>
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.
	Next CODI Meeting:	June 22, 2016