

Miami-Dade County
The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC)

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Chairman
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, 19th Floor Conference Room
Friday, June 20, 2014 at 2:00 pm

AGENDA

Call to Order Dr. Moncarz, Chairperson

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Moncarz

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson's Report Dr. Moncarz

- Letter of Support for TIGER Grant Application
- County Bond Analysis & Issuance Discussion Update
- Mayor's Budget Priorities/Outlook Update
- David Lawrence/ The Children's Trust Update
- Living Wage Ordinance/Minimum Wage Update

General Discussion Items

- Subcommittees
 - Ad-hoc
 - Educating the Workforce
 - The Role of Universities in Socioeconomic Development
 - County Budget
 - Standing
 - Forum Planning
 - Intra-governmental Coordination
- Report from the Economic Development Div. Dr. Cruz
- Economic Impact of College Degrees Dr. Cruz
- New Business
- Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting Date **July 18, 2014**

The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council Mission

To improve the quality of life of all residents of Miami Dade County by providing the County Commission and Mayor with timely, objective, transparent, and thoughtful advice on significant social and economic issues. The Council aims to pursue a balanced perspective among economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability, both in the short and long term.

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 16, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Members Present - Dr. Thomas Breslin, Dr. Alexandra Cornelius, Dr. Maria Espino, Mr. Santiago Leon, Dr. Kenneth Lipner, Dr. Rolando Ochoa, Dr. Pedro Pellet, Mr. Jesus Permuy, Dr. Brian Peterson, Mr. Robert Saco, Dr. Bernadette West

Staff Present – Dr. Robert Cruz, Mr. Robert Hesler

Guests Present – Ms. Ysela Llort, Director, Miami-Dade Transit, Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade MPO, Ms. Monica Cejas, Miami-Dade Transit, Mr. Charles Scurr, Executive Director, Citizens Independent Transit Trust, Mr. Kelly Cooper, Citizens Independent Transit Trust

Excused Absence- Dr. Wilbert Bascom, Mr. Jose Lopez-Calleja, Mr. Marcos Kerbel, Dr. Raul Moncarz, Prof Elisa Moncarz, Dr. Eunju Suh

Absent - Mr. Rosendo Castillo, Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo, Mr. Reinaldo Valdes

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions - The May 16, 2014 meeting of the SEDC was called to order by Vice Chair Dr. Maria Espino at 2:10 pm. followed by self-introductions.

Approval of Minutes - Dr. Pedro Pellet offered the motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2014 SEDC meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rolando Ochoa and passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report - Dr. Robert Cruz informed the SEDC Members the Dr. Antonio Jorge Foundation (Foundation) is officially registered with the State of Florida and that the Foundation received its Federal Identification number the previous week. Dr. Cruz told the Council that the SEDC/Foundation can now begin collecting funds and sponsor events. Dr. Cruz also stated the Council could go with the initial officers, or change and/or add other members. Dr. Kenneth Lipner stated that he would like the Council to discuss poverty, since the mission of the SEDC is to improve the quality of life for residents of Miami-Dade County, and that providing services to the poor was a tremendous portion of Miami-Dade County's (County) budget, and particularly Jackson Memorial Hospital.

General Discussion Items- Draft Bus Rapid Transit Recommendations/Transit

Mr. Charles Scurr, Executive Director, Citizens Independent Transit Trust (CITT) made a brief presentation to Council Members. Mr. Scurr stated that the CITT administers the half penny sales tax, which generates approximately \$225M in revenue a year. Mr. Scurr applauded the efforts of the SEDC in addressing the issue of mass transit in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Scurr stated that the Metrorail was not cost effective or suitable for all areas of Miami-Dade County. Mr. Scurr added that the avenue of light rail is being looked at. Mr. Scurr stated that light rail throughout Miami-Dade will be accomplished through public-private partnerships. Mr. Scurr informed the Council that the first phase of the light rail project for Miami Beach has a price tag of approximately \$800M. Mr. Scurr updated the SEDC Members on several transit projects throughout Miami-Dade either currently in the works or in the planning stage.

Ms. Ysela Llort, Director, Miami-Dade Transit (Transit), also applauded SEDC Members for addressing public transportation issues and stated that the Transit Whitepaper was well done. She discussed the future of transportation and Transit. Ms. Llort also stated that she felt a letter of support from the SEDC to the United States Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, would be highly viewed and could possibly help with the decision to give funding to the County in such a competitive process.

A brief discussion ensued regarding bus rapid transit and high speed rail.

Dr. Thomas Breslin offered the motion to empower the SEDC Steering Committee with the authority write a letter of support on behalf of the SEDC to Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. Mr. Jesus Permuy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Peterson stated that based on the presentations/discussion, he will try to update the Transportation Whitepaper as soon as possible.

Strategic Work Plan 2014-2015- Dr. Lipner stated the SEDC needs to revert back to/maintain its focus on poverty, the disparity of the low income in Miami-Dade County, and providing the BCC with suggestions/input. A discussion ensued regarding data collection, information dissemination, the formation of subcommittees, and the role /relevancy of the SEDC. Dr. Espino requested that the members send their ideals of topics and subcommittees to staff.

The meeting adjourned. **The next SEDC meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2014.**