

2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Chairman Magnoli requested motions to approve the July minutes and the August agenda. Eddie Sierra made a motion to approve the August agenda, and Marilyn Orozco seconded the motion. Motion passed.
(No one made the motion) Marilyn Orozco seconded the motion to approve July minutes.

3. Public Comments (Two minutes per person):

- Ms. Shenika Thomas, ADA Coordinator for CAHSD, introduced herself from the audience.
- Jefferey Fleurjuste raised AI ethic concerns for People with disabilities and request CODI's support; left documents and will present in detail on September 16, 2025.
- Guest Speaker: State Representative Fabian Basabe pledged support for beach accessibility. There are billions of dollars that we can get to help. The money can be allocated if we fight for it legislatively in the house. Filing a bill is complicated and takes time. Tweaking or amending laws can be faster. We can present to the State as a funding opportunity. Let's have a work lunch meeting about this. Politicians don't like Basabe because he can go directly through the state and skip the city politicians. There's lots of corruption and misuse of funding. He worked hard to get rid of many corrupt politicians. Good Samaritan protection committee possibility? We can present ideas to state staff; they will research it all and decide the right way to handle it. He wants to partner with CODI to help people with disabilities. His staff helped people with disabilities to deal with elevator issues. We can't punish people for trying to help. Tallahassee has many good people who want to help. He wants more real people, various backgrounds, etc. Parties don't matter because mistakes and bad decisions happen across Democrats and Republicans. State can give financial appropriations directly to who needs it. Educating people is required. We have publications to get information out. Homeless is a problem here, County treats homeless like a business and leverages contracts for funding. Miami Beach only has 200 homeless, but money is going everywhere except to those people. We can make and amend laws, but enforcement is challenging because politicians want to make more money and enforcing laws costs money. Basabe took pictures, thanked everyone, and left

4. New Business

- a. Chairman Magnoli asked CODI members to attend the Health and Wellness event at Lynn Rehab on September 24, 2025, from 11 am to 3pm located at 1611 NW 12th Avenue. The following members agreed to attend: Theo Karantsalis, Eddie Sierra, Marilyn Orozco, Mercedes Villar and Chairman Magnoli.
- b. Chairman Magnoli spoke about Adaptive Beach Day to be held in Sunny Isles on September 7, 2025. She will email to Heidi Johnson information to share with CODI.
- c. Chairman Magnoli mentioned working on having Adaptive Beaches across the County and wanted to know if CODI members would like to put it to a vote to work on by writing a bill and put it to procurement. Reach out to commissioners about new CODI mission Adaptive Beach access.
- d. CODI discussed quotas for percentage of accessible, affordable housing units. The suggested amount was 15 percent of total units rather than federal minimum of 5 percent. Marilyn Orozco volunteered to draft a letter from CODI to the BCC Commissioners outlining the housing challenges faced by disabled residents.
- e. Natalia Wong asked if CODI could ask for help reducing wait times for affordable housing?
- f. Theo Karantsalis suggested suspending CODI members with excessive absences. Chairman Magnoli said it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- g. Mercedes Villar discussed presenting to the BCC CODI's concerns about the affordable housing issues.
- h. Marilyn Orozco mentioned her experience with a housing issue after her brother passed away.

5. Old Business: Update from the gas station CODI letter.

- Chairman Magnoli read an email from Vice President of Sunshine Gas distribution about the importance of services for disabled customers to territory representatives and gas station managers. She made a request of information about adding notification to app and waiting on response. Integrate of notification feature into the app and still waiting for response.
- Next Scheduled Meeting and Adjournment:
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025: 10:30am-12pm, SPCC 18-4