

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

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Dr. Raul Moncarz, Chairman  
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor CITT Conference Room  
January 22, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2016 SEDC COUNCIL MEETING**

**I. Roll Call**

Dr. Raul Moncarz requested all members and visitors state their names and go around the room introducing themselves.

**II. Board Members - Present**

Dr. Bernadette West; Marcos Kerbel; Dr. Raul Moncarz; Dr. Maria Delores Espino; Reinaldo Valdes; Dr. Kenneth Lipner; Dr. Thomas Breslin; Dr. Brian Peterson; Santiago Leon; Retha Boone; Dr. Elisa Moncarz; Mr. Jose Lopez-Calleja; Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo and Roberto Sacco

**Board Members – Absent Excused**

Juliana Velez; Subrata Basu; and Mr. Jesus Permuy

**Board Members - Unexcused**

Mr. Rosendo J. Castillo; Alexandra Cornelius; and Dr. Robert Cruz

**Visitors Present**

Carolyn Martin, Office of the Commission Auditor and Jose Garcia, staff for Hispanic Advisory Board

**Staff Present**

Robert Hesler and Manuel Armada

**III. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Raul Moncarz**

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – October 23, 2015 and November 20, 2015**

**Dr. Kenneth Lipner** moved the motion to approve the minutes with the date amended date of October 23, 2015 minutes. **Dr. Thomas Breslin** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

**Dr. Maria Dolores Espino:** Spoke about an event at St. Thomas University, Convocation Hall, 16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at our Lady of Charity Event from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. it's a free event and asked council members to attend because they are having three people coming in from Cuba. There is an official historian for Santiago de Cuba and works very closely with the church and the virgin in this area and also a Priest will be present doing music to the virgin and Emilio Cueto whom has published several books. There will be some pastelitos and refreshments.

**V. Chairperson's Report (Dr. Raul Moncarz)**

**Dr. Raul Moncarz:** Indicated that as of today the Jose Marti event has 183 people attending and thinks it is going to be a great event. He has been speaking with Mr. Valdes regarding Tallahassee and that we have the money in the Jorge Antonio Scholarship Fund, but needs to get it moving. The members talked amongst themselves to see if they can do the scholarship event before Dr. Jorge Antonio's birthday in September. Mr. Jesus Permuy is unable to make it today due to a situation. Mr. Permuy's son is a priest and works at Belen High School and he visited that school to invite him to this event and other events. Mr. Permuy has made a contact with Willie Gort's Assistant, Frank Castaneda and he wants one of us to send Mr. Castaneda Dr. Peterson's report on the Allapattah.

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**Dr. Brian Peterson:** Received notification from Santiago Leon that he was running late, but will be at the meeting by 3:00 p.m.

#### VI. General Discussion Items

##### ➤ **Community Land Trust (CLT) – Dr. Brian Peterson**

**Dr. Brian Peterson:** He explained how the Miami-Dade Community Land Trust (CLT)'s work vs. what County currently does with tax credits. CLT's are non-profit organizations which own land and they lease the land with houses on it in which the land remains with the non-profit organization. The property owner will only own what is built on the land. He proposed that Council make a recommendation to the Commission to set up a CLT, donate vacant county land and propose some sort of pay-into or land donations by large developers. Council agreed that while the proposal is being updated Retha Boone will contact the Chair's Office regarding getting on the agenda to present to the Chairman's Prosperity Initiative.

**Marcos Kerbel:** Indicated who is going to give the land to those low income people and will it be surrounded by other communities that are more affluent and that may oppose having some of these areas. They have a right to live but where are they going to put them? Where is this land going to come from, the City, the County?

**Roberto Saco:** Asked if the use of the land is time bound because they don't have a mortgage and it is not that type of arrangement. **Dr. Brian Peterson:** They do have a mortgage to pay for the cost of the homes. One good thing is that if the people get into financial trouble or something happens to the roof or structural thing of the house, the land trust can assist them. **Dr. Bernadette West:** Who would do the construction? **Dr. Brian Peterson:** Work on high rise apartments maybe we could get some low income tax credits. **Dr. Kenneth Lipner:** Supports the CLT's and thinks it is a great idea, but feels that down the road there would be some administrative issues with regards to eligibility. Several members went into a lengthy discussion with regards to setting up a CLT.

**Robert Hesler, Staff** indicated that the Economic Prosperity Committee approved to go to the full commission the concept of social impact bonds for affordable housing. Basically the private sector money builds projects using the social impact bonds and if they reach social goals, the County gives them a return on their investment or it's raised through donors. You can go into the website and listen to the video which was very informative.

##### ➤ **Contingent Faculty – Dr. Thomas Breslin**

**Dr. Thomas Breslin:** Explained the challenge with respect to contingent faculty pay and how this impacts teachers, education and the economy. What is needed is lobbying at the State level. What is the desired outcome? What are the action steps? This issue is about a class of workers being taken advantage of and it affects the educational system and the community at large. Our existing educational system is being undermined by over reliance on contingent faculty. Members were asked to send comments on the draft report in the packet to staff and a working committee will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

##### ➤ **Resiliency in Miami-Dade – Mr. James Murley**

**Mr. James Murley:** Explained the name resilience comes from the Rockefeller Foundation that will ID the top 100 resilient cities and work with them. Our application was submitted in November with Miami and Miami Beach. He talked about vulnerability – geographic, water management. He talked about the need for adaptation with regards to outputs and resources. He will send the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact links to the council members. There are resources from universities; 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Forecast on Sea Level Rise, Enhanced Capital Infrastructure Plan and Insurance. There was a discussion among the council members with regards to immigration, emergency management, western areas and eventually limiting services. Also challenges and/or opportunities from nuclear and artificial lands.

##### ➤ **Healthcare and Accountable Care Organizations – Mr. Santiago Leon**

**Mr. Santiago Leon:** He indicated that he met with Joe Greer as to an integrated healthcare delivery system. This has to come from the market. He is reaching out to entities. Ask if there is something the council can do

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at this time on this issue? No, industry isn't quite there yet. This effort has to be market/physician driven and the expert agreement is that the Miami region is not ready yet. Discussion among the council members regarding a way to start a plan at UM or FIU and seeing if there is a way to grow it. Mr. Roberto Sacco will send Mr. Santiago Leon information on the Dutch plan that has started operating in Miami-Dade through staff.

- **Mass Cuban Immigration: Mr. Jose Garcia, staff for the Hispanic Advisory Board**  
**Mr. Jose Diaz:** He talked about the expected impact of a mass Cuban immigration and asked if the council can do an input on economic impact from this and he will send this information to Robert Hesler.
- **Public Comments**
- **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Kenneth Lipner** moved the motion to adjourn the meeting and **Reinaldo Valdes** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

Next SEDC Council Meeting Date: **February 26, 2016. Committees: February 12, 2016.**

#### 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.*